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# Shepherd Park News

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## President's Letter

*by Micah Salb*

### Lessons on a Wintry Day

Spring remains so far away that we don't even dream about it, but the snow is melting and the city is returning to business as usual. But it certainly wasn't business as usual during the storm, and I found it chock full of opportunities to watch how people interact with one another.

I was stopped at a stop sign when someone pulled up to the intersection on the road to my right, turning right without stopping. I was inclined to, well, act in a not-gentlemanly way, as you might expect. By some miracle, I held my tongue. And I was glad that I did so because I ended up following that car to the synagogue, where the driver and I walked in together. I tweaked him for being a jerk and all was well-and it was a great example of how differently we might interact with each other if we always pretend that everyone around us is part of our small town, and not part of the big, bad city.

The Shepherd Park listserv--which I highly recommend to all--was filled with more of the same. People complaining, yes. People frustrated, yes. But also people recognizing that we are all in it together. Is it rude to park in a spot that someone else worked very hard to clear? Yes, indeed it is. But, as neighbors pointed out, the interloper may well be a nurse or caregiver, a person doing a quick delivery, or someone repairing a neighbor's heating system. Is it obnoxious for plows to push piles of snow in front of our cars, sidewalks, and driveways? Yes, indeed it is. But, as other neighbors pointed out, the plow drivers can't really control that-it is just how a plow works. The neighborhood was filled with people helping each other. Doing potluck dinners, helping others shovel out their cars, checking in on each other. I saw many people breaking a sweat as they broke up ice blocking access to the crosswalk. We need more of that.

And, of course, there are many ways that we can all do better. When I see that someone has shoveled their own walkway from their front door to their car, but not the sidewalk in front of their house, I have trouble mustering the patience that I am recommending! But perhaps remembering that we are all part of the same small town will help.

And speaking of being a small town, we have an opportunity to spend some time with our neighbors during the annual pot luck dinner. (See the article below for more details.) I hope to see you there!

### The Potluck Is Coming!

*By David Hain*

It's almost time for the SPCA 2026 Potluck Dinner, scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 5-7 pm at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th Street, NW. This in-person evening of food, fun, and community is a great opportunity to usher in the spring and meet or reconnect with neighbors while showing off your favorite dish, trying new ones, and new this year, sharing your talents! SPCA provides the venue, drinks, paper goods, and ambience. Neighbors bring the dishes (assignments, by alphabet, are available on the Shepherd Park listserv). The event is free, but it's a convenient time to join/renew your SPCA membership and pick up a T-shirt!

We could use a few more volunteers to help with set up, registration, serving, and clean up,. We also may still have a few slots for the talent showcase. Contact me, David Hain, to sign up.

For now, please mark the day and sift through your favorite recipes. It should be fun!

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# Membership Time

by Cynthia Prather

Spring, the season of new beginnings, is always a great time to join or renew your membership with the Shepherd Park Citizens Association (SPCA), the long-standing civic organization serving Shepherd Park, Colonial Village, North Portal Estates, and the growing community at Walter Reed. In 2026, SPCA is rekindling its efforts to bring neighbors together again to get to know each other and enjoy activities that build connection and community. The newsletter, produced four times each year and distributed to each residence within our boundaries, provides highlights of SPCA activities, updates on community activities, and ads for local businesses.

Whether you're new to the area or long-time residents, we invite you to join/renew your SPCA membership today. It's easy to do. Just visit [shepherdpark.org/join-contribute](http://shepherdpark.org/join-contribute). Prompts will lead the way.



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# The SPCA T-Shirt Is Front and Back!

by Mark Pattison



SPCA is pleased to announce the return of the SPCA T-shirt! Soft and cozy, this short-sleeve, forest green top is just what the neighborhood needs to announce our transition from "snowcrete" to a warm and grassy spring.

Shirts will be for sale at the potluck for \$20 each (we have sizes S, L, XL, and 2XL; we're out of medium). Help SPCA celebrate our community and the warmer weather. Thanks to Debby Thomas, the T-shirt model!



