



Shepherd Park News

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President's Letter

by Micah Salb

Spring has arrived!

Spring is pure goodness. It is a time of rebirth. Spring is when we spot green shoots replacing last year's dead foliage, watch the honeybees get back to work, and hear the birds return home with their joyful songs. We watch as a canopy of green leaves shelters the city. Spring is all promise and hope, unsullied by reality. Have some of our plants not survived the winter? Perhaps in the summer we might learn of loss, but not now. Perhaps in the fall we might admit that our gardens won't, after all, be the star of the neighborhood. But in the spring, our gardens are unlimited potential.

So, too, people.

Young people have unlimited potential. But that potential is vulnerable to the vicissitudes of life. Adversity can build character, but too much of it burns potential. Overwhelming challenges chip off a corner here, unfair burdens whittle away a bit there, and inadequate sustenance scrapes away some more over there. But to recognize the vulnerability of potential is to recognize the power we have to shelter the children of our community from it. The more we do to help our children grow and develop without suffering bitter loss, the more we do to help them grow into their full potential.

Consider this: The queen bee spends the years of her lifetime in the hive, laying eggs and generating the pheromones that keep the hive intact, safe, and productive. Her sisters live a life of hard work and dangerous forays out of the hive, typically living for only about eight weeks. How is it that the queen gets to enjoy an easy, long life? It is not because she shows great initiative, or because she is innately smarter than her sisters, or because she has some special skills that set her above the others. It is mere happenstance of birth: When the worker bees in the hive realize that the



Photo by Cynthia Prather

A Shepherd Park spring is a burst of flowers!

colony is queenless (or when they realize that the queen is flagging), they will create a new queen. They do that by feeding royal jelly to the larva of the queen-to-be for the entire duration of her larval life. The rest of the bees, those

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that will be workers? They receive royal jelly for only about three days. Thus, we see the mythology in the assumption that the queen reached her lofty position by blessings from above or by dint of inner strength. No, she enjoys her lofty position because her sisters and aunts took special care of her—even before she emerged from her cocoon—so that she could meet her full potential.

Young people have unlimited potential, but so much of that potential grows or fades based on happenstance of birth and fortune. The more we do to help our children grow and develop without suffering misfortune, the more we do to help them grow into their full potential. That's why the SPCA has for many years provided generous financial support to Shepherd Elementary School. And because we know that clean and attractive communities are safer and more nourishing, the SPCA is proud to offer micro-grants to SPCA members who are willing to help improve, beautify, and maintain public spaces in our neighborhoods. We invite you to join us: Do you have ideas about how the SPCA can support the children in our community? Do you have ideas about how the SPCA can make our community more attractive, welcoming, bucolic? Please let us know. Even better, join with us and help us meet that goal. Want to head a committee or join the Board? We will be delighted to welcome you! Send an email to me at president@shepherdpark.org.

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Bowser Announces New Business Support at Walter Reed

Source: Fields, Odyssey. DC News Now (on-line newsletter). Posted: Apr 8, 2025 / 06:07 PM EDT

In early April, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced that a total of five businesses coming to The Parks at Walter Reed were awarded a total of \$500,000 from the Walter Reed Retail Opportunity Grant program, a new initiative to support local businesses on the storied campus. The funds, which will cover construction activities, equipment costs, and other expenses, will support Blue's Coffee and Tea, DC Pop-Up, Pere Wine Bar, Tropical Smoothie Café, and True Value Hardware Store.



Correction

In the March/April 2025 issue, p. 2, caption, the young reader in the photo is Cyntia (not Cynthia) Pattison.

The Shepherd Park News, a newsletter of the Shepherd Park Citizens Association, is published in October, December, March, and May. As a matter of policy, all errors of substance are corrected in the next issue.

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ANC Updates

Summarized from the ANC 4A meeting on April 1, 2025

Welcome to Jeffrey Holliday, new commissioner for 4A05 (the South Brightwood area of 4A), who was sworn in on March 31. Commissioner seats for 4A06 and 4A07 are still vacant.

ANC commissioners voted to fund Go Vocal, a community engagement platform that enables the commission to conduct polls and surveys and otherwise engage the service community. ANC4A is sharing the cost with other local entities. Representatives from the Mayor's office, Councilmember George's office, and the School Board announced clean up days in April, local support for Federal workers who have lost their jobs (see p. 8), and health and safety activities for Ward 4 students and residents.

