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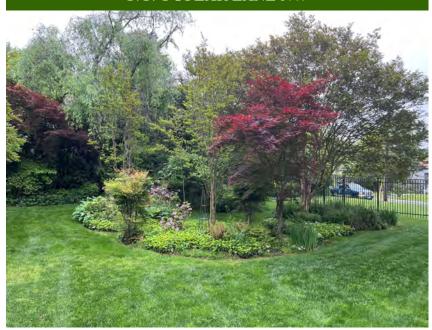
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We are blessed with a lush and spacious yard created by the prior owners of our home. In recent years, we have removed the swimming pool and a crumbling trellis, and added a new enclosed vegetable garden – a true oasis – designed and built by local company Gardenology.

The colors of the garden change with the season; there always seems to be something beautiful in bloom. A thicket of bamboo provides shade and a fun place for children to play. The fig tree provides ample snacks. Rabbits and foxes alike enjoy spending time here, and we hope you will too.

IN MEMORIAM



This year's tour is dedicated to the memory of Alex Kincannon., who passed away earlier this week. Alex helped make the Garden Tour what it is today, as a member of the Garden Tour Committee from 2014-2019, including four years as co-chair, in addition to serving on the SPCA board and moderating the Shepherd Park email group for 15 years.

Not only was she the 2015 Neighbor of the Year and received the President's Award for Outstanding Service in 2019, she was our very own Wonder Woman. We are so fortunate that Alex shared her talents and enthusiasm for Shepherd Park in so many ways and extend our deepest condolences to her family

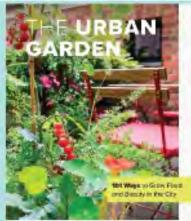




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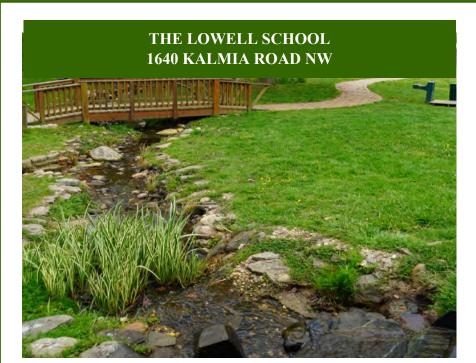


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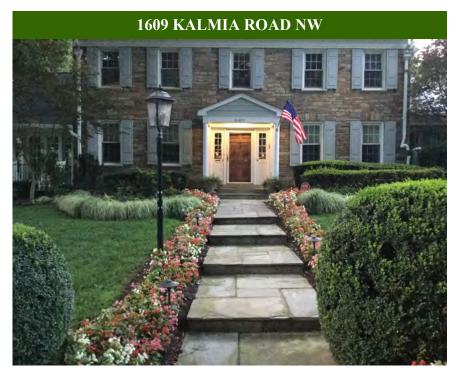
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LOWELL SCHOOL/KALMIA CREEK

Lowell School is a progressive co-ed PK-8th grade school located in the Shepard Park neighborhood of Washington, DC. Kalmia Creek, which runs through the school's eight-acre campus and empties into Rock Creek, is beloved by generations of students and neighbors alike. In addition to being a peaceful spot for reflection and a beautiful backdrop for picnics, ball games, and playtime, it provides students with abundant opportunities for learning—from testing water quality in science class to listening for the song of the spring peepers.

In the spring of 2022, Lowell School began a project to restore Kalmia Creek. A key part of the project is eradicating invasive plants and establishing plants native to the Rock Creek watershed. In addition, the project will include a tadpole hatchery for frogs indigenous to the Rock Creek watershed, including the grey spring frog, green frog, and pickerel frog, that will join the spring peepers and American bullfrogs that already inhabit the creek. An indicator species for the ecological health of our environment, frogs, are some of the most endangered fauna in our area. A series of large boulders will also be installed as intentional learning spots, mimicking the natural rock outcroppings found along the stream valleys leading to Rock Creek, and durable amphitheater-style seating will be added, using natural materials and taking advantage of the naturally sloping landscape.



