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A House of Books and a Man of Knowledge

LEGENDARY JOHNS HOPKINS PROFESSOR RICHARD MACKSEY HAS AMMASSED A COLLECTION OF OVER 70,000 BOOKS IN HIS GUILFORD HOME

Richard Macksey, the beloved and legendary Johns Hopkins University professor, has lived in Guilford on St. Martins Road since the early 1960s. Within the walls of his French revival style home he has amassed a collection of books over the span of a lifetime of collecting. Professor Macksey's famous 70,000 plus book library is among the largest private libraries in Maryland.

Professor Emeritus Dick Macksey taught at Hopkins for over 50 years and has awed his students with his brilliance of intellect, his interest and mastery of a great range of subjects, his written and speaking command of six languages and his regard for his students and their ideas. Having a strong belief in the interdisciplinary value of study and the connections of thought and actions he played a large role in the founding of the Humanities Center at Johns Hopkins University. One colleague recalled, "There's no topic in the world that bored him." "When Hopkins alums think of the humanities, they think of Richard Macksey," said Neil Hertz, former director of the Humanities Center. "He has been teaching large, interesting and varied courses for

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The personal library of Guilford resident Professor Dick Macksey contains an extraordinary collection that will be entrusted to The Johns Hopkins University Sheridan Library.



Winter storm Jonas buried Baltimore in late January but one day after the storm ended most roads in Guilford were passable.

It has been a winter of weather contrasts – bulbs and cherry blossoms at Christmas and a snow storm of record depth in January. We hope that this is not a new normal.

Your Association didn't assume that the warm weather would extend through the winter and we were prepared for a storm. We budgeted and contracted for snow removal service for all streets in Guilford. For the most part a single lane had been plowed and roads made passable by Sunday, the day after the storm end.

As I indicated in a community email, we are extremely fortunate to have John Wittstadt as a neighbor and to have Wittstadt Builders and their crew committed to keeping open Guilford roads. They did that by plowing through the storm and keeping the depth down so that it could be managed after the snow stopped.

Regrettably the storm overwhelmed many contractors when the depth reached two feet plus. Another contractor initially designated to clear walks around our parks couldn't perform and here too we could call on John Wittstadt to step in.

Our residential road snow clearance was observed by many to be the best in the area and the envy of our neighboring communities. Oakenshawe, Tuscany Canterbury, Roland Park and Homeland all contacted us for help and advice. Typically they had not budgeted for such an event or hadn't contracted in advance for plowing or the contracted service couldn't perform.

I thank Guilford's residents for their understanding, patience, appreciation and support of those attempting to service the community in difficult circumstances.

Annual Meeting. On November 18, 2015 the Guilford Association held its Annual Meeting. The agenda included the election of new board members, the review of the Association's financial position and a discussion of activities of the past year and issues before us. Below is a summary of the Association's activities and issues discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Board Elections. To clarify the process for identifying nominees for membership on the Association's Board of Managers and provide a source to which residents can refer, the Board of Managers adopted a supplemental by-law amendment to do that. The amendment was adopted by the membership at the Annual Meeting. It can be found on the Guilford website.

Each year one quarter of the Managers are elected for a period of 4 years and vacancies that may exist are filled. A Nominating Committee interviews the candidates and compares experience and interest to the needs of the Association and then presents a slate for election. The slate put forth by the Nominating Committee was elected. New Board members are: Dr. Ivan Sascha Sheehan (Norwood Road), Carl Coscio (Overhill Road), Josh Angulo-Bartlett (Northway) and Jarrod Bolte (Marlow Road). Current Board members Cathy Boyne, Elizabeth Comer, Felix Dawson were re-elected to serve a new term. New Board members are introduced to you elsewhere in the newsletter. Contacts for all board members are available on the Guilford Association website.

Community Safety. Community Safety is always a high priority of the Association. Colonel William Marcus, Area Coordinator for the Baltimore Police Department spoke to the meeting attendees and answered questions about crime trends and actions by the Police Department. He particularly addressed actions by the

Northern District to keep the community safe. The Association's Safety Committee is co-chaired by Felix Dawson and Angela Hamilton. They have regular police interface and are consulted concerning police response in Guilford. They perform management oversight of the Guilford Security Patrol and issue security alerts to the community.

Budgets. The Annual Meeting coincides with our budget cycle and at the meeting the proposed 2016 Association budget was reviewed after which it was adopted by the Board of Managers. The budget is break-even. An increase in the mandatory maintenance fee of \$.20 per 100 square feet of property was approved. There has been no increase for a number of years and the change was necessary to cover Association costs.

Guilford Parks and Common Spaces. The Guilford parks are a great asset to the community but their maintenance requires much effort. Margaret Alton manages the care of all of our park real estate, including Sherwood Gardens and the St. Paul Street median. In addition to the regular careful grooming, this year there was tree pruning and winter damage repair and ash borer preventive treatment. Also, the Bouton memorial was restored, the Guilford sign refurbished and the Northway/York Road entry landscaped. In Sherwood Gardens there was additional implementation of the Master Plan, the irrigation system required repair and the tree identification project was started. This was the initial year for Project Olmsted and the competition among landscape firms planting summer flowers and Family Day, a fun and educational experience.

