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SUMMER 2016

Dinner at Dusk July 31, 2016

GUILFORD'S ANNUAL SUMMER COMMUNITY PICNIC AND GATHERING, DINNER AT DUSK, WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON SUNDAY, JULY 31 FROM 5 TO 8 PM IN SHERWOOD GARDENS.

The summer flowers will be in full bloom and lacrosse and baseball tournaments should all be over. Join us in the park for music, food, and fun! Guilford's very own Ken Kolodner, a world class musician (hammered dulcimer and fiddle) will be performing Celtic music with his trio for all to enjoy (see accompanying article).

Please bring your own beer, wine and other beverages and a dish to share on the potluck table. Fried chicken will be provided by the Guilford Association and an ice cream truck will be there for dessert purchases.

We'll have two moon bounces for children and lots of games for ALL AGES including the three-legged race, egg in spoon race, sack race, egg toss and water balloon toss. Prizes will be awarded!

Wrist bands for \$10 each (everyone over 2 years old) can be purchased at the event. The charge will help cover the cost of chicken and games. Volunteers are needed? Please contact Lynda Riley at lyndadarrelriley@aol.com for questions, suggestions, or to volunteer for any of the following: manning the check-in desk, setting up and taking down, helping with the games, handing out prizes!



This year's Dinner at Dusk in Sherwood Gardens will again include plenty of games for children of all ages.

Welcome summer! The wet, warm and then cool spring confused the blooming season a bit for the tulips in Sherwood Gardens but summer begins with lush green surroundings and vigorous blooms in Guilford's many wonderful gardens.

Yes, Tulips bloomed early but Sherwood Gardens looked stunning with new tulip varieties and colors on display. The tulip dig was the most successful in memory with hundreds of people arriving to claim some bulbs of their favorite tulip variety. The funds raised help assure that tulips are planted again next year. See Margaret Alton's article that gives more of the flavor of the successful day.

The beds of the Gardens are now planted with summer annuals adding more delight to Guilford's special community park. As you will read, the date for Dinner at Dusk, our community picnic and gathering in the Gardens, was moved this year to the end of July. While the mid-summer date may conflict with the vacation plans of some, Sherwood Gardens will be in full summer bloom and the weather may be more predictable. Please come to enjoy the meeting together of friends and neighbors in this great setting.

Board's Agenda

While the Guilford Association Board of Managers assumes an ongoing role of supporting and celebrating our unique community in many ways it also is consistently addressing issues and seeking ways to yet further improve our surroundings.

Security. We particularly are focused on the security and wellbeing of our Guilford residents. Frequent and open communication is maintained with the Northern District of the Baltimore City Police Department, particularly Major Gibson. The GSP service is evaluated for its responsiveness to community priorities and security concerns and changes are made where indicated. Please read the two articles in the newsletter that discuss the community approach being followed by the Northern District and an update on the GSP.

Guilford Reservoir. After almost six years since the decision to encapsulate the water of the Guilford Reservoir was announced construction on the project has begun. During the years since announcement the Guilford Association and nearby community representatives have negotiated planning and design changes so that the project when completed will include extensive landscaping and create another attractive green space in Guilford. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was negotiated between the City and the Guilford Association and Loyola University that



The flower beds at Sherwood Gardens have again been planted with beautiful summer annuals.

procedures, work hours and other activities that may affect the Guilford community and Loyola.

Unfortunately, however, the reconstruction will take three years to complete with some disruption and inconvenience for residents that surround the site. Likely, you have observed construction trailers at the fenced-in staging area at the triangle of Cold Spring Lane and Old Cold Spring Lane. Already Reservoir Lane is experiencing construction activity. Under terms of the MOU construction entrance to the site is limited and parking for workers is outside of the area.

We have been provided with the following information by the City regarding the work schedule.

The existing Guilford Finished Water Reservoir will be drained, and two 6.8 million gallon concrete water tanks will be installed underground, within the footprint of the reservoir. New pumps, pump station, mains, drains, and site enhancements will be a part of the project. There are four phases of the project:

Phase I – Construct bypass of the 48 inch water main. This is underway and is expected to be completed in August.

