

# The Guilford News

GUILFORDASSOCIATION.ORG

FALL 2014

## Restoration Efforts in Gateway Park

TOM HOBBS

THE COMMEMORATIVE LIMESTONE WELL IN GUILFORD'S GATEWAY PARK HAS REQUIRED IMMEDIATE RESTORATION.

Edward Bouton was the visionary who directed and managed the planning and development of Roland Park, Guilford and Homeland. Upon his death in 1941 the Roland Park Company determined that there should be a memorial built to acknowledge his great contribution in creating the three north Baltimore communities.

Sites were initially considered in Stratford Green and a location near Stratford Road and Greenway was studied. However, the property at the entry to Guilford between Greenway and Saint Paul Street had recently been purchased by the Guilford Association and designated Gateway Park. It was determined that this more visible site was an appropriate location for the Bouton memorial.

The selected memorial, dedicated 14 years after Bouton's death, is a heavily sculptured Italian stone well that had an iron arch support that would have held the well bucket. It was placed on a stone platform base with a dedication plaque that reads: *To Edward Henry Bouton 1859 - 1941; Pioneer in residential development Roland Park - 1891; Guilford - 1911; Homeland - 1924. His vision and creative genius set standards for Baltimore and the nation.*

See **WELL**, page 6



The limestone well in Guilford's Gateway Park is currently being restored and stabilized to prevent any further deterioration.



GREG PEASE PHOTOGRAPHY

A Japanese Maple along Greenway exhibits its brilliant fall colors.

Summer in Guilford this year has been mostly pleasantly warm, unusually green, quiet and relaxing. With the arrival of Fall we're back from vacations, activities resume and increase, and then there is the rush to the holiday season. During the window of Fall, getting outside to enjoy the cooler weather on foot, on bike or in the garden reinforces the realization of the great legacy that has been left to us by Guilford's developers and the wise guidance of Edward Bouton and Frederick Olmsted, Jr.

Both during the Summer and into the Fall your Association has been busy focused on ways to reinforce our wonderful neighborhood and responding to issues that concern us. Much of what you will read in this newsletter centers on the efforts of the Guilford Association and the many community volunteers who devote their time and skills to sustaining what we value in Guilford. I'd like to just summarize some of the matters that make up the agenda of the Board of Managers and the Associations committees.

**Guilford's Eastern Side.** As we've reviewed in recent reports the eastern side of Guilford is a location that is receiving our support in several ways. As you will read we are more actively participating with the York Road Partnership in efforts to improve the York Road corridor but our particular focus is the west side of York Road from Old Cold Spring Lane to Underwood Road — an area within the boundaries of Guilford. The Association strongly objected to a request for the transfer of a liquor license to the site of the Lucky 7 convenience store at 4419 York Road. The Liquor Board rejected that request and it was particularly gratifying to witness Guilford, the North Wilson Park community and York Road Partnership coordinating our efforts to defeat the proposal and to have dozens of residents appear at the hearing. Between Underwood and Southway the west side of Greenmount Avenue also is in Guilford and we will be engaged with the City in efforts to improve the street scape in that area and further south. In that area we are working to bring about improvements to the properties. Toward that end the Architectural Committee has released a Pattern Book to York Court residents prepared by Anthony Gill that should serve as a guide for homeowners making exterior alterations.

**Neighborhood Safety.** Neighborhood safety is always a priority. Fortunately this summer there was not the criminal activity that we had last summer. In September, however, we did see several burglary attempts both in homes and autos. The GSP has extended its coverage and we have been in continual contact with the Baltimore Police Department that also has increased patrols in the north Baltimore communities where this activity has occurred. Through emailed bulletins we attempt to keep the community informed about efforts to make our neighborhood as safe as possible.

**Guilford Reservoir.** The work to encapsulate the Guilford Reservoir may soon begin. After years of discussion and negotiation with the City's Bureau of Water we have signed a Memo of Understanding with the City that approves the plan and establishes the conditions under which the construction will take place. Cathy Boyne has spent many hours engaged with the City officials in an effort to assure that this very large project is minimally disruptive to the Guilford community. The contract for the work is out to bid

and our sign off is conditioned on review of the final plans and work schedule.

**Architectural Oversight.** The Architectural Committee has had a busy nine months with over 70 applications having been submitted for exterior alterations to Guilford homes. Most of the applications were approved, although some required guidance from the committee and revision in order to meet the intent of the Architectural Guidelines. The committee members collectively have considerable design experience and provide advice and comment to be helpful in interpreting the standards and achieving results that reflect design integrity.

The amount of activity is a positive indication of investment in the homes of Guilford. Much of the investment is being made by new residents who have been attracted to the superior architecture found in Guilford and the overall beauty of our community.

As we've previously reported, there are cases where unapproved changes to the exterior of homes have been made and important architectural elements such as shutters removed or windows replaced. Such alterations are covenant violations. Covenant violation notices are issued with requirements for correction. If violations have not been corrected at the time of a property sale, state law requires that the violations be disclosed and the Association requires a plan for correction. Regrettably, the Association recently has had to pursue litigation in several cases where notice and discussion has failed to bring about compliance with the requirements of the Deed and Agreement.

**Sherwood Gardens/Stratford Green.** This has been a transition year in the management and oversight of Stratford Green, our great central community park that includes Sherwood Gardens. Francisco Castellanos with the help of Clarke Griffin and Margaret Alton took on the oversight and management. At this writing they have been through a cycle of a year's activities. While taking a considerable commitment to care for and sustain the gardens, lessons have been learned and Stratford Green has continued to look great and be the place to marvel at and escape to. As we noted in the Spring, some of the beds have been modified to reflect the Master Plan recommendations, daffodils and hyacinths were introduced to provide for bulb rotation and other elements of the long-range plan are being implemented as resources permit.

**Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting of the Guilford Association will be held Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm in Smith Hall, Second Presbyterian Church. At that time we will review 2015 budgets for both the Guilford Association and Stratford Green, elect new members to the Board of Managers, and review the business of the Association's committees.

The articles in the newsletter will give you some additional information about these and other activities in our community. If you have suggestions or areas of concern please contact me or other members of the Board. Enjoy the Fall. Thank you for your continued support.

