



# Shepherd Park News

A newsletter for the residents of Shepherd Park,  
Colonial Village, and North Portal Estates

**Next Community/  
Annual Meeting**  
Tuesday  
May 14, 7 pm

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## Letter from the President

*by Naima Jefferson*

**O**ur next community meeting is Tuesday, May 14th at 7 pm at Shepherd Elementary School, where we will welcome some of our newest businesses to our community. It's also the SPCA's "annual" meeting, so we'll carry on the conversation regarding our governance review by providing some information on the state of the organization, voting to change the date of the organization's annual meeting, and electing an interim 2019-2020 SPCA Board of Directors. Plus, we'll update the development situation along Georgia Avenue and discuss the issues with alcohol licensees such as

Betty's Gojo, Champion Kitchen, and The Nile Restaurant. We'll also outline some of our plans for the remainder of 2019 such as the Spring Plant-In along Georgia Avenue, the annual Garden Tour, and our annual picnic to be held June 23rd at Lowell Field. And no SPCA meeting would be complete without Ledo Pizza. Come join us!

## New Times for Spring Times in Shepherd Park

*by Cynthia Prather with Naima Jefferson*

**S**PCA's long standing lineup of community events has some new twists this year. This year's Garden Tour is scheduled for Sunday, June 2 to give gardeners more time to work and gardens more time to develop. To purchase tickets, visit [www.shepherdpark.org](http://www.shepherdpark.org). To enter your garden or to volunteer to help with set-up, ticket sales, and/or closeout, contact tour coordinators, Alexandra Kincannon ([alexk@alumni.virginia.edu](mailto:alexk@alumni.virginia.edu)) or Deirdre Evans-Pritchard ([deirdreep@yahoo.com](mailto:deirdreep@yahoo.com)).



Photo by Ed Savor

The SPCA picnic, the association's annual welcome-to-summer event, is scheduled for Sunday, June 23 at Lowell School's field. As in previous years, there will be food, music, games, lots of other fun activities, and community awards. To volunteer with planning, shopping, set up, serving, and/or cleanup, contact Stacie Dennis at [mrsstaciedennis@gmail.com](mailto:mrsstaciedennis@gmail.com).

The Yard Sale is ON for the weekend of September 7-8 (the weekend after Labor Day) this year. We'll have the same hours as before: 9-3 each day, with sales at homes as well as a chance for tables outside Shepherd Elementary. Also new

this year, the yard sale is scheduled in conjunction with the Brightwood Neighborhood Association. Shoppers can go to both sides of Water Reed and find bargains!

Spacing events to better reflect today's busy lifestyles; building collaborative relationships with neighboring organizations — those are some of SPCA's goals for the coming year. Feel free to provide feedback and suggestions for the future.

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# Welcome to the Neighborhood!

by Danyelle Barksdale

Spring is finally here! With the anticipation of warmer weather and outdoor activities also comes the arrival of a new shopping venue! That is right, Shepherd Park family, Target is now in the neighborhood!

No more jumping in the car or calling an Uber to drive you to the nearest Target (which is a few miles away). We now have it in walking distance. The new location, 7828 Georgia Avenue, NW, officially opened on Sunday, April 7 (Note that shoppers were seen exiting as early as Friday April 5!) Although this is a smaller format store, it may still meet your needs, offering grocery, household, and personal care items. They also have clothing and shoe apparel. Oh, and let me not forget, if you are a CVS pharmacy user, they have it right there!



The new Target at Georgia and Eastern Avenues provides household, grocery, and personal care needs as well as a CVS pharmacy.

There was much foot traffic noted, and the consensus of most shoppers that took the time to speak with me was the convenience of the store being right in the neighborhood, as well as the pharmacy

connected to it. The downside? Some are concerned about the influx of traffic and the possible threat to small businesses in the area.

Hopefully, we will see positive things coming from the new addition. Hope to see you there soon!

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# SPCA March Community Meeting

by June Confer

**P**resident Naima Jefferson welcomed attenders and presenters.

A representative from the Mayor's office presented printed information and comments. Two graduate students from the American University Public History Project announced a visit of the project's humanities truck to SP Library, April 14, 2-5 pm to share media, receive SP artifacts, and do interviews. Frazier O'Leary, Ward 4 State Board of Education representative, reported no boundary changes for Deal MS and Wilson HS at this time, and announced Megan Vroman as principal at New North Middle School. (The school has since been named Ida B. Wells Middle School.)