Phase II – Work on the reservoir itself, including draining it and installing the tanks. This will begin this August and be completed by August 2018.

Phase III – Construction of the pump station and activation of the tanks. This phase will begin in June 2018 and be completed in one year.

Phase IV – Site restoration and landscaping. This is planned to begin in June 2019 and be done by November 2019.

Allen Myers, Inc. is the contractor for both the reservoir and pumping station. The total cost of this construction and renewal is approximately \$75 million. The project is required by the Federal Clean Drinking Water Act in order to protect finished drinking water before it is sent to many of the 1.8 million customers of the Baltimore City water system.

Cathy Boyne has agreed to be the Association's contact with the City and contractor and together with the Loyola University representative will regularly be meeting with project representatives. If you have questions or concerns you should direct them to Cathy at catherineboyne@gmail.com.

Greenmount Avenue/York Road corridor. We continue to be focused on the issues related to the eastern side of Guilford.

- *Stadium Lounge.* Together with Waverly and Oakenshawe, the Guilford Association opposed the renewal of a liquor license at this establishment. The poor operation, uncontrolled behavior of drunken patrons loitering outside, impacting the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses have for years gone uncorrected. On June 23, the Liquor Board revoked Stadium Lounge's liquor license.

- *Greenmount Avenue residential properties.* The Architectural Committee has prepared a pattern book for Guilford properties on the west side of Greenmount Avenue and will be working with property owners to correct the many covenant violations that exist. While material options have been suggested that maintain the architectural integrity and extended time is being negotiated for correction, for many properties covenant violation notices are being recorded and in several cases litigation has been necessary. Guilford and Waverly are working together to design a strategy to improve the residential properties in the corridor and together are seeking loan assistance to help make more feasible renovation and acquisition of properties for single family homeownership. We shortly hope to announce that the Guilford homes on the west side of Greenmount Avenue will be included in a Healthy Neighborhoods area, becoming eligible for loans at favorable interest rates for rehabilitation, refinance and purchase of owner occupied properties.

- *AIRS/Empire Homes development.* About a year ago we became aware that AIRS/Empire Homes intended to purchase the site of the former funeral home on the northeast corner of York Road and 43rd St. for the development of housing for 42 former homeless youth to be called Restoration Gardens 2. The site is directly across York Road from Guilford homes at York and Underwood Roads.

The Guilford Architectural Committee members and residents living near the site were initially shown design options for the development by the development team in June 2015. The experience of the team in developing and operating a similar facility in northwest Baltimore lessened most reservations about the nature of the housing. The reaction to the building design options, however, was generally negative. The suggested building massing, materials, relation to the street and surroundings were all viewed as being incompatible with the design standards of the Guilford District and with the improved image sought for York Road.

Restoration Gardens 2 was approved by the MD Department of Housing and Community Development for funding assistance as part of the fall 2015 competitive round with Empire Homes of MD, Inc. and French Development Company receiving a Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) award and state Rental Housing Funds. Since federal and state funds will be used to develop the facility and the site is directly across from the Guilford National Register Historic District federal law requires that a Section 106 review be conducted to determine impact on the historic district or historic properties. The Association had asked that it be a consulting party as there would be a visual impact on Guilford.

On June 21, 2016, the Guilford Association's Architectural Committee members and two nearest residents to the site for the first time since June 2015 met with the Restoration Gardens 2 development team primarily to review the revised plans for the facility. From the information provided and the architectural drawings that were shown, the reviewers representing Guilford concluded that there was significant improvement in the design from the options shown a year earlier. The positioning and orientation of the building, the use of brick on the facade facing York Road, a gable roof, the more traditional window treatment on the lower floor, the retention of the existing stone wall all make the development more compatible with the architecture of Guilford. Additional comments were provided concerning building details. However, it was concluded that if the building was built as represented there would not be a negative impact on the Historic District and that the development could have a positive impact on the York Road environment.

- *Guilford Elementary/Middle School closure.* A committee of the Board and other interested Guilford residents continues to monitor the plans to close the school and is considering possible alternative uses for the site that would be compatible with the Guilford residential area and strengthen the location.