Traffic, Parking, Streets. The Association has requested that the City study several locations for traffic calming, including Overhill Road, Eastway and 39th Street. In addition, we provide annually a priority list of streets requiring repaving and sidewalks in need of replacement. Howard Friedel chairs this committee.

Architecture. Review and approval of exterior alterations to Guilford properties is an obligation of the Deed and Agreement. The Association's Architectural Committee that performs the reviews consists of 7 members, most of whom have design training and experience and five of whom are Board members. The committee performs the reviews with a responsive and helpful approach to guiding adherence to the Guilford architectural standards. In 2015 approximately 100 applications were reviewed, about 85% were quickly approved, others with recommended modifications and a few required changes and further review.

While many changes are routine considerations, there have been a number of noteworthy investments, including four major restorations, two additions and a new house proposed for 4005 St. Paul Street. There is generally good compliance with the Deed and Agreement covenants. The Architectural Guidelines and the required enforcement maintain the community aesthetic and desirability and help maintain property values. Where there are non-approved changes to the exterior of properties such as the removal of shutters or non-approved window replacement, the Association is obligated to issue covenant violation notices and require compliance.

On a negative note, as a result of the recent real estate market, there have been a number of short sales and foreclosures of Guilford

properties – something Guilford has never experienced in this number. It has required a great deal of my time and that of our lawyers to address the problem and related issues such as interim property maintenance and the correction of covenant violations.

Newsletter and Web Site. Jeremy Hoffman continues to do a terrific job preparing our Guilford newsletter. We would like to issue Guilford News at least 3 times a year. We, however, do need more volunteer writers of articles to permit us to do that. We welcome your ideas for future articles and if you are interested in authoring an article contact Tracey Clark at the Association office. The web site is an important information source and a marketing tool for Guilford, frequently referred to by people interested in visiting or locating here. As another means of communicating, the Association will continue to issue blast emails with useful current information.

Neighborhood Events. Some events are sponsored by the Association and others are in some way facilitated, all with the intention of strengthening neighbor ties and responding to resident interests. Francie Spahn chairs the Neighborhood Events Committee. As a result of the survey of Guilford residents some new activities have been proposed related to young families, community service, fun Fridays and group fitness. Traditional Guilford events will continue.

Guilford Reservoir. After several years of negotiating with the City and carefully monitoring the design and contract preparation for the project and the execution of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Guilford and the City we were advised at the Annual Meeting that the City still had not awarded a contract for the work. There is now updated information that I'll discuss below.

Greenmount Avenue/York Road Corridor. I've discussed in previous newsletters how important it is that we give greater attention to the conditions along the Greenmount/York Corridor. The west side of Greenmount Avenue is within Guilford forming the long eastern edge of our community. The corridor is under stress because of lack of property maintenance, security issues, distressed and foreclosed properties that have created economic disincentives for improvement, changing and incompatible uses on the edges among many factors. There are several things that the Association is undertaking to help improve and stabilize the area as an improved single family environment, including working with the York Road Partnership and neighboring communities to limit liquor establishments and enforce acceptable business practice where they exist, enforce covenant requirements, seek sources of financial assistance for owners to improve properties, help market the homes, etc. The Association Board of Managers will undertake an even greater focused effort to address issues in the area that I'll discuss below.

I hope in an abbreviated statement that this gives you a sense of what has occupied the Board in 2015. The Board of Managers met in a special session on February 2 to discuss the objectives and activities of 2016. Many activities are ongoing obligations of the Deed and Agreement, others have increased attention because of special conditions. Updates for two items warrant further discussion.

New Board Members

Sascha Sheehan

Dr. Ivan Sascha Sheehan is a tenured Associate Professor of Public and International Affairs at the University of Baltimore where he is Director of the Negotiation and Conflict Management graduate program and founding Co-Director of the Global Affairs and Human Security graduate program in the School of Public and International Affairs. Between 2007-2009 Sascha served on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts Boston in the John W. McCormack School of Policy Studies. He previously taught at Bentley College, Tufts University, and George Mason University, after receiving his Ph.D. in 2006.

Sascha's articles have appeared in *Foreign Policy*, *The Washington Times*, *The Hill*, *Roll Call*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *Haaretz*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *United Press International*, *Townhall.com* and numerous academic journals. His writing has been translated into French and Farsi and he has participated in media around the world.

Sascha resides on Norwood Road with his wife and son.

Carl Coscio

Carl Coscia is Director of Risk Controls at Hartree Partners (Hartree), the international energy and metals trading company based in New York. Carl is responsible for managing a global risk management program that covers crude oil, refined products, natural gas, power, coal, agriculture, time charters, freight, weather, metals, and equities. On the commercial side, Carl leads Hartree Partner's expansion into new physical and financial trading markets. Carl joined Hartree in July 2012. His career in energy markets spans over 16 years. Before joining Hartree, Carl was Vice President of Federal Energy Policy for Constellation Energy.

Carl has a PhD in economics from the University of Minnesota, and a B.S. in economics and B.A. in Mathematics from the University of Kansas. He serves as Adjunct Professor and Advisor at the Goldman School of Public Policy and at the University of Texas at Austin. He currently resides with his wife and daughter on Overhill Road.

