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MOVIES IN THE PARK

TO CONTINUE IN '08

Save The Dates:
Thursday June 12
Thursday August 14
*Rain dates will be the
following day. Watch for an
email alert as to movies
and show times.*

TAX CREDIT STILL AVAILABLE

By Tom Hobbs

In recognition of its historic and architectural significance, Guilford in 2001 was designated a National Register Historic District. The designation recognizes the exemplary residential architecture and superior community landscape and planning design by Olmsted. The historic designation also brings enormous benefits to Guilford property owners.

An owner of a home in an historic district is eligible for tax credits for qualified restoration work performed on the home. The Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Program administered by the Maryland Historical Trust provides for Maryland income tax credits equal to 20% of the qualified capital costs spent on the rehabilitation of a "certified heritage structure" or "contributing structure." Most homes in Guilford qualify as contributing structures (generally those over 50 years in age).

Many Guilford residents have applied for and received the state tax credit. When planning renovation work that may qualify, it is important to consider the following:

- **Application must be made to the Maryland Historical Trust and approved before the work is undertaken.**

- The rehabilitation expenditure must exceed \$5,000 in a 24-month period and the rehabilitation must conform to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

- The application forms are extensive and are the reason that some residents have failed to pursue the credit. However, the full credit against state tax obligation is a valuable reward and shouldn't be ignored when undertaking a big ticket item like a roof and other house elements that require renovation or replacement. If the approved credit is not immediately used or used in entirety, it can be carried over. If the credit is greater than the tax obligation, a refund may be claimed in the amount of the excess. The Association's Architectural Committee is collecting a number of applications that have been approved for Guilford properties and will retain them as a reference resource.

- **The last day** that the Maryland Historical Trust will accept applications (Pts 1 & 2) for the F.Y. 2009 Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program is **June 30, 2008**. The application must be complete. It is best to have submitted the application prior to this date so that it can be reviewed and accepted.

- In 2005 the State revised the tax credit regulations disqualifying costs for projects that are considered to be primarily remodeling. This has disqualified existing bathrooms and kitchens that are in good repair and utility and are replaced for purely aesthetic or personal reasons. Projects that include appropriate reconstruction of severely deteriorated or inoperable spaces, including kitchens and bathrooms,

continue to be considered rehabilitation work and are eligible for tax credits.

- Instructions and the application for state tax credits are found on the web page of the Maryland Historical Trust at the following link: www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/taxcr.html

For all **exterior** changes, an application must be submitted to the Guilford Association's Architectural Committee whether or not tax credit is sought.

Baltimore City Historic Restoration and Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

In Baltimore, local property tax credits also are available for the rehabilitation of homes in historic districts or designated historic structures. The credit is an offset of property taxes owed computed as a percentage of the rehabilitation expenditure (up to ten percent), or an amount equal to the increase in property taxes resulting from the rehabilitation improvements. The credit is given for a period of up to ten years. However, there is a significant threshold for eligibility. You must invest a minimum of 25% of the full cash value of your property (Land and Improvements). Your restoration or rehabilitation plans must be reviewed and approved by CHAP **before** you begin any work on your building, if you wish to receive the tax credit. The application is available on the CHAP web page at the following link: www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/historic/taxcredit.php. If you have questions you can email Tom at tom@guilfordnews.com. Or Jonathon Fishman at: jonathan@guilfordnews.com

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DON'T FORGET

ALWAYS CONTACT
THE ARCHITECTURAL
COMMITTEE PRIOR
TO ANY EXTERIOR
RENOVATION

NEW EVENTS AT GUILFORD SCHOOL

by *Nancy Getter*

A number of continuing and new events are happening at Guilford Elementary/Middle School. On Friday, April 18th, students, faculty, and administrators will participate in the school's Playground Dedication Day. The event, filled with song, speeches and a ribbon cutting ceremony, will celebrate the school's two new playgrounds.

In addition, plans continue to evolve on ways to add more green space not just around the two new playgrounds but also around the entire school property. Administrators and teachers from the school are joining forces with the Maryland Port Administration and the Jones Falls Watershed Association to explore ways for the school to develop an ambitious greening project that would include planting more trees, creating rain gardens, and removing large amounts of pavement from the school's property. Significant pavement removal would dramatically enhance the exterior of the school, provide a more park-like setting where the children could play, develop numerous green spaces for outdoor educational opportunities, and

greatly reduce runoff, which pollutes the Jones Falls and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

The Foreign Language Project, created and run by full-time faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students from Johns Hopkins University's Department of German and Romance Languages and Literature continues to flourish this spring semester. Fifteen middle school students are enrolled in this innovative program where students learn French and Spanish and participate in a foreign language laboratory that incorporates elements of culture, conversation, and technology. In the March 3, 2008 issue of *The JHU Gazette*, the front page story chronicles this exciting program. The school plans to enroll more students this coming academic year.