Tom Hobbs



**ESSENTIAL  
CREDENTIAL**

**REGISTER NOW  
WINTER & SPRING**

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### UNDERGRADUATE

- Business
- Computer Information Systems
- Corporate Communication
- Criminology
- Education
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Liberal Arts
- Nursing (R.N. to B.S.N.)
- Radiological Sciences
- Religious Studies

### GRADUATE

- Analytics in Knowledge Management
- Contemporary Communication
- Education
- English Literature
- Leadership and Management
- Nonprofit Management
- Nursing (M.S.N.)
- Risk Management

Are you missing the essential credential? It's the college degree that opens doors to life's opportunities. Maybe it's the bachelor's degree you always meant to finish, or the master's degree that could help propel your career forward.

Whether you're looking to complete your bachelor's degree, or to earn a master's, the essential credential is within your reach. Learn more at our First Thursday information sessions: [ndm.edu/essentialcredential](http://ndm.edu/essentialcredential)



**NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY**

4701 North Charles Street | Baltimore, Maryland 21210 | 410-532-5500 | [ndm.edu](http://ndm.edu)



**Remarkable  
Home LLC**

[www.remarkablehomellc.com](http://www.remarkablehomellc.com)  
443-618-5225

Slate roof installation at 400, 401, and 402 Bretton Place

**42 WARRENTON RD**  
List Price: \$795,000  
Closing Price: \$765,000



**4302 RUGBY RD**  
List Price: \$1,500,000  
Closing Price: \$1,500,000



**4307 N. CHARLES ST**  
List Price: \$1,415,000  
Closing Price: \$1,415,000



**4216 GREENWAY**  
List Price: \$599,900  
Closing Price: \$555,000



**302 NORTHWAY**  
List Price: \$599,000  
Closing Price: \$530,000

## Active Properties

AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2014

List price

|                    | List price  |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 203 LAMBETH RD     | \$1,500,000 |
| 4332 N. CHARLES ST | \$1,275,000 |
| 105 WENDOVER RD    | \$1,195,000 |
| 101 STRATFORD RD   | \$1,150,000 |
| 211 LAMBETH RD     | \$1,095,000 |
| 102 MILBROOK RD    | \$1,095,000 |
| 38 WARRENTON RD    | \$825,000   |
| 4 MILBROOK RD      | \$774,900   |
| 204 E. 39TH ST     | \$699,000   |
| 3809 ST. PAUL ST   | \$689,900   |
| 3812 FENCHURCH RD  | \$689,000   |
| 3701 N. CHARLES ST | \$660,000   |
| 101 CHARLOTE RD    | \$619,900   |
| 4404 BEDFORD PL    | \$581,000   |
| 4309 NORWOOD RD    | \$499,900   |
| 310 WENDOVER RD    | \$499,000   |
| 332 SUFFOLK RD     | \$489,000   |
| 100 WARRENTON RD   | \$475,000   |
| 212 E. 39TH ST     | \$465,000   |
| 311 NORTHWAY       | \$465,000   |
| 4418 EASTWAY       | \$400,000   |
| 3537 NEWLAND RD    | \$329,000   |
| 316 SOUTHWAY       | \$327,000   |
| 409 BRETTON PL     | \$289,000   |
| 3614 GREENMOUNT AV | \$269,900   |
| 410 SOUTHWAY       | \$250,000   |
| 414 SOUTHWAY       | \$150,000   |
| 3700 GREENMOUNT AV | \$129,900   |
| 3608 GREENMOUNT AV | \$69,000    |
| 3511 GREENMOUNT AV | \$34,900    |

# Guilford Property Sales

JUNE 11, 2014 – OCTOBER 31, 2014

**3901 GREENWAY**  
List Price: \$595,000  
Closing Price: \$575,000



**216 E. 39TH ST**  
List Price: \$390,000  
Closing Price: \$390,000

**3814 JUNIPER RD**  
List Price: \$514,900  
Closing Price: \$497,500



**12 E. BISHOPS RD**  
List Price: \$1,230,000  
Closing Price: \$1,175,000

**3703 GREENWAY**  
List Price: \$647,500  
Closing Price: \$615,000



**3545 NEWLAND RD**  
List Price: \$324,900  
Closing Price: \$325,000



**3524 GREENMOUNT AV**  
List Price: \$239,900  
Closing Price: \$230,000



**3522 GREENMOUNT AV**  
List Price: \$189,900  
Closing Price: \$180,000



**416 SOUTHWAY**  
List Price: \$220,000  
Closing Price: \$195,000



The upper portion of the well, which in recent months had cracked into several pieces, was removed earlier this fall and reassembled offsite. This winter it will be restored and recast.



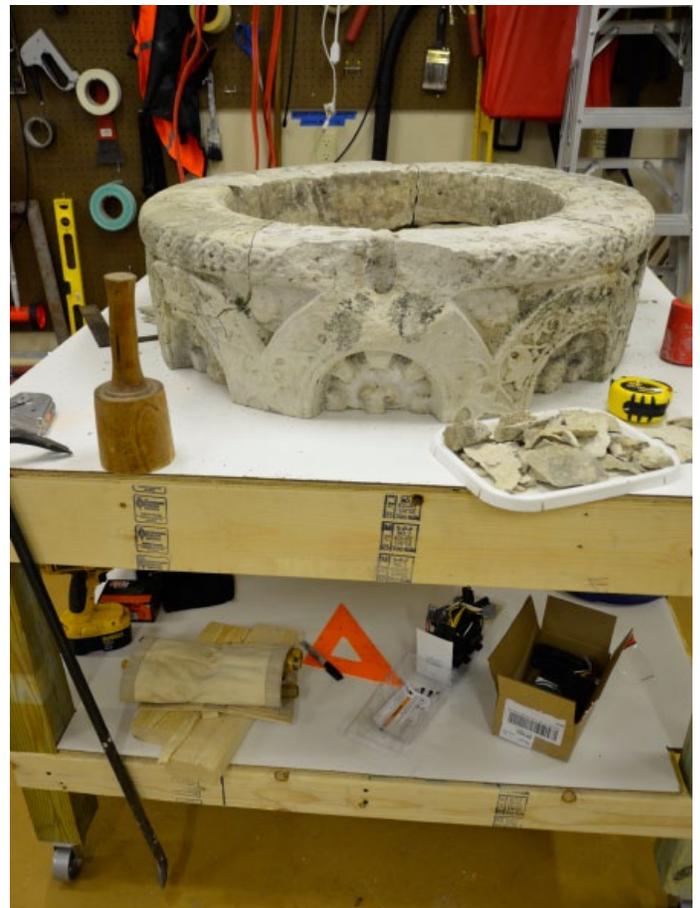
**WELL**, *From page 1*

Over the almost 60 years since the dedication the memorial has suffered vandalism and deterioration. The iron arch is gone. The upper portion of the well was repaired and the void of the well filled with concrete. Unfortunately these repairs, because of the incompatibility of the limestone and concrete, caused deterioration of the limestone over time. This, plus the winter weather, has resulted in many cracks in the well head and crumbling and breaking off of limestone pieces. The condition has necessitated an immediate restoration effort to save the memorial.