Representatives from the Green/Statehood Party and the DC Democratic Party shared new leadership, program thrusts and activities, and meeting dates - 1st Thursday and 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, respectively. Mark Pattison reported for the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development (PZED) Committee updates on local businesses, ABRA liquor license renewals, a second round of recommendations on the DC Comprehensive Plan framework. All called for more community support and involvement.

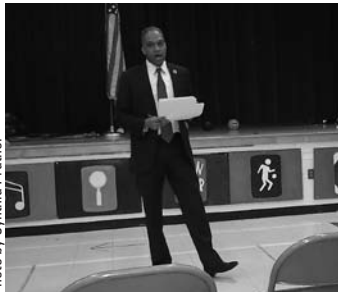
Brandon Todd, Ward 4 Councilmember reported on the following: a 16th Street Circle agreement with Maryland DOT, which should come in 30-45 days; confirmation of Dr. Ferebee as chancellor of DCPS; work on the DCPS school budget, with emphasis on increased technology and language, retention of teachers and administrators; revitalization of Georgia Avenue, Walter Reed development and construction; construction of SP community center (June, 6, 2019 beginning date); meetings on recommendations for ERC Liveability Plan this June; proposed increase in homestead exemption; and start of free senior dental preventive care. A Q & A followed. There was pizza by Ledo Pizza and Pasta, and Girl Scout Troop 42020 sold cookies!

Photo by Cynthia Prather



School Board Representative Frazier O'Leary complimented SP neighbors for attending meetings about possible changes to the Deal/Wilson feeder plan.

Photo by Cynthia Prather



Council member Brandon Todd provided community updates

Photo by Cynthia Prather



Girl Scout Troop 42020 sold cookies at the March meeting.

## Bring in the Flowers!

by Cynthia Prather

**S**aturday, May 18, SPCA's spring planting day this year, promises some new delights. Like in previous springs, we will refresh the plants in the clay planters along Georgia Avenue, replacing the faded daffodils and tulips with geraniums, petunias, and sweet potato vines. This year, we plan to do a low-maintenance, alternative landscape design at the "Welcome-to-Washington" sign on Georgia Avenue. SPCA provides the flowers, plants, and mulch. Neighbors do the planting.

As always, we need volunteers to plant. Experience is welcomed, but enthusiasm is the most important qualification! Volunteers should meet at Ledos at 8:30 for assignments. We also need residents and business neighbors to "adopt a pot" to ensure that our plantings are watered throughout the summer. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084DA8A823A2FC1-shepherd> to sign up.

Just a little bit of effort makes so much difference! Help us bring in the flowers along Georgia Avenue! To share ideas, get more information, contact Cynthia Prather at [scsprather@aol.com](mailto:scsprather@aol.com).

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# A Starry, S'Morey Night to Remember

by Cynthia Prather

The sky was clear. The stars were shining. Lights, streamers, burning logs, and BYOC (bring your own chair) seating transformed a grassy alley space into a sparkling party scene. Graham crackers, chocolate bars, and bags of marshmallows were stacked high on the table. The setting was ready for the first "S'Mores Under the Stars," held on March 23, from 7-9 pm. Donned in coats and hats rather than shorts and tanks, dozens of Shepherd Park neighbors gathered in the triangle alley behind the 7600 block of Alaska Avenue to say farewell to winter and to welcome the first evenings of spring.

At first, adults seemed to do most of the talking, with children clinging close to parents' legs and hands. The quiet soon gave way to laughter as children warmed up to the event and each other. Parents coached their little

ones on the generations-old experience of slow roasting, and, all too often, charcoaling, skewered marshmallows. Adults, reluctant at first, finally gave in to the temptation (and delight) of roasting and eating a marshmallow or two themselves! Residents met neighbors old and new. Kids chased and tagged each other. The feeling was relaxing and fun!

The children's response was heart-warming. "I saw stars...and an airplane," shared 5-year-old Olivia. "I thought it would be weird," commented 9-year-old Naomi, but it was awesome! They had decorations and lights..."

Thanks to Naima Jefferson, Tony and Patrice Dixon and the neighbors of that block for having the vision and bringing people together in a new, exciting way.

Welcome spring!

## Shepherd Park History and Community: A Truckload of Memories

by Cynthia Prather

The big, red Humanities Truck at the Shepherd Park/Juanita Thornton Library on Sunday, April 14 marked a high point of the months-long "Shepherd Park: History & Community" project with American University. An AU graduate team, which has been researching and documenting the history of Shepherd Park since the fall, welcomed neighbors to this mobile resource. Shepherd Park was the first to have the AU Humanities Truck in its community.