Real Estate Activity. As you will note when reviewing the property listings and sales of the past quarter there has been an active market for Guilford homes. While at one point in the quarter there were 31 properties on the market, most sales occurred quickly with price increases over those of the recent past. Currently there are a normal number of properties listed and there is a new home under construction in the 4000 block of Saint Paul Street. Submissions to the Architectural Committee for exterior alterations, many of which reflect substantial new investment, are also positive signs of the attraction of Guilford.

Office Manager. We regret that Tracey Clark, will be giving up the position of Office Manager, finding the time requirements greater than she can commit at this time. You will note our ad for a replacement and I urge that if you have interest or know of someone who may have interest please respond. The Office Manager is a critical position to the functioning of the Association. Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Tom Hobbs



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4406 GREENWAY
List Price: \$649,500
Closing Price: \$649,500



4411 GREENWAY
List Price: \$799,000
Closing Price: \$799,000



4311 ST. PAUL ST
List Price: \$895,000
Closing Price: \$885,000



4215 GREENWAY
List Price: \$1,350,000
Closing Price: \$1,270,000

4406 EASTWAY
List Price: \$409,000
Closing Price: \$409,000



303 NORTHWAY
List Price: \$364,900
Closing Price: \$365,000

4308 WENDOVER RD
List Price: \$439,000
Closing Price: \$432,000



43 WARRENTON RD
List Price: \$899,000
Closing Price: \$899,000

307 HIGHFIELD RD
List Price: \$585,000
Closing Price: \$565,000



Guilford Property Sales

FEBRUARY 20, 2016 – JULY 12, 2016

225 WENDOVER RD
List Price: \$474,000
Closing Price: \$440,000



Active Properties

AS OF JULY 12, 2016

List price

4001 GREENWAY	\$2,150,000
26 WHITFIELD RD	\$1,600,000
4207 GREENWAY*	\$1,237,000
4304 ST. PAUL ST	\$1,050,000
7 SAINT MARTINS RD*	\$889,000
5 HIGHFIELD RD	\$849,000
3801 N. CHARLES ST	\$825,000
12 SAINT MARTINS RD	\$749,000
101 HIGHFIELD RD	\$725,000
100 MILLBROOK RD	\$699,000
400 NORTHWAY	\$675,000
3801 FENCHURCH RD*	\$645,000
224 39TH ST	\$579,000
4405 UNDERWOOD RD	\$575,000
4309 NORWOOD RD*	\$499,000
4417 UNDERWOOD RD	\$485,000
4413 N. CHARLES ST	\$474,000
306 SOUTHWAY*	\$475,000
4 39TH ST	\$469,000
4417 NORWOOD RD	\$449,999
3817 JUNIPER RD	\$424,900
3519 NEWLAND RD*	\$399,900
311 NORTHWAY*	\$399,000
3810 GREENMOUNT AVE	\$329,944

*Under Contract



4001 N. CHARLES ST
List Price: \$500,000
Closing Price: \$350,000

31 YORK CT
List Price: \$235,900
Closing Price: \$230,000



3809 ST. PAUL ST
List Price: \$477,100
Closing Price: \$452,000



3819 JUNIPER RD
List Price: \$449,000
Closing Price: \$449,000



3812 FENCHURCH RD
List Price: \$649,900
Closing Price: \$635,000



2 ST. MARTINS RD
List Price: \$449,900
Closing Price: \$349,000



3803 FENCHURCH RD
List Price: \$699,000
Closing Price: \$655,000



3712 GREENMOUNT
List Price: \$97,900
Closing Price: \$84,000

201 ST. MARTINS RD
List Price: \$795,000
Closing Price: \$795,000



3701 ST. PAUL ST
List Price: \$930,000
Closing Price: \$885,000

412 BRETTON PL
List Price: \$217,900
Closing Price: \$214,000



407 BRETTON PL
List Price: \$359,900
Closing Price: \$340,000



206 CHANCERY RD
List Price: \$499,000
Closing Price: \$450,000



3545 NEWLAND RD
List Price: \$385,000
Closing Price: \$385,000



311 SOUTHWAY
List Price: \$242,000
Closing Price: \$242,000



3541 NEWLAND RD
List Price: \$325,000
Closing Price: \$324,000



3502 NEWLAND RD
List Price: \$424,900
Closing Price: \$420,000



415 SOUTHWAY
List Price: \$249,900
Closing Price: \$249,000



Annual Tulip Dig Raises Funds for Sherwood Gardens

MARGARET ALTON

The annual tulip dig is a fundraiser for Sherwood Gardens and the funds raised, more than \$4,500 this year, are mostly from people who do not live in Guilford. You probably think the Tulip Dig is about digging up tulip bulbs. You would be partly right. It is also about the folks who come to dig and our volunteer collectors who have a great time conversing with them. Here is a sampling of this year's conversations.