At the urging of a number of Guilford residents, the Guilford Association has engaged Laura Oliphant, a specialist in architectural stone and sculptural preservation, to restore and stabilize the well. The extent of deterioration required that the well head be removed. It will be recast. Because of safety concerns, the threat of future vandalism, and the prohibitive cost, the ornamental iron work will not be recreated at this time.

The cost to restore the well and protect it against environmental deterioration is \$17,000. We have been fortunate to receive an anonymous gift of \$5000 and the Guilford Association has allocated \$4000 in this year's budget for the project. To help us cover the additional cost we are asking residents of Guilford, Homeland and Roland Park to contribute toward the remaining \$8000. If you wish to support this restoration effort please send a contribution to the Guilford Association designated for the Bouton Well Restoration at 4200 Saint Paul St. Baltimore, MD 21218.

The stone base on which the well is mounted also deteriorated and the memorial plaque was damaged. That restoration work has been completed, again through a generous anonymous contribution from a Guilford resident. Thank you.





## STUDY ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AT NOTRE DAME

Learn English or improve your English language skills at Notre Dame of Maryland University's English Language Institute. Part-time classes are offered on our beautiful campus in Homeland in 8-week sessions throughout the year for adults 18 and older.

*We offer a discount to au pairs and other J visa holders.*

Go to [ndm.edu/eli](http://ndm.edu/eli) for session dates, tuition and registration information.

### UPCOMING 2015 SESSION DATES

January 26–March 27

March 30–May 22

June 3–July 24



NOTRE DAME  
OF MARYLAND  
UNIVERSITY

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

4701 North Charles Street | Baltimore, Maryland 21210 | 410-532-5566 | [ndm.edu/eli](http://ndm.edu/eli)

**FB** **Fick Bros.**  
Roofing & Exterior  
Remodeling Company

**410-889-5525**  
**www.fickbros.com**

**Your Home Deserves the Best**

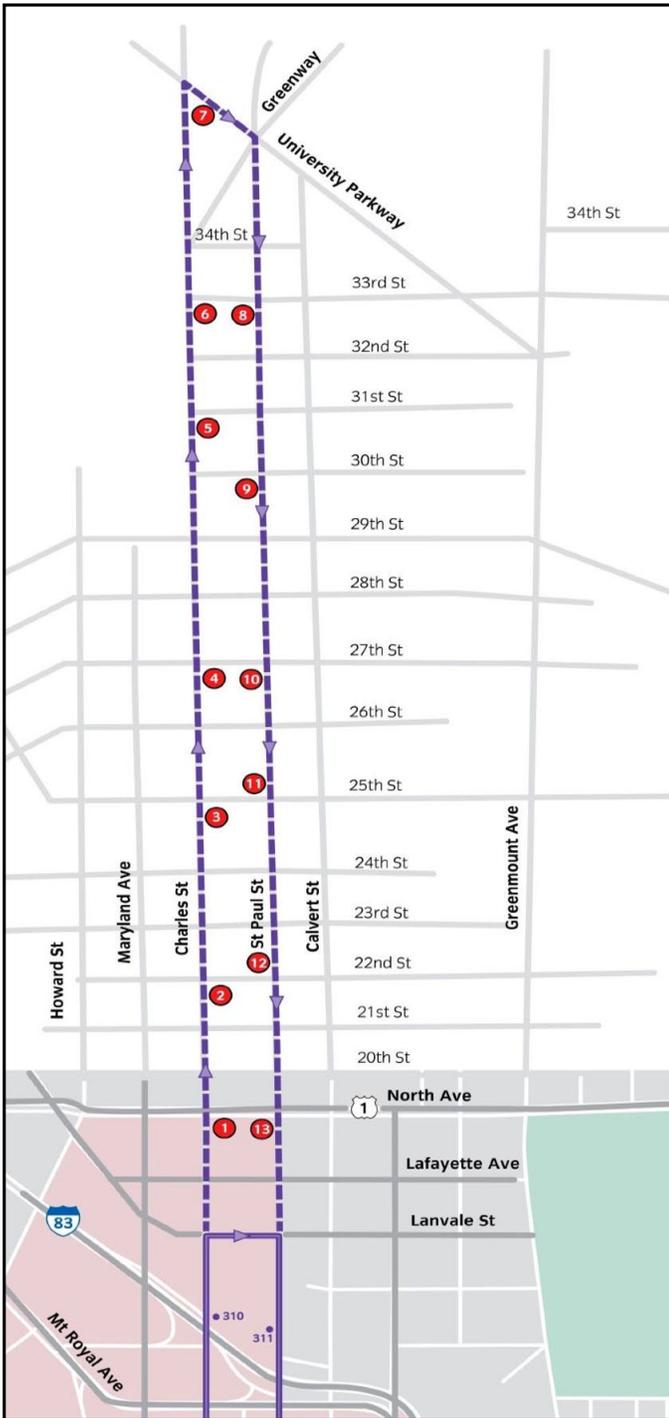
**Roofing • Exterior Remodeling • Masonry**



**Awarding Winning Craftsmanship for 100 Years**

# Circulator Bus Extension

TOM HOBBS



Baltimore City plans to expand the Purple Route of the free Charm City Circulator bus line to University Parkway later this fall.

Baltimore City will expand the Purple Route of the free Charm City Circulator bus line to University Parkway starting this fall. The start of service has awaited the completion of Charles Street reconstruction.

The north-south Purple Route currently runs between Federal Hill and Penn Station. The line expansion will add 3.3-miles and bring the bus route north to the southern edge of Guilford, making the route 9.8 miles in all. The trip from University Parkway to Penn Station should be about 22 minutes.

The hours of operation will be the same as those for the current Purple Line with service every 10 minutes:

**Summer Hours (May 1 - Sept 30)**

Monday-Thursday: 6:30am-9:00pm  
 Friday: 6:30am-midnight  
 Saturday: 9:00am-midnight  
 Sunday: 9:00am-9:00pm

**Winter Hours (Oct 1 - April 30)**

Monday-Thursday: 6:30am-8:00pm  
 Friday: 6:30am-midnight  
 Saturday: 9:00am-midnight  
 Sunday: 9:00am-8:00pm

The Purple Route originally was going to be expanded to 33rd Street, but many residents of Charles Village and Tuscany Canterbury called for it to be expanded to University Parkway. The expanded route will eliminate the need to transfer to another bus at Penn Station when riding north from downtown. The current route serves the Inner Harbor, Federal Hill, City Center and Mount Vernon.

