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The Guilford Mansion & Estate

JOIN US AS WE BEGIN A SERIES OF ARTICLES THAT WILL SHARE GUILFORD'S RICH HISTORY AS WE COUNT DOWN TO THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN 2013

What we now identify as Guilford initially comprised 10 land patents granted to British citizens from the mid 1600's through the 1700's. The entire region was sold in 1780 as confiscated property to Revolutionary War veteran Lieutenant-Colonel William McDonald. McDonald gave Guilford its name to commemorate the battle of Guilford Court House, N.C. His son William, better known as "Billy," inherited the estate and in 1852 built the Guilford Mansion.

The Italianate design of the mansion was a collaboration of British architect Edmond Lind and American William T. Murdock. According to *Baltimore: Its History and Its People*, the 52 room wood house was built over walls of masonry and was imposing in size and rich finishes. A solid walnut staircase rose with a grand sweep in a spiral ascent to the square turret. The drawing-room, library, billiard and reception rooms and great dining room all opened on to a main hall and had exposure to wide verandas shadowed by magnolia trees and draped in wisteria. The main hall itself was as wide as the driveway, paved in marble and lighted with stained-glass windows.

See **MANSION**, page 4

The Guilford Mansion depicted in a watercolor by an unknown artist. The house was demolished by the Roland Park Company in 1914 after having stood vacant for several years.





Fall Updates and Future Plans

There are a number of items that were reported in our Spring newsletter about which I want to bring you up to date.

The **Maryland House and Garden Tour** of Guilford homes was a great success. From the tour proceeds, \$22,000 was contributed to support Sherwood Gardens. Many thanks go to Eva Brill and Paula Campbell for co-chairing the event and organizing the team of people it took to support the effort. Also, we are very grateful to the Guilford residents who opened their homes.

Planning for the containment of the open water of the **Guilford Reservoir** continues but on a revised schedule. The City had intended detailed planning to occur this summer. We are now advised that the design phase will begin about December 1. The Bureau of Water assures us that Guilford will be invited to participate on the community advisory committee during the planning. At the last meeting between City officials and the community it was agreed that the containment tanks would be covered by earth and a landscaped area created where the open water now exists. Details of that plan, such as the height of the tanks and the earth covering, the landscaping, the use and maintenance of the area and the impact on the historic district are yet to be addressed and resolved.

The expansion of **Loyola University's Donnelly Science Building** on the northeast corner of Charles Street and Cold Spring Lane is well underway. As we discussed in the Spring newsletter, the Association has urged Loyola to significantly improve the landscaping and streetscape at the intersection both as an entrance to the university and the northern gateway to Guilford. As part of the Donnelly construction Loyola will be reconfiguring the design and re-landscaping the area at the northeast corner and along East Cold Spring Lane. Whether the improvements also would be extended to the northwest corner was initially uncertain. Loyola has now found the means to implement the streetscape and land-

scaping improvements on the northwest corner of Charles and West Cold Spring Lane at the same time improvements are made on the east side. The university will plant a row of street trees on a portion of West Cold Spring Lane as well. These changes should vastly improve the appearance of the intersection and we greatly appreciate Loyola's commitment to address the area.

The response to the annual **Sherwood Gardens donation** request has been very encouraging. This fund raising effort is an essential contribution to the annual budget for the care and maintenance of the Gardens. 2010 tax deductible contributions still can be made to Stratford Green and mailed to Brodie Management, PO Box 529, Timonium, MD 21094

In the Fall season there are a number of community events planned and several are discussed in the newsletter. Also, the Association will embark on a number of its agenda items that I'll mention. Most are discussed in more detail in separate articles.

As we are highlighting, 2013 marks the centennial of Guilford and we need to begin now the planning that will mark this as a special event. Please give us your ideas and participation.

At the November Annual Meeting there will be the election of new Board of Manager members. We invite your proposals of community residents who are willing to assume active board participation.

The Board is planning to establish an office for the Association. We also will be seeking to hire an individual who can manage the office on a part-time schedule and support the activities of the board and board committees. The individual should have accounting and bookkeeping experience, excellent computer knowledge and customer service, organization and communication skills. If you know of someone who may be interested in the position, please contact the Association at guilford.association@gmail.com.

