

# The Guilford News

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## Mahjong Mania Hits Guilford

MAHJONG IS HAVING A NATIONWIDE REVIVAL, AND GUILFORD IS JOINING IN. THIS SPRING'S LESSONS OFFER A FUN, SOCIAL WAY TO CONNECT WITH NEIGHBORS AROUND THE TABLE.

KELLY MAHER

You may have heard friends talking about it lately, spotted colorful tiles on social media, or even seen groups gathering around a table laughing late into the evening. Mahjong is having a major resurgence across the country—and this spring, it's coming to Guilford!

As part of our community's social and engagement efforts, we're excited to host a small series of Mahjong lessons in April for interested neighbors. The sessions will be taught by Leslie and Randi, founders of Mahj Mixers, a business that specializes in teaching the game to small groups in a relaxed, social setting.

For those unfamiliar with the game, Mahjong is a tile-based game traditionally played with four players. The version most commonly played in the United States—American Mahjong—blends strategy, memory, and a bit of luck. While the rules may look complex at first glance, most players quickly discover that the real magic of Mahjong is the experience around the table: conversation, laughter, and the ritual of gathering with friends.

Mahjong originated in China in the mid-to-late 1800s, evolving from earlier Chinese card and tile games, and quickly became a

See **MAHJONG**, page 6



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Spring is by far my favorite time of year in Guilford. I love welcoming guests from near and far to our magnificent tulip display in Sherwood Gardens. I remember coming to Sherwood Gardens as a child in the 1980s. I marveled at the expansive gardens and stately homes that lined the streets. Even back then, I could appreciate that Guilford was more than a collection of individual homes, but rather a historical neighborhood where the architecture of each home contributed to the overall aesthetic.

Most of our homes were built between 1910 and 1930, a period in American urban design when neighborhoods were walkable, human-scaled, and crafted with permanent materials. Brick detailing, slate roofs, and wood windows were part of a coherent architectural philosophy.

The value of our properties in Guilford is, therefore, partly created by our neighbors' homes. The consistency in architecture is a shared asset, and one that has helped to keep our neighborhood desirable and our property values strong and stable, even during economic downturns. Our Architectural Committee, made up of volunteers and a consulting architect, works tirelessly to review proposed changes, apply neutral standards, and guide improvements and modernization to these homes. Their goal is not "no change" but rather to allow change compatible with the shared asset we all enjoy: the certainty that Guilford's historic architecture will continue to protect our valuable assets—our homes.

By now, most of you are aware that we are in the process of renewing the Guilford Deed and Agreement, the regulatory document that governs the use of all properties in Guilford and has been instrumental in maintaining the architectural consistency and character of Guilford. We have made solid progress to date, collecting signatures from approximately 260 homes. Our goal is to complete the renewal process by the end of this calendar year, and to achieve that we need to obtain signatures from 260 more homes.

The Association's office will be open on Friday, May 8 and May 15 between 2pm–5pm so that residents can stop by to sign at their convenience. We will be hosting "Signing Parties" around the neighborhood throughout the Summer, and will be collecting signatures at the Bloom Party, Neighbor Day, and most other social events, all of which will be announced in the "Guilford Minute." Please do take the initiative to sign so our volunteers do not have to chase residents down.

Guilford is much more than just a pretty place to live; we are also a vibrant, diverse and engaged community of individuals and families. Our Social Committee has been busy welcoming new neighbors to Guilford with baskets of goodies and pertinent neighborhood information. We are excited to bring back the time-honored tradition of the annual New Neighbor Brunch later this month. We've begun hosting a series of Mahjong lessons in April with the goal of scheduling monthly Mahjong nights to spark connection (and some friendly competition) among neighbors. Look for the article in this newsletter about the history of Mahjong and strategies to playing the game.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Meeting in November. We passed the budget, which is displayed here, as well as voted to welcome four new managers: Diane Terry, Andrew Chudy, Edward Hunter, and Mark Pollak.