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## SPCA in Action

### SPCA Says Thank You to Community Protectors

SPCA shared its now annual smorgasbord of holiday treats with DC Fire Department Engine Company 22 (across from Walter Reed) and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Fourth District at Georgia and Peabody. Goodies were prepared by neighbor, Leola Stallworth of Leola's Bakeshop. Thanks to SPCA treasurer/ANC 4A01 Chair Paula Edwards for arranging the donations.



SPCA shared holiday treats with community fire fighters and the team at MPD 4D. Photos by Robert Hamrick

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## ANC Updates

### ANC4A January and February Meeting Highlights: New Restaurants and Developments, Public Service Updates, and More

by Dorina Bekoe

ANC4A's first meetings in the new year took place on January 6 and February 2, 2026. City officials provided timely reports from the Mayor's Office (by Yamileth Escobar), Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George (by Barbara Rogers), the State Board of Education (by Dr. T. Michelle Colson), and the DC Child and Family Service Agency (CFSA) Foster Care Program (by Dr. Regina Lawson).

#### Official Reports

Ms. Escobar updated the commissioners on the challenges of managing snow removal and city services after January's record snowfall and freezing temperatures.

Ms. Rogers reported the following:

- DC Water will pause the Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge until additional research and outreach to communities is developed.
  - The Takoma Aquatic Center improvements to the plumbing and lockers will run from the first week of March to the first week of April.
  - DC Council performance oversight hearings began on January 22 and will continue until March 6, 2026. Residents can register to testify through this link: <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Hearings/>
  - The Georgia Avenue revitalization report, "Reimagining Georgia Avenue", is available at: <https://janeeseward4.com/reimagining-georgia-ave-the-work-weve-done-and-the-work-ahead/>
- Ward 4 office hours take place on Wednesdays from noon to 1:00 pm (at the Fort Stevens Recreation Center) and 1:30-2:30 pm (at the Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center).

Dr. Colson reported that school closures decisions following the snow reflected logistical challenges. Icy conditions presented transportation hardships for many students. Furthermore, many DCPS teachers residing in Maryland and Virginia, could not travel to the District.

#### ANC Activities

##### Howard University Urgent/Emergency Care Facility:

The commissioners voted to approve a letter to D.C. Department of Health on behalf supporting Howard University Urgent/Emergency Care Facility.

Deset Ethiopian Restaurant ABCA Agreement: The commissioners approved an amendment to the 2016 settlement agreement. Deset committed to limit live

entertainment to three times a week, control the noise, and be responsive to complaints. Deset is located at 6128 Georgia Avenue NW.

**The Renovation of 1415 Tuckerman St NW:** The Department of Buildings and the Office of Tenant Advocates are working to address tenant concerns about sanitation and needed repairs in existing units.

Wonder Restaurant Proposal at Walter Reed: Wonder requires a zoning exception to open its restaurant at 1155 Dahlia Street, NW in July 2026. Commissioners will provide a letter of support once the developers present an overview of the restaurant for Walter Reed residents.

**DC Plug:** DC Plug, a joint venture with DDOT and Pepco to move power lines underground, is scheduled to work from February 2026-February 2028. Residents can visit [DCpluginfo.com](http://DCpluginfo.com) to learn about specific streets. Shepherd Park's feeder is 15021.

**Utility Rates:** A Public Service Commission (PSC) representative spoke on the rising cost of utility bills. Current bills now reflect cost in three areas: generation, transport, and distribution. PSC sets rates on the distribution of gas and electricity (e.g. through wires and infrastructure), amounting to 1/3 of the utility bill. The balance of the bill is for the generation and transmission of gas and electricity, set by PJM Interconnection.\* Residents should contact the PSC for information on financial assistance for increasing utility rates.

\*PJM stands for Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland Interconnection, a massive Regional Transmission Organization that coordinates the wholesale electricity market and transmission system for parts of 13 states and Washington, DC.