Busses on the expanded route will travel north on Charles Street to University Parkway, make a right turn on University Parkway and then continue south on Saint Paul Street. Thirteen new stops are planned for the northbound extension: North Avenue Station North Arts District, 22nd Street Old Goucher, 25th Street, 27th Street, 31st St. Museum of Art, 33rd Street JHU, University Parkway. Six stops will be added to the southbound extension: 33rd Street Union Memorial, 30th Street, 27th Street, 25th Street and North Avenue.

The Circulator bus service is operated by Veolia Transportation as a public-private partnership in an effort to bring more and better transit to the city. The first line was initiated in 2010. The money to operate the service comes from taxes on parking garages in the city. There are now Orange, Green, Purple and Banner routes plus the Harbor Connector. The Baltimore City Department of Transportation reported in 2013 that about 12 million people have ridden Circulator buses, far ahead of initial expectations.

Some Guilford residents north of University Parkway are concerned that the free service will generate a parking problem caused by those who may park and ride. Because of this possibility, the increased parking demands caused by the Northway conversion to student housing, the parking demand generated by Johns Hopkins and activities at Homewood Field, the city at the request of residents has imposed a 24 hour, 7 day per week RPP parking restriction in the unit blocks of E. Bishops and St. Martins Roads.



The automated water meter upgrade program, known as BaltiMeter began this fall and will continue through 2016. The automated meters will transmit precise information on water usage eliminating the need for crews to manually read each meter.

Under the HomeServe plans, City-approved licensed plumbers who are local and insured will make service repairs that meet Baltimore City code specifications. The plans cover damage due to normal wear and tear.

During the first year, City residents can take advantage of a combined water and sewer line service plan at a special discounted rate of \$5.99 per month. Customers continuing with the service plan after the first year will renew at the renewal price, which is currently \$8.49 per month. Signup and billing is handled directly through HomeServe and will not appear on water bills.

HomeServe is an independent company that was selected through a competitive, nationwide bid process conducted by the City. This service plan coverage is not mandatory and homeowners are free to purchase plans from other companies. However, HomeServe has been screened and endorsed by the City. In addition, the City's agreement with HomeServe provides for monthly review of the company's performance.

For more information or to enroll in a service plan, visit [BaltimoreServiceRepairs.com](http://BaltimoreServiceRepairs.com) or call HomeServe toll-free at 1-855-807-6631.

*Subsequently, DPW was requested to explain why the solicitations are being received from several insurance companies and whether the new meter installation and feeder line replacements increased the risk of leaks in pipes serving individual homes. The following response was received:*

We selected HomeServe following a nationwide open bid process, and decided that their plan and pricing were the best for Baltimore residents of the four firms that responded. In addition, the DPW will be able to review the company's performance in Baltimore on a monthly basis. We have no oversight over any other company.

In terms of water pressure, it may be the case that some of the older water meters have been something of a choke point. The new meters, being installed under our BaltiMeter program, will not have that problem. There is a small chance that some old, corroded pipes may not be able to handle the full pressure of the water as it passes through the meter. If a pipe breaks under this circumstance, it is up to the private property owner to replace the broken service line.

Jeffrey Raymond  
Chief, Communications and Community Affairs  
Baltimore Department of Public Works

## Water Meter Replacement and Service Line Insurance

*In order to help clarify the reason for the water and sewer line insurance solicitations that are being received by City property owners the Guilford Association requested an explanation from the Department of Public Works (DPW). The following response was provided in response to that request.*

Baltimore has many homes that are old and have aging exterior water and sewer pipes. When these pipes leak, clog, or break, homeowners are often saddled with repair costs.

If you have ever had this happen to you, then you already know the hardship and disruption that can be caused by such unplanned emergencies.

To help prevent that, the City of Baltimore has partnered with HomeServe USA, a leading provider of emergency service plans, to provide Baltimore City homeowners with an opportunity to purchase a cost-saving repair plan for their exterior water and sewer lines. This optional coverage offers homeowners protection from these repairs, which are often not covered under home insurance policies. As a homeowner, you should consult with your insurer to confirm coverage for exterior water and sewer breaks before purchasing a service plan from HomeServe or other companies offering similar products.

# *Planned Improvements for the York Road Corridor*

ANTHONY GILL

On August 19, 2014 the York Corridor Collective (YCC) presented their draft recommendations at a publicized meeting in an effort to gain public opinion on their vision for the future of the York Road corridor.

A final plan is scheduled for release by the YCC in October of 2014.

This approximately two hour presentation followed by a brief Q&A session built upon recommendations made at past community engagement events such as the Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) held on June 26, 2014 at the Junior League of Baltimore.

Graphic presentations were made by three sub-committees focused on the strategic improvement of York Road. These included; Urban Design and Land Use, Transportation & Public Realm, and Corridor Programming & Implementation.

For a copy of the entire Urban Design + Commercial Strategies Plan for Baltimore City's York Road Corridor presentation, go to: <http://www.yorkroadnews.org/> and click-on the "presentation link."

The Urban Design and Land Use portion presented by Keith Weaver, EDSA focused on recapping many of the suggestions posited by local community members, business owners, and neighborhood associations situated along York Road. These included street beautification projects such as, tree plantings, flower beds, trash cans and coordinated trash pick-up times. New businesses were also recommended for occupancy along York Rd., especially those noticeably absent from the current streetscape. A boutique grocery store, dine-in restaurants, 24hr. laundromat and even a miniature golf course were all identified as potential venues which would benefit the surrounding communities greatly. Additional greenscape improvements were then discussed, such as

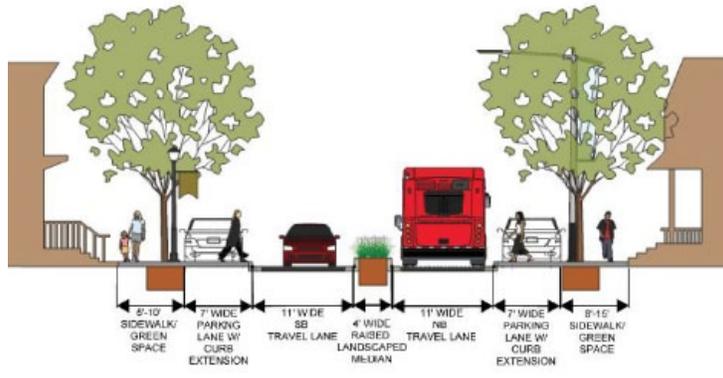
parks, plazas, and an open air farmers market before the discussion turned towards Transportation & the Public Realm.