PARADISE ON KALMIA

This stately stone colonial home was built in 1934. The present owners have lived in this home for over 25 years and their gardens have slowly developed over the same period based on the footprint of the previous owners. Situated on a 0.73 acre level lot this home's front yard has two rain gardens that share the walkway-with multicolored begonia lining the front walk, and solar panels on three roofs.

The backyard has a tennis court and pool. Much like the home architecture, the two rear patios allow for a tranquil setting among a wide variety of shade-loving hostas, ferns and potted geraniums. The pool patio is host to a sunny stone wall filled with roses, lamb's ears, irises, rhododendrons and hydrangeas. Dotted throughout are African figures in bronze and stone. The garden design aspires to attract humming-birds and monarch butterflies.

Near the rear of the property, a short stroll will lead you to a newly installed flagstone sitting area with a fire pit surrounded by magnolia and evergreen trees.

The rear of the property boasts a fenced-in organic garden that contains both vegetables and medicinal herbs such as tancy, feverfew, lemon balm, turmeric, and chamomile.

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STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH

The Shepherd Park Christian Church Bioretention Garden was designed by Josh Clark, formerly of the Anacostia Watershed Project, with a grant from the District of Columbia Department of Energy and the Environment. Josh selected plants such as Redtwig, Dogwoods, Red Berry Holly, Black-Eyed Susans, Appalachian Sedge, and others that flourish here while reflecting SPCC's themes of life, renewal, and good stewardship of the earth. Shepherd Park Christian Church has been certified as a Green Chalice Church by the Disciples of Christ in recognition of the church's work "to connect faith, spiritual practice, and creation consciousness..."

The garden has stopped the stormwater runoff that damaged our property and the watershed and has redirected it to be absorbed underground. The garden has also proven to be a favorite of pollinators and bunnies.

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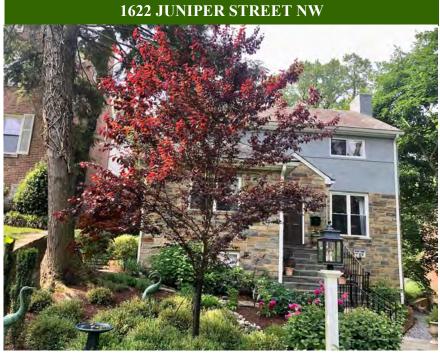
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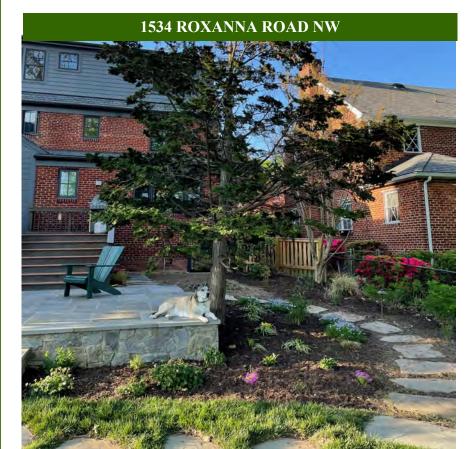


JUNIPER HILL

Our gardens at Juniper Hill were inspired by sustainability, humming-birds, and New England favorites including hydrangeas, lilacs, and irises.

From the peonies to the roses, these perennials represent the love and depth of our relationships with friends and loved ones, who have made such an imprint on our lives.

The many perennials in our gardens provide a safe haven for declining populations of pollinators and respite before entering Rock Creek Park.



THE GARDEN

When we purchased our home in 2018, the backyard was in disarray: uneven grading, piles of rocks, and overgrowth. But, it had potential. The backyard was open with a southern exposure, and it gently sloped to a line of old growth trees. There were a few gems, including a mature and beautiful hinoki cypress tree and a tricolor beech, that we worked into the garden redesign.