Anne Barone, Guilford collector: "Being a money-collector at the tulip dig gave me a chance to see some of my neighbors . . . some were enthusiastic diggers, others were not! Some ended up with large bags of bulbs, others with only a handful . . . some were distraught that their favorite color was gone, others were overwhelmed by the huge selection. So many bulbs, not enough time! It was definitely a study in human behavior and fun. The day was gorgeous!"

A fortyish fellow with his mother: "We have been coming here for decades — I use to play here and hide under the azaleas. Now I would not fit."

A young man with 2 large plastic garbage bags filled: "I have never been here before, but my pastor asked me to come and dig and this guy standing next to me, I haven't seen for years. I am from Elkridge and he is from Towson. Talk about a pleasant surprise. I'll be back next year."

An older fellow: "I was walking through the Gardens in April with friends from Colorado and they were blown away by the tulips. As a treat I will be sending my friends the tulips they liked best . . . yes to Colorado."

"I am 88. I hope I live long enough to see them bloom . . . yes I dug them myself. Are you doing a crossword puzzle? My mother-in-law use to fill them in row by row-straight across." And our volunteer collector asked, "How old is she now?" Oh, he said, "she is dead."

A very dirt covered guy: "I usually dig up close to a thousand bulbs, but only a few hundred this year . . . I will send you a picture of the tulips in bloom."

A lovely young woman: "I've never done this before — where do I rent the shovel?"

Someone : "This is one of those great Baltimore traditions — I come every year."

Two women: "We are from the Eastern Shore and wouldn't miss it. When done we are going to the Baltimore Herb festival in Leakin Park, but this is free."

Roy, a Guilford collector says: "All kinds of people came, some well outfitted with tools and buckets and some with just

enthusiasm. Those who were unprepared found helpful explanations and tools to share. Those without shovels were still managed: one carried home a broken trowel and another carried a bent one. Several parents let their children do the math and tender the donations. One tentative hobbyist took only two bulbs and paid with coins; many took bags of bulbs, paid with bills, and left donations for the Gardens . Many thanks and much appreciation was expressed. Those in doubt were charged with returning next year with a progress report. So many varieties of tulip; even more varieties of collectors. I thought it was a wonderful day."

And lastly here is a little something from an out of town blogger. Take a moment to look at the beautiful pictures and sentiments.

From: Jason Kay <jasonbertkay@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Apr 29, 2016 at 10:31 AM

Subject: Sherwood Gardens Post

To: guilford@guilfordassociation.org

Hello. Just thought I'd share the post I wrote on Sherwood Gardens for my garden blog, Garden in a City.

<https://gardeninacity.wordpress.com/2016/04/29/tulip-delight-at-baltimores-sherwood-garden/#more-12814>

Keep up the good work!

Best,
Jason Kay



The annual tulip dig saw hundreds of visitors at Sherwood Gardens. Held on May 28, it raised more than \$4,500 for Sherwood Gardens.

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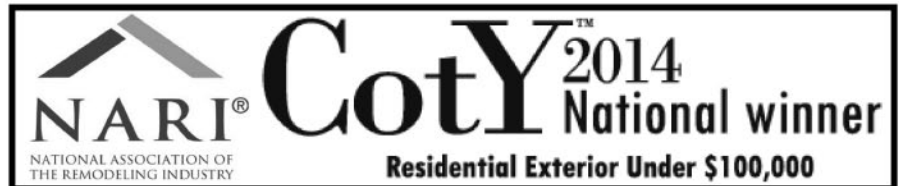
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The Monarch Waystation at Sherwood Gardens