I will end by thanking our Board of Managers, committee members, and other volunteers who work throughout the year to keep our community safe, maintain our parks and community spaces, work collaboratively with neighboring communities and institutions, and help keep Guilford the beautiful and welcoming place it is. If you are interested in joining our efforts, we would love to have you! Please reach out to Pat Nolan at [officemanager@guilfordassociation.org](mailto:officemanager@guilfordassociation.org) for ways you can participate.

Spring invites us back onto our porches, yards, sidewalks and gardens to greet one another, lend a hand, and rediscover the joy of community. I hope this season of renewal brings fresh energy to our neighborhood and to the connections that make Guilford such a special place to live.

Warm Regards,  
Emily Brennan, President

## 2026 Guilford Association Budget Summary

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### INCOME

Total Revenue	430,364
<i>(Maintenance Fees &amp; Association Dues)</i>	
Other Income	11,450
<i>(Advertising, other payments)</i>	
York Courts	7,460
Guilford Security Patrol	162,000

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**Total Income** **\$ 611,274**

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### EXPENSES

Parks & Land Maintenance	94,272
Other Maintenance, Services	47,400
<i>(St. Paul Median, snow removal, newsletter)</i>	
York Courts	5,756
Guilford Security Patrol	162,000
Community Security	63,164
Professional Services	78,744
<i>(legal, accounting, insurance, Deed &amp; Agreement Renewal)</i>	
Stratford Green Donation	65,000
<i>(Sherwood Gardens)</i>	
Administrative	94,938
<i>(rent, salary, supplies, telephone, IT)</i>	

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**Total Expenses** **\$ 611,274**



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List Price: \$525,000  
Closing Price: \$551,000



**4334 N CHARLES ST**  
List Price: \$1,100,000  
Closing Price: \$1,100,000



**4313 ST PAUL ST**  
List Price: \$1,285,000  
Closing Price: \$1,285,000



**265 STRATFORD RD**  
List Price: \$1,250,000  
Closing Price: \$1,250,000



**4332 N CHARLES ST**  
List Price: \$950,000  
Closing Price: \$840,000

**204 E HIGHFIELD RD**  
List Price: \$3,000,000  
Closing Price: \$3,200,000



**3923 JUNIPER RD**  
List Price: \$895,000  
Closing Price: \$905,000



# Guilford Property Sales

NOVEMBER 1, 2025 – APRIL 15, 2026

## Active Properties

AS OF APRIL 17, 2026

<b>15 CHARLCOTE PL</b>	\$4,500,000
<b>203 E HIGHFIELD RD</b>	\$2,350,000
<b>4014 GREENWAY</b>	\$1,950,000
<b>10 OVERHILL*</b>	\$1,400,000
<b>2 E HIGHFIELD RD</b>	\$924,000
<b>3808 FENCHURCH RD*</b>	\$875,000
<b>206 KEMBLE RD</b>	\$848,000
<b>3610 GREENMOUNT</b>	\$425,000
<b>7 YORK CT</b>	\$399,999
<b>416 SOUTHWAY*</b>	\$394,500
<b>36 YORK CT</b>	\$275,000

\*Under Contract

**3809 JUNIPER RD**  
List Price: \$525,000  
Closing Price: \$450,000



**3609 GREENWAY**  
List Price: \$1,199,000  
Closing Price: \$1,199,000



A close-up view of Mahjong tiles in play captures the rhythm and strategy of the game, as players build hands and learn the flow of the game.

**MAHJONG**, *From page 1*

popular social pastime among friends and families. The game reached the United States in the 1920s, sparking a nationwide craze. By the 1930s, a uniquely American version had developed, and in 1937 the National Mah Jongg League (NMJL) was founded, beginning publication of the annual rule card still used today.

Over the years, Mahjong has remained a cherished social tradition in many communities—and that social element is one of the reasons the game has seen a revival in recent years. Across the country, people are rediscovering Mahjong as a screen-free way to connect, build friendships, and create regular social traditions. Many groups meet weekly or monthly, making it a perfect fit for a neighborhood community.

Our April lessons have already sparked strong interest among neighbors eager to learn together. With guidance from Leslie and Randi of Mahj Mixers, participants will be introduced to the fundamentals of American Mahjong in a welcoming, beginner-friendly environment. Lifelong friends, Leslie and Randi learned to play when their children were babies and have been playing weekly for more than 30 years. They’ve since turned their love of the game into a business, sharing their passion with others.