Guilford residents frequently ask the Architectural Committee for names of contractors who have particular skills to work on Guilford homes. The Association does not maintain a contractor referral list. However, we will consider hosting a list that is generated by Guilford residents based on their experience with contractors in various trades. A number of Associations provide this service and the Bolton Hill resource list as an example can be accessed at the following web link: http://www.boltonhill.org/resources/r_hird_listings-intro.html. If you are interested in creating and managing a resource list under the guidance of the Architectural Committee, please contact me at tom@guilfordnews.com.

Our reformatted Spring newsletter was well received and we hope that you find that we are covering items that are of interest to you as Guilford residents. The plan is to issue the newsletter four times per year. We invite your suggestion of topics to be covered or the submission of an article for consideration.

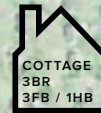
Tom Hobbs



101 OVERHILL RD
List Price: \$649,000
Closing Price: \$593,500



10 CHARLCOTE PL
List Price: \$759,000
Closing Price: \$670,000



4418 NORWOOD RD
List Price: \$439,000
Closing Price: \$426,000

Guilford Property Sales

APRIL 1, 2010 – AUGUST 1, 2010

309 WENDOVER RD
List Price: \$433,500
Closing Price: \$431,900

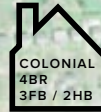


Active Properties

AS OF AUGUST 1, 2010

	List price
26 YORK COURT	\$189,000
410 SOUTHWAY	\$225,000
4501 UNDERWOOD RD	\$335,000
3553 NEWLAND RD	\$350,000
4402 EASTWAY	\$422,000
4308 WENDOVER RD	\$449,000
225 CHANCERY RD	\$499,000
212 39TH ST E	\$529,500
3802 JUNIPER RD	\$548,500
3811 FENCHURCH RD	\$595,000
4105 SAINT PAUL ST	\$599,900
305 WENDOVER RD	\$660,000
4 MILBROOK RD	\$775,000
4415 BEDFORD PL	\$835,000
4313 SAINT PAUL ST	\$995,000
105 CHARLCOTE RD	\$1,095,000
4005 GREENWAY	\$1,350,000
4202 GREENWAY	\$1,550,000
3805 GREENWAY	\$1,595,000
4310 SAINT PAUL ST	\$1,795,000

4007 GREENWAY
List Price: \$1,575,000
Closing Price: \$1,300,000



6 39TH ST EAST
List Price: \$489,000
Closing Price: \$470,000

3819 JUNIPER RD
List Price: \$600,000
Closing Price: \$567,000



3805 SAINT PAUL ST
List Price: \$798,500
Closing Price: \$735,000

14 SAINT MARTINS RD
List Price: \$895,000
Closing Price: \$925,000

3609 GREENWAY
List Price: \$759,000
Closing Price: \$615,000



412 SOUTHWAY
List Price: \$265,000
Closing Price: \$255,000



Guilford property sales data is from MRIS (Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc.) and was provided courtesy of John A. Menton III, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 10807 Falls Road #300, Lutherville, MD 21093. Phone: (410) 971-7160. Email: JMenton@cbmove.com

300 acre estate sets stage for one-hundred year history



PHOTO COURTESY CHARLES HALL

MANSSION, *From page 1*

The mansion once stood where Wendover Road now meets Greenway.

The entrances of the 300 acre Guilford estate were marked by imposing gates that were guarded by stone lions, reported to be copies of the lions of the Louvre. Frescoes on either side of the drive entrance depicted knights ready for conflict. Gates stood at York Road near present-day Underwood Road, Charles Street at University Parkway and Charles Street just south of Cold Spring Lane.

Billy McDonald was an enthusiastic horseman and at Guilford he stabled his renowned mare, "Flora Temple." The mare was housed at the Guilford estate in stalls that were kept in magnificent style as a suite of four apartments. Above her head was a stained-glass window with her portrait.

In 1872, Arunah S. Abell, founder of *The Sun*, purchased Guilford from McDonald's heirs. A. S. Abell had a home in the City and several country estates but he spent much time at Guilford. The property remained in the Abell family for 35 years, until 1907, when it was sold to the Guilford Park Company. And thus begins the history of the Guilford community.



Above: This turn of the century photo shows the Guilford Gates and flanking stone lions that once guarded the entrance of the estate at Charles Street and Cold Spring Lane. If you know the fate of the lions that adorned the entrances to the Guilford estate, email us at guilford.association@gmail.com.