In addition, ANC Commissioners took action on several items:

Kush Embassy. Chairperson Edwards announced the signing of a settlement agreement with Kush Embassy, the proposed medical cannabis shop at Georgia Avenue and Shepherd Road. Despite a moving letter from San Miguel School, the ANC could not protest the application based on close proximity to a school because the proposed location complies with the City Council's designated restrictions.

Townhome Development at Walter Reed (Parcels A-G). Commissioners passed a resolution of support for the

development of Parcels A-G, the proposed townhouse development between Elder and Fern Streets along Georgia Avenue on the northeastern side of the Walter Reed campus. The homes fronting on Fern, the design of which will reflect the existing neighborhood architecture, will be slightly larger than the Aspen Street townhomes. Eight percent of the new residences will be affordable dwelling units. Others will be consistent with current neighborhood pricing.

Other Walter Reed Developments. Commissioners approved a revised settlement agreement for the Juneberry Garage to increase the capacity of the interior space and extend the hours for live entertainment. They also announced a March 4 vote to support the request from the Pere Wine Bar (7010 Georgia Avenue, NW) for a stipulated license, with the conditions that the applicant must stop serving or selling alcoholic beverages under the stipulated license if a valid protest is filed against the applicant during the 45-day protest period, and that the applicant must pay the stipulated \$100 license fee.

All homeowners are encouraged to contact DC Water to check their eligibility for the agency's free lead pipe replacement project. Time is of the essence, as the currently available funds for the project will not last forever.



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Community News

National Symphony Ensemble Performs in Shepherd Park

by Cynthia Prather

It was a packed house in the Shepherd Park/Juanita Thornton Library community room on February 15 as music lovers young and old were serenaded by a brass ensemble from the National Symphony Orchestra. The free performance of classical and contemporary pieces was one of several Ward 4 neighborhood performances provided through a partnership with the Kennedy Center, the National Symphony Orchestra, and DC Public Library.

The Friends of Shepherd Park Library’s Spring Used Book Sale was held April 26-27. Funds raised will go towards supporting additional library programs—music, dancers, speakers, and more.



Photo by Cynthia Prather

The National Symphony chamber ensemble delighted neighbors young and old.

Shepherd Students Shelled Up a Mermazing Performance!

by Kimberly Hauge

Shepherd Elementary 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders worked hard to put on a fantastic musical rendition of Disney’s “The Little Mermaid, Jr.” the week of March 17, with one in-school performance for peers and two sold-out after-school performances for the general public. The musical was produced and directed by Ms. Anna Marie Pereira, the school’s music teacher, with a wide cast of supporting teachers. The cast will perform some of their show-stopping hits at the Kennedy Center in May during the Performing Arts Festival. The students did a fin-tastic job, and the neighborhood looks forward to its next selection in Spring 2026!



MPD Offers Strategies for Reducing Property Crime

by Cynthia Prather

As reported by the DC government (crimecards.dc.gov), although violent crime overall is down in our northwest police sector compared to last year, property crime is up. During the April CAC meeting with Commander Nikki Lavenhouse and a team from MPD 4D, neighbors expressed concerns about recent thefts from autos and queried officers about what can be done.

Officers responded first with some standard cautions (e.g., don’t leave valuables in plain sight in the car, always lock your car, improve lighting, and use anti-theft devices), and later offered some other strategies for reducing these kinds of property crimes:

Report it. Even if you left the car unlocked or you didn’t lose anything valuable, notify 4D and file a report. Reporting provides important information about the frequency and location of the crimes so that 4D has a better assessment of

the problem and resources can be better allocated.

Use Technology. Consider active market alarms, which provide real-time notifications of specific events. Cameras can provide real-time information that can be shared with community members and the police.

Tell Others. Share bad experiences and prevention strategies with neighbors and community leaders to reduce their chances of becoming a victim. Attend meetings with Attend ANC, City Council, CAC, and other community meetings to share issues and information. Warn contractors that theft from vehicles has been a problem and encourage them not to leave valuables in their vehicles. Whenever possible, offer a secure place for their equipment and belongings.