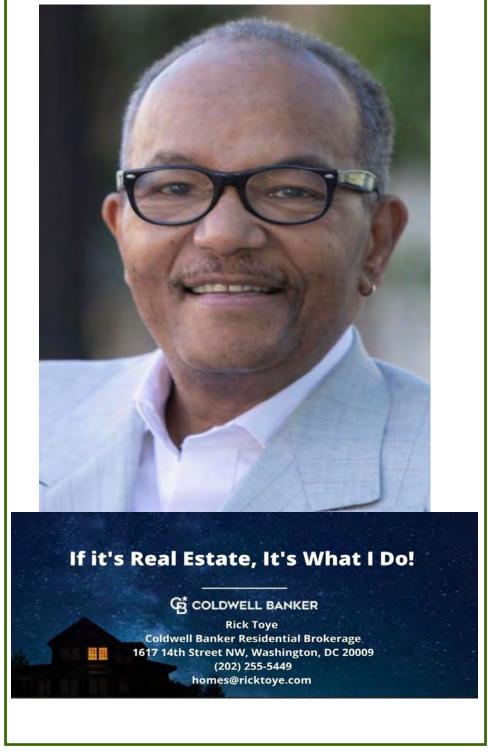
You enter the garden from the west side of the house, walking a shaded path beneath a Pee Gee hydrangea, Viburnum, and Hornbeam, and through the gate to a small woodland section of the garden, shaded by a towering sycamore tree. The path to the left is lined with Lenten roses that leads you to a flagstone patio. The path to the right leads to the lawn, which is flanked by beds of flowering perennials, trees, and shrubs. Many of the plantings are new, and the garden is still in flux. Advice from visiting gardening enthusiasts is more than welcome!

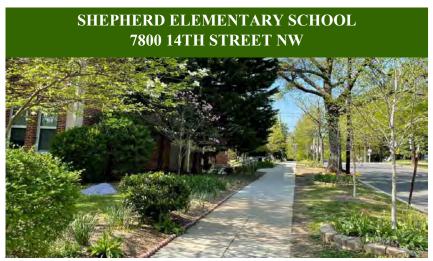


HONEY IS MADE IN SHEPHERD PARK

Micah Salb's garden is mostly limited to mid-Atlantic native species. There are, however, a few obvious exceptions, the most obvious of which are his honeybee hives. Honeybees, which were last found in the Americas about 14 million years ago, were reintroduced by European settlers in about 1622. Since then, they have become essential not only to agriculture but to the very ecosystem here.

The hives on Locust Road add as many as 200,000 honeybees to the ecosystem in Shepherd Park. (While that is a lot of bees, it is an infinitesimal fraction of the more than 1 trillion bees in the United States.) Because honeybees typically travel up to two or three miles to collect nectar, pollen, and propolis, the Locust Road bees probably visit your yard in Shepherd Park and Colonial Village!





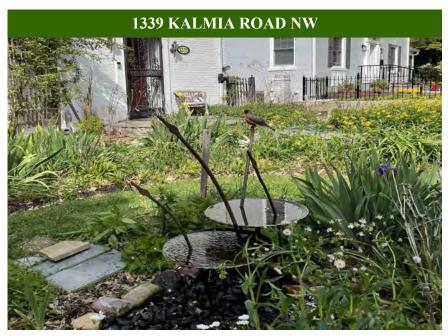
ALEXANDER T. SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THE HEART OF SHEPHERD PARK

Right in the middle of our neighborhood sits one of our largest green spaces, Shepherd ES. The school grounds, and particularly the historic 1920s front plaza area, is a mix of old and new.

During the school modernization, which concluded in 2016, friends of the school preserved the 50 year old cherry trees while modernizing the drainage and flower beds. The school installed a large rain garden to capture rainwater from the plaza. The grounds (and the nearby Rock Creek) also benefit from improved drainage from an underground cistern pipe installed under the lawn along Jonquil.