The Transportation & the Public Realm section presented by Nick Driban & Addison Palmer of STV Engineering was the longest portion of the presentation and perhaps the most important. For without significant reinvestment by City officials in the infrastructure of York Road in the form of traffic studies, bike paths, cross walks, and road works many of the grand plans proposed for the corridor could not take flight.

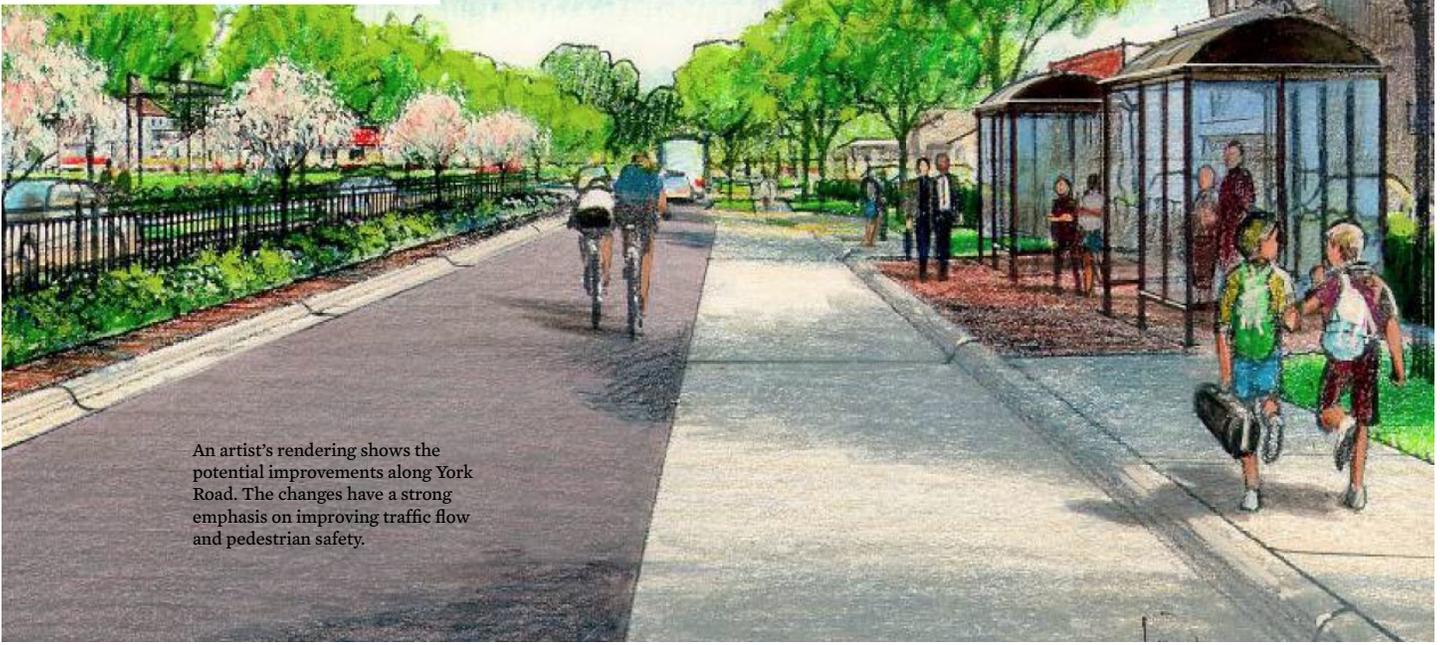
Of the ideas presented, the idea to return the outermost lanes of York Road to curbside parking and install a vegetated median strip for the length of York Road was the most arresting. This new traffic pattern could provide sufficient off-street parking for new businesses to flourish and a wider safety zone between pedestrians and the North/South bound traffic.

The traffic re-alignment may also help to encourage new restaurants to consider placing outdoor seating along the route and provide pedestrians with more clearly identifiable crosswalks to reduce jaywalking.

During an early call for participation, the Guilford Association, along with the Wilson Park Northern Neighborhood Association, Woodbourne-McCabe neighborhood, and the Belvedere Improvement Association submitted formal letters of support for this visionary planning effort. One hopes that the plans presented will one day become a reality. Certainly the preparation of a long-term plan is a positive step in the right direction.



One of the proposals suggests removing the outermost travel lanes from 39th Street to 43rd Street to create dedicated curbside parking. A landscaped median would also be installed.



An artist's rendering shows the potential improvements along York Road. The changes have a strong emphasis on improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety.



A greener streetscape could greatly improve the pedestrian experience, creating new opportunities for business development along York Road. The York Corridor Collective "wants a safe, walkable commercial corridor with amenities available to residents from both sides of York Road."

Businesses from Cold Spring Lane to 43rd Street have been identified that could benefit from facade, signage, and general site improvements. Several buildings along this southern zone of the strategic study, directly east of Guilford, have also been identified for potential renovation and reuse.



Since Loyola University is a major contributor to the York Corridor Collective and its chief organizer, a schematic plan was presented for the redevelopment of the former car dealership located at 5104 York Road. This mixed-use development would include retail shops on the ground floor level, while administrative offices and residential units would be located on the upper floors. A parking garage is conveniently located behind the mixed-use development that would serve as an amenity for both residents and visitors alike.



# The Greening of Guilford Elementary

JEAN MELLOTT

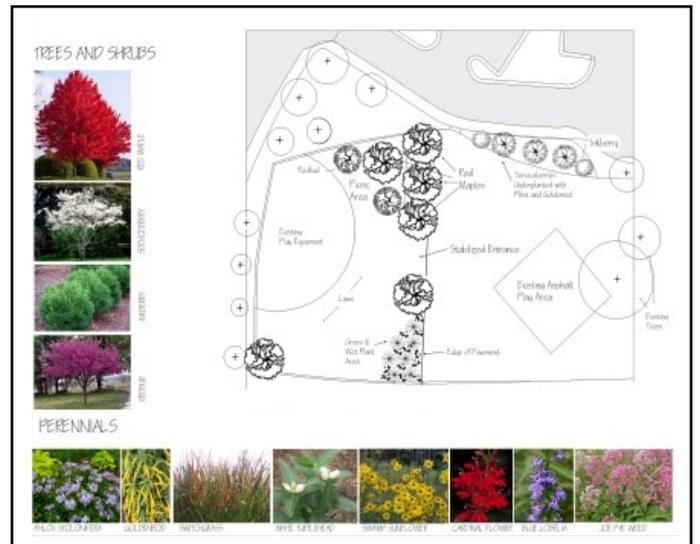
Guilford Elementary/Middle School's large expanse of asphalt around the playground is about to get smaller. In addition to the small area of safety surface around the play equipment, there will soon be grass, trees and flowering shrubs, as well as places for benches and picnic tables.