There is already talk of another round of lessons later this spring or summer, with the hope that these introductions will spark ongoing neighborhood Mahjong groups for casual play throughout the year.

## A Conversation with Mahjong Mixers

*We wanted to learn more, and spoke to Leslie and Randi from Mahj Mixers about their love of the game:*

**For someone who has never played before, how would you describe Mahjong?**

Mahjong is an addictive game of strategy and luck. Some liken it to Gin Rummy and others to Rummykub but Mahjong’s many intricate rules and layers make it unique.

**Why do you think Mahjong has become so popular again in recent years?**

Hard to say, but there is no doubt that interest in the game has truly exploded in recent years. People are searching for meaningful ways to connect and meeting with friends around the Mahjong table is a great way to do that!

**How long does it typically take for beginners to feel comfortable playing on their own?**

Starting with three lessons is really going to give beginners a great foundation. After that, we encourage groups to try to play regularly. Once a week is ideal, but even twice a month is good! It doesn’t take long for muscle memory to kick in.

**What makes learning in a small group setting like Mahjong Mixers different from trying to learn on your own?**

Because Mahjong has many many rules and lots of idiosyncrasies, it is virtually impossible to learn on your own. We’ve had many students tell us they’ve tried and failed. Private lessons like the ones we offer are challenges, but also FUN! And, there’s nothing better than seeing that “AHA!” lightbulb go off, or celebrating your first Mahjong win with friends. You don’t get that from watching YouTube videos.

**What advice would you give someone who is curious about Mahjong but worried it might be too complicated to learn?**

It’s not! Everyone is nervous about coming to the Mahjong table for the first time. It can be intimidating. But, everyone gets it in the end. Just have patience and if you learn with us, we promise you will be hooked!



Earlier this month Guilford residents gathered for the community's inaugural Mahjong lesson, learning the game's basics while enjoying conversation and connection around the table.

# Slate Roofs 101

## *Knowing What You Have and When to Replace It*

REBECCA EVANS

Guilford's Roof Guidelines clearly define what the neighborhood requires and why slate and tile matter to Guilford's history and architecture. This article builds on those guidelines by answering 2 of the most practical questions homeowners often ask:

- What is true (and not true) about sourcing slate that matches my historic roof?
- If I am told my slate roof needs to be replaced, how can I be comfortable it is the right solution?

### **Slate Types & Availability**

Not all slate is the same. Two roofs can look similar from the street but behave very differently in Maryland's freeze-thaw climate.

Slate is graded using an ASTM standard—ASTM C406—which defines testing and classifies roofing slate into three categories:

- S-1: expected service life 75+ years
- S-2: expected service life 40-75 years
- S-3: expected service life 20-40 years

An S-1 slate is the only grade that can withstand the drastic freeze thaw cycles of the the Mid-Atlantic. If a slate absorbs too much water or has weak weather resistance, freeze-thaw cycles can accelerate cracking and delamination. A qualified contractor should be able to tell you which grade of slate they're specifying and provide test results or documentation for the slate source.

### **Slate Weathering: What's Normal, What Isn't**

Slate changes over time. In fact, some degree of weathering is

normal and expected, especially on many Vermont slates. The key is knowing the difference between cosmetic change and signs that the roof system needs attention.

**Patina (normal weathering):** A gradual, natural shift in color or surface appearance that happens over decades. Patina is cosmetic. It does not mean the slate is failing, and it is often part of what gives older Guilford roofs their character.

**Rust or "bleeding" (needs evaluation):** Orange streaking or staining can come from a few different sources, and the cause matters. Sometimes it is simply cosmetic staining associated with the slate's natural mineral content. Other times, it points to a functional issue, such as corrosion of metal components (fasteners, flashings, or other concealed metals) or a slate that is weathering more quickly than expected. Because rust staining can be caused by either the slate itself or the roof's metal components, it is worth having a slate specialist evaluate the location and pattern of the staining and confirm whether it is cosmetic or a sign of deterioration.

