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## Guilford's Oldest Resident

JACQUES KELLY

CHARLES REEVES WAS GUILFORD'S OLDEST LIVING RESIDENT. HE HAD RESIDED HERE IN THE SAME HOUSE SINCE 1923.

*Guilford's oldest living continuous resident Charles B. "Sprat" Reeves Jr., a retired attorney, sportsman, fox hunter, traveler, mountain climber and philanthropist died this past June. He resided at 4406 Greenway since 1923 — his entire life. When not traveling around the world with friends, one would see him accompanied on walks along Greenway, or at one of the various clubs to which he belonged — always with a smile and a welcoming and hearty hello.*

*Here are two articles written by Jacques Kelly from The Baltimore Sun — a 6/30/2015 obituary and a 4/26/2013 article wherein Mr. Reeves describes the Guilford he remembers:*

Charles B. "Sprat" Reeves Jr., a retired attorney and philanthropist recalled as a charming raconteur, died of congestive heart failure Saturday (June 27, 2015) at Gilchrist Hospice Care. He was 92 and lived in Guilford.

Born in Baltimore — he lived his entire life on Greenway — he was the son of Charles B. Reeves Sr., who was born in Mount Vernon Place, and Emily Fitzgerald Kenny, who lived on Eutaw Place. The couple had adjoining pews at St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church,

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Charles Reeves lived in the same Guilford home on Greenway since 1923. (Lloyd Fox, Baltimore Sun)





This summer Sherwood Garden's has benefited greatly from Project Olmsted — a new summer long exhibition of planting beds designed in the tradition of celebrated landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. Each bed has been curated by a different local landscape firm. The project concludes on Saturday, August 29 with an awards ceremony, family activities, and food trucks.

Summer is too quickly passing. As always it is a season for enjoying the lush green beauty and many wonderful gardens of Guilford — an almost unbelievable setting so close to the urban city. It is a legacy of the designers, builders and caring residents to whom we are forever grateful. If only the national media made the effort to view our whole city the image too often portrayed of Baltimore might be very different.

As you have been notified by email and you can read further about in the newsletter, Project Olmsted has created an even more special setting in Sherwood Gardens this summer through the beds planned and contributed by many local landscape designers and on August 29th there are events to attract Guilford families and friends. For the idea and planning of this project thanks goes to Margaret Alton, Joan Royals, Elizabeth Comer, Emily Little, Francie Spahn, Clarke Griffin and others that volunteered with them to make events unique and special.

The tulip and spring bulb bloom in the Gardens was spectacular again. I hope that as you've walked through the Gardens

you've observed the steps that have been taken to implement the Master Plan for restoring the site to reflect the Olmsted design. The curvilinear beds are being restored and plantings that created obstacles to the intended long views are being removed or relocated. Thanks to generous contributions we have been able to implement elements of the plan more quickly than expected.

There are many issues and priorities that occupy the members of the Association Board of Managers even during the laid back season of summer. I'll summarize a few.

**Guilford Reservoir.** The City has again put the project out to bid after rejecting the first response. We have agreed to three modifications to the Memo of Understanding (MOU) with the City that the City insisted were necessary — the change of the work start time from 8:00am to 7:00am; modification of the provisions for access to Reservoir Lane; and expansion of the construction entrance to the reservoir from Old Cold Spring Lane. Cathy Boyne has negotiated the changes and coordinating closely with Loyola University has assured that the Guilford community concerns are protected.

**Bouton Well Restoration.** In the Fall 2014 issue of the newsletter we discussed the need to restore the badly deteriorating memorial to Edward Bouton in Gateway Park. After meticulous work that involved the recasting of the well cap, the memorial commemorating Bouton's development direction in Guilford, Roland Park and Homeland is back in position and hopefully will withstand many more decades. Thanks to those that contributed to cover the cost of the work and we hope that additional funds are donated since the expense exceeded initial estimates.

**The Board Representation.** The social survey results discussed by Francie Spahn in a separate article were useful as we consider more engaging neighborhood activities that appeal to Guilford residents. We thank those of you that responded. Many had useful suggestions and a few had strong opinions that are noted. It does cause pause that so few indicated willingness to volunteer for specific activities or assist on Board committees. The Association is a volunteer organization and the activities suggested can only be undertaken or sustained by more members of the community willing to devote time and effort to plan and organize events and projects. The Board of Managers consists entirely of volunteers willing to commit time to support the community and fulfill the responsibilities of the Deed and Agreement — in many cases a significant commitment. We hope that more of you will consider joining in the volunteer effort.