Josh Angulo-Bartlett

Josh Angulo-Bartlett presently works in Sports Media. He's worked for the Baltimore Orioles and created his own blog (*Jabbyburns.com*) in addition to hosting radio shows on ESPN 1300 (Chalk Talk) and the Internet based BT Sports Radio. Jabby is regular contributor to BSR, and co-host of the BSR Podcast. He has a degree in Communications from Towson University. Josh is originally from San Diego, CA. He has lived in Baltimore City since 2000. Before moving to Guilford in 2009, he lived in Hampden and Canton, respectively.

Josh his wife and two sons now live on Northway.

Jarrold Bolte

Educating students in Baltimore has been the focus of Jarrod's work over the past 16 years. He is founder and CEO of Improving Education, an organization working to improve educational outcomes for students in underserved Baltimore communities. He was previously the Executive Director of Reading Partners Baltimore and worked for 14 years as a teacher, school administrator, and central office executive in Baltimore City Public Schools. Jarrod worked on a variety of projects, including curriculum design, teacher development and new school creation.

Jarrold holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Ball State University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Loyola University Maryland.

Jarrold has lived in the Guilford community since December 2008 with his wife and son. The family now resides on Marlow Road.

Guilford Reservoir. The City has awarded the contract for both the encapsulation of the reservoir and the upgrade and addition to the pumping station which means that the construction on both elements of the project will advance together. The notice to proceed is expected to be approved later this month. The project is expected to take 3–4 years to complete. There will be disruption to resident access to Reservoir Lane during extended periods. Cathy Boyne is the Board’s representative who will be monitoring the construction activities and adherence to the Memo of Understanding between the City and Guilford and Loyola University. We will shortly receive a project summary and schedule of activities that will be distributed to residents of properties that will be most affected. Cathy and Joan Flynn, representing Loyola, will meet monthly with contractor and City representatives.

Greenmount Avenue/York Road Committee. At the recent planning meeting of the Board of Managers it was agreed that a committee was needed to address in a coordinated way the many issues confronting the portion of the Greenmount/York corridor that contains Guilford properties—properties that impact a large section of the eastern area of our community. Over the coming months, the group of Board members will prepare a plan and strategy to address the issues in an effort to improve the area. We invite larger community involvement and we will identify ways that participation can be achieved. Among the subjects to be considered are the following:

- Monitoring property maintenance and compliance with Deed and Agreement obligations.
- Monitor the maintenance and disposition of defaulted and foreclosed properties assuring that covenant violation notices are recorded and correction agreements negotiated.
- Preparation of a pattern book as a maintenance and restoration guide for properties south of 39th Street; meet with residents and discuss application.
- Seek designation of east and west sides of Greenmount Avenue from Southway north to 43rd Street as a Healthy Neighborhood. Review additional financial assistance options. Encourage use of Historic Tax Credits.
- Be actively involved in the York Rd. Partnership’s (YRP) planning and implementation efforts for York Road improvement and the City DOT effort to improve the streetscape south of Underwood Rd.
- Be actively involved in evaluating the impact of the closing of the Guilford Elementary/Middle School and the proposed reuse of the building and site.
- Be actively involved with YRP and neighboring communities to address violations of liquor licenses, applications for additional/transfer license approval and actions by Liquor Board.
- Involvement in the design and operation decisions for the now state approved facility for homeless youth to be built at York and 43rd St.
- Evaluate vacant commercial buildings in Guilford on west side of York Road
- Evaluate security issues in the area.
- Market the area residential properties.

I hope that this gives you a sense of some of the community agenda being addressed by the committed volunteers that make up the Board of Managers. If you have suggestions or areas of concern please contact me or other members of the Board.

Tom Hobbs

2016 Guilford Association Budget Summary

INCOME

Total Revenue	253,971
<i>(Maintenance Fees & Association Dues)</i>	
Other Income	11,045
<i>(Advertising, York Courts)</i>	
Guilford Security Patrol	120,000
Total Income	\$ 385,016

EXPENSES

Park Maintenance	67,000
Other Maintenance	27,945
<i>(York Courts, St. Paul Median, snow removal)</i>	
Guilford Security Patrol	120,000
Professional Services	52,500
<i>(legal, accounting, insurance)</i>	
Stratford Green Transfer	50,000
Administrative	44,800
<i>(rent, salary, supplies, telephone, IT)</i>	
Other	8,500
Contingency Reserve	5,000
Capital Improvement Contingency	9,271
Total Expenses	\$ 385,016



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4418 EASTWAY
List Price: \$419,900
Closing Price: \$405,000



4330 N. CHARLES ST
List Price: \$489,000
Closing Price: \$489,000

311 WENDOVER RD
List Price: \$429,990
Closing Price: \$430,000



Guilford Property Sales

AUGUST 21, 2015 – FEBRUARY 19, 2016

Active Properties

AS OF FEBRUARY 19, 2016

List price

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4001 GREENWAY	\$2,450,000
26 WHITFIELD RD	\$1,600,000
4410 GREENWAY	\$1,250,000
7 ST. MARTINS RD	\$889,000
3801 N. CHARLES ST.	\$850,000
201 ST. MARTINS RD	\$795,000
203 CHANCERY RD	\$789,900
3803 FENCHURCH RD	\$699,000
4405 UNDERWOOD RD	\$650,000
3812 FENCHURCH RD	\$649,900
4406 GREENWAY	\$649,500
4402 BEDFORD PL	\$632,500
2 SAINT MARTINS RD.	\$549,900
3809 ST. PAUL ST	\$502,200
206 CHANCERY RD	\$499,000
225 WENDOVER RD	\$474,000
3919 JUNIPER RD	\$449,000
310 WENDOVER RD	\$449,000
3502 NEWLAND RD.	\$430,000
4406 EASTWAY	\$409,000
303 NORTHWAY	\$374,900
31 YORK CT	\$235,900
412 BRETTON PL	\$217,900
3712 GREENMOUNT AV	\$105,900