### **Matching Slate: The Reality (and the Options)**

There is a rumor that Vermont slate is no longer available. This is not true. Vermont slate is still quarried and widely used. What sometimes causes confusion:

- A specific historic quarry may have closed, or
- A color blend from decades ago may be harder to match exactly
- Vermont Weathering slates look starkly different from newly replaced pieces (even if it is the same stone, from the same quarry)
- Many Vermont quarries are streamlining production and



Newly installed slate courses and copper elements come together to form a durable, long-life roofing system true to the neighborhood's architectural character.

Slate repairs underway at a dormer highlight the precision required to maintain historic roof details and proper water protection.



reducing the number of sizes they produce. Lengths longer than 18" can be harder to source or are now unavailable in some Vermont colors.

Bottom line, Vermont slate is available today, and most colors can be matched quite well. Other common slates in Guilford that are no longer available:

- Virginia (Buckingham)
- Pennsylvania (Peachbottom, Bangor, and Chapman): common on older roofs, weathering can vary by quarry

Spanish, North Country, and Vermont Black slates are widely used to repair these types of slate roofs. Even when a slate is still produced, matching an older roof can be challenging because of weathering, thickness, and the original sizes used.

### **If colors or specific sizes cannot be matched, what should you do?**

**Use reclaimed slate for visible areas:** Ask your contractor if they have access to reclaimed (salvaged) slate. Because it is already aged, reclaimed slate often provides the best match and can minimize the appearance of a repair, especially when your existing slate is discontinued. Most qualified slate contractors maintain a stock of reclaimed pieces or have reliable sources.

**Prioritize the most visible elevations:** If matching material is limited, use the best-match slate on the most visible slopes and use close matches on less visible elevations.

**Re-slate a whole plane instead of spot-matching:** If a prominent slope needs a lot of work, it can look better to re-slate

the entire plane for consistency than to chase a perfect match one slate at a time.

### **Slate roof designs of Guilford**

Many Guilford roofs include intentional design choices that affect repairs and matching. Understanding your roof style helps you make better decisions. Common designs of a slate roof:

- Graduated roofs: longer, heavier slates at the bottom courses, transitioning to shorter slates toward the ridge. This is very common in Guilford.
- Staggered butt (dropped exposure): the slate butts are not perfectly aligned in a straight line, creating texture and shadow.
- Varied thickness: a mix of thicknesses adds depth and character.
- Ragged or distressed butt: intentionally irregular slate bottoms for an old-world appearance.
- Decorative bands and patterns: contrasting colors or patterns integrated into courses.
- Shaped slates: scalloped, clipped-corner, diamond-point accents.

These roofs were meant to look a certain way. A good repair respects the roof design, not just watertightness.

### **When a Roof Is Beyond Repair: Two Options to Consider**

Most Guilford slate roofs can be kept in service with maintenance and repairs, but it is also realistic to plan for the cases where larger work becomes the smarter option. When that happens, homeowners typically have two primary options: lift-and-relay or full replacement.

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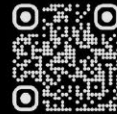

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A broad slate roof plane shows the scale and craftsmanship of traditional installations, designed to withstand decades of Baltimore weather.

### Lift and relay

A lift and relay means carefully removing the slate and saving, addressing the underlying system (often underlayment, flashings, and sometimes deck repairs), then reinstalling the saved slate. Lift and relay can be a great option when:

- the slate itself is still in good condition and worth saving
- flashings and underlayment have reached end of life
- you want a system reset without losing the historic material

It may not be appropriate if the slate is brittle, delaminating broadly, or heavily compromised by past incorrect repairs.

During a lift and relay, some portion of the slate will not be salvageable (how much depends on the condition of the slate). The slate deficit should be addressed in one of two ways:

- Concentrate the saved slate and install on as many full roof facets as possible. Any remaining facets are then slated with purchased reclaimed slate or new slate.
- Blend purchased reclaimed throughout the entire roof.

In most cases, avoid mixing new slate and older salvaged slate on the same roof facet. The facet will only perform as long as its weakest or most age-limited material, which can effectively shorten the “new” slate’s advantage. If new slate must be used to address a deficit, it is often best to concentrate it on specific roof facets rather than scattering it throughout the roof.