Neighbors' memories and ideas were recorded in various ways. At curbside, neighbors mapped their place in the community while recording favorite memories and their vision of Shepherd Park's future. Inside the library, researchers video taped neighbors' oral histories.

What's next for these materials? The AU graduate students digitized some of the historical material on site. The recorded oral histories will be kept by the SPCA. Newsletters, newspaper articles, photos, and other memorabilia will be presented for archiving in the DC Public




Photo by Naima Jefferson


Long-time neighbor and SPCA board member Carl Berger donates a Neighbors, Inc sign

Library's Community Archives. SPCA hopes to explore other ways to share the compiled information.

Thanks to Naima Jefferson, Mark Pattison, Claudia Anyaso, Zara Ellis Sadler, and Carl Bergman for coordinating this effort with American University and to the AU graduate team for their interest in Shepherd Park.




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# Getting Started: African American Genealogy and DNA Testing

by André Kearns

**M**y interest in genealogy started with the mini-series, "Roots," which I watched as a child. The idea that Alex Haley could trace his ancestry through slavery to a noble Mandinka warrior named Kunta Kinte planted a seed of inspiration in me, which has now blossomed into a full-blown passion for tracing my own ancestry.

My Black History Month presentation at the Juanita E. Thornton Library on February 9th was intended to teach other African Americans how to find their roots. I outlined my four-step approach developed over years of genealogy experience: create a family tree; talk with family members; use research to extend your tree; and take a DNA test. I then applied this approach to my own family tree and shared what I uncovered about my great-great-grandfather, Exum White.



Photo by Nadine Duplessy Kearns

For Black History Month, neighbor André Kearns shared his experiences with tracing his genealogy.

Born a free black person in 1830 Suffolk, VA, White was a family man who raised 11 children with his wife, Adaline. He owned property, voted for the first time in 1867 when blacks were first allowed, successfully won a compensation suit against the US government for property the Union army confiscated during the civil war, and fought for black voting rights in the era of Jim Crow. A portrait of Exum now hangs in my home where my sons can be reminded of their

ancestor's amazing legacy.

Discovering family stories from the past can help to inspire the future. Find your genealogical inspiration and get started uncovering your family history.

Andre Kearns, a 15-year Shepherd Park resident who is married with two sons, has pursued genealogy since 2006. He regularly shares his research findings at his website [www.cumbfamily.com](http://www.cumbfamily.com). He also blogs on Race, Culture, History, and Genealogy at [www.medium.com/@andrekearns](http://www.medium.com/@andrekearns).

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# PTA Annual Spring Gala on May 4

by Elizabeth Bradley

**I**t's almost here — Shepherd Elementary's 15th Annual Spring Gala and Auction, which will be held on Sat, May 4 pm at The Atrium at Bobby Van's Grill in Washington, DC. Historically, the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year, the event generally offers a delightful evening with parents and neighbors. As in previous years, there will be lots of things on which to bid, including baskets of goodies, dinners at

restaurants, vacation get-aways, tickets or boxes for concerts and games, professional services, and more! Monies raised support Shepherd's academic and enrichment programs, which will benefit all students. To purchase tickets (\$65), please buy online at: <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/sespta-spring-gala-2019>.

## Shepherd Park Kids Gear Up for Summer Camp Fun

by Holly Ramsawh

**T**he dog days of summer are right around the corner. Neighborhood kids of all ages were eager to share why they love their favorite summer camps.

Lowell Summer Camp on Kalmia Road NW is a big hit for Shepherd Park residents. Says 13-year-old Savannah, who has attended Lowell's summer camp for six years straight, "I really enjoyed Lowell Summer Camp because their activities are fun and engaging." Eight-year-old Aliyah loves their horsemanship camp. "I like that you can ride horses in the afternoon, and I feel happy when riding them," she says.

Omar, age 7, loves Kaizen Karate, which meets at Tifereth Israel Synagogue on 16th Street NW. He likes that they get to "do a lot of karate and other fun activities," and that every Friday they take a field trip to an area swimming pool to cool off.