#### More Foster Care Parents Needed

Dr. Lawson invited Ward 4 families to increase their already-high participation in the CFSA Foster Care Program (Ward 4 families currently represent 20 percent of foster homes). CFSA hopes to recruit 17 – 25 additional Ward 4 families to serve. Foster parents receive monthly support from the DC government, ongoing coaching, access to community resources, and 24/7 assistance.



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### Roti Shop Says Farewell

SPCA bids a fond farewell to Teddy's Roti Shop, the neighborhood stop for authentic Caribbean food, which closed its doors at 7304 Georgia Avenue last October after 21 years in Shepherd Park. Neighbors can still purchase the spicy beef patties and flavorful roti as well as new offerings at the restaurant's new location, 3019 Georgia Ave, one block north of Howard University. Dale and Hanna Nagar and their son, David, invite Shepherd Park neighbors to come by to say hello, see the space and sample the new dishes.

The space formerly leased by the restaurant is now available. Interested parties should contact DC Urban Living, 202-670-0185, [www.dcurbanliving.com](http://www.dcurbanliving.com).

### Aquatics Center Set to Reopen!

As reported by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, the Takoma Aquatic Center (300 Van Buren Street, NW) was closed in February for annual maintenance, upgrades to the locker room, and the 39th Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet. The improved center is scheduled to reopen to the general public on Wednesday, March 11. For additional information about the project, visit <https://dgs.dc.gov/page/dpr-park-and-recreation-center-projects>. For project updates, visit <http://dpr.dc.gov/stakeholder>.



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*Local market context, including the Parks at Walter Reed*

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What I'm seeing:

*This mirrors patterns across the city—buyers are being more selective, but well-presented homes continue to attract strong interest and higher prices.*

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# Winter 2026 – A Year to Remember

by Cynthia Prather

Beginning in late January, Shepherd Park, along with most of the surrounding DC area, experienced “its longest uninterrupted stretch of freezing weather in more than 35 years.” Temperatures remained below freezing for nine straight days, with “snowcrete” -- snow covered with inches of ice – bringing the entire area to a crawl. Nevertheless, the snow, ice, and cold brought many peaceful surprises, some of which are captured here. Thanks to neighbors for sharing some of their favorite snapshots.

<sup>1</sup> Jason Samenow and Ian Livingston, “Region’s Deep Freeze Ends for Now, but...” The Washington Post, Wednesday, February 4, 2026, p. B18.



Photo by Cynthia Prather

“I’ve cleared my walks many a time since I moved into DC over 50 years ago, and I’ve never encountered snow like this. ...I needed a heavy steel garden shovel to whack the ice into submission before I could move it off the walkway with my snow shovel.”  
*Nancy to the Shepherd Park listserv, 1-26-26*



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## Compassionate Community Service – MPD Officer Randall Butler

By Cynthia Prather

Policing with a smile – that’s an image that comes to mind when meeting Senior Police Officer, Randall Butler, who retired from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) in November 2025 after 35 years of active service.



Photo by Cynthia Prather

A native Washingtonian who did well in school, Butler showed interest in both science and police work but was swayed to pursue policing by a favorite teacher, who, after reading one of Butler’s essays, determined that he had a real sense of right and wrong. After graduating from the MPD Police Academy, Butler joined the force in 1990, hoping to help win the city’s war on drugs.

Butler patrolled the beat from Kennedy Street to Takoma for about 15 years before moving to Business Beat 401, where he patrolled the business section of upper Georgia Avenue during the launch of community policing. He remembers regular meetings with civic leaders, business owners, and residents at the Shepherd Park/Juanita Thornton Library and hard-earned successes along the avenue. Long after drugs and citizens patrols had dissipated, Butler continued walking the beat until he retired in November 2018. After a brief break, Butler returned to MPD in February 2019 to continue his patrol and was later reassigned to provide security for Mayor Muriel Bowser. On November 1, 2025, Butler retired again, this time he says for good.