Left: Arunah S. Abell was a an American publisher, philanthropist and the founder of *The Sun* newspaper. He was a prominent member of the Baltimore community and a shrewd, successful businessman as well as a Guilford property owner.

Planning Starts with the Launch of a New Committee

TOM HOBBS

2013 will mark the centennial of the start of the development of Guilford. It will be a time to celebrate the existence of this beautiful community and the unique and marvelous quality of life that is maintained here. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the past and what has enriched and sustained the environment as well as consider the future.

The Board is creating a Centennial Committee to consider and begin the planning for events that will mark the anniversary. There is plenty of opportunity for community involvement in the planning and participation in events throughout the 2013 year.

This issue kicks-off some of the ideas and activities that will be considered as part of the early planning.

Proposed Events to Celebrate 100 Years of Guilford

- > A series of historical articles in the newsletter and the preparation and publication of a book on history and life in Guilford. As residents you may provide the greatest source of memories and reference material. If you have information on the original owners of your home and families that have lived there over the years, tell us about it. Please email your memories and photos to guilford.association@gmail.com or deliver photos to the Association at 4102 Greenway.
- > Expanded and enlarged community events such as a celebration picnic and music event
- > Creation of a new Guilford garden club and garden tours
- > Walking tours of the community focused on its history and architecture
- > Focus on fundraising to create a larger reserve for the care of Sherwood Gardens
- > Street tree planting to restore areas to the Olmsted plan

If you have suggestions for ways we might celebrate or you wish to be involved in the planning, please contact us at guilford.association@gmail.com.



The Roland Park Company papers have returned to Baltimore for viewing and research locally. These papers will provide additional insight to the history of Guilford.

Guilford Records Return to Baltimore

Housed at Cornell University since 1968, the Roland Park Company Papers have returned to Maryland at the JHU Special Collections section of the Library. This timing works out well as Guilford starts planning for the centennial in 2013.

The papers provide historic information on the Roland Park Company, developers of Roland Park, Guilford, Homeland, and Northwood are now available for viewing locally. These associated records provide insight to many aspects of the Guilford neighborhood development. These documented and saved records within this collection include – letters, plans, drawings and over four volumes of photographs, marketing materials, plat and plot maps, and ledgers.

There is such a large volume of information that it is expected to take several semesters before the entire collection is organized and cataloged for easy reference. Currently, it is being accessioned and housed at the Libraries Service Center on the JHU Applied Physics Lab campus in Laurel.

As the centennial committee is created, these documents will provide a wealth of information for the Guilford neighborhood.

Sherwood Gardens Summer Update

BRUCE BARNETT

Sherwood Gardens has seen a lot of activity this summer. The Adopt-A-Plot volunteers planted more than 20,000 summer annuals in Sherwood Gardens during the Memorial Day weekend continuing to make the Gardens spectacular. The adopt-a-plot program continues to look for more volunteers to participate in the community. Participation does not require much work and is a great way to meet the Guilford neighbors. The volunteers 'adopt' a tulip bed by planting either live plants or seeds and then caring for the plot through the summer. The Association supplies fertilizer, roto-tilling and some student labor. Care of the plot during the summer requires only about five minutes of weeding per week and greatly contributes to our neighborhood.

Prior to the Memorial Day Tulip Dig six new trees were planted in the gardens, one being a Franklin Tree, which is rather rare and has a romantic American history including being named after Ben Franklin [see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklinia>]. The new trees have prospered during the summer along with several dozen new azaleas that were planted in May.

There have been many visitors to the Gardens during the summer as well as organized Guilford activities. Sherwood Gardens serves as a unique and great unifying center for our community. If you are interested in participating please email bab@jhu.edu for more information.



Sherwood Gardens during summer with its beautiful blooms. Views of adopt-a-plot areas show summer colors that bring the gardens to life and allow neighbors and visitors alike to relax and enjoy what Guilford has to offer.

New Garden Club for Guilford

ANN GIROUX



Many Guilford residents have expressed interest in establishing a new garden club for the Guilford community. The original garden club was established in 1926 and The Guilford Garden Club served as a social outlet and gardening resource for Guilford residents for many years. The Guilford Garden Club now retains little connection to our community beyond its name.