### Full replacement

When the slate cannot be reliably salvaged, or deterioration is widespread, full replacement becomes the more responsible path.

- slate deterioration is widespread across multiple slopes
- delamination is present throughout the roof
- poor prior repairs are extensive (i.e. previously coated)

When a slate roof is replaced, the slate is only one part of the system. The long-term performance of the roof often comes down to the materials you never see once the job is complete: flashings, fasteners, and underlayment. Because slate can last for generations, it makes sense to choose components with a comparable lifespan.

That is why copper flashings are typically the best choice on slate roofs. Copper is highly durable and stable over time, while aluminum is more susceptible to damage and can create compatibility issues when it contacts other metals. In short, slate is a long-life roof, so the metal details that keep it watertight should be long-life materials too.

Fasteners and waterproofing layers matter just as much as flashings, and this is one area where cutting corners can create expensive and very visible problems. Both electro-galvanized and hot-dipped galvanized nails will eventually rust. When they do, nails can lose holding power and slates can begin to loosen or slip over time, and the rust can also create streaking that runs down the roof surface and distracts from the look of the slate. That is why many slate specialists specify copper nails for slate work, especially on full replacements, so the fastening system is aligned with the long service life you are paying for. Under the slate, premium underlayments and high-temperature ice and water shield provide a stronger safety net at the most vulnerable areas, especially eaves, valleys, and transitions where water, ice, and debris tend to concentrate. A full replacement is a major investment, so it is worth specifying these “supporting” materials up front. They are a small fraction of the overall cost, but they play an outsized role in how well the roof performs over the decades that follow.

### Bottom Line for Guilford Homeowners

Slate roofs are one of Guilford’s defining architectural features, and they are also one of the few roof systems that can be managed responsibly over decades. The best approach is simple: schedule preventative maintenance, address small issues promptly, and work with a slate specialist who can document conditions and explain options clearly, from matching strategies to lift-and-relay or replacement when truly warranted. Done well, slate remains what it was intended to be in Guilford: a long-life roof that protects your home and preserves its character.

*Rebecca Evans is General Manager and passionate slate roofing expert at Jack’s Roofing Company, the dedicated residential division of Wagner Roofing Company.*

# Guilford’s Exposed Aggregate Sidewalks: Maintenance and Repair

JOHN BOLTON, STREETS & TRAFFIC CHAIR

In Baltimore City, sidewalks are generally located within the public right-of-way but are maintained by the property owners whose lots abut them. Under the Baltimore City Code and Department of Transportation (DOT) policies, property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks in safe and good repair, even though the City retains ownership of the public right-of-way.

## General Responsibility for Sidewalk Maintenance

Baltimore City law requires property owners to maintain sidewalks adjoining their property in a safe and hazard-free condition. This includes repairing cracked, broken, or uneven pavement and keeping sidewalks clean and unobstructed.

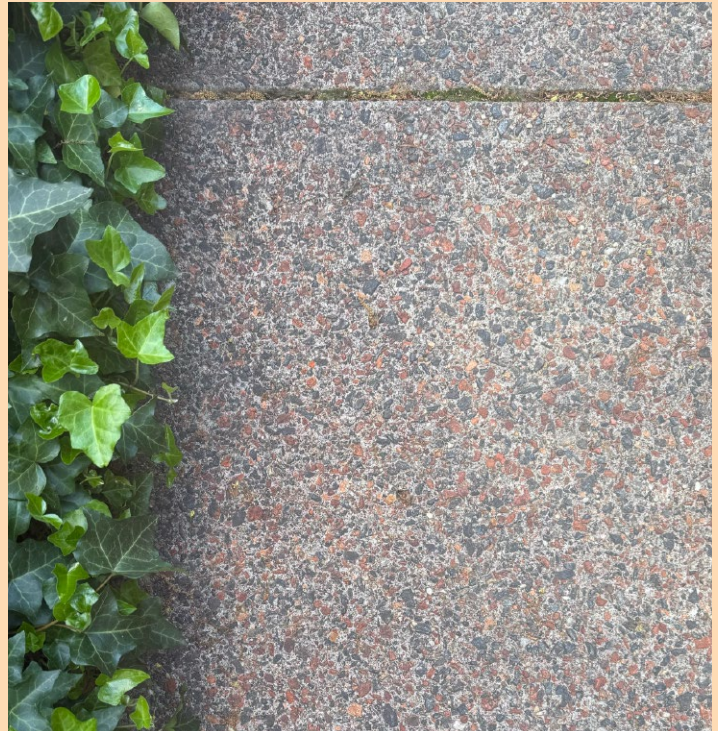
If the City identifies a defective sidewalk—often through a 311 complaint or inspection—it may issue a footway violation notice requiring the property owner to repair the condition within a specified time. If the owner fails to act, the City may perform the repairs and assess the cost to the property owner.