ANNE BARONE

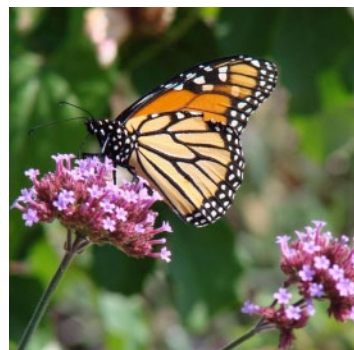
This summer, Sherwood Gardens will have a new attraction. Besides being one of the most famous tulip gardens in North America that reaches its peak in the Spring, we are developing a Summer attraction. Some of our beds will be packed with nectar-rich bloomers in an effort to attract bees, hummingbirds and other pollinators, such as butterflies . . . the Monarch, in particular.

Monarchs in Eastern North America make their winter home in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico. As Spring arrives, the migratory generation in Mexico breeds and lays the eggs of the next generation. It takes 3 to 4 generations to make the journey to the Northern United States and Canada. The annual migration of the Monarch butterfly is an amazing and unique phenomenon. The entire migration is instinctive (genetic), their internal compasses pointing them in the proper directions. Their migrations have been called “One of the most spectacular natural phenomena in the world”. The Monarch is the only butterfly known to make a two-way migration as do birds. All this is pretty amazing considering the wing span of only 3.5 to 4 inches! Born in March or April, they travel from their overwintering areas in Mexico North on a journey that is 1200 to 4800 miles long. It takes several generations to make the trip. Female Monarchs mate and lay eggs along the way and then die. The next generation continues where the last finished. It can be thought of as a “Monarch Generational Relay”. Three to five generations are born along the “Milkweed Highway”, the way North, until they reach their summer residences. During the Spring migration North, they must have access to milkweed that feeds the caterpillars, as well as plants that feed the adults, nectar plants. Adults lay eggs on milkweed and the larvae (caterpillars) feed on milkweed. Milkweed is essential for the survival of this species. Milkweed contains glycoside toxins which, when eaten by their predators, cause their predators to become ill. The toxins remain in their system even after metamorphosis, making the adult Monarch as poisonous to their predators as the caterpillar.

The Fall migration South is entirely different. These are fourth generation butterflies, who live eight or more months, travelling back to Mexico to start the cycle all over again. This last generation born in September and October, leads the most exciting life of them all. This is the overwintering generation. These are hearty souls, making the trip in one generation. About 60 million to 1 billion migrate from Western and Eastern North America to Central Mexico, sometimes flying more than 80 miles in one day. They fly back to Mexico and stay there until Spring. At that time, they start flying North, breed, lay eggs and die along the way. These South-

flying Monarchs live more than 8 months whereas the ones that accomplish the “Generational Relay” North, their progeny, only live two to five weeks.

The Eastern Monarch butterfly has suffered a ten-fold drop in population over the last decade these numbers vary dramatically from year to year. A study done in 2016 predicted an 11 to 57% probability that the population will become extinct in the next 20 years. The species is facing a 90 percent population decline, prompting several conservation groups to call them threatened. Habitat restoration is a primary goal in Monarch conservation efforts. The butterfly goes through several life cycle changes, their needs at each of these stages include milkweed. The paucity of milkweed is a major problem. Milkweed, a perennial flowering plant, is crucial to the species’ survival. It provides nectar and is the only plant that supports the eggs and caterpillars. Milkweed is disappearing due to widespread use of herbicides, development, which is consuming their habitats, and loss of habitats due to increasing agricultural land cultivation. Planting milkweed and other nectar-rich plants along the migratory routes will help sustain the Monarch’s survival.



The monarch may be the most familiar North American butterfly, and is considered an iconic pollinator species. Its wings feature an easily recognizable black, orange, and white pattern. After a ten-fold drop in the population of the eastern monarch butterfly population over the last decade, a 2016 study predicted that this population could go extinct over the next 20 years.

We are using three beds in an effort to become part of the Monarch Watch effort. This year, we are planting milkweed and nectar plants in beds 23, 21 and 12. Soon, you will see drifts of color in these beds. These plants offer the butterflies easy landing spots and wonderful food. We will begin to see more butterflies, with their gliding flight and kaleidoscopic patterns that resemble flowers taking wing. The result of these plantings means that Sherwood Gardens will become a Monarch Waystation, a major stop along the “Milkweed Highway”. We intend to make major contributions to the survival of the Monarch and help future generations appreciate these beautiful insects and marvel at the spectacular migrations of these winged wonders.