Last spring, students and faculty found out that the school had been given a grant through Blue Water Baltimore to remove part of the asphalt that is covering the playground area. While the primary purpose of this work is to decrease the amount of impervious surface at the school and benefit the Chesapeake Bay, the opportunities abound for creating natural and planted areas which will enhance the experience of the students at the school. Water which would have run off the asphalt into the city's overburdened storm sewers will be absorbed by grass, trees and shrubs. The planning began when students, faculty, parents, and neighborhood representatives were asked to contribute their ideas and priorities for the space. A landscape designer developed several schemes for bringing the ideas together and sought feedback from the faculty. In May, she presented the school with three posters showing different options and everyone had the opportunity to vote on their favorites. The chosen option is being developed into a formal landscape plan to guide the students and faculty as they plant their new trees and shrubs. Altogether, this should make the space cooler, brighter and more fun for the students to be at school.

The work on removing the asphalt will begin this fall. The exposed area will be stabilized with lawn grass and the larger trees will be planted. In the spring, the students and faculty will plant shrubs and flowers. Some of the trees and plants selected are: Red Maples, Redbuds, Phlox, Cardinal Flower, Blue Lobelia, and Swamp Sunflowers. The area should bloom from spring right through the fall! This wonderful new space will benefit the community as well as the school.

In further support of the greening of the school site and the surrounding area, the Guilford Association requested that the City plant trees along the east side of Eastway. The City's Forestry Division has scheduled the planting this fall.

If you would like to make a donation to Guilford Elementary/Middle School, please send your contribution to Greater Homewood Community Corporation, 3503 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. Please note: for contributions to go directly to support the school, please write "FANS" in the memo line. FANS (Friends and Neighbors of our School) was founded in 2005 by a group of Guilford neighbors who wanted to invest their time, talents, and resources into Guilford Elementary/Middle School. Ninety percent of all donations go directly to support student enrichment programs; ten percent goes to Greater Homewood Community Corporation which serves as the fiscal sponsor of FANS.



A portion of the asphalt playground area at Guilford Elementary will be removed this fall and will be planted with trees, shrubs and flowers. The project will reduce water run-off and provide a rich learning opportunity for the students.

# Disappearing Boxwoods

TOM HOBBS

For as long as there have been gardens it seems that boxwood has been a stable plant. Evergreen and finely textured it has an anchoring and soothing quality that makes it a great background and foil for other plants. A few well-placed boxwood can give structure and unity to the whole.

But the favored variety, English boxwood, has been plagued with disease for the past decade and has become increasingly difficult to grow. Now serious boxwood blight entrenched in Europe for the past couple of decades has made its way here. This latest assault for which there seems to be no remedy can wipe out plants in a short time. The spores do not travel far but are spread through water and by pruning and handling.

The blight has now appeared in 10 eastern states including Maryland and Virginia. It is sad to walk through Guilford and see the classic, billowing, pungent English and American box plants rapidly disappearing. Characteristically the green in areas of the plant may develop brown spots on leaves, turn rust and then straw colored and then large areas of the plant die or the entire plant is lost.

However, we shouldn't give up on planting new varieties of box that approach the form and texture of the English box but are proving to be far easier to keep healthy and looking good. One of the best known breeders is Saunders Brothers located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge in Nelson County, VA. Paul Saunders has been propagating boxwood for 60 years and now grows many replacement varieties. In the 1990's Saunders set up a network of trial gardens to see which would perform the best. Their nursery is now growing those it considers the best for landscapers.

Two varieties are recommended to fill the void of English boxwood, perhaps not quite as elegantly but with a lot less care. The first, Green Beauty, grows to 3 feet tall and 3 feet wide in about 15 years. It will grow in full sun and heavy clay.

Another great substitute is a variety named Justin Brouwers, smaller in size, compact and finely textured, growing to about two feet high and slightly wider after 10 years. It has been planted at the White House and Mount Vernon. Of similar size, many landscapers in this area are using a variety called "Green Velvet." NC State University has recently evaluated the box varieties for their resistance to various diseases. That information is available online. In addition, Saunders publishes a Boxwood Guide available online at: <http://saundersbrothers.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/home.showpage/pageID/10/index.htm>

Thanks to the arrival of these many new varieties, boxwood should reappear in our gardens and be more than a memory.



Boxwood blight is an aggressive fungal disease affecting English boxwoods throughout Guilford. The disease progresses quickly, creating large areas of browned leaves and dramatic leaf drop.

# My Sherwood Experience

KRISTIN SPARKMAN

For the last 4 years I have gotten more and more involved in gardening. This year, we found ourselves in a different location, in Waverly, with a much smaller yard. Gardening seemed impossible for us. Having grown up in Baltimore, I was well aware of Sherwood Gardens and the joy that it brings many families, including mine, year after year. I took a shot and emailed Margaret Alton to see if I would be able to participate in any way, to satisfy my need to garden. I received an email promptly informing me that I would be able to do more than just volunteer- I would be able to manage my own plot, for free!

As an avid gardener, I was over the moon that I would finally have a location to display my talents in a way that many people could enjoy! Having never done anything of this nature before I was not sure what to expect. Margaret informed me that I could pick my plot from the unclaimed list on the day of the spring tulip dig, so I went prepared with my compass and garden planning iPhone app and set out on my journey. I was fortunate enough to get a great plot on the Highfield Road side, right next to 204. And so the adventure began . . .

I pride myself in being a seed gardener – meaning I grow everything from seed. For my plot, I chose to grow sunflowers,

zinnia and marigold. Since I was planting seeds, the plot would be bare for a few weeks until the seedlings sprouted. Because of this, I decided to plant dwarf zinnia and marigolds purchased from the store for the front of the garden bed so people would have something to enjoy in the meantime.

After about a week, I returned to my plot and was a bit shocked at what I saw. There were almost no flower heads left on my plants! It was then I had my first real encounter with the garden pest known as SQUIRRELS! After some more time had passed, the flowers had recovered and the squirrels had moved on, the remaining seeds that the squirrels had not dined upon began to sprout! We were well on our way to having a garden!