The school draws countless community members to and through it — children, teachers, neighbors, pickup soccer players, and caregivers — including myself. I decided to organize volunteers to care for the grounds, with a focus on native and pollinator-friendly plants. Early on, we planted the garden with Virginia Sweetspire, redstem Dogwood bush, and Joe Pye Weed. Each spring, the grounds bloom with 100s of tulips and daffodils donated and planted by the Marnon-Lipson family. Last year, we got a big boost when Siri Warkentien secured a Whole Kids Foundation Growing healthy kids grant. I am helping to implement the grant by leading a school garden club, where the kids from all grades learn about pollinators, soil, fungus, bacteria, and healthy plants. Like all gardens, we are a work in progress (we also are working to educate city landscapers on the plants we install, which they sometimes confuse with weeds).

Look for (or our club members can show you) milkweed, beebalm, goldenrod, coral bells, tickseed, asters, little bluestem grass, and more. Come explore the heart of your neighborhood.



MY NATIVE PLANT GARDEN OF DIVERSITY

Thank you for visiting my garden. My dream is to create a place where I can live in harmony with the natural world around me in a way that supports and enhances the habitats of all living things. Native insects, plants, and wildlife are dependent upon one another to sustain a healthy environment where we all can thrive. A healthy environment is dependent on OUR actions as homeowners and managers of the land. Our inadvertent actions such as growing invasive plants in our yards and destroying important habitats have harmed the environment around us, and we need to learn to be better stewards by changing a few of the ways we take care of our land.

In addition to planting native plants to provide for insect and wildlife food and shelter, I have designed my yard so that all of the storm-water runoff from my roof(s) is captured and redirected into rain barrels, a rain garden, permeable pavers, garden beds, or a green-roof patio. The District provides rebates for each of these features because they reduce surface runoff that either pollutes Rock Creek or has to be treated by the City. In doing this I am helping our local environment beyond the boundaries of my property. I hope you will learn something new here that inspires you to find new ways to appreciate nature and help our local environment beyond the boundaries of the place where you live.

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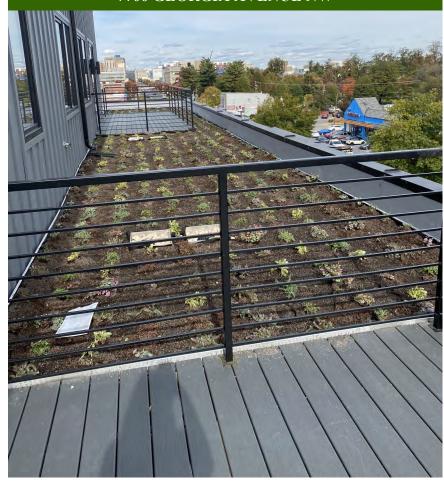
AN OASIS IN THE CITY

Welcome to our home and garden! We purchased this 1925 Sears Kit Home (named in honor of our nation's first lady, Martha Washington) in late 2012 and have made many updates both inside and within the garden. Our goal has always been to create a tranquil outdoor oasis in the city and one that works well for entertaining. We designed the garden to extend our living area outside by including comfortable seating, soft lighting, a dining area, and beautiful plantings that offer something new for each season.

Garden highlights include a sprawling New Dawn Rose on the back of the house and climbing Zephirine Drouhin roses on the garage and front entry way. Hydrangeas are a favorite and many varieties of those are throughout. A gurgling fountain attracts birds and is accompanied by an Orangeola Japanese Maple, Peonies, Iris, Lavender and a Little Gem Magnolia. Other anchoring trees include a Kousa Dogwood, a new Emperor Japanese Maple, a stately Holly, several Hinoki Cypress and several Crape Myrtles. In the past several years, we have tried to be conscious of planting native species such as an Eastern Redbud, Goldenrod, Bee Balm, Columbine, Phlox, Aster, Coneflowers and Milkweed with the hope to attract pollinators and other beneficial insects to the neighborhood.

We hope you enjoy a leisurely stroll through our garden to take in all that spring has to offer!