Another nearby camp, CREATEArts Center Summer Camp in downtown Silver Spring, is also a popular option. Seven-year-old Eliana says she likes "drawing, learning about artists, and doing art" while there. This summer, they'll expand to a second location in August right in Shepherd Park, at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

While not in the neighborhood, Barrie Camp in Silver Spring has a bus stop near Shepherd Elementary. Parker, 7, says, "I like that Barrie Camp has overnights—they are fun because we get to do lots of activities, go hiking, and learn to pitch tents."

The Audubon Society in nearby Chevy Chase also offers a summer camp. "I was at the Audubon camp last year. We met a corn snake and used nets to see what was in the creek," reports 4-year-old Aviva.

Camp Sunshine also has several fans in the neighborhood. Xavier, age 7, says he loved riding the camp bus (from the Giant in Silver Spring to the camp in upper Montgomery County) because they played games and the counselors were really nice. And Mia, 11, says, "I liked archery and forestry where we got to grill and make food outside."

A little further away, Steve and Kate's Capitol Hill Camp location draws some Shepherd Park residents. Say Zoe, 9,

and Carli, 7, "We liked baking bread and making donuts from scratch. Also, robotics and sewing clothes all by myself!"

Finally, Ben, 7, says of Camp Calleva, "I loved paddling the war canoe in the Potomac, swimming to get our kayaks, and hiking through muddy creeks at Calleva." Camp Calleva is located in Poolesville, MD, but offers several bus stops that are convenient from Shepherd Park.

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# Foreign Missions Center at Walter Reed

by Ed Atkins

**W**hile the State Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) has held a few sessions recently with members of the diplomatic community resident in Washington about embassies being relocated to the State Department portion of the Walter Reed campus, I was not aware of a concerted effort at outreach to the surrounding community since the last meetings in 2017. Accordingly, I wrote to them with a few questions. Questions and responses are below.

**Q:** When will another outreach session for the general public be held?

**A:** The Department of State expects to finalize the Master Plan and begin site development work this year with the Army Corps of Engineers. Execution of the Master Plan is expected to take at least 24 months. After the site development is completed, the Foreign Missions Center (FMC) will be an open campus, similar to the International

Chancery Center near UDC. The Department will not be holding an outreach session until after the site development is completed.

**Q:** What is the status of Chancery relocation to the new FMC?

**A:** The FMC currently houses one chancery, the Embassy of Libya. There are 15 lots on the FMC site.

**Q:** We note that the Chapel has been used for OFM events. When will the chapel be opened for us taxpaying residents of the DC area and surrounding neighborhoods?

**A:** After site development is completed.

**Q:** Do you have a construction timetable for road construction in accordance with the FMC master plan?

**A:** Please see first answer above.

In short, it looks like two years of construction ahead on the State Department site!

For more information, visit, [www.state.gov/ofm](http://www.state.gov/ofm).

## Other Changes at Walter Reed

Compiled by Cynthia Prather

**O**n Friday, March 29, Mayor Bowser, Brandon Todd, and a host of other well wishers broke ground on the Brooks and Vale Buildings, located on the southeast corner



Former and current city officials, community activists, contractors, and other important formally "break ground" on the Brooks and Vale Buildings, near Georgia Avenue and Aspen Street, NW.

of Walter Reed, near Georgia Avenue and Aspen Street, NW. The first entirely new building construction on the former Walter Reed campus, the buildings will be comprised of 35 affordable condominiums and 365 market-rate apartments, as well as 18,000 square feet of new retail space fronting Georgia Avenue, NW.

Other projects are moving forward as well. Building 2, the main hospital building, should be totally razed by this printing, with other work to be completed by the fall.

Abrams Hall (80 units of senior affordable housing) and Help USA (77 affordable units for previously homeless veterans), should welcome their first residents this summer. The northern building, or "Abrams Hall Assisted Living," now fully funded as the District's first affordable Continuum of Care community, will allow senior residents the opportunity to age-in-place safely and comfortably, transitioning from independent to assisted living, if needed. Children's Hospital recently received a \$30M gift from United Arab Emirates to support development of a 12-acre Research and Innovation Campus.

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## D'Carlo Upholstery and Home Interiors Thanks Shepherd Park

by Amanda Cuellar

After four decades in Shepherd Park, D'Carlo Upholstery and Home Interiors has closed its location at 7327 Georgia Ave. D'Carlo Upholstery, particularly Mr. Carlos and Amanda Cuellar, would like to thank the neighborhood and community of Shepherd Park and the wonderful clients for their business throughout the 40 years that we were in business in the community. We will continue to provide upholstery work, although some services may be limited. Please visit our website [www.dcarlo.net](http://www.dcarlo.net) for contact information.