The goal of a new neighborhood garden club is that it would be open to all Guilford residents and focus on Guilford residents' private gardens, the national award-winning Sherwood Gardens and our important Olmsted Brothers-designed parks. Activities would be designed to complement and enhance Guilford's existing social and parks-related events and activities. Early suggestions from residents have included ideas such as tours of private gardens, walking tours of the neighborhood, demonstrations, lectures and more.

This club will only be possible if a sufficient number of residents demonstrate interest. Ann Giroux has volunteered to help gauge community interest in this opportunity. If you would like to see a new garden club for Guilford formed or have questions, please contact Ann at 410-889-6484 or email ann@guilfordnews.com.

Garden Gifts to Guilford in Olmstedian Style

MARGARET ALTON

There has been an outpouring of much appreciated community spirit this Spring for several of the gardens throughout Guilford.

First, the Bedford Place community has adopted the island at the cul-de-sac. Together the residents redesigned the center of the island, giving it a natural, yet cared for look, that is easily maintained. This is a wonderful example of neighbors coming together to beautify what they see everyday. Many thanks to the Kaufmans, Kernans, Peakes, Dolans, Marina Miliken, Tuesday Williams, Eisenbergers, Nagers, Barths, Johnses, Leviens, John Friedel, and Sandy Wighton.

The Coscias on Overhill Road received an Oriental Spruce from their landscaper that was going to grow too big for its space, the Coscias decided to donate it to Guilford in honor of their new daughter, Audrey. This lovely tree was planted at the tip of Gateway Park with enough space to fulfill its growth potential. However, this summer's extreme heat and scorching sun proved to be too much for the evergreen and we hope to see it replaced in the autumn. We are very appreciative of the Coscias generosity.

The many tulips seen this Spring on the triangle bordered by Northway, Underwood and Stratford Roads are thanks to Elke Franke, Leslie Leitch, Amy Barnett and Teri Sullivan. These women also wanted to make more beautiful their immediate surroundings in keeping with the natural terrain of the neighborhood. The plantings in the triangle will go well together with the plantings in adjacent Sherwood Gardens.

Wine Tasting & Moveable Feast to benefit Sherwood Gardens

ANN TYLER

The annual Guilford Wine Tasting & Moveable Feast is fast approaching this year and the date is now set Saturday, October 23rd. The evening will feature northern Italian cuisine by Beej Flamholz, who is back after rave reviews for his 2009 menu. Seth Stevens of the Mt Washington Wine Company will pair the cuisine with a lovely selection of wines from the region.

This year's event will take place in three gracious Guilford homes surrounding Sherwood Gardens.

- > Appetizers served at the home of Millicent Tyler located at 4201 Greenway,
- > Dinner at the home of Sharon and Paul Smith, one block south at 4100 Greenway, and
- > Dessert next door at Barbara and Joe Field's home at 4014 Greenway.

Throughout the evening guests will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win gifts and the opportunity to bid on silent auction items. All proceeds from the event will benefit the maintenance of Sherwood Gardens.

Invitations are expected to be mailed in mid-September. For more information, please contact Ann Tyler, tylershinn@aol.com

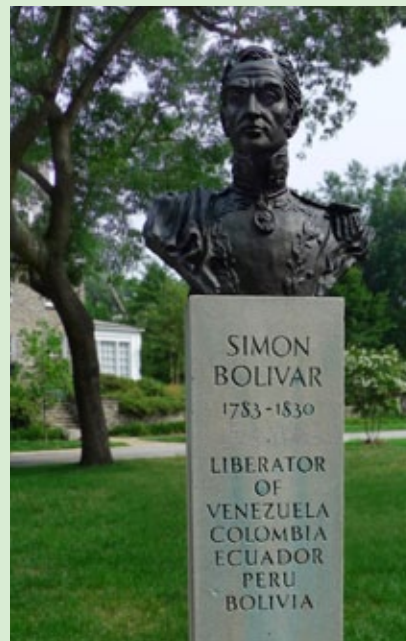
Simon Bolivar Displayed in Guilford's Bedford Park

JAY LIPPINCOTT

Have ever wondered why Guilford is home to a monument honoring a Latin American revolutionary hero? The Simón Bolívar monument that stands in the Bedford Square Park was a gift of good will to Baltimore city and presented on April 19, 1961 by the Venezuelan government.

Simon Bolivar was a revolutionary and liberator during the early 19th century when he led Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela to independence from Spain. He is often referred to as the "George Washington of South America." The sculptor Felix de Weldon, is also known for the DC sculpture of marines raising the American flag on Iwo Jima.