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Shepherd Park Garden Tour

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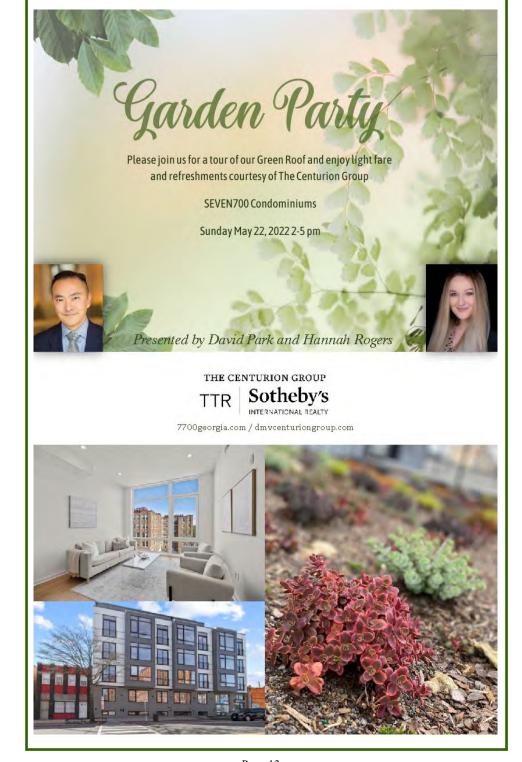
PLANTING THYME

The gardens at the Pearson home reflect the many memorable years with our family and friends. When we moved here in 1988, our love of gardening began as an inspiration from the charming landscapes around this community. Initially, we focused on the yard area surrounding our signature pear tree in the rear of the home. This Kieffer pear tree is well over thirty years old, and it continues to delight us with the seasonal beauty it shows throughout the year. Undoubtedly, this enduring tree evokes a perpetual presence that influences our gardening designs!

Throughout our yard space, we continue to create garden designs that embrace nature and highlight the changing seasons. The west side of the house displays a naturalized garden that features plants that include carex sedges, a variety of epimediums, and wooly thyme for fragrance. The recently completed Asian garden focuses on a variety of ferns and evergreen bushes bordered by Appalachian moss. And indeed, no garden would be complete without vegetable and fruit bearing plants, which include a bountiful purple grapevine, a copious brown turkey fig tree, a towering black elderberry bush, and so much more!

In recent years, we have learned more about the responsibilities of sustainable gardening and the impact on our environment. We are committed to organic practices, which avoids the use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers that diminish the quality of the soil. These practices support the well-being of ourselves and our landscapes. Above all, we are cultivating a garden for the years to come!

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TREASURE ISLAND ON IRIS STREET

Nature and Creativity are my guide. The gardens and property have become my sanctuary, and art is my bliss. I am so fortunate to be able to share this wonderland with so many because the gallery is in my home. During the pandemic my home/gallery/salon and sculpture garden continue to bring joy to all who visit.

I share this property with a range of Mother Nature's blessings. Majestic trees tower over the property. Around the property the plantings are laid out to showcase the sculptures and sculptural furniture: Acanthus Mollis, herbs, Poncirus trifoliata, Miscanthus grasses, ferns, Hydrangeas, Hollies, Azaleas, double-flowered pomegranate, a Full Moon Japanese maple and variegated Daphne Odora, Lily of the Valley, Blue clematis and a double-flowered Kerria japonica, many Crape Myrtles, a variety of Evergreens, numerous Japanese maple volunteers, as well as Hostas, Rhododendron and a mature Vitex Agnus castus. What you will not find here is grass. I do not believe in grass; it takes too many chemicals and too much water. I would rather pull weeds than mow.

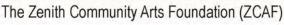
Tons of birds such as Robins are building their nest inside the "Princess Carriage" in the front yard. Cardinals, Sparrows, Doves, Owls, and squirrels scurry around the property and trees leave me to negotiate with them to stop storing their nuts in my car air filter. Rabbits, and those irritating but cute Chipmunks, Raccoons, occasional Possum, endless supply of Deer, and Foxes, and those that are there but you do not see are all part of my community. Intertwined through a labyrinth of plants are a wide variety of outdoor sculptures by a fabulous group of sculptors using materials from propane tanks to mesh filled with recycling called All Choked up!