Dinner at Dusk Special Performance



Guilford resident Ken Kolodner and son Brad will provide special music for this year's Dinner at Dusk community picnic.

Ken Kolodner and son Brad will provide very special music for this year's Dinner at Dusk community picnic. Ken, a long-time Guilford resident, is regarded as one of the most noted and influential hammered dulcimer players in North America. He joins in performance with his son Brad, acclaimed as a rising clawhammer banjo player. Reviewers have concluded that together they "infuse their own brand of driving, innovative, tasteful and unique interpretations of traditional and original fiddle tunes and songs."

Ken taught himself to play the fiddle in 1980 while working on his PhD in epidemiology at The Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. A few years later he discovered the hammered dulcimer and became recognized among a handful of the best in the U.S. He is a founding member of the world folk music trio Helicon. His musical fame has him working primarily as a musician but he continues to consult in public health and has published widely.

Brad grew up around his father's music but didn't start playing banjo until age 17 when he attended a music camp where his father was teaching. After just two years, Brad won the first of many

awards for his playing, composition and arrangement. He's an Ithaca College graduate with a degree in Television/Radio and is now both performing and teaching.

Ken and Brad started performing together regularly in 2009. Two years later they released their first recording, *Otter Creek*, which became the most played instrumental recording on the international Folk-DJ Radio charts. *Skipping Rocks*, their acclaimed second album was released in September 2013.

Reviewers have commented that Ken and Brad "are locked in from the second the mallet hits and the nail strikes the strings. They have a creative bond and danceable groove that is unmistakable. . . . This is old time music played in the purest way: at home, with family, with heart, and with a creative curiosity that lets all listeners know that a passion for traditional music yet thrives in every generation." — Dulcimer Player News, April 2011.

Much more about Ken and Brad as well as samples of their music can be found on their website: <http://www.kenandbrad.com/>.

Mark your calendar to attend "Dinner at Dusk" and the music event in Sherwood Gardens on July 31.

Board Recognizes 2015 Donations

We are all grateful for the generous donations to Stratford Green by the following people and businesses. Without these additional monies for the planting and maintenance, Sherwood Gardens would not have looked as beautiful as it has in 2015. If there are any errors in names, amount donated or omissions, please let the Guilford Office know by e-mail officemanager@guilfordassociation.com or phone 410-889-1717. If you would like to make a donation to Stratford Green, please send a check made payable to "Stratford Green" c/o Guilford Association, 4200 St. Paul Street, Suite 100, Baltimore MD 21218 or contribute directly on line at <http://guilfordassociation.org>.

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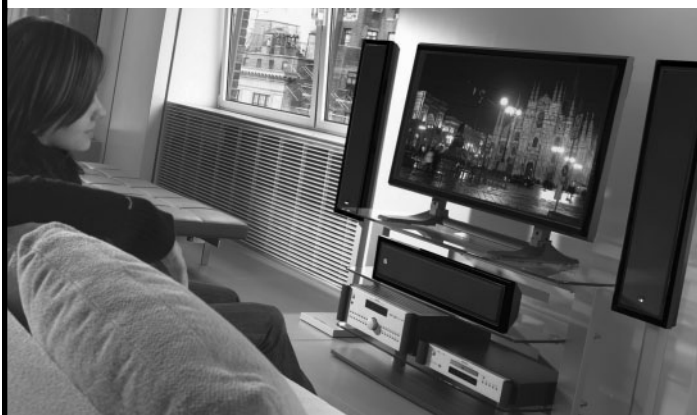
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Guilford Security Patrol

LYNDA RILEY

In March of this year, U.S. Security Associates (USA) announced the acquisition of McRoberts Protective Agency, Inc. the company that has been running Guilford's Security Patrol for the last several years. U.S. Security Associates is the oldest security firm in America, and a strong player in the security services market. U.S. Securities believes that the integration of the two firms will bring state-of-the-industry capability to McRoberts' valued clients. In addition, U.S. Securities has a comprehensive training academy which includes a rigorous training and certification program.