During both stints, Butler’s fair, yet caring spirit resulted in many memorable moments. In 1999, Butler received the Medal of Valor for saving a neighbor who was threatening harm to himself and others. Butler was equally as proud of how his tough-but-fair treatment helped to change the attitudes of several wayward neighborhood teens. “Even if people do something wrong, you should still treat them like you would like to be treated,” he said.

A few months into his second retirement, Butler has little

interest in returning to duty, opting now to relax and spend time with his grandkids. Still, he smiled warmly as he reflected on his years of service. “I loved doing this job,” he said. “I love the Washington community.”

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## Earth Day 2026: Zero Waste DC

Compiled from DC Government resources

### Zero Waste DC

DC’s Department of Public Works has launched Zero Waste DC, the city’s “one-stop resource on reducing waste, recycling, composting, and special waste handling.” Unsure about which items can be recycled and which should not? Just type the name of a waste item and see a response on how to recycle or dispose of it. For this and other recycling information, visit [zerowaste.dc.gov](http://zerowaste.dc.gov).

### Recycling Pickup

Most households in Washington, Dc follow a once-a-week trash and recycling collection schedule. Residents within SPCA’s boundaries have recycle collection on Mondays. Submit a service request for missed trash collection at [311.dc.gov](http://311.dc.gov).

### What can you do with all of those Amazon boxes?

As reported in an AI Overview, in addition to being recycled (and they are 100% recyclable), Amazon boxes can be repurposed for storage, shipping, crafting, or gardening. For more ideas, see “17 Ways to Reuse Amazon Boxes and Save Money” by Medha Deb, Created on Jan 12, 2026.

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## News You Can Use

### Transforming Local Elections: Ranked Choice Voting in DC

In 2024, DC voters supported a ballot initiative that would implement Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in the District of Columbia. The DC Council funded RCV in the FY2026 budget. Beginning with the June 2026 Primary Election in DC, RCV will be used in eligible contests with three or more candidates.

#### What is Ranked Choice Voting?

Ranked choice voting is a voting method in which voters rank candidates in order of preference (first through fifth choice). If no one gets a majority in the first round of counting, lower-performing candidates are eliminated and votes for them are redistributed until someone surpasses 50 percent.

#### Who is elected using RCV?

In DC, RCV is used in the following contests if there are three or more candidates on the ballot: president and vice president of the United States; mayor of the District of Columbia; attorney general; chairman of the Council; delegate to the U.S. House; members of the DC Council; members of the State Board of Education; U.S. senator; U.S. representative; and advisory neighborhood commissioner.

#### How many candidates can I rank?

In eligible contests with three or more candidates, voters may rank up to five candidates, including write-in, or as many candidates as there are in the contest if fewer than five.

#### Am I required to rank candidates?

No. You can still vote for your 1st choice candidate. However, ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice.

#### If I rank multiple candidates, does that mean I voted multiple times?

No. Only one vote counts per race. Your second (or later) choice will only be considered if your 1st choice fails to get enough votes and is eliminated.

#### What are the rules for ranking candidates?

You should not give multiple candidates the same ranking, rank a candidate more than once, or skip a ranking (i.e., rank 1, 3, but skip 2).

#### How do I complete a ranked choice ballot?

With RCV, voters can rank up to five candidates in order of preference. As a voter, you should:

- Pick your first choice candidate and completely fill in the oval next to his/her name under the 1st column.
- If you have a second choice candidate, fill in the oval next to his/her name under the 2nd column.
- If you have a third choice candidate, fill in the oval next to his/her name under the 3rd column.

- Rank up to five candidates, including write-ins, using this method.
- Ranking other candidates does not affect your first choice or decrease the odds of your first choice winning.
- You do not have to rank every candidate.

#### How are votes tabulated with RCV?

During tabulation, all first choice candidate votes are counted. If no candidate or candidates (in contests where voters choose two winners) reach the required percentage of votes to win, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated.

Votes from this eliminated candidate are then transferred to the 2nd choice candidates on a voter's ballot. This process continues until a candidate or candidates reach the required percentage of votes to win.