For more information, contact Robert Hamrick at 4D via email robert.hamrick@dc.gov

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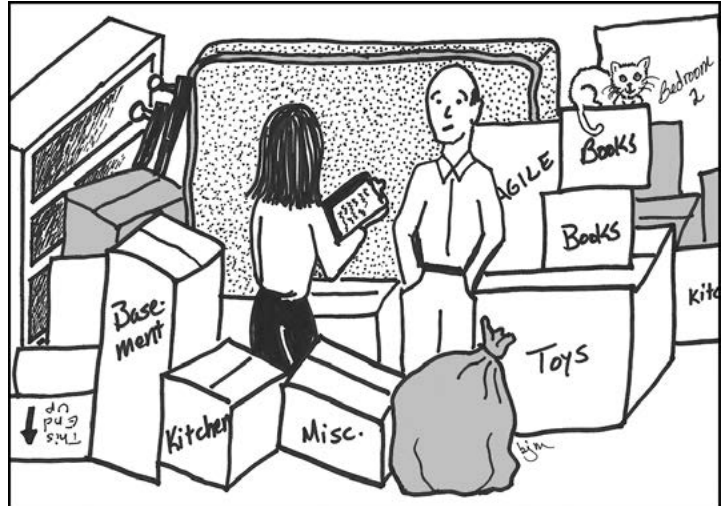
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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Shepherd Park AARP Wants You!

by Daniel Nathan

With the arrival of spring, it's a good time to consider joining the Shepherd Park chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to feed your social impulses. You might not be aware that in most states AARP has agencies that support local chapters that hold regular gatherings for social and informational purposes.

The Shepherd Park Chapter, number 2667, was chartered in 1976, founded by a group of Northminster Church congregants. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 3:00 pm at People's Congregational United Church of Christ (4704 13th Street, NW). The chapter has around 40 members.

Ward 4 resident Jacqui Simmons is the current President of the Shepherd Park Chapter and has been a member and several-time president of the chapter for 20 years. She describes the monthly meetings as "wonderful opportunities" to meet neighbors and to hear from a variety of interesting speakers about such topics as exercise, nutrition, public and fire safety, and financial scams, or join outings to the theater or lunch. It's easy to join -- one need only be an AARP member and pay nominal dues to the chapter (Membership in the chapter is not for Shepherd Park residents only). Jacqui encourages you to join and meet neighbors, attend and help plan events, and add another dimension to your life. For more information or to join the chapter, please contact its secretary, Sheena Tuckson, at stuckson@aol.com.



Photo by Daniel Nathan

The Shepherd Park Chapter of AARP, currently led by Jacqui Simmons, provides opportunities to meet neighbors, stay informed, and have fun!

Neighbors Band Together for Mini-Circle Makeover

by Ian Green

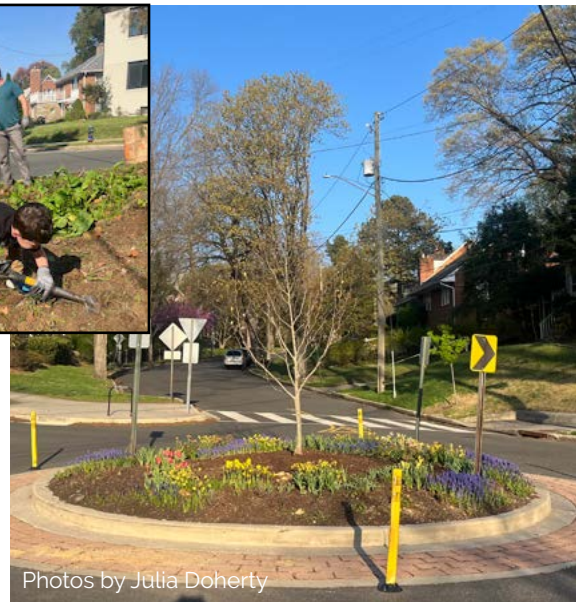
Nearly two dozen residents came together last October to revitalize and beautify the overgrown traffic mini-circle at 14th Street and Leegate Road, NW, as part of a neighborhood-led cleanup effort.

Spearheaded by local residents, volunteers cleared debris and weeds before applying a fresh layer of mulch. Residents capped off the effort by planting new greenery in the restored space. All efforts were permitted and approved through DC DDOT Urban Forestry and its General Counsel. The initial project activities were funded with community donations, while organizers sought additional support from the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) and the SPCA to expand their efforts. Early spring plans included replacing the circle's existing tree with a Butterflies magnolia and adding some hardscape for additional visual interest and protection from misdirected traffic. The happy daffodils and blossoming tree are welcoming rewards.