## Guilford Neighborhood Specifications

The Guilford neighborhood has additional aesthetic and material requirements due to its historic planning and neighborhood covenants. The community was originally developed under a deed and covenant system intended to preserve its architectural and landscape character, and exterior changes are reviewed by the neighborhood association.

As a result, sidewalks in Guilford must match the neighborhood’s traditional finish. Repairs or replacements must use exposed aggregate concrete known locally as “Bishop’s Blend,” which produces the distinctive textured appearance seen throughout the neighborhood<sup>1</sup>. This requirement applies even when repairs are triggered by City notices or performed by contractors working in the right-of-way. Maintaining the exposed aggregate surface ensures visual continuity across the streetscape and preserves the historic character of Guilford.

Property owners who undertake repairs must obtain the appropriate permits and follow City construction standards. In some limited circumstances, the City may share or assume costs. For example, if sidewalk damage is caused by a City-owned street tree or public infrastructure, Baltimore may be responsible for the repair. In those cases, you should work with the City to coordinate repairs to sidewalks abutting your property. Likewise, if the City has made repairs to sidewalks abutting your property that do not conform to the standard for exposed aggregate sidewalks, you should work with the City to address those nonconforming sections.



Sidewalk repairs in Guilford must utilize an exposed aggregate finish. The image above shows an original section of sidewalk, while the image at left shows a recent repair that does not meet the required standard.

1. The standard for “exposed aggregate sidewalks” is specified in the Baltimore City Green Book section 32 13 13.13 (accessible on Baltimore DPW’s website).



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# Plant Now, Savor Later

## A Spring Herb Guide for Guilford

HILLARY WILLIAMS

A thriving mix of spring herbs fills a sunlit garden bed in Guilford. With well-drained soil and ample sunlight, these hardy herbs establish early and provide fresh flavor throughout Baltimore's growing season.

Spring in Guilford brings one of the most rewarding gardening opportunities of the year: planting a kitchen herb garden. With Baltimore's moderate spring temperatures and warm summers, herbs thrive with relatively little effort and provide months of fresh flavor for cooking, entertaining, and everyday meals.

Whether you have a large garden bed, a courtyard, or simply a few containers on a terrace, early to mid-spring is the perfect time to establish herbs that will flourish through the growing season.

### Start with the Right Herbs for Maryland's Climate

Baltimore sits in USDA Hardiness Zone 7b, which allows gardeners to grow both hardy perennial herbs and tender annual varieties successfully.

Some of the most reliable herbs for spring planting include: parsley, chives, thyme, rosemary, basil, and mint. These herbs perform well in the Mid-Atlantic and are widely recommended for home gardens in Maryland.

### Timing Your Spring Planting

Early spring herbs such as parsley, thyme, oregano, and chives can be planted as soon as the soil is workable. More tender herbs like basil should wait until after the last expected frost, typically in mid-April for the Baltimore region.

Local gardeners often stagger planting so early herbs establish first, followed by warm-weather favorites later in the season.

### Location Matters: Sun and Soil

Most culinary herbs thrive in full sun (6–8 hours daily) and well-drained soil. Herbs tend to prefer soil that is moderately fertile rather than overly rich.

### A few tips for success:

- Use raised containers if your soil retains too much moisture
- Mix compost into the planting area to improve drainage and nutrients
- Avoid overwatering as many herbs prefer slightly drier soil

For Guilford homes with beautiful stone terraces or garden paths, container herb gardens can be both practical and attractive. Terracotta or stone planters help regulate moisture and complement traditional neighborhood landscaping.