Some Guilford residents now volunteer as tutors at the school. Several tutors work one on one with students, while others tutor several students in a small group setting. Tutors currently work with children in grades 4 through 6, and all are finding the experience challenging, enlightening, and wonderfully rewarding. Tutors

support one another by getting together once a month to share their experiences.

If you would like to tutor a few hours a week starting next fall, contact either Carol Rice at crice445@verizon.net or Nancy Getter at kgetter@aol.com to learn more.

All these exciting developments have grown out of a few neighbors getting together to support Guilford Elementary/Middle School in whatever ways the school requests. We call ourselves FANS: Friends and Neighbors of the School. Several Guilford neighbors have chosen to make monetary donations to our efforts.

To date, these most generous individuals have collectively given over \$20,000 to our cause. We plan to use these dollars to further enhance all the happenings listed above as well as meet other significant needs of the school. To each donor and volunteer, we and the students, administrators and teachers are most grateful.



Assoc. President Lynda Riley at the Guilford Association's Annual Meeting last December

JOIN LIST OF NEIGHBORS THAT SUPPORT OUR SECURITY PATROL

by *Howard Friedel*

For the past 15 years, the Guilford Security Patrol has played an integral role in maintaining the safety and security of our neighborhood. The service is managed by residents who volunteer their time.

Securitas, Inc. a leading worldwide security company, is the organization that our neighborhood contracts with

to provide the guards and the patrol cars.

The operating budget for the services is funded by the residents of Guilford. As of April 1st, more than 50% of the residents paid the \$300 fee. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join. Increasing the resident participation rate will enable the service to increase the number of patrols and to

add additional guards.

Most importantly, crime prevention starts with you. Please take the time to program the phone number for the GSP patrol car into your cell phone and home phone. The number is:

443-677-9103.

If you ever see any suspicious activity, call the Security Patrol and 911 immediately.

GREAT WALKS FROM GUILFORD: HOMWOOD MUSEUM

By Mary Ellen Whitman

Within walking distance of Guilford, at 3400 North Charles Street on the Johns Hopkins University campus, is the Homewood Museum, one of JHU's historic properties.

In 1800, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence, gave a wedding gift of 130 acres of farmland, and \$10,000.00 to build a country home for his son, Charles Junior, and his prospective bride, Harriet Chew of Philadelphia.

From this land they had a view of the Baltimore harbor, and on this land Charles would build a grand, yet intimate house, which cost \$40,000.00, much to his father's consternation. It was

completed in 1805.

Today it is considered one of the country's finest examples of Federal Period domestic architecture. The house has been part of the JHU campus for over 100 years, and has served several purposes, from housing for graduate students, offices for the president and deans, and the Johns Hopkins Club. Thankfully, during those times the architectural integrity of the house was never compromised.

In 1973 Robert G. Merrick, a university trustee, donated funds to restore the building as a museum. He had lived in the Carroll house as a graduate student, and had developed a keen interest in its history and potential. In

1976 Homewood Museum was dedicated as a National Historic Landmark.

Today the house is furnished as it would have been when the Carroll family lived there, and a tour is an opportunity to glimpse life in early 19th century Baltimore, as well as learning the history of the Carroll family.

Homewood has an ongoing series of events and concerts, including an Evening of Traditional Beverages--Vino Veneto on June 6th. For more information check out: www.museums.jhu.edu.