"The community response has been incredible," a nearby resident shared. "It's a wonderful transformation!"



Neighbors worked together last fall to clear and plant. The results are both beautiful and inspiring!



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WMATA Better Bus Initiative Will Soon Bring Changes

by Dorina Bekoe

WMATA's Better Bus Initiative is touted as "Metro's overarching initiative to improve Metrobus for the region." In practice, this means that starting on June 29, 2025, Metro will implement a new bus route network that involves changes of all bus route names and modifications to various routes. Name changes are being made to better designate whether the routes are for DC buses (route name will start with a D), crosstown buses (route name will start with a C), or Maryland buses (route names will start with an M). Other changes are more substantive, with stop changes and eliminations.

For Shepherd Park, North Portal Estates, Colonial Village, and Walter Reed, the following changes will affect the 70, 79, D31, S2, and S9 bus routes:

- The 70, to be renamed the D40, will follow the current 70 route, which runs from 7th Street and continues north on Georgia Avenue.
- The 79, to be renamed the D4X, will remain an express bus that will follow the current 79 route, which runs from 7th Street and north on Georgia Avenue. The D4X will be part of a 12-minute frequent service network.
- The D31, to be replaced by the C87, will run from 16th Street NW to Tenleytown, with access to Deal

Middle School and Jackson-Reed High School. Additionally, the C87 will run from 6-9 am and from 3-7 pm, several hours longer than the current schedule. Six stops along the 16th Street corridor will be removed from the route: Leegate Road NW; Myrtle Street NW; Whittier Street NW; Whittier Place NW; Tuckerman Street NW; and Military Rd, NW.

- The S2, to be renamed the D60, will continue to be part of a 20-minute frequent service network that will run the length of 16th Street matching the current S2 route. Eight bus stops will be removed: Eastern Avenue NW and #8228; Alaska Avenue NW and 16th Street NW; Alaska Avenue NW and 12th Street NW; 16th Street NW and Whittier Place NW; 16th Street NW and Tuckerman Street NW; 16th Street NW and Military Road NW; and 16th Street NW and Whittier Street NW.
- The S9, the 16th street express bus, will be renamed the D6X and will match the existing route and schedule. The D6X also will be a part of a 12-minute frequent service network. Along this route, two stops will be removed: Myrtle St, NW, and Leegate Street NW.

For more information about the initiative, and to find out how it may affect you, visit (<https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/>). There, you can get information on WMATA's decision-making process as well as access to useful resources on the new routes, stops, and maps in WMATA's service areas.



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Where We Live

Bobby King: Shepherd Park's Night Owl Angel

by Cynthia Prather

Bobby King, *Washington Post* distributor/Agent 1306, is one of those service providers you seldom, if ever, see. When most of us are getting ready for bed, King's work is just beginning.

A Marine Corps veteran and former Giant Food manager, King and his wife delivered bundles of apartment shopping guides to business vendors in the early 1980s before he launched his 25-year career with the Post, first as a business distributor of its *Washington Post Express* and later the Post itself. Today, King and his team of carriers deliver 1,280 newspapers each weekday and 2,200 every Sunday in an area that stretches from Eastern Avenue south to Arkansas Avenue and east to the Soldier's Home.

But delivery is just the tip of King's distribution iceberg. King's work "day" actually starts at 10-10:30 pm, when he completes needed paperwork and responds to customer stop/pause requests, complaints, and other issues. Then, it's off to meet the carriers at the South Dakota Avenue, NE distribution center by 2 am. After picking up their bundles, team members fan out to deliver the news by 6 am on weekdays and 7 am on weekends. By sunrise, King is generally back at his office for his other duties – hiring and recruiting, reporting and planning, and communicating with customers.

Good customer service is important to King. "It's a serious commitment," he acknowledged. "People expect the paper to be delivered on time, every day." He does whatever he can to make that happen. His message to subscribers: "Thank you for being patient. If there's a day when your paper was not there, it's not that we didn't try. If there is a problem, let me know, and I will fix it."

King realizes that many readers have gone digital. "I'd rather people read it online than not to read at all," he shared. But for King, the print version is always the best, and not just because he's in the delivering business.