Other recent changes revolve around personnel and the station for the GSP car and guards. The GSP car previously was stationed at The Calvert School. This was convenient, but often took the guards outside of Guilford. The GSP car will now be parked on Stratford Road opposite the Second Presbyterian Church. The church has offered its facilities for the guards' use. This is good for the church, the neighborhood and GSP.

The final change is related to personnel. Our regional manager Allen Fine is still in place, however, our area manager, Donald Young, has been replaced by Chris Sturgill. Chris comes from the Johns Hopkins University Security Team, where he spent the last 10 years collaborating with the District Police to curb crime in the area. Prior to that Chris was a U.S. Marine; he spent 8 years in the Marine Corp and served our country through multiple deployments. George Allen, our long term GSP guard is still on duty.

I had the pleasure of doing a ride along through Guilford with George Allen as he was training a new guard, Aziz Rahimdad. New guards have been rare over the time of the McRoberts contract, so this was an uncommon opportunity. I was able to meet a tenured guard and be involved in the training process of a new guard. George Allen works as a day guard. His tour through Guilford is typically 60 miles travelled during his eight-hour shift. It takes him about an hour and fifteen minutes to drive the perimeter of Guilford and another 25 minutes to drive the interior streets.

The beauty of the neighborhood and the individuality of the homes always makes driving the neighborhood a pleasure, according to George. He said he finds Guilford residents to be generally pleasant and appreciative of his work. George believes the most important aspect of his job is that people with bad intentions either start behaving when they see him or they leave the neighborhood.

Some of the things that the guards execute on a tour are looking for open garage doors, packages left by delivery companies in plain sight, suspicious folks and residents that may be carrying things to and from their property. If he sees a garage door open he will try to contact the resident to remind them to close it. The guards will



George Allen has served on the Guilford Security Patrol for over two years, driving thousands of miles through the neighborhood.

move packages to a more inconspicuous spot if possible. In a recent case George approached a solicitor that seemed suspicious. He stated he was selling candy, but had no candy to sell. In another incident he pushed out a group of young teens that were trying car doors for crimes of opportunity. Lastly when George and the other guards are touring, if they see residents that are carrying bags or other items to and from their house they will wait and make sure the resident gets in safely.

George has a plethora of stories regarding different incidents in the neighborhood. He once witnessed a man stealing a car on Northway. The car was speeding towards York Road, but when the man saw the security vehicle he jumped out of the car and ran. The owner was able to get her car back immediately. On another occasion George saw two men stealing a lawnmower out of a garage. He called the police and the men were caught and arrested.

George has been with McRoberts, now U.S. Security Associates, for over two years. He retired as a Procurement Manager for a construction company called URS Corporation. He grew up in Forest Park, a Baltimore City neighborhood located in the northwest, and graduated from Forest Park High School. He spent two years at Morgan State University. Now a widower living in the Woodlawn area, with two sons and five grandchildren who all live nearby, George has strong ties to Baltimore.

When you see George and other GSP guards wave, say hello and introduce yourself.

Northern District Major Rich Gibson

ANGELA LUNCZYNSKI

I recently sat down and talked with one of the “good guys,” Major Rich Gibson. Major Gibson officially took over as commander of the Northern District in late 2015. Since then many of you have probably seen some of the good doings of the Major and the Northern District officers. Spending time in the community, honoring officers that have done good work, and encouraging better outcomes for kids in the community is where he likes to spend his time.

The Major says he was honored to be tapped to command the Northern District. He talked about his early year’s right out of the academy and being assigned as a rookie officer to the Northern District in 1997. The Northern District is my “home district,” says Rich. As a rookie officer he says he spent many evenings patrolling the streets of Guilford and the adjoining communities. Ultimately he spent a good deal of time as the permanent post officer in Remington. Community policing is near and dear to the Major, and he says he learned that early on through his years on permanent post in Remington. He talks about the relationships he built and how policing is best executed through engaging with the community. This experience has led him on a quest to bring back the concept of community policing with many of his current policies. Based on these policies, Guilford now has a few dedicated post officers that rotate based on schedules and mitigating events. These officers have been charged with getting to know Guilford, its residents and community leaders. The Major and his officers have met with members of the Guilford Association and the GSP. The Major is very accessible and has helped to establish a clear line of communication between BCPD, the Guilford Association and GSP. This line of communication is vastly improved over years past.