The city's Park Board chose Guilford as the place to locate the statue because of its available parkland.



In yet another tie back to Baltimore, an American scientist from Johns Hopkins University believes arsenic prescribed as a medical treatment contributed to Bolivar's death. Doctors in the 19th century had assumed Bolivar was felled by tuberculosis.

Guilford Security Patrol Revenue Gap Dilemma

LYNDA RILEY

There currently is a big gap between the Guilford Security Patrol [GSP] revenues and GSP expenses. This year there were 396 households participating as GSP members and \$116,491 was collected as membership fees. However, our expenses for the year are approximately \$140,000 creating a shortfall of over \$23,000 for the year.

The Association is able to cover this shortfall for the year due to a surplus in 2008. After December the Association can no longer run a deficit since there will no longer be surplus funds from past years. Additionally, expenses for the current service are projected to increase by about 3% in 2011. Unless more households participate in the GSP, the GSP fees will have to be raised or the hours of the GSP guards will need to be reduced.

The current level of service covers about 75% of the week. However, the board is aware that car vandalism and other crimes increase when the guard is not on duty. Maintaining the Guilford Security Patrol has helped to minimize crime and nuisance activity across the neighborhood. Guilford has an excellent safety record which residents universally benefit from through an added sense of security and higher property values. The Board strongly feels that our community should have 24/7 coverage which would cost about an additional \$35,000.

The Board is facing a tough decision. Do GSP fees remain the same at \$300/year with the hope that more households participate or should the GSP fees be raised to \$350 or \$400/year with the hope that participation does not decrease?

The following chart demonstrates how many household participants we would need at different annual fees to provide the current 75% coverage and 24/7 coverage.

GSP Participation Required by Service Level

SERVICE LEVEL	\$300/YR	\$350/YR	\$400/YR
75% of week (current coverage)	483 households	414 households	362 households
24 hours/7 days (full coverage)	600 households	514 households	450 households

The testimonials that accompany this article clearly indicate that the service is welcomed by many residents. Nevertheless, to help understand the reasons for why more households are not participating so that actions can be considered to avoid increasing the GSP fee, the Board will be conducting an online survey of households this fall. When you receive notification of the survey, please respond so that we can provide the best, most economical, and most widely used security service possible.

At the last annual Guilford Association meeting the board asked residents to supply details of any interactions with the GSP guards. Here are a few of the personal stories we received.

“Recently our next door neighbor had a party. Cars were parked all along our street, including in front of our house. The GSP guard came to our door, thinking that the party was at our house. He told us that he had seen a GPS device on the dashboard of one of the cars and wanted to request that it be removed or hidden so that it wasn’t a temptation to a thief. We referred him to our neighbor, and soon saw the owner of the device putting it in the glove compartment of his car. The GSP guard was clearly trying to prevent a crime in the neighborhood.”
A neighbor on Warrenton Road

“Last December, right after the big snowstorm, I was on my way to BWI to pick up my parents. My 14-year-old daughter was home alone. Someone knocked on the door and she opened it without looking to see who was there (which she should NOT have done). There were two large men standing there with shovels who asked if we wanted our walkway and steps shoveled. (The walkway and steps had already been shoveled by my two boys.) She said no, closed and locked

the door, and went upstairs. When she looked out the window she saw the men still standing there in front of our door. She was frightened and called me. I immediately called GSP. The guard was at our house in less than five minutes and asked the men to leave the neighborhood. The guard then called me back to let me know what happened. I was never so happy that I was a member of the GSP.”
A neighbor on Charlote Road

“One afternoon my wife and I were sitting on our back porch enjoying the sunshine. We heard someone say: “Excuse me, Sir, Excuse me Sir.” It turned out to be the GSP guard who had walked down our driveway to where we were sitting. When we asked him what was on his mind, he asked us whether we were aware that the three bicycles that had been in our garage for quite some time were no longer there. We replied that we did because we had given them to the Salvation Army a day or two earlier. We were very impressed that he paid such close attention to our property.”
A neighbor on Warrenton Road

Call for Board Nominees

The Association Board of Managers is composed of up to 20 individuals who are Guilford property owners and members in good standing of the Association. At each Annual Meeting one-fourth of the Managers are elected to serve for four years and if there are vacancies created by board member resignations those slots can be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Nominating Committee is seeking names of proposed candidates. Nominees should be submitted to the Association via email to guilford.association@gmail.com or mailed to 1 Saint Martin’s Road. The submission should include a short biography, area of special interest and the indicated consent of the candidate.