Tours are as follows:

Tuesday - Friday

On the half hour from 11 - 4

Saturday and Sunday

On the half hour from 12 - 4
(Last tour is at 3:30)

NEW GUILFORD SECURITY PATROL PHONE NUMBERS

If you need to contact the guard, call the following number: **443-677-9103**

If you see any suspicious activity please call 911

In an effort to improve the responsiveness to vacation coverage requests, Securitas' management has requested that all **vacation requests** be made by leaving information at **443-436-3247**. Please try to call this vacation request number by 5 p.m. on Friday, and please try to make the call several days in advance of your trip. (*Vacation coverage is only available to residents who have paid the \$300 annual fee*)

INCREASING TREE CANOPY ONE TREE AT A TIME

The Growing Home Campaign provides homeowners with education about the multiple benefits of planting trees and a \$10 savings on the purchase of qualifying trees. The Growing Home program is an innovative way homeowners can help increase the tree canopy in our region. As part of Baltimore County's Green Renaissance and Baltimore City's Tree Baltimore Initiative, the Growing Home Campaign is a partnership between Baltimore County, Baltimore City, local retail nurseries and garden centers, and homeowners to encourage planting new trees on private residential land. Only certain trees qualify. This program expires at the end of 2008 or when 10,000 trees have been funded.

Learn more about the Growing Home Campaign below or download: <http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Environment/gh08broch.pdf>

COME WATCH ART HAPPEN IN SHERWOOD

By Kathleen Strukoff

The Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association will be painting on location and trying to capture the glory of our beautiful gardens in full bloom.

'Plein air' is a term derived from the French phrase *en plein air*, which literally means 'in the open air.' It's a familiar concept today, but in the late 1800s when the *Impressionists* ventured out of their studios into nature to investigate and capture the effects of sunlight and different times of days on a subject, it was considered quite revolutionary.

A group of artists led by Sam Robinson will be painting in the gardens that day. Sam is an avid *plein air* painter, finding constant inspiration in the beautiful landscape of Maryland and on his travels. He is also a member of the Portrait Society

of America and has received an award for "Best Portfolio" and honors awards in the International Portrait Competition and the members only Self-Portrait Competition. He shows regularly at the Main St. Gallery in Annapolis and in regional shows.

Come enjoy the spontaneity of watching art happen before your eyes!

The MAPAPA artists will be gathering at around 9 AM on Sunday April 27th in Sherwood Gardens. You can also visit their web site at: www.mapapa.org.



Neighborhood children pose for picture at the easel of a MAPAPA artist at last year's MAPAPA Sherwood Paint Out.

GUILFORD BOARD OF MANAGERS RECOGNIZES 2007 DONATIONS TO STRATFORD GREEN,

The following people and businesses have made donations totaling over \$50,000 through the annual appeal, donations for trees, bushes and plants during the wine tasting and sponsorship of Sherwood Gardens' tulip beds throughout 2007. If there are any errors in names, amount donated or omissions, please let me know by e-mail (Lynda@guilfordnews.com) or phone 410-235-3752. If you would like to make a donation to Sherwood Gardens, please send a check made payable to "Stratford Green" c/o Yolanda Cash, Brodie Management Inc, P.O. Box 529, Timonium, MD 21094.

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In addition to cash donations, twenty-four Guilford families and individuals participated in the summer Adopt-A-Plot in Sherwood Gardens. These residents contributed \$100 to 1000 by paying for the flowers they planted in their beds and then spent many hours watering and weeding the beds throughout the summer.

Bruce and Amy Barnett
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SHERWOOD ADOPT-A-PLOT

NEEDS NEW INFLUX OF VOLUNTEERS

Sign up your family to join friends and neighbors in the planting and caring for Adopt-A-Plot flower beds this summer.



CHASE BREXTON TO HONOR GUILFORD BOARD MEMBER

By Jill Weaverling

Chase Brexton Health Services, Inc. will be hosting **Tulips at the Temple: A 30th Anniversary Gala** on Saturday evening, April 26th at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center located at 3800 North Charles St. from 7 p.m. to midnight. The event will feature the same great food, entertainment, dancing and silent and live auctions that our guests have come to expect from a Chase Brexton Presents event.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Care Fund of Chase Brexton Health Services, providing quality health care to individuals and families without the ability to pay. Tickets to the event can be purchased online at www.chasebrexton.org or by phone at 410-752-0954 extension 4015. In the past, Guilford residents Paul Fowler and Frank McNeil have hosted Chase Brexton's annual fund raising event at their home on Lambeth Road.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center on Charles St. will once again be the site for this year's event. Guilford resident, Frank McNeil, will be the recipient of the newly established 2008 Spirit Award honoring a dedicated, enthusiastic volunteer that actively supports the organization in his or her community and workplace. Frank served on the Chase Brexton Health Services' Board of Directors for over thirteen years and continues to promote the organization in many capacities. He is one of this year's fund raising event chairs and is glad to answer any questions about the gala. You may contact him at 410-366-6996. Please come out and support this worthy cause on April 26. (Tickets \$150 each)