#### When can I expect results in RCV elections?

Final results in ranked choice elections will not be known until all eligible ballots have been received and counted. In DC, mail-in ballots are accepted by the DC Board of Elections up to 10 days after the election, if the ballots are postmarked by Election Day.

For more details, visit <https://dcboe.org/rcv>

Source: "Ranked Choice Voting in DC: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)," <https://dcboe.org/rcv>



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## Meet an SPCA Sustaining Business Member

### Lindsay Clark & Brian Van Wye: At Home in Shepherd Park

By Cynthia Prather

Lindsay Clark and Brian Van Wye are a real estate duo who realized their dreams of home ownership in Shepherd Park and are now helping others do the same.

Like so many others, Lindsay and Brian moved to Shepherd Park for more house space, a yard for the kids and other Shepherd Park's attractions-- a tight-knit community, walkable streets, good schools and playgrounds, and proximity to Walter Reed. Their policy backgrounds together with Lindsay's love of real estate and her dream to own her own business led to the founding of the Clark & Van Wye Group of Compass. Building their business on word mouth referrals from satisfied clients, the team now serves the entire Washington metropolitan area, with a special focus on Shepherd Park and Colonial Village.

With 20+years of combined experience in the real estate business, the couple sees several features that set them apart.

First, both are data-oriented professionals who see their first role as "quiet listeners". "We ask clients about their goals and objectives, and then we help them get there," they said. Using this basic information, they lay out the pros and cons of several potential pathways, problem solve, and support their clients to achieve success in their choice. Their experience in policy advocacy has translated to their being fierce client advocates. Also, because they work with clients who are both buyers and sellers, they're able to provide strategic advice to both clients and sellers about the buyer perspective and vice versa.

A second stand-out feature is community support. The Clark & Van Wye Group has been a sustaining business member of the Shepherd Park Citizens Association for several years, and the group advertises regularly in the *Shepherd Park News*. For every home purchase or sale, Lindsay and Brian make a donation to a local nonprofit and a second donation on behalf of their client to a cause they support.

Finally, as neighbors raising their children here, Lindsay and Brian bring a personal knowledge of the area. "It's easy to speak about all the wonderful things about Shepherd Park if you're living it yourself."

This team stands ready to help with your upcoming and long-range real estate needs. "We have lots of experience helping sellers and buyers in all kinds of circumstances and find that it can be helpful to start a conversation sooner rather than later. If you see us in the neighborhood, stop by and say hello."



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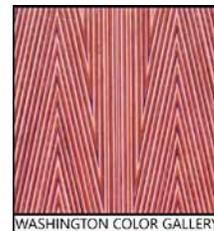
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# Community Calendar, March-April 2026

## Ongoing

First Tuesdays, 7 pm  
**ANC 4A Monthly Meeting**  
 Visit [Anc4A.org](http://Anc4A.org) for details

3rd Thursdays, 7 pm  
**4d MPD Citizens Advisory Council (CAC)**  
 In Person or Via Zoom

Every Wednesday  
**Ward 4 Community Listening Sessions**  
 Ft Stevens Recreation Center,  
 12-1 pm  
 Hattie Holmes Senior  
 Wellness enter, 1:30-2:30 pm

## Mar 2026

Sun, Mar 8, 5-7 pm  
**SPCA Community Potluck and Talent Show**  
 Washington Ethical Society  
 7750 16th St NW  
*Meet/reconnect with neighbors while enjoying food, "micro-local talent," and community. See article on p. 1 or consult the list serv for what you can bring and how you can help!*



Tue, Mar 10, 5-6:30pm  
**Adult Intermediate Embroidery**  
 \*Registration Required  
 Shepherd Park Library  
 7420 Georgia Ave NW

Tue, Mar 10, 6:30pm  
**Friends of the Library Zoom Meeting**  
 Shepherd Park Library  
 7420 Georgia Ave NW  
 Register at <https://saveourdclibrary.org/friends-meetings/>

Wed, Mar 11  
**Turning the Page Donation**  
 If you have 15 or more gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and/or vinyl records to donate, Turning the Page will be in the Shepherd Park/TakomaDC/Parks at Walter Reed campus and neighborhood to pick up books from your porches (or building lobbies!). Simply email [books@](mailto:books@)

[turningthepage.org](http://turningthepage.org) with your address and the total number of bags or boxes you'll have, and they'll confirm the pick-up with you. Proceeds support Turning the Page, an education non-profit engaging DC public school families for student success!