Board members must be willing to be an active member of a standing committee or assume a leading role in addressing special issues that may become Board agenda. Currently we are looking for a person who will (1) coordinate the welcome of new neighbors, (2) an architect to serve on the Architectural Committee (3) an individual to plan a fundraising effort to increase the Sherwood Gardens endowment and (4) individuals who will work with the chairs of the Safety and Sherwood Gardens and Parks committees. Information on the responsibilities of the Association and Board of Managers is found on the Guilford web page.

Nominations should be received by October 15th.

Architectural Committee: Policies and Enforcement

TOM HOBBS

In the first half of 2010 the Architectural Committee received over 40 applications for exterior alterations from Guilford property owners. The applications were filed by residents fulfilling their covenant obligation under the Deed and Agreement.

The Architectural Committee usually can respond quickly and has a scheduled monthly meeting. Most applications are approved. Where there are issues they can usually be resolved and the committee tries to offer helpful solutions to problems. Occasionally there are issues that have not been resolved through negotiation and the Association has found it necessary to pursue legal action.

Recently the Association filed suit against three York Court property owners who made exterior changes without making application to the Association. The changes all involved roof replacements that were inconsistent with the Architectural Guidelines. One case was resolved through a negotiated settlement and consent order. In the two other cases the Court granted the Association's request for summary judgment and upheld the covenant requirements of the Deed and Agreement. The Court found that both property owners violated the requirement for review and approval of exterior change. The remedy is yet to be ordered.

As difficult as it is to litigate covenant issues the Association will do so in cases of blatant violation where negotiation is not productive. The Association is obligated to maintain the architectural standards and applicable covenants of the neighborhood.

There are a number of properties in Guilford where owners have made changes without application to and approval by the Architectural Committee and where changes do not meet architectural requirements. The committee is reviewing all properties to create a file record and will over time issue letters if problems exist.

In addition, the committee is reviewing all properties that may be listed for sale at the time they are placed on the market. If covenant violations are found they are identified and as required by the Maryland Homeowners Association Act the seller is obligated to disclose the covenant issue to prospective buyers. The Association attempts to have the violation corrected at the time of transfer.

The Guilford Architectural Guidelines and application for exterior alteration are found on the Guilford web page.

Editors Note

In the spring issue 2010, there were two Sherwood Garden donation omissions and the Association would like to recognize Paul Fowler and Frank McNeil \$1,000 – 2,999 and Jim and Sheryl Durkay under \$100 for their donations.

If you would like to make a donation to Sherwood Gardens a tax deductible contribution still can be made to Stratford Green and mailed to Brodie Management, PO Box 529, Timonium, MD 21094.

Streets and Traffic (and Sidewalks)

JAY LIPPINCOTT

Guilford is a lovely community and walking is the best way to enjoy it. Whether one wants to admire the architectural beauty of the homes along our quiet streets or enjoy the colorful flowers, bushes and trees that are a part of our gardens, it is easy to get around by foot. It is also a good way to see neighbors and make new friends. As residents, we are fortunate to have sidewalks run throughout Guilford, making it easy and fun to stroll around, but beware: There can be danger in walking on some of our sidewalks because of damage to the walkways caused by tree roots, erosion, ice, and old age. Tripping on uneven pavement can be upsetting or harmful to a walker, and possibly lead to a personal injury claim against a homeowner.



Take note of the Guilford sidewalk areas that may have been damaged due to a City-owned tree(s) located in the easement area; between the street and the sidewalk.

Responsibility for the upkeep of our sidewalks generally rests with homeowners. The City's Footway Ordinance "requires that the owners of properties in the City of Baltimore be responsible for the cost of the repair/replacement of footways adjacent to their property in the public right-of-way." The only significant exception is when damage is caused by a City-owned tree located in the space between the sidewalk and the street. In this instance the cost of repairs will be assumed by the City.

Representatives of the City's Department of Transportation have recently issued a number of "Footway Violation Notices" in our neighborhood. Those cited have been ordered to make repairs or the City will do so and charge the property owner for the work performed.