Contact: Jan E. Finnegan 410-752-0954 x4026 or email at : jfinnegan@chasebrexton.org

SHERWOOD GARDENS BLOOMING IN 2008

By Bruce Barnett

Sherwood Gardens is alive with new Springtime growth. Tulips are coming up in many plots. Bushes and trees are budding with new life. Some of the tulip plots were not planted with new tulip bulbs last fall because of their poor performance in 2007 and lack of money. The money that was saved from the tulip bulb order was used for soil tests and fungicide treatments, etc. The soil tests and fungicide treatments will continue through 2008 in order to cure whatever ailed the 2007 tulips. All of the tulip beds are being treated equally, not just those that showed some problems in 2007, in order to assure that all of the Sherwood Gardens tulips are in prime condition. These treatments are not harmful to people or pets. The Adopt-A-Plot summer annuals will be planted in the plots without tulips earlier than usual in order to have springtime flowers in all of the plots during late April and May.

The Annual Tulip Dig will occur as usual on the Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend at May 24, rain or shine. The Dig starts at 7:00 AM and continues until about noon or whenever all the bulbs are gone. People wanting to dig up the bulbs should bring a substantial shovel or spade as well as their own bags. Tulip bulbs will cost the same price as previous years, .25 cents per bulb. We need people to act as cash collectors for the Dig. If you can help collect money please contact Bruce Barnett at bab@jhu.edu or 410-243-5830.

The regular summer Adopt-A-Plot program will start putting annuals into the plots at noon Saturday, May 24. However, the Adopt A Plot program is in dire need of new volunteers.

There traditionally have been about 25 Guilford families enrolled in the Adopt a Plot program. Many of these people have been involved since this program started in 1990. Prior to 1990 there were no flowers in Sherwood Gardens during the summer or fall. The Adopt A Plot program really needs about 30 families. This year, many previous volunteers have moved out of Guilford or become too "elderly" to continue planting the beds. As of now more than half the beds do not have any family looking after them.

URGENT NEED FOR 12-15 ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES TO HELP WITH THE ADOPT-A-PLOT PROGRAM.

Let me remind you about how this program works. These volunteers adopt a tulip bed and design some summer annual garden for the plot. They purchase the annuals or seeds that are to be planted, which is a tax deductible contribution to Stratford Green. Many of the volunteers combine their orders into one large order for one nursery which supplies the flowers at nearly a wholesale price and delivers them to the SG neighborhood. With the help

of local students, if needed, the volunteers plant their plot during Memorial Day Weekend, or shortly thereafter, and care for it during the summer via occasional weeding. The Guilford Association supplies mulch, fertilizer, weed suppressor, roto-tilling and some student assistance. The Gardens have an automatic irrigation system that usually supplies all the water needed by the annuals, except immediately after the planting when the flowers need some extra watering. There is a separate manual watering system which is used for occasional watering as needed.

The planting of the annuals into a plot requires less than a morning or afternoon of the Memorial Day Weekend, and weeding during the summer requires only a short visit every week or two. The volunteers get a lot of instant gratification out of their work and make a lot of new friends. Any interested potential new volunteer should contact Bruce Barnett at bab@jhu.edu or 410-243-5830. Please consider joining if you want Sherwood Gardens to be beautiful during the summer and fall.



Families gather for annual Tulip Dig & Adopt-A-Plot

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Guilford Association has a very important task to complete in 2008 and 2009. We must renew the Deed and Agreement, the regulatory document that governs the use of all real estate in Guilford. This agreement is considered a model development guide and has been critical to Guilford maintaining our beautiful houses, parks and sense of community. Written in 1913, this document must be renewed every twenty years. It was last renewed in 1990 and must be renewed by January 1, 2010 for another twenty years. Failure to renew this agreement would likely cause property values in Guilford to decline.

Without the Deed and Agreement in place the Baltimore City Zoning Ordinance would be the sole control of land use in Guilford. The zoning authorities could permit commercial and multi-family residential development

in our neighborhood. The larger homes could be used as Bed and Breakfast hotels, fraternity houses, doctor's offices and apartments.

We would have no money to support our parks and would need to relinquish them to the Baltimore City Parks and Recreation Department which is chronically short of money.