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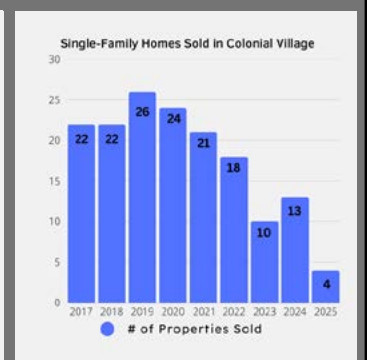
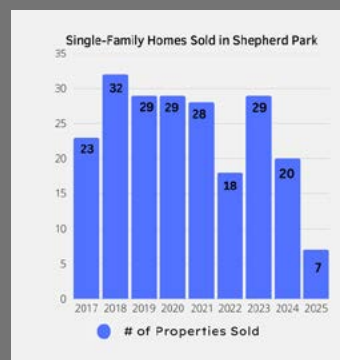
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Amalgamate – Sustainable Fashion at Affordable Prices!

by Cynthia Prather

A trendy, new fashion find opened quietly on upper Georgia Avenue earlier this year. Owners Greg Gaten Taylor and Chenel Cohen opened Amalgamate to create a fashion thrifting experience. They offer new and gently-worn vintage and contemporary items for fashion-conscious shoppers of all ages – men, women, children, and even pets!

Amalgamate is a revamp of Walish Gooshe fashion, which Greg opened on Georgia Avenue back in 2012, upgraded now by the melding of Greg and Chenel's skills in styling, design, environmental awareness, and cost efficiency. They believe that the results will be attractive to everyone—but especially to Gen Z-ers. They explained, "Gen Z is more environmentally conscious and into thrifting and reselling. They want quality, sustainable fabrics rather than inexpensive, man-made materials that are populating the landfills. Even major department stores are reselling. At Amalgamate, you can get quality for about the same price point as cheaply made new purchases."

Although budget and eco-friendly, Amalgamate prides itself on being more than the typical thrift-store. With contemporary lighting, crafted displays, and customer service, Amalgamate's shopping experience is more like that of a small boutique. "Amalgamate is an elevated word that reflects elevated service, style, merchandise," Greg reflected. "Social consciousness, styling, affordability, sustainability. We're like a fusion of fashion."

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Amalgamate, the new thrifting boutique on Georgia Avenue, combines style, quality, affordability, and social consciousness.



Photo provided by Greg Taylor

Community Calendar, May/June 2025

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3rd Thursdays, 7 pm
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 Second and Fourth

Thursdays 4 pm
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Third Fridays 4 pm
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Sat, May 10, 1:15 pm
Anti-Semitism: What Can Be Done?
 Tifereth Israel Congregation
 7701 16th Street NW
The panel will feature experts Ira Forman, Senior Fellow at Georgetown's Center for Jewish Civilization

and former US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, and David Bernstein, Founder and CEO of the Jewish Institute for Liberal Values.
<https://www.tifereth-israel.org/event/shalem-anti-semitism-panel.html>

Mon, May 19, 6:30-7:30 pm
Black Voices Book Club
 Shepherd Park Library
 7420 Georgia Ave NW
Explore the diverse voices of Black literature with our Book Club. Join us for enriching discussions and vibrant stories that celebrate the Black experience.

Tue, May 27, 6:30 pm
Author Talk
 Shepherd Park Library
 7420 Georgia Ave NW
Featuring Jillian Berman, author of "Sunk Cost: Who's to Blame for the Nation's Broken Student Loan System and How to Fix It." Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Thu, May 29, 4-5 pm
Kamishibai Story Time
 Shepherd Park Library
 7420 Georgia Ave NW
Experience Japanese paper theater with our kamishibai story sessions and origami craft activities.

June

Fri, Jun 6, 6:30 pm, Dinner 7:30 pm
Rising Song Shabbat & Dinner
 Tifereth Israel Congregation
 7701 16th Street NW
<https://www.tifereth-israel.org/event/rising-song-kabbalat-shabbat-and-dinner-.html>
Songful, soulful services are followed by a vegetarian Shabbat dinner. REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR DINNER

Sat, Jun 7, 11 am
Rhythm 'n' Ruach Shabbat Family Jam
 Tifereth Israel Congregation
 7701 16th Street NW
Tots and their families are invited to join Auntie A for a Shabbat Family Jam filled with upbeat, joyous music
<https://www.tifereth-israel.org/event/tot-shabbat12.html>

Mon, Jun 30, 6:30-7:30 pm
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