14 WENDOVER RD
List Price: \$995,000
Closing Price: \$830,000

8 YORK CT
List Price: \$56,300
Closing Price: \$60,000



3810 GREENWAY
List Price: \$879,000
Closing Price: \$860,000

319 SUFFOLK RD
List Price: \$359,000
Closing Price: \$340,000

213 CHANCERY RD
List Price: \$675,000
Closing Price: \$652,500



3535 NEWLAND RD
List Price: \$389,000
Closing Price: \$376,000



413 SOUTHWAY
List Price: \$325,000
Closing Price: \$330,000



Passion for Teaching, Learning and Books

MACKSEY, *From page 1*

decades, and he always had time to talk with all sorts of students.”

Literature is a driving force in Professor Macksey’s life as evidenced by his impressive library which includes precious volumes such as Proust’s copy of Swann’s Way and rare first editions from William Faulkner, Henry James and Edith Wharton. He actually owns maybe as much as a half of the collection from Henry James’s personal library. Macksey has many “association copies,” books owned by the author that contain their own notes as well as copies inscribed by the author.

Many publications have written about Macksey’s passion for teaching and learning and his extraordinary library. Together they give a profile of the man and interesting commentary about his amazing library. “Macksey began his Hopkins teaching career in the fall of 1958, when he received his first appointment, as an assistant professor in The Writing Seminars. Since then Macksey has introduced a slew of innovative courses to the School of Arts and Sciences; has published fiction, poetry, translations and a wide spectrum of academic works; edited journals. . . .” He was honored for his teaching ability when he received the university’s George E. Owen Teaching Award; he was recognized for his remarkable career

when the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association bestowed on him its Distinguished Alumni Award. He then was honored yet again by the creation of the Richard A. Macksey Professorship for Distinguished Teaching in Humanities. (The Hopkins Gazette, 1999)

Macksey taught most of his classes in Gilman Hall on the Homewood campus. He often traveled the short distance from his home riding a Harley-Davidson. His home was, however, an extension of the academic setting and he taught many seminars in the library and if weather permitted on its lovely walled garden terrace.

“On a rainy Monday night a small group of new graduate students in the Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University let ourselves timidly into professor Richard Macksey’s home for the first of our weekly literature classes. We drift past cats playing on the Oriental rugs and are goggling greedily at the contents of numerous freestanding bookcases when Macksey appears and ushers us through the book-lined dining room into the book-crammed “stack room” and from there into the library, where our class will be held. . . .

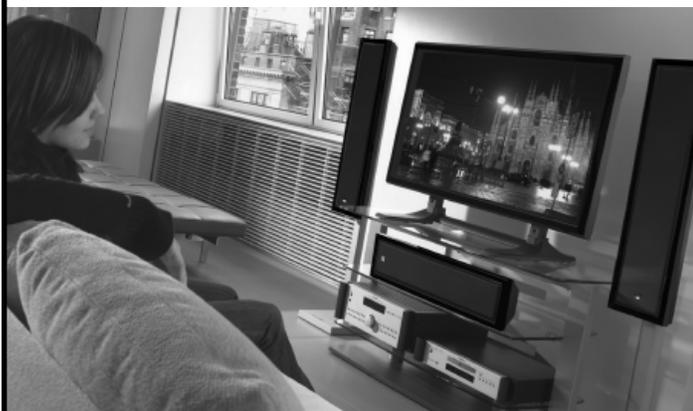
In the library, we sit at a long oak table — with Macksey, pipe clenched in his teeth, presiding from its head — surrounded by book-lined built-in shelves that span the 15 feet from floor to ceiling. Stepladders on tracks offer access to the highest shelves, but each step of each ladder is stacked precariously with books as are the large table and all side tables and several of the chairs.” (A Room of Their Own, Baltimore Style, January 1, 2005) “Discourses exchanged over book-strewn tables with sharp-minded students was Macksey’s method of choice.” (Stanford University, The Book Haven, August, 2012)

“The professor has taught many courses over the years at his home, a staple in the minds of those who have taken his classes at Hopkins. Wishing to have cookies and coffee and to have the books handy, the image of Macksey at the head of the table in his library never changes. He is always there smoking his pipe, speaking effusively both on-topic and about anything else that comes to his mind, often with fingers interlaced and resting against his lips as he thinks.” (Johns Hopkins Magazine, March, 2008)

The library was built in 1972 as an addition to the house by Macksey and his late wife Catherine, a former Johns Hopkins University teacher of French, literary scholar and translator. They often worked together translating and editing books. She too would receive students in the home’s library.