We all know of sidewalks in Guilford that are dangerous and need repair, and the Association has decided to proactively address the problem in the interest of safety and the beauty of our neighborhood. Beginning this fall, a list of sidewalks needing repair will be assembled, along with photographs, and shared with residents. Those that require repair at the City's expense will be forwarded to the Department of Transportation. Information on the specific aggregate finish that is required on all sidewalks in Guilford will also be provided.

Let's work together to solve this problem for all of us who like to walk around Guilford. If you are aware of any that require the homeowner's or the City's attention, please let me know where they are and send an email to jay@guilfordnews.com

Loyola-Notre Dame Library Invites Neighbors

MARK CHARTRAND



SCOTT SUCHMAN

Loyola Notre Dame Library, 200 Winston Avenue, Phone: (410) 617-6800

The Loyola-Notre Dame Library, which serves the two educational institutions on the northern border of Guilford, has formed a community-outreach organization; Friends of the Loyola-Notre Dame Library, and invites residents of surrounding communities and anyone interested in supporting the institutions to join.

Friends become entitled to a number of privileges at the library. While anyone is welcome to visit the library, only university personnel and now members of the Friends group may check out materials and take full advantage of the entire library's resources, including use the reference services of the library staff by phone, email or in person. In addition, Friends are invited to occasional social functions, such as wine tastings, lectures and book discussion groups.

The library, founded in 1968, recently completed a major two-year-long renovation to expand its facilities and make them easier to use. Its holdings include 370,000 print volumes, 270,000 ebooks, 115 online databases with 42,000 electronic journals, and 14,600 videos and DVDs. A wireless connection to the Internet is available throughout the building as well. Parking is available for visitors in front of the building.

The Friends group offers three levels of membership, starting at \$25 per year. The Loyola-Notre Dame Library is located at 200 Winston Avenue between the two campuses. Further information on the library and the Friends group may be found at <http://www.loyola.edu/library/Friends/index.html>.

Village at Home Comes to North Baltimore

ELKE FRANKE

At a recent meeting, Guilford neighbors were introduced to an innovative nonprofit enterprise called Village at Home that will soon come to North Baltimore. Based on AARP research, home is where over 90 percent of Americans wish to remain as they age. In our modern world, it takes an organized community to provide the practical means and the confidence people need to stay in their own homes as they grow older.

Village at Home will offer one-call access to both volunteer services and proven providers. At the core of the program will be an organized cadre of volunteers. In addition, villagers will be referred to trusted vendors, many of whom will offer a discount. The Village advocates for its members, and vendors, knowing that they could gain more customers, have added incentive to provide excellent service.

Village at Home is ready to start operations in the North Baltimore area on January 1, 2011. Financing this neighborhood support service will be based on membership fees and charitable donations. For more information please visit Village at Home's Web site: www.villageathome.org

Welcoming New Scouts

Local Pack 5 and Troup 5 are welcoming new Scouts.

It is the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America! The Boy Scouts of America provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. Did you know there is a local pack and troop that meet in the Guilford community at Second Presbyterian Church. New boys are always welcome to join and participate in the adventure.

Contact Pack 5 and Troop 5 for more information.

Cub Scout Pack 5

2nd Presbyterian Church
Program for Boys Age 6 – 10 ½
Fridays 6:30 PM to 8 PM
Contact William Peters
at 443-467-8574

Boy Scout Troop 5

2nd Presbyterian Church
Program for Boys Age 10 ½ – 17
Sundays 4 PM to 5:30 PM
Contact Eric Bass
at 410-235-9208

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Meet Bruce Barnett

If you're a resident of Guilford you may know Bruce as the Association's Sherwood Gardens committee chair and recognize him in the Gardens laboring to keep them beautiful. He is a hands-dirty working chair and for 15+ years Bruce has provided oversight to the care and maintenance of the award-winning Sherwood Gardens. He has inspired others to participate through the 'Adopt-A-Plot' program that he initiated to transform a seasonal tulip garden into a summer long blooming event.

Bruce has been a resident of Guilford for over 32 years. His wife, Amy, works at McCormick Spice Co. and stepson, Nick, is a senior at Friends School. His daughter, Katrina, lives in Palo Alto, CA with her husband, Zim, and two children, Jenna and Zane.