Sat, Mar 14, 2-4pm  
**Invasive Plant Removal**  
 Shepherd Field (behind Shepherd Elementary School)

Tue, Mar 17, 5-6:30pm  
**Adult Create with Canva**  
 \*Registration Required  
 Shepherd Park Library  
 7420 Georgia Ave NW

Sat, Mar 21, 10am-5pm  
**Carpe Librum Used Book Sale at The Parks**  
 Marketplace Plaza at The Parks at Walter Reed  
 7175 12th Street NW, near Whole Foods Market  
 Neighborhood Book Donation Pick-ups on Wednesday, March 11 (see above)  
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Sat, Mar 21, 2-4pm  
**Mind, Body, and Soul Series – The Mind**  
 \*Registration Required  
 Shepherd Park Library  
 7420 Georgia Ave NW

Mon, Mar 23, 7pm  
**Friends of the Library Via Zoom**  
**Baseball Season Preview**  
 Shepherd Park Library  
 7420 Georgia Ave NW  
 Register at <https://saveourdclibrary.org/friends-meetings/>

Wed, Mar 25, 7pm  
**Upper 16th St. Beit Midrash**  
 Dive into megillot with the help of midrashim in preparation for their

corresponding holidays. Whether you're new to these megillot or you want a chance to dig deeper, everyone is welcome. This series will be taught by Rabbi Avi Strausberg, Senior Director of National Learning Initiatives at Hadar. Registration is required.  
 Tifereth Isreal Congregation  
 7701 16th St NW  
<https://www.tifereth-israel.org>

Sat, Mar 29, 2-4pm  
**Invasive Plant Removal**  
 Shepherd Field (behind Shepherd Elementary School)

## Apr 2026

Sun, Apr 5, 2-4pm  
**Spring Ephemerals Nature Walk in Walk Creek Park**  
 (meet at Holly St Trailhead)



Sat, Apr 11, 9-11am  
**Invasive Plant Removal**  
 Shepherd Field (behind Shepherd Elementary School)

Sat, Apr 11, 2-4pm  
**Mind, Body, and Soul Series – Men's Health Awareness**  
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Sun, Apr 12, 1:30-3:30pm  
**Justice Access Legal Clinic**  
 Shepherd Park Library  
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Mon, Apr 13, 5-6:30pm  
**Adult Create with Canva**  
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Tue, Apr 14, 5-6:30pm  
**Adult Intermediate Embroidery**  
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Wed, Apr 22, 11am-2pm  
**Volare Empowers Legal Clinic**  
 Shepherd Park Library  
 7420 Georgia Ave NW

Wed, Apr 22, 7pm  
**Upper 16th St. Beit Midrash**  
 See Description for March 25 event.  
 Registration is required.  
 Tifereth Isreal Congregation  
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Sat, Apr 25, 11am-2pm  
**Flower Pot and Plant-Clipping Swap**  
 \*Drop off of flowerpots and clippings is 8am-10am on the day of the event  
 Shepherd Park Library  
 7420 Georgia Ave NW



Sat, Apr 25  
**Shepherd Elementary Annual Gala**  
 Our elementary school's Annual Gala is the PTO's largest fundraiser of the year, supporting programs and resources that benefit all students. We are seeking event sponsors and donations for our silent auction from our community. General monetary contributions are also welcome. Local businesses and families are encouraged to participate—every donation makes a difference. To sponsor or donate, please contact [sesgala@shepherd-elementary.org](mailto:sesgala@shepherd-elementary.org)  
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Sat, Apr 25, 10am-4pm  
**Friends of the Library Used Book Sale**  
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Sun, Apr 26, 1-4pm  
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