Professor Macksey has donated his library to The Johns Hopkins University Sheridan Libraries. In a fitting way to honor his work and the environment he shared with his students, the University has created the Dick Macksey Seminar Room which attempts to recreate the library environment of Professor Macksey’s home. The University also has uploaded to YouTube a film about the professor and his library entitled A Rare Collection: Lessons Learned from Dick Macksey. It is worth a view and is accessed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rvXUHI331k>

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He held many seminars in his Guilford home library, sessions fondly remembered by his former students.



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1. Elizabeth Comer and Project Olmsted judges Jamie Brown, Laura Thomas and Terry Burns awarded prizes during the the inaugural event.

2. More than 250 people attended Family Day in Sherwood Gardens.

3. Visitors of all ages enjoyed the shade of the gardens on the August afternoon.

4. Junior Ranger Landscape Architect activity books kept children busy throughout the day.

5. Children enjoyed making sustainable planters and completing the activities in their Junior Ranger books

6. Local food trucks provided food, refreshments, and frozen treats.

Family Day in Sherwood Gardens

ELIZABETH COMER

On Saturday, August 29, 2015, the Guilford Association hosted the inaugural Family Day in historic Sherwood Gardens. Earlier in the summer, as part of the inaugural Sherwood Gardens Project Olmsted, local landscape companies were invited to choose a garden bed and plant it in a design inspired by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. Olmsted Brothers, a landscape architectural company founded by Olmsted's sons, originally designed Stratford Green, one of the original Guilford community parks. It was expanded through the acquisition of the Sherwood property and the total area is now known as Sherwood Gardens.

Family Day was the culmination of a summer of beauty in the garden, as guests strolled through the beds and voted for their favorite planting design. Judges Jamie Brown, PLA, of Beechbrook Landscape Architecture; Terry Burns, Landscape Designer at Mahan Rykiel Associates, Inc.; and Laura Thomas, AIA, LEED AP, of Melville Thomas Architects, Inc., selected a winning plot based on the design principles Olmsted and his firm championed.

In a true celebration of Sherwood Gardens, approximately 250 visitors to Family Day enjoyed activities for all ages and interests. Children enjoyed making sustainable planters and completing the activities in their Sherwood Gardens Junior Ranger Landscape Architect activity books. Ann Giroux's new book, *Guilford*, in the "Images of America" series, was available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Sherwood Gardens. Local food trucks Pop Couture and Haute Dog complemented the festive atmosphere and offered delicious fare. Bartender Jenghis Pettit, of B&O American Brasserie, served a cocktail of his own creation, the Sherwood: Boomsma Jonge Genever, Orange Curacao, Verjus Rouge, and spiced honey with a splash of soda, topped with a Kaffir lime leaf. The ingredients are a nod to the Dutch tradition embodied by Sherwood Gardens's tulips.

A huge thank you is extended to the landscape firms who participated in the inaugural Project Olmsted and Family Day design contest: New World Gardens; Bob Jackson Landscapes, Inc.; Pinehurst Landscape Company, Inc.; All Seasons Unlimited, Inc.; Beechfield Landscaping, Inc.; Chapel Valley Landscape Company; International Landscaping and Design; and HMD Landscaping/Jayne Mauric Landscape Design..

Chapel Valley Landscape Company won the coveted People's Choice Award with eye-catching colors in one of the largest beds in the garden. In the juried awards, Bob Jackson Landscapes won first place and received the Sherwood Cup, an engraved pewter Jefferson cup. Pinehurst Landscape Company won second place, and Beechfield Landscaping took third. Each winner was presented

with a beautiful certificate designed by Jeremy Hoffman, Guilford Board Member and newsletter editor.

According to the judges, the fullness and health of the plants, along with adherence to all the competition rules (not planting close to existing trees and shrubs, for example) helped Bob Jackson Landscape claim first prize. The bed's subtle contrasts in plant types and colors were easy on the eye—not glaring, which was an important Olmstedian design principle. Pinehurst's design also echoed Olmsted's style, with sinuous curves and massed plantings that created a natural look. Beechfield, too, used massed plantings, and included a creative interpretation of the pond that, one hundred years ago, was filled in to make room for Sherwood Gardens.

Both New World Gardens and International Landscaping & Design received honorable mentions. New World Gardens used contrasts in plant heights and shapes to evoke the picturesque landscape style that Olmsted often used. International Landscape & Design created an interesting interpretation of a council ring setting in a natural context that also echoed the great landscape architect's vision.

Sherwood Gardens Project Olmsted 2015 is complete, and planning is underway for the second annual event. For now, however, there is still activity in the gardens. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Gerald Malloy is identifying and marking each of Sherwood Gardens's trees. On your next visit to Sherwood Gardens, you can have a botany lesson and practice your tree identification!

The Family Day committee included Margaret Alton, Emily Little, Joan Royals, Francie Spahn, Clarke Griffin, and Elizabeth Comer. A special thank you for the publicity provided by Hometown Hotspot on Fox45, Messenger reporter and photographer Larry Perl and Mary Pat Clarke's weekly calendar.

The inaugural Sherwood Gardens Project Olmsted and Family Day event was a total success, and we thank all the participants and landscape companies noted above who helped launch it. Their vision ensured that Sherwood Gardens was colorful through the summer months and into the fall. Please visit the gardens each season to see the transitions and enjoy this Guilford treasure. There is always something different to see and enjoy. On behalf of the Guilford Association, we hope you can join us for this fun event again next year.