### Harvest Often for Healthier Plants

One of the best ways to keep herbs thriving is simply to use them frequently. Regular harvesting encourages plants to grow fuller and produce more leaves.

### General harvesting guidelines:

- Cut no more than one-third of the plant at a time
- Harvest in the morning, when oils and flavor are strongest
- Trim basil and mint regularly to prevent flowering and maintain flavor

Fresh herbs elevate everything from simple weeknight meals to summer gatherings with neighbors.

### A Garden That Grows All Season

An herb garden adds fragrance, beauty, and pollinator support to our beautiful neighborhood. Many herbs such as thyme, chives, and oregano produce flowers that attract bees and beneficial insects throughout the season.

With thoughtful planting now, your spring herbs can carry your kitchen from April through the height of summer entertaining.

As the days grow warmer in Guilford, a small herb garden, whether tucked into a backyard bed or arranged on a sunny patio, can quickly become one of the most rewarding features of your historic home!



**Parsley**

Cold tolerant and ideal for early planting

**Chives**

Perennial and one of the first herbs to emerge each spring

**Mint**

Vigorous and best grown in containers to prevent spreading

**Rosemary**

Excellent for containers or well-drained soil

**Basil**

A summer favorite best planted after the last frost

**Thyme**

A drought-tolerant perennial that thrives in sunny beds

A Guilford tree stands still and quiet under a blanket of January snow — a stark contrast to the same branches now bursting with blossoms just a few months later.



Maryland's Favorite Restaurant	America's Favorite Family Friendly Restaurants	Best Gluten-Free Options
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### Meet Guilford's newest security officer

I am Security Officer David Crovo. I have over 19 years of experience in the security industry, including the past four years with Wolf Professional Security Inc. During my tenure at Wolf Professional Security, I have been responsible for executing executive protection

details as well as various other security assignments.

I am pleased to be a member of the Guilford Community Patrol Team and look forward to contributing to the safety of the community.

# Celebrating America’s 250th Anniversary: Thanking Guilford’s Service Members

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This year marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. For two and a half centuries, the American experiment has been defined by resilience and the enduring belief that communities, like ours, play a vital role in shaping our shared future. As we approach this historic moment, it provides an opportunity to celebrate the people and neighborhoods that continue to strengthen it every day. Here in Guilford, where tradition and community engagement have long been hallmarks of our neighborhood, we have a wonderful opportunity to mark this anniversary together.

In recognition of this historic year, the Guilford Association is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a community Flag Day Celebration on June 14th. Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the United States flag by the Continental Congress in 1777 and offers a meaningful moment to reflect on the symbol that has represented our nation through times of challenge, growth, and achievement. Our upcoming celebration will provide neighbors an opportunity to gather, celebrate the spirit of community, and honor the history and values represented by the American flag. We are currently planning what we hope will be a memorable event for neighbors of all ages. Additional details—including timing, activities, and ways to participate—will be shared in the coming weeks.

As we prepare for this celebration, it is especially important to recognize those in our community who have chosen to serve our country in uniform. The freedoms and stability that allow our neighborhoods to thrive have long depended on the dedication, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States

Armed Forces. Many of our neighbors have answered that call to service, contributing their talents and commitment in defense of the nation and the principles it represents.

In honor of America’s 250th anniversary and our upcoming Flag Day celebration, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the current and former service members who call our community home. Their willingness to serve reflects a profound commitment to something larger than themselves, and we are proud to recognize them as members of our neighborhood.

On behalf of the Guilford Association and the entire community, we offer our sincere thanks to each of these neighbors for their service, sacrifice, and continued example of civic commitment. We look forward to celebrating together on June 14th and hope the upcoming Flag Day gathering will provide an opportunity for neighbors to connect, reflect on our shared history, and express our appreciation to those who have served.

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Guilford's spring color is in full bloom, with flowering trees and the neighborhood's famed tulips arriving weeks ahead of schedule. Warmer temperatures in March and April have brought an early, vibrant start to the season.