As of September, there were a plethora of 12 foot sunflowers and 3-4 foot zinnia for all to enjoy! I am very grateful for this experience and being able to provide others with the joy of wildflowers. I hope to continue this tradition with my family for years to come.

Family Owned And Operated Since 1989.

M.H.I.C. #37163

# Roland

## Slate Service Co., Inc.

Call Us Now For  
Your Free Consultation.

For All Your  
Home's Exterior Needs!

Financing Available

410-532-9037

www.RolandSlate.com

BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESS

Twitter and Facebook icons

## Melville Thomas Architects, Inc.

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING

Visit the Laura Thomas Studio at  
[laura.mtarx.com](http://laura.mtarx.com)  
for "Rants & Wisdom" and "From the Architect's Desk"



feeling a  
little bored?

we've got chew toys,  
and much more.

**dogma**<sup>TM</sup>

life, with your pet.

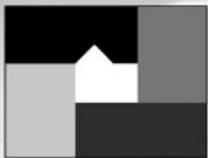
CANTON • 410.276.3410

MT. WASHINGTON • 443.708.4420

LOCUST POINT • 443.438.5125

[dogmaforpets.com](http://dogmaforpets.com)

premium natural foods • self-serve baths  
professional grooming • gifts for dogs, cats & people



**ADR BUILDERS**

VISIONARY ADDITIONS DESIGNS RENOVATIONS



**Specialists in high quality  
residential renovations**

1850 York Road  
Timonium, Maryland 21093  
Phone: 410.561.0221  
[www.adrbuilder.com](http://www.adrbuilder.com) • MHIC #8097



**STONY RUN HOME**

FURNITURE LIGHTING ART ACCESSORIES  
STORE MON-FRI 10-5, DESIGN STUDIO BY APPT  
318 WYNDHURST AVE [stonyrunhome.com](http://stonyrunhome.com)

# Troop 5 Marches through Sherwood

STACEY LEIGH MALLOY



Troop 5 poses in Guilford's Sherwood Gardens this fall after removing the summer flowers from the planting beds.

With the arrival of fall and as the weather changes, so will the plantings in Sherwood Gardens. As many Guilford residents know, October is when the summer plantings will be removed in order to prepare for and plant the spring tulip bulbs and other spring flowering bulbs before the severe winter weather begins. This of course is no small undertaking for what has become known as one of the most famous and beautiful tulip garden in North America. Traditionally, Stratford Green spends many thousands of dollars to pull the summer plantings and remove fallen leaves and debris to prepare for the spring display. This year however, the formidable cost will be reduced in part through the generous help of The Boy Scouts of America, Troop 5, from 2nd Presbyterian Church in Guilford.

In true Scout form, Troop 5 has undertaken Sherwood Gardens as their Fall Troop Community Service Project. The Scouts from Troop 5 chose this project to show their gratitude for the longtime support they receive from the 2nd Presbyterian Church and their relationship with the Guilford community. The Scouts will help with debris removal, raking, and overall general prep for the bulbs to be planted this fall. This is a win-win scenario for the Troop and Stratford Green. The boys will earn service hours for their Scout rank advancement, while also gaining the self-rewarding personal knowledge that their time will be well spent helping to sustain the beauty of Sherwood Gardens. At the same time their community service reduces the maintenance cost of Sherwood Gardens.

The Boy Scouts of America is a year-round program that helps boys develop character, train in good citizenship, and encourages them to become fit, physically, mentally and morally. Throughout

the year Troop 5 does a variety of fun outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, skiing, skeet shooting, and community service projects. Troop 5 is always seeking and welcoming any interested new Scouts. The meetings are held, very conveniently for Guilford residents, every Sunday at the 2nd Presbyterian Church, 4200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD. To learn more about joining this Troop please contact Scoutmaster David Ross at [Troop\\_5@comcast.net](mailto:Troop_5@comcast.net).

The Guilford Association and Stratford Green are always thankful to any and all volunteer gardeners. From my own family's experience, this is a very fulfilling way to give back to the community and get a better understanding of all the work that goes into the Gardens, much of it donated by volunteers. The time our family spent one spring Saturday Morning to help our own Scout earn Scout rank advancement service hours was a joy. Our family/crew of 6 (2 adults, a 14 year old, 11 year old, 9 year old and 5 year old) volunteered 2.5 clock hours of our time (total of 15 man hours) and we were able to clean 1/2 of plot 23. We dug up the tulips remaining, removed all debris and raked. We cleared two and a half 32 gallon trash containers full of waste. Now when we walk by plot 23 we instinctively feel compelled to go pull the occasional weed or two that is trying to make a statement. The man hours saved by this fun gardening experience for our family would have cost Stratford Green a significant amount. For volunteer opportunities please contact The Guilford Association at (410) 889-1717 or [guilford@guilfordassociation.org](mailto:guilford@guilfordassociation.org).

## Thank You

The Trustees of Stratford Green wish to thank all of the volunteers who contributed their time to Sherwood Gardens this past year:

Clarke Griffin — *daily care and maintenance, tulip dig*;  
Francisco Castellanos — *maintenance, tulip dig*;  
Margaret Alton — *oversight and general direction, tulip dig*;  
Larry LaMotte — *tulip /flower bed sponsorships*;  
Lynda Riley — *summer flower sponsorships, tulip dig*;  
Jeremy Hoffman — *printed materials*; Kristin Sparkman — *summer flower bed*;  
Joan Friedel, Emily Little, Kevin Gaynor, Maggie Bruck, Janet Landay, and Geraldine — *tulip dig*;  
The Malloy family — *summer flower clean up*;  
Charles Minges, Eagle Scout — *summer flower clean up*;  
R. J. Reynolds — *summer flower clean up*.

And those of you that we may have missed — Thank you!

# Broadband Campaign Nears Participation Goal

1. Poplar Hill: 160% to goal



✓ Goal: 25 backers · Pledged: 40 backers

2. Roland Park: 128% to goal



✓ Goal: 238 backers · Pledged: 306 backers

3. Keswick: 123% to goal



✓ Goal: 21 backers · Pledged: 26 backers

4. Roland Springs: 116% to goal



✓ Goal: 18 backers · Pledged: 21 backers

5. Guilford: 71% to goal



Goal: 158 backers · Pledged: 113 backers

Dear existing backers of the Baltimore Broadband Coalition,

I wanted to write to you and thank you personally for your generous support of the grassroots effort to bring faster, cheaper internet services to Guilford.

With your generous donation ranging from \$10 and up we have been able to mobilize and broaden the reach of the broadband campaign to include 69 communities located throughout Baltimore City who will also be trying to achieve a similar goal of 20% support in each neighborhood.