Tree Identification Eagle Project

GERALD PAUL MALLOY, III
SENIOR PATROL LEADER, BSA TROOP 5, HOPKINS DISTRICT BALTIMORE

The objectives of the Boy Scouts of America are to develop character, citizenship, and personal fitness. We abide by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. The Scout Oath is: *On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.* The Scout Law is: *A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.* We recite both of these at every meeting.

Within Scouts there are many ranks and requirements, all leading up to Eagle Scout, the highest rank. After many years of Scouting, a Life Scout can choose to undertake a final project to become an Eagle Scout. This project requires the Life Scout to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. The project must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district, and must be in accordance with the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, No.512-927.

I was having a hard time coming up with my Eagle Scout Service Project. As it turns out it was right in front of me for a long time. My family lives in Guilford and we go to Sherwood Gardens all the time. We have picnics there, I practice Rugby and Football, and we go to Guilford Association events throughout the year. With the Scouts we have done clean-up projects and fundraising during the Annual Tulip Digs. One day about 3 years ago my Dad and I were walking in the park and we noticed that some of the trees had identification signs but most did not. We began to learn about the different trees and we started trying to identify the trees without signs. That was very interesting as we found surviving American Elms, and many trees that seemed out of place, like a Japanese Pagoda Tree, a Kentucky Coffee Tree, London Plane Trees, trees from the Himalayas and Korea, and Redwoods. We came to realize that Sherwood Gardens has a pretty amazing variety of trees from around the world. About a year ago I was practicing Rugby dropkicks near a bunch of Quercus Alba that did not have identification plaques, and just like that my Sherwood Garden Tree Identification Eagle Project popped into my mind.

I discussed the Project with my Scoutmaster, he liked it, and I started the planning and approval process. In developing the project I coordinated a lot with the Guilford Association. I worked to develop identification plaques similar to those used in the famous Kew Gardens in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. I also coordinated with State of Maryland Department of Natural

Resources, Forest Division. I walked through the entire Gardens with Forest Division and their tree experts (Dendrologists) to ensure we correctly identified the trees. In all there are 79 trees of 33 different kinds within Sherwood Gardens at this time. The most common tree in the Gardens is the 12 Red Maples. The least common tree is probably the lone Franklin tree, which has been extinct in the wild since the early 19th century. I regret to say that in the last year or so the Gardens has lost a few of its beautiful trees, including the big Beech, the old leaning Hickory, and two Red Maples. The plaques will include the tree species, scientific name, and origin. Some of the origins I researched were surprising, and there seems to be some differing opinions on the origin of a few of the tree species. I am expecting to affix the plaques in the early Spring. Trees with a diameter of 12 inches or greater will receive plaques, smaller trees will receive tags about the size of a business card.

I am excited to complete the Project. I could not have done it alone. I would like to say thank you to Scoutmaster Walter Daniels; Ms. Margaret Alton, Mr. Tom Hobbs, Ms. Elizabeth Comer, Mr. Jeremy Hoffman from the Guilford Association; Mr. Rob Prenger and Mr. Ryan Wetzel from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources; Mr. Chad Vransy from Bartlett Tree Experts; and Mr. Phil Clough from ABS Partners for his generous donation to my project. I would also like to thank my Mom and Dad. I've learned a lot about trees and Sherwood Gardens. Sherwood Gardens is a very special place. It has quite a few trees that predate Mr. Sherwood and the Olmstead Brothers, and I think my Project helps preserve the beautiful Gardens in Guilford that they envisioned.



Gerald Malloy and his Scout Troop have previously done clean-up projects in the gardens.



Tree identification plaques will be placed on larger specimens throughout Sherwood Gardens.

Gerald consulted with several experts in helping to identify all of the trees in Sherwood Gardens.

Charles Street and Roland Avenue Reconstruction and a Cycle Track

TOM HOBBS

Reconstruction of two roadways frequently used by Guilford residents – Charles Street and Roland Avenue- is complete after years of planning, discussion and construction. Both have been reconfigured for motorists, pedestrians and bikers resulting in some controversy.

