



Happy  
New Year

## News Around the Village

Wow! Things are hoppin' in the New Year  
around Glover Park Village!

We have a new Volunteer/Services Coordinator!

**Welcome to Lisa Vora!** Our former webmaster and excellent service support person, Rachel Max has been training Lisa - thank you Rachel!

Lisa and her family live in the community and she is loving getting to know the GPV members and volunteers throughout our greater Glover Park neighborhoods.

Have a look at what she and her Village volunteers are offering you:

- Services web address <https://www.gloverparkvillage.org/services-we-offer>
- Volunteer web address <https://www.gloverparkvillage.org/volunteer-info>

You can reach her here:

- Glover Park Village phone: 202-436-5545 and choose option #1
- Email: [service@gloverparkvillage.org](mailto:service@gloverparkvillage.org)
- Email: [volunteer@gloverparkvillage.org](mailto:volunteer@gloverparkvillage.org)

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Cross your fingers for a 2024 Food Support Grant from GPCA

We had a great January meeting with the Glover Park Citizens Association (GPCA) and they are considering continuing with our Food Support grant for 2024. GPCA

members will vote in February so [join the GPCA](#), attend the meeting, and vote if you can!

- Interested in finding out more about the Food Support Program? [Click here](#) to learn how you can participate in this monthly food delivery!!

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## Kids Spread Kindness in 2024!

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In 2023, Glover Park Village teamed up with an informal group of Stoddert Elementary School parents and students, to match up kids with Glover Park seniors for fun and companionship.

If you participated in the program last year, you know how **sweet** it was to get a home visit from these wonderful children, and to exchange hand-made Valentines, bouquets, and treats. Many of us turned those delightful first contacts into regular visits and deepening friendships throughout the year.

We are happy to report that the original Kids Spread Kindness group is strong and growing, with the addition of new Stoddert families who want their children to meet their neighbors and learn the joy of spreading kindness.

### **Our 2024 Kids Spread Kindness calendar will include:**

- Valentine's Day Visits
- Earth Day Bouquet-making and deliveries
- Summer Pen-Pal exchanges
- Back-to-School Ice Cream Social
- Veterans Day walking tour at Holy Rood Cemetery

... And more! With the help of Stoddert's parent-teacher organization (PTO) we hope to add new opportunities for Glover Park Village and Stoddert kids to socialize throughout the school year. Stay tuned!

### **Sign up here if you want to know more**

If you enjoyed Kids Spread Kindness last year and want to participate again, or if you want to try it for the first time, please sign up [\[click here\]](#) to tell us "I am a senior and would like to be a part of this program." You will receive email invitations and detailed information for upcoming events, beginning with the 2024 Valentine's Day exchange. Or go to our website, [www.gloverparkvillage.org/kids-spread-kindness](http://www.gloverparkvillage.org/kids-spread-kindness). And, if you know of a Stoddert family who might be interested in signing up, please guide them [here to sign up!](#)

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## Upcoming Village Events

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### **Artful Afternoons**

Tuesday, January 16th, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Point Chaud

[Sign up here!](#)

**Coffee and Conversation**

Friday, January 19th, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Point Chaud

[Sign up here!](#)

**Brain Health: Virtual Meeting**

Tuesday, January 30th, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Virtual

[Sign up here!](#)

**FEBRUARY**

**Artful Afternoons**

Tuesday, February 13th, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Point Chaud

*Sign up link coming soon*

**Coffee and Conversation**

Friday, February 23rd, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Point Chaud

*Sign up link coming soon*

**Brain Health: Virtual Meeting on Leap Day!**

Thursday, February 29th, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Virtual

*Sign up link coming soon*

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**Past Event**  
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**Glover Park Village Holiday Celebration and Giveaway**

The end of the year was celebrated in fine style at the Glover Park Village Holiday Celebration and Giveaway. Nearly 40 people came to enjoy Erin Byrne’s fabulous meatballs and Barbara Ferris’s yummy bagels as well as the other scrumptious food brought by so many wonderful neighbors and friends. Many stepped up to help pack goodies into our annual gift bags for holiday delivery to some of our members. Chatting with each other was a big part of the festivities as well as a poinsettia raffle and ornament take-home gifts!



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## Community News

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### Senior SmarTrip® Cards \$2 Fee Cancelled

**Seniors no longer have to pay the \$2 to get a Metro card.** This is not only good for seniors pocketbooks but also it eliminates a barrier to social service agencies and others who want to distribute the cards.

The change enables new partnerships to distribute the cards in the region, which fulfills Metro's Strategic Transformation Plan: <https://wmata.com/strategicplan>. Because of this change, Metro will expand the number of distribution outlets in the new year. A list of locations where Senior SmarTrip cards are available will continue to be updated at <https://wmata.com/reducedfares>.

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### Villages Written Up in the "Beacon Newspaper"

DC Villages, our new collaborative group of 13 Villages, just got a boost with an informative article in the "Beacon Newspaper." In fact, the article provides a good overview of Villages and how they started 20 years ago. It highlights our new DC collaboration as well as the Maryland group of Villages and the holistic government support that state provides.

Please [read the article](#) in the Housing and Homecare Options section and email us at [info@gloverparkvillage.org](mailto:info@gloverparkvillage.org) if you have any comment or questions about it!



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Glover Park Village

PO Box 32255

Washington, DC 20007

A donation of any amount is hugely appreciated!

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