The Guilford Association would have no control of exterior alterations of property. Historic houses could be torn down and replaced. Additions of any type could be added to homes. They would merely have to pass Baltimore city's building inspection department which is not concerned with the architectural integrity of our houses.

The Deed and Agreement must be renewed as it was originally written by owners of

two-thirds of the land area in Guilford. We admit that our preference would be to make several alterations to the original document. However, in order to change even one word in it we would have to have 100% ratification by all owners, clearly an impossible task. Therefore, we must approve it as it was written.

The Guilford Board of Managers is unanimously in favor of renewing the Deed and Agreement.

Anyone who would like to help in its renewal please contact Elke Franke at: elke@guilfordnews.com. In the fall all Guilford residents will be contacted by one of the volunteers to sign the form. We look forward to the support of all residents in this important task.

Thank you for your support,

Lynda Riley
Guilford Association President



Guilford kids hunt for eggs at this year's Egg Hunt in Sherwood

WINDOW & ROOF MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

by Tom Hobbs

To assist Guilford home owners better understand the covenants related to exterior property alteration and the application of the Architectural Guidelines, the Architectural Committee has prepared two more detailed guidance statements that supplement the general architectural standards. One relates to Windows; the other addresses Roofs. Both are intended to assist homeowners in decisions about maintenance, repair and replacement and to provide information about the application of the Architectural Guidelines to two of the important architectural elements of Guilford houses.

Both guidance statements are found on the Guilford web or are available from the Architectural Committee.

Please remember that even though these expanded guidelines are being circulated, **applications must be submitted to the Guilford Architectural Committee for review and approval before beginning any exterior alterations to your home**, even if all of the specifications in the guidelines seem to be met. You can email me at: tom@guilfordnews.com if you have any questions.

ANNUAL DINNER AT DUSK JUNE 1

By Lynda Riley

Dinner at Dusk, an old fashioned picnic with live music will be held on Sunday, June 1st from 5-8pm in Sherwood Gardens. The price will be \$10 per person for all (ages 3 and over) payable at the door.

Bring a picnic dinner. Wine, beer, soda and water will be available for purchase.

Children's events will include two moon bounces, a three legged race, an egg on a spoon

race, a wheelbarrow race, a sack race, and a water balloon or egg toss.

Look for details the website www.guilfordnews.com. An email alert will also be sent to those who have submitted their email address to the Board of Managers.

Barbara Fields could use some volunteers the day of the event so if you could help, please email her at

Barbara@guilfordnews.com. If you have not signed up for Guilford e-mails, you should contact Jay Lippincott at Jay@guilfordnews.com and give him your name, address, phone numbers and e-mail address.

As was highlighted at the Annual Board Meeting last December, in order to save money, the Board of Managers will send most communications to Guilford residents through e-mails only.

KEEP THEM SAFE ON A LEASH

As spring is here and Guilford is in bloom, the Guilford Board of Managers wants to remind our residents of the necessity of leashing your dogs, particularly in Sherwood Gardens. The Guilford Association and our many donors are spending

\$96,000 plus many hours of labor to care for Sherwood Gardens this year. We want our park to remain clean and safe. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOGS TO RUN OFF LEASH! Uncontrolled pets could damage the flower

beds and it is against the law. If you are walking you dog off leash, you are at risk of getting a ticket. The fine is \$75. Please obey the law and enjoy our beautiful parks, but in consideration of others, leave them unspoiled.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

If you happened to be driving by my corner of Wendover Rd. in the last month, you would have seen workmen scaling the roof on scaffolding and ladders, replacing the entire slate roof and gutter system. I know that those words, "entire slate roof," strike fear into the hearts of Guilfordians when they think about that dreaded day when a section of, or as in my case, an entire slate roof needs replacing. You see, it turns out that back in 1928, the original owners used lower grade (S-2) slate with a life expectancy of 60-75 years when they built the house. Well, just like clockwork, my 80-year old slate became impossible to repair as workmen would break more slates than they were sent up to repair.

When I tell this story to friends and neighbors, I routinely get a one word reply, "Ouch!"

It would have been bad if not for the Maryland Historical Trust Tax Credit I will be receiving when the work is completed.

(this newsletter edition's cover story) The good news is that the system works. I will be receiving a total of 20% of the total renovation costs back when I file my next tax return.