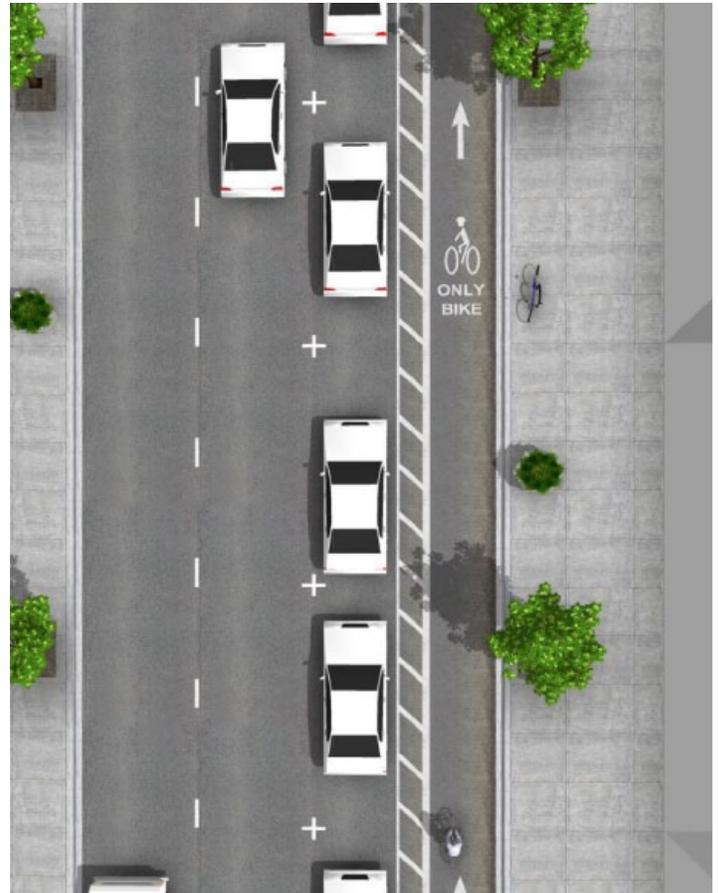
Charles Street reconstruction started in 2012 and included pavement reconstruction, new sidewalks, curbs and gutters, new street and pedestrian lighting, new traffic signals, bike lanes, ADA compliant ramps and new landscaping. The reconfigured lanes take some getting used to, but the road between 25th Street and University Parkway now provides a much improved link and approach to the important institutions in the area and an improved approach to Guilford from the south.

The work on Roland Avenue is finally about finished including the installation of Baltimore City’s first cycle track. It is the installation of the cycle track that’s caused dissention, primarily among Roland Park residents. The issues have centered primarily over safety, loss of parking and a perceived lack of communication by city officials.

As one can now observe, the cycle track runs between Cold Spring Lane and Northern Parkway and features lane and parking configurations not previously seen in Baltimore, but used successfully in other US cities and in Europe. Along much of the route starting from the face of the curb there is a 4 ½ foot wide bike lane, then a 2 to 3 foot wide buffer lane and next a 7 foot wide parking lane. Flex posts are to be placed in groups of 5, 10 feet apart 50 feet before and after the intersections of Roland Avenue and the 12 cross streets. The travel lanes for cars on Roland Avenue have been narrowed to 10.5 feet.

The reconfiguration and bike friendly environment was requested as part of the Greater Roland Park Master Plan and has been supported by the Roland Park Civic League. The buffer zone between the bike lane and the parking areas protects cyclists and the bump-outs at the intersections permit cyclists to go around them in a “daylighting zone” while allowing bikes, pedestrians and cars to safely move through intersections. The City’s Department of Transportation concludes that the 2 foot buffer zone between auto parking and the cycle lane allows passengers to exit cars safely and that the parking space is wide enough to allow drivers to exit without problem. In early implementation many motorists have had difficulty positioning their cars in the designated parking areas, but practice should improve that.

Where created elsewhere in the US, cycle tracks have encouraged people to bike within their cities and have reduced the number of cars on the road. There are now over 200 cycle tracks across the United States. In Washington, D.C. where they have been widely installed, biking has increased by 200 percent.



Roland Avenue has been reconfigured to feature Baltimore’s first cycle track. The travel lane and parking configurations might be new to Baltimore but have been successfully implemented in other U.S. and European cities.

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Library News

ANN GIROUX

Guilford's branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Waverly Branch located at 400 E. 33rd Street, reopened in September after two years of extensive renovation. Patrons are enjoying the light-filled space, comfortable seating areas, and meeting rooms. For the first time, the Waverly Branch has a dedicated section for young adult patrons. The library reports a significant increase in both circulation and daily attendance.

The Waverly Branch is considering resuming the tutoring program for area school children. The tutoring program at the Waverly Branch in place prior to closing for renovations was unique within the library system.

The Friends of the Waverly Branch is a group of area residents who work together to support the Waverly Branch. The group meets next on March 16, and all are welcome to attend. To join the Friends of the Waverly Branch, volunteer, or contribute to the Waverly Branch, contact Ann Giroux at aggiroux@girouxdevelopment.com. Please put Waverly Friends in the subject line.

The Waverly Branch offers wonderful programs for patrons of all ages. The full schedule of programs and activities is available online, but here are a few of the highlights for spring:

Paint Night (Adult)

Wednesday, March 16, 6 PM

Create your own masterpiece with local artist, Melku Tafari. Art Materials will be provided. Registration required.

Meet the Author (Adult)

Wednesday, March 23, 5:30 PM

Meet Ronald L. Smith, author of Hoodoo. Mr. Smith recently won the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award.

Preschool Fairy Tale Ball (Children)

Tuesday, April 19, 10:30 AM

Ages 3-5. Enjoy live music, dancing, stories and crafts. Please wear your finest attire, or dress up as a prince or princess.

Earth Day Planting Party (Teen)

Saturday, April 23, 2 PM

Make a custom pot for your very own plant.

Lake Roland Again

TOM HOBBS

A short distance north of Guilford the beautiful 500 acre park formerly known as the Robert E. Lee Memorial Park is now officially to be known as Lake Roland, the name by which it has been known to generations of Baltimoreans. While the reservoir park has been officially owned by the City since its purchase of the land and assets of the Baltimore Water Company in 1854, it is now managed by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks under a lease arrangement with the City.