I am a wood sculptor and furniture designer. I saw this property almost 30 years ago and it enchanted me. I revere trees, so much so that I name them for my deceased relatives. You will also see the finalized stationary and mobile woodshop our non-profit the Zenith Community Arts Foundation is building to train a new generation of finish and rough carpenters. Our permanent woodshop will start classes this summer.

The swimming pool which had served us well for years is now an inground sculpture garden filled with wonderful sculptures and plantings of tall & short grasses. In creating the sculpture garden, one of my core principles was to use recycled, reclaimed, and natural materials. This setting creates a sense of enchantment and a sacred sanctuary to relax, revive and stimulate in the presence of Art and Nature.

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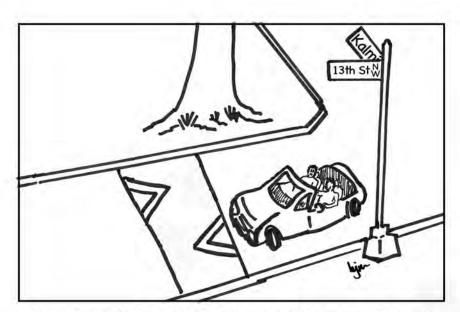




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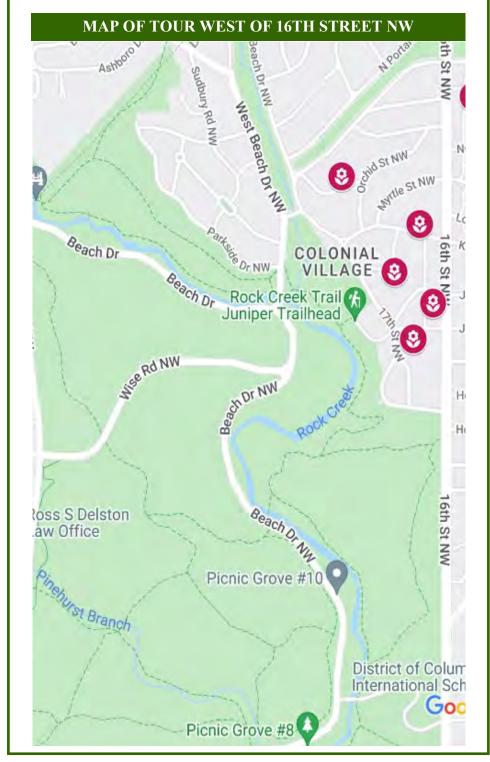
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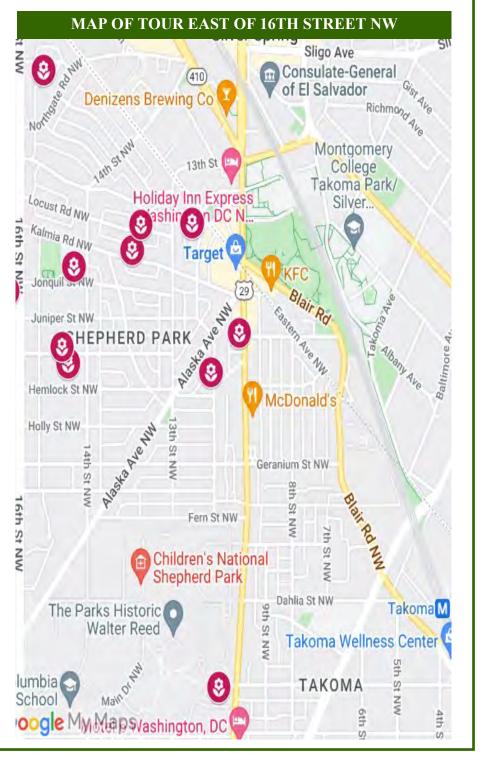
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