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## Community Calendar, May-June 2019

### This Spring at the Shepherd Park Library

Every Mon, 10:30 am  
Every Sat, 11:00 am  
**Family Story Time**

Wed, May 8 & 22, 10:30 am  
Wed, Jun 12 & 26, 10:30 am  
**Music and Movement**  
Singing and dancing for children 0-5 and their caregivers.

Wed, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 4 pm  
**Teen Talk**  
Tweens and teens between the ages of 12 and 14 are invited to the library for conversation and connection.

Mon and Thu, 1-5 pm  
**Studio Lab Drop In**  
Check out the studio lab for music and video editing.

Tue, May 7, 4:00 pm  
**Meet a Washington Ballet Dancer**  
Washington Ballet dancers visit the library for a ballet Q&A and to teach some ballet movements.

Tue, Jun 4, 11, 18, 25 4 pm  
**Pride Month Craft Series**  
A new craft honoring pride month every Tuesday in June for children 3-12.

Sat, Jun 8, 10:00 am  
**Summer Reading Kick Off**  
A neighborhood party

celebrating the start of the library's summer challenge.

**May**  
Sat May 4, 7 pm  
**15th Annual Shepherd Elementary School Spring Gala & Auction**  
Atrium, Bobby Van's Grill  
1201 New York Ave NW

Tues, May 7, 7 pm  
**ANC 4A Mtg**  
4D HQ, 6001 Georgia Ave NW

Weds, 6 pm  
**New Weekly Option at WES:** Join us every Wednesday night starting at 6pm as we gather for a community dinner then break up in affinity groups for deeper conversations. Spaces for kids, teens, parents, divorced parents, those that like to play music or sing, and more! Wash. Ethical Soc'y.

Sun, May 12, 11 am  
**Mother's Day Service** at Shepherd Park Christian Church. Please join us at 7900 Eastern Ave.

Tues, May 14, 7 pm  
**SPCA Community Mtg.**  
Shepherd Elementary School

Thurs, May 16, 7 pm  
**4D Police Citizens Advisory Council mtg**  
4D HQ 6001 Georgia Ave NW

Sun, May 19, 1 pm  
**Sunday Book Club:**

**Books to Learn About Others.** Join us to discuss "The Jew in the Modern World: A Documentary History" by Paul Mendes-Flohr and Jehuda Reinharz, Wash. Ethical Soc'y.

Tues, May 28, 6:30 pm  
**Authors Series,** The Friends of the Shepherd Park Library and Library Staff, present Charles Ray of Potomac, Md. to discuss and sign his book *Buffalo Soldiers: The Lost Expedition*. The Soldiers are sent to find a geologist and his researchers who are presumed lost in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico. Program will be held on the Second Floor, Shepherd Park Library, 7420 Georgia Ave., NW

**June**  
Sat, June 1, 9:30 am  
**The Rock Creek Civil War Roundtable** will host Dr. Edward L. Ayers to discuss and sign his latest book, *The Thin Light of Freedom*, which like his Bancroft Prize – 2003 winning "In the Presence of Mine Enemies: Civil War in the Heart of America, 1859-1863,"

is ground-level history, recounting the lives of ordinary men and women. The book presents the drama of life in two communities, one Southern and one Northern, from the time of John Brown's raid through the era of Reconstruction. Rock Creek Park Nature Center; 5200 Glover Rd NW

Sun, Jun 2, 2-5 pm  
**SPCA Garden Tour**  
Starts at Shepherd Elementary School  
7800 14th St NW,

Mon, June 3, 7:30- 9 pm  
**Mindfulness Meeting.** This group meets monthly on the first Monday of the month for people interested in practicing meditation and living with mindfulness – or for anyone wanting to find out more

about these topics. We explore both practices and ideas. Contact Trish Weil at patricialweil@gmail.com or Ann Baker at bakera@gao.gov. Wash. Ethical Soc'y.

Tues, June 4, 7 pm  
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### SPCA Upcoming Events



**Community Meeting**  
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Tues, May 14, 7 pm  
Shepherd Elementary

**Spring Plant In**  
Sat, May 18, 2019  
8:30 am  
Start at Ledo Pizza

**Garden Tour**  
Sun, June 2, 2-5 pm  
(new date)  
Start at Shepherd Elementary

**Annual Picnic**  
Sun, Jun 23, 2019  
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