The new name was unveiled last fall when Baltimore County officials and members of the Lake Roland Nature Council broke ground for the Lake Roland Nature and Environmental Education

Center. The new Education Center will provide facilities for the many activities offered by the Nature Council, including year round education programming, meeting space and audio/visual capabilities. The deck spanning the entire front of the building provides views of the Lake Roland dam.

The County works cooperatively with the Nature Council and the park is now a multi-faceted facility with numerous trails, nature and environmental programs, a one-acre off-leash dog park, pavilions and waterfront activities, such as canoeing and kayaking. In addition it offers opportunity for visitors to enjoy the rare plant life that exists only in the serpentine barrens. There is staffing by Baltimore County Park rangers who educate park users and ensure safety.

The activities offered by the Nature Council are many. The schedule is detailed on their website at: <http://lakeroland.org/>.

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Welcome New Neighbors

We are delighted to welcome the following new residents to the neighborhood. If you have recently moved to Guilford and have not yet provided the Association with your contact information, please call the Association office with that information or you may enter it directly on the Guilford web page at the following link: http://www.guilfordassociation.org/community/new_neighbor.php

Stephen Willis & Lisa First
212 39th St

Chapman Rouse Gould
401 39th St

Robert Leheny & Naveeda Khan
213 Chancery Rd

Jason Vodzak & Sarah Atwater
101 Charlcote Rd

Phat Young & Fayanne Fraser
4418 Eastway

Alan Stewart & Andrew McGoff
3614 Greenmount Av

DANIEL & JILLIAN GELB
3810 Greenway

David Ardis & Valerie Suslow
4202 Greenway

Peter & Christine Espenshade
4215 Greenway

Anthony & Pam Guerrerio
203 Lambeth Rd

James Schaffer
3509 Newland Rd

Chris & Wendy Jeffries
3535 Newland Rd

Amethyst & Stanislav Spivak
4330 N. Charles St

Eric & Jacqueline Toner
112 Overhill Rd

Michael Fishman & Diane Coyle
4304 Rugby Rd

Taekjip Ha & Sua Myong
3806 St. Paul St

Philipp & Trishawn Koehn
316 Southway

Andre Davis & Jessica Strauss
401 Southway

Matthew Malouf & Bry Stark
413 Southway

Alanna Nelson
419 Southway

Yejin & Justin Cooke
319 Suffolk

Sarah Smith & David Yezzi
38 Warrenton Rd

Eugene & Katherine McAuliffe
3 Wendover Rd

Benjamin & Sarah Kelley
14 Wendover Rd

Craig Thiese & Tracy Wickland
105 Wendover Rd

Hugh Joseph Hanley, III & Emily Hogan
311 Wendover Rd

Katherine Giese
15 W. Cold Spring Ln

Stephen Murphy & Kevin Pearson
1 Whitfield Rd

Andrae Smith
8 York Ct

Linna Wang
11 York Ct

Community Calendar of Events

Feb 27

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.
AmiciMusic "Tremendous Trios"
House concert - 208 Northway

Mar 3

Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.
*Charles Carroll of Carrollton and his
Caton Granddaughters: The Making
of the Three American Graces*
Homewood Museum

Mar 6

Sunday, 3:30 p.m.
Community Concerts - Vega Quartet
Second Presbyterian Church

Mar 9

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
House Beautiful Lecture Series -
Barry Dixon
(registration required)
Evergreen Museum

Mar 13

Sunday
Guilford new resident welcome brunch

Mar 13

Sunday, time to be announced
Egg Hunt
(March 20th rain date)
Sherwood Gardens

Mar 20

Sunday 7:30 p.m.
Community Concerts -
Chamber Music by Candlelight
Second Presbyterian Church

Apr 2

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
Edible Evergreen Kitchen Garden
Course
(registration required)
Evergreen Museum

Apr 12

Tuesday, 7 - 9 p.m.
The Architects of Guilford -
Ann Giroux Lecture
Second Presbyterian Church

Apr 24

Sunday, 3:30 p.m.
Community Concerts
Second Presbyterian Church

April

Peak tulip bloom at end of April
Sherwood Gardens

May 1

Sunday 7:30 p.m.
Community Concerts
Chamber Music by Candlelight
Second Presbyterian Church

May 10

Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.
Guilford and the Olmsted Legacy
(Friends of MD's Parks and Landscapes)
Second Presbyterian Church

May 28

Saturday, 7:00 a.m.
Tulip Dig
Sherwood Gardens

Jun - Oct

Project Olmsted summer flower displays
Sherwood Gardens

Sep 17

Saturday, time to be announced
Project Olmsted Awards & Family Day
Sherwood Gardens

For additional information on these events
please visit these links:

Amici Music
http://www.amicimusic.org/upcoming_showsbaltimore_area.aspx

Community Concerts
<http://www.communityconcertsatsecond.org/>

**Evergreen and
Homewood Museums**
<http://www.museums.jhu.edu/calendar.php>

Other Guilford community events are
being planned including: Community
Picnic, Supper Club, Ice Cream in the
park, Neighborhood clean-up day, and
Yoga in the park. Dates and times will
be announced when these events are
scheduled.

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