These days, when time allows, Rich likes his morning coffee at Spro in Hampden. He spends much of his time in the community he serves reaching out to students and seniors alike. As part of his efforts to focus on community policing and to bring back that style of engagement, like our post officers, he’s focused on getting to know his constituents, the people and business owners that live and work in our communities.

In June alone Major Gibson’s team participated in a Unity March on Greenmount Avenue organized by local Waverly resident Joe Stewart. The Northern District team visited local elementary schools and honored the winners of the annual “Commander’s Award” program. BCPD sponsors this annual award for the most improved student at local schools such as Barclay Elementary, Guilford Elementary and Waverly Elementary to name a few. The “Commanders award,” is given to the child who has the most improved grades and attendance in the prior year. The winner

receives a brand new bike from the BCPD. The Northern District officers also volunteered their time at Manna house in June, and saw the first graduating Dare class in the Northern District in years. All this went on in conjunction with good policing. During the same time period Northern District officers arrested the key suspect in Memorial Day’s quintuple shooting. Officer Arnold Jenkins pulled a driver from a burning car on Cold Spring Lane, and the team has put forth a major initiative to put together a long term solution to address pan handling in and around the district.

Major Gibson is a pretty humble guy. When asked about his view on daily policing and his connection to Guilford, he responded “My policing philosophy is simple. I spent 18 years chasing the bad guys with guns, catching drug dealers, and putting murderers and shooters in jail. Every day I embrace my duty to protect people from the bad guys that want to steal from them and, or commit violence in this great city. It’s a responsibility that I do not take lightly. The community needs me as much as I need the community. I am very active in the community because friendships and relationships are made daily by understanding and compromising; and I mean this sincerely, I am a friend of Guilford.”

Prior to joining the police department Major Gibson was an active duty member of the U.S. Navy and is a Desert Storm Veteran. His rise to commander was an organic process, starting as a post officer, then being promoted to detective investigating Economic Crimes and Narcotic Activity. After that he became Sergeant and supervised a squad of plain-clothes officers in the Cherry Hill Community. Shortly thereafter he was promoted to Lieutenant and

spent time in the Northern District as a patrol Shift Commander, District Detective Unit Commander and ultimately as a Shift Commander with the Homicide Division. Most recently he was asked to come back to the Northern District as the Captain and was ultimately promoted to his current rank of Major and is now the Commander of the Northern District. Other connections to the Northern District include his Master’s Degree in Management from the Johns Hopkins University. Major Gibson wants



Major Rich Gibson has been focussed on getting to know his constituents within the communities of the Northern District.

residents to know that he and his officers are always accessible. He has created an internal e-mail address by which you can e-mail him or his staff with any questions. That e-mail address is northernquestions@baltimorepolice.org. He can also be found on Facebook under Rich Gibson. You will also see posts from him on Nextdoor and from the Listserv System. One last thing, he asks that if you see him around say hello, and please don’t call him Major Gibson, call him Rich, he is a member of the community and we are fellow neighbors!

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August 5

Friday, 7:30pm

Amici Music - "Cello Charm" with Amy Barston, cello
208 Northway

August 6

Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

Jazz in the Sculpture Garden

Tizer Quartet featuring Karen Briggs
Baltimore Museum of Art

August 13

Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

Jazz in the Sculpture Garden
Don Braden Quintet featuring
Vanessa Rubin
Baltimore Museum of Art

August 20

Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

Jazz in the Sculpture Garden

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Baltimore Museum of Art

August 28

Sunday, 4:00pm

Amici Music - "Jewish Jazz" with
Steve Loew, clarinet
208 Northway

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Amici Music

http://www.amicimusic.org/upcoming-showsbaltimore_area.aspx

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The Guilford Reservoir will soon disappear forever. The existing reservoir will be drained, and two 6.8 million gallon concrete water tanks will be installed underground. The project is required by the Federal Clean Drinking Water Act.