Here's how I did it. Upon realizing that I had a restoration that would exceed \$5000 (duh, no kidding), I selected bids from three reputable vendors who routinely work in Guilford. I took the bid from the winning vendor to the Architectural Committee for approval, then I downloaded the forms from the website and armed with a digital camera, I proceeded to document the current condition of my roof. About 45 days after submitting my forms to the Maryland Historical Trust, I got an approval for a tax credit for my historic restoration. I then turned over the project my roofing contractor who as I write this, is nearing completion of a **job well done!**

A word to the wise; do not put a deposit down on the job until

the Architectural Committee has approved your project, then get your vendor to commit to postponing the start date until after the Historical Trust gives their stamp of approval. Obviously, if you have chosen your vendor properly, they will be aware of the many restrictive covenants that exist within our neighborhood association and the technicalities of the Historical Trust certification.

I can tell you that my vendor was very helpful in this matter as well as Tom Hobbs of our Architectural Committee. (Props also go out to some of my neighbors for letting me copy some of their previously approved paperwork.)

Yes, the system works, you've just got to dot your I's and cross your T's!

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

May 24
Tulip Dig / Adopt-A-Plot

June 12
Movies In The Park

June 1
Dinner At Dusk

July-Aug
Parking Permit Renewal for
Loyola Area 6

August 14
Movies In The Park

September 13
Waverly Book Festival

Sept-Oct
Wine Tasting (TBA)

Sept-Dec
Deed & Agreement
Renewal Project

Homewood Community Corporation

by Frank McNeil

Each week Greater Homewood Community Corporation tutor Ms. Diane Pawlowski gives the gift of learning to an adult literacy student. Diane is just one of about 60 tutors who volunteer their time each week to teach adults how to read.

Diane kindly wrote a brief account of one of her favorite moments as a tutor with the program. "During a math session, my learner asked me a question about the Declaration of Independence that was mentioned in a problem. I pulled a book about it from our extensive library and everything changed! This book kindled his interest in US history, and led me to modify our entire curriculum. We're now studying history from Columbus to George W.

Bush. Reading for him has changed from an assignment to a pleasure, and his reading ability has improved significantly. As he left class today, he said "I love reading now." What a joy for me to share his excitement and accomplishments!"

-Diane Pawlowski

If you are interested in giving the gift of learning to an adult in

Baltimore City please call the Greater Homewood Adult Literacy Program.

The program needs volunteers to tutor adults in basic math, reading, and writing. Training and materials are available. The program is located in Charles Village across from JHU! Please call (410) 261-0022 for more details.



Diane Pawlowski (right) tutoring young student

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Tulip Bed Corporate Sponsorship

The Tulip Bed Sponsorship Program is one of the many projects that raises funds for the upkeep of Sherwood Gardens. Beginning after the tulip beds are prepared for the thousands of visitors that will come to the gardens each Spring, signs naming donors are placed in the beds. These signs are quite decorative and located in strategic areas for best viewing. Visitors from around the state and around the world come to Sherwood Gardens for the unique experience of viewing 80,000 tulips in bloom.

Typically, local businesses that are owned or managed by Guilford residents are represented. Businesses that work in Guilford or depend on our residents for the success of their business also find this to be a means to support our neighborhood. In the past, builders, real estate agencies, plumbers, roofers, and various service industries have found this to be an efficient use of their advertising dollars. Additionally, several individuals have generously made a donation to this specific program and they receive the same thanks for their contribution.

There are three levels of giving. A generous \$1000 contribution places the donor's name in a perimeter tulip bed, easily visible from the streets, allowing drive-by traffic to know that a substantial gift has been made.

For \$500, a smaller bed, or shared larger bed, is honored. Smaller interior beds, or shared medium beds are marked with the names of those who are able to support us with a \$250 contribution. In addition to the signs, the donors are recognized in the program that is printed with a reference map of the tulip varieties featured, and is available in the gardens throughout the tulip season. Our sponsors are also acknowledged in the Guilford Newsletter.

If you know of a business or individual that would potentially be interested in information regarding the Tulip Bed Sponsorship Program, please e-mail Barbara Fields at BFJF98@aol.com or contact by phone at 410 366 6380.



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2007 WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

Neighbors gather to raise money for Sherwood Gardens at the Annual Wine Tasting event in Guilford.



2007 HALLOWEEN PARADE

Neighborhood children in costume for the Annual Halloween Parade held in Sherwood Gardens.



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2007 HOLIDAY PARTY

Guilford residents gather to celebrate the Holidays at an event sponsored by the Women's Civic League.