Furthermore, he is a highly respected Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy of the Johns Hopkins University. He has served as both the Vice Chairman and Acting Chairman of the Department and a member of the JHU Academic Council and now is Chair of the Graduate Board. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

Bruce's research specialty is in the area of Elementary Particle Physics. He is currently studying proton-antiproton collisions at the world's highest laboratory energies with the Collider Detector at Fermilab and proton-proton collisions within the CMS experiment at the CERN Large Hadron Collider.

Q: HOW DID YOU FIRST GET INVOLVED IN GUILFORD'S SHERWOOD GARDENS?

A: I have lived in Guilford for over 32 years and am lucky enough to have a walking commute to the office. I started walking though the Gardens twice a day, morning and evening as I walk back and forth to work. Prior to 1989 the Gardens lay barren all summer after the Tulip Dig, very different from what we enjoy today. At the time it was actually rather ugly, with many empty tulip beds and burned out grass.

My involvement started very simply by asking the Board if they would mind if I planted a few flowers in an empty tulip bed. Once they gave me the "OK" I found myself in my own personal quagmire.

Q: AS THE FOUNDER OF THE ADOPT-A-PLOT PROGRAM, CAN YOU SHARE HOW IT CHANGED THE COMPOSITION OF THE GARDENS?

A: The first few years with my focus on the Adopt-a-Plot program another Guilford resident, Roland Morrow, was in charge of Sherwood Gardens as a whole and I was handling just the replant of the tulip beds. Shortly after he retired and moved from Guilford I became Chair of all of Sherwood Gardens. Looking back I believe this gave us the ability to approach the area with a more integrated view of Sherwood Garden as a 12-month project and how to strategically determine its role for the future of Guilford.

When I started, keeping SG watered was entirely a manual effort. Then a major decision was made to install the automatic sprinkler system for the Gardens and that decision literally changed the landscape for the summer months. The automatic system keeps SG looking much more rich and lush through the hot, dry



Bruce Barnett, a 15+ year chair of Sherwood Gardens and founder of the Adopt-a-Plot program. His hands-on approach has made Sherwood Gardens a wonderful meeting place and community center for the neighborhood.

summers. Furthermore, now there are also many flowering trees which only two decades ago all flowered in the spring with the azaleas and tulips. As the years passed, I have made a conscious effort to add trees, which bloom later in the summer giving a more even loveliness to the Gardens throughout the season.

Q: AS CHAIRMAN OF SHERWOOD GARDENS FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS, WHEN YOU TAKE A RETROSPECT WHAT ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE YEARS.

A: I don't think of SG so much as particular highlights as opposed to a center for our neighborhood. I enjoy seeing the additional use that SG now gives to Guilford. I think there are more people at the Dinner at Dusk, Egg Hunt, and other community activities than there used to be in past years. For me, this translates to the enjoyment the residents take from being in the Gardens.

Nonetheless, the most dramatic change that I have seen over the years is that now there are people enjoying the Gardens on weekdays and evenings which did not happen 25 years ago. More people walk through it now and meet their other neighbors. However, with the increased use we as residents need to respect the gardens as well and remember to leave no trace behind except for the memories of the day in the park.

Q: DURING YOUR TENURE MAKING THE GARDENS PICTURE PERFECT, WHAT DO YOU HOPE FOR SG IN THE FUTURE?

A: I would like to see SG become an even more spectacular center for the Guilford Community. Unfortunately, we are limited in funding on an annual basis so it is hard to really catch up on all the things that should be done there. The Adopt-a-Plot program can always use additional conscientious people to participate in the program and support the Gardens.

Personally, I have reached "retirement age" and could use some co-workers to take on specific SG responsibilities. I would like to see SG have an endowment to give it stability. I guess what I am saying is that I would like to see SG be a horticultural success with firm sustainability.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 23 Annual Wine Tasting & Moveable Feast
October 31 Halloween in the Park
November 17 Guilford Association Annual Meeting
December 5 Annual Holiday Party

CALL FOR OLD PHOTOS

The Guilford Association is creating an archive of historic community photographs. If you have early photos of life in Guilford or Guilford development and are willing to share them please contact Ann Giroux at ann@guilfordnews.com

The Association will have photos copied and return originals. We are hoping to assemble a photo history for the 100th anniversary of the start of Guilford in 1913.



The Guilford neighborhood dates back to the 19th century with the building of the Guilford Mansion.

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