To date, a total of 113 Guilford households have vowed to contribute toward this campaign. Ranked 5th overall, we are in fact the next closest neighborhood to reaching our goal of 20% participation. With a final goal of just 158 backers, only 45 resident home owners remain to sign-up before this goal is reached.

Once this goal is achieved, we can join with other local neighborhoods such as Poplar Hill, Roland Park, Keswick, and Roland Springs who have already completed their pledge drive and are presently being approached by third-party investors interested in installing fiber optic cable in these communities.

If you have not already done so and are reading this appeal for the first or second time, please sign-up today and pledge a contribution of \$10 to the Baltimore Broadband Coalition at:

[www.crowdfiber.com/campaigns/baltimore-broadband-coalition](http://www.crowdfiber.com/campaigns/baltimore-broadband-coalition)

If you are an existing backer, I urge you to contact your friends and neighbors living in the Guilford community who might benefit or be interested in supporting this campaign to improve the infrastructure in our community. As this is Guilford, I should explain that any new fiber optic cable will likely be brought to your home from existing electric poles located along utility easements. Much in the same way that existing telephone lines and cable television service is currently brought into the home.

If you are not entirely familiar with the plans of the Baltimore Broadband Campaign and wish to catch up on recent news, there are several articles, which have been published that may aid in bringing you up to date:

**Community group lobbying for fiber Internet investment in Baltimore.** Baltimore Sun, October 13, 2014. [www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-fiber-internet-campaign-20141013-story.html](http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-fiber-internet-campaign-20141013-story.html)

**Faster, cheaper, better broadband in Baltimore.** Baltimore Sun, July 1, 2014. [articles.baltimoresun.com/2014-07-01/news/bs-ed-baltimore-broadband-20140729\\_1\\_better-broadband-fiber-internet](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2014-07-01/news/bs-ed-baltimore-broadband-20140729_1_better-broadband-fiber-internet)

With your help, I hope to be celebrating Guilford's success in reaching our 20% participation goal by the next newsletter.

Anthony Gill  
Guilford Board Member

|   |   |  |   |   |   |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| <p><b>Guilford Association Board</b></p> <p><b>President</b><br/>Tom Hobbs<br/>tom@guilfordassociation.org<br/>410-889-1717<br/>Architecture</p> <p><b>Vice President</b><br/>Margeret Alton<br/>margeret@guilfordassociation.org<br/>Parks</p> | <p><b>Secretary</b><br/>Lynda Riley<br/>lynda@guilfordassociation.org</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b><br/>Heather Pones<br/>heather@guilfordassociation.org</p> <p><b>Office Manager</b><br/>Michelle Trousdale<br/>officemanager@guilfordassociation.org</p> | <p>Cathy Boyne<br/>cathy@guilfordassociation.org<br/>Reservoir</p> <p>Francisco Castellanos<br/>francisco@guilfordassociation.org<br/>Sherwood Gardens</p> <p>Tim Chriss<br/>chriss@guilfordassociation.org<br/>Legal</p> <p>Elizabeth Comer<br/>elizabeth@guilfordassociation.org</p> | <p>Felix Dawson<br/>felix@guilfordassociation.org<br/>Safety</p> <p>Howard Friedel<br/>howard@guilfordassociation.org</p> <p>Anthony Gill<br/>anthony@guilfordassociation.org</p> <p>Lisa Garten<br/>lisa@guilfordassociation.org</p> | <p>Clarke Griffin<br/>clarke@guilfordassociation.org</p> <p>Angela Hamilton<br/>angela@guilfordassociation.org</p> <p>Jeremy Hoffman<br/>jeremy@guilfordassociation.org<br/>Newsletter</p> <p>Larry LaMotte<br/>larry@guilfordassociation.org</p> | <p>Steve Shattuck<br/>steve@guilfordassociation.org</p> <p>Bernie Shutt<br/>bernie@guilfordassociation.org<br/>Traffic &amp; Parking</p> <p>Sharon Smith<br/>sharon@guilfordassociation.org<br/>Neighborhood Events</p> |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|



**We understand the difference between insuring a house and a home.**

Your home is more than a roof over your head. It's a valuable asset that shelters you and your valued possessions. As your insurance advisor, we know you need an insurance company that understands the way you live. With more than 125 years of experience, a well-earned reputation for prompt and fair claim settlements, and special expertise in protecting fine homes and their contents, we know Chubb is as different from other insurance companies as a home is from a house. To see how we can create a personal insurance program from Chubb to meet your sophisticated needs, please call us.

**Paul Rose**

Saratoga Heyl Insurance Services  
1301 York Road, Suite 702  
410-339-7400



**Insure wisely. Live confidently.**

**Homeowners | Auto | Yacht | Jewelry | Antiques | Collector Car**

Chubb refers to the insurers of the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. Chubb Personal Insurance (CPI) is the personal lines property and casualty strategic business unit of Chubb & Son, a division of Federal Insurance Company, as manager and/or agent for the insurers of the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. This literature is descriptive only. Not available in all states. Actual coverage is subject to the language of the policies as issued. Chubb, Box 1615, Warren, NJ 07061-1615. ©2010 Chubb & Son, a division of Federal Insurance Company.

Are You  
Receiving a  
**15-20%**  
Return On Your Investments?

**Purchase investment  
properties from us at 50-60%  
below market value!**

[www.theprosperousgroup.com](http://www.theprosperousgroup.com)

**THE PROSPEROUS  GROUP**

We are Maryland's Premier  
Real Estate Investment Company

Call Sean for special pricing 443-223-2261

# A BETTER CHOICE FOR YOUR HISTORIC ROOF

**MAKE AN INFORMED  
DECISION!**

You want more than a salesman- **our estimators** are trained to arm you with information about your slate or tile roof and gutter system.



MHIC #100174

**EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS  
WITH US!**

Compare prices.  
Ask about our **free** maintenance plan.  
Be assured that you will get an expert crew on your roof.

**SCHEDULE YOUR FREE ESTIMATE:**

**Olde World Slate Service, LLC - 443-829-5359 - [www.oldeworldslate.com](http://www.oldeworldslate.com)**



**The Guilford Association, Inc.**

4200 Saint Paul Street  
Suite 100  
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

# The Guilford News

FALL 2014

---

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 12      Guilford Association Annual Meeting  
7:00 pm            Second Presbyterian Church

November 23      Annual Holiday Tree Lighting  
6:00 pm            Sherwood Gardens

December 6        Annual Holiday Party  
6:30 pm            214 Wendover Rd

---