Another suggestion made by a few respondents and implied by a couple of individuals at the last Annual Meeting was that the Association's Board representation and priorities are lesser for the part of Guilford south of 39th Street than the area to the north. That is quite untrue. The Board views the entirety of Guilford as one community with the strengths of the community being the variety and diversity that by planned development exists.

For the past decade, I and Lynda Riley who was president before me, have made certain that the Board of Managers represents the geography and the interests of the entire community. It is perhaps useful to note the current Board members by their area of Guilford in which they live:

*South of 39th Street:*

Angela Hamilton, Jeremy Hoffman, Anthony Gill, Tom Hobbs, Francisco Castellanos, Adrian Bishop, Heather Fones

*North of 39th Street:*

Lynda Riley, Howard Friedel, Cathy Boyne, Elizabeth Comer, Felix Dawson, Tim Chriss, Lisa Garten, John Doherty, Deanna Karanikas

*West of Charles Street:*

Margaret Alton, Francie Spahn, Clarke Griffin

The contact information for all of the Board members and their committee responsibilities is found on the Guilford web site.

**The Board's Agenda.** I have in past newsletter editions discussed the attention that the Association is giving to the eastern edge of Guilford. The issues associated with the Greenmount/York Road corridor are many and while the impact is primarily felt in the very long section of the community stretching from Old Cold Spring Lane on the north to Southway on the south and in the southeastern area of Guilford, the effects can impact the entire community.

The problems include vacant and underused commercial buildings in Guilford on the west side of York Road north of Underwood Road; residential Guilford properties on Greenmount Avenue where there are areas of mixed maintenance, covenant violations, concentrated defaults and foreclosures and investor purchase; a general environment of Greenmount Avenue that is unsettling. The Association has taken several actions and will continue to focus attention on the area:

- We are actively participating in the York Road Partnership (YRP) and have engaged in the preparation of and supported the Plan for the Commercial Corridor.
- We have actively participated with the YRP and Loyola University in seeking to confront the saturation of liquor establishments. Through the cooperative efforts of the YRP, Guilford, Homeland, Loyola University, Wilson Park and other adjacent communities, the Liquor Board revoked the licenses of Wozzi's Lounge and Favorites Pub. Through similar community efforts a liquor license transfer was denied the Lucky 7 convenience store directly across from the Northway exit from Guilford. Most recently, Guilford together with Oakenshawe, Waverly and the Waverly Business Community sought to have the license for the Stadium Lounge permanently revoked because of illegal gambling

activity and repeated activities over years that were illegal or irresponsible and disruptive to the surrounding neighborhoods. Unfortunately the Liquor Board response was a fine and 180 day suspension and the new Liquor Board Chair has taken steps to lessen that penalty.

- Anthony Gill and the Architectural Committee have prepared a pattern book for York Courts to guide the property owners in making repairs and maintenance. A similar guide will be prepared for the Greenmount properties south of 39th Street.

- We are working with Greater Homewood to have the Guilford area of Greenmount Avenue designated a "Healthy Neighborhoods" area so that favorable term loans would be available to assist in purchase and renovation.

- We are beginning discussions concerning the future use of the Guilford Elementary/Middle School buildings.

Defaulted properties and eventually lender controlled properties have most impacted the eastern and southeastern parts of Guilford but a few exist elsewhere in Guilford. The Association through a lot of effort actively has sought to identify the lender and lender designated asset manager and tried to require that the properties be acceptably maintained. At sale if there are covenant violations we are requiring a correction agreement.

All of these efforts are Board priorities, many directed to the areas of southeastern Guilford south of 39th Street. In addition to the above, the following actions were taken:

- Little Park was reclaimed from its overgrown state; Gateway Park has had extensive tree care and new sidewalks were installed surrounding much of the park.
- Areas for sidewalk replacement and tree planting were designated by the Association to the City as Guilford priorities. The Association and neighbors initiated a tree restoration effort on 39th Street several years ago.
- The Guilford Security Patrol devotes high priority to the area during patrols.
- Several defaulted properties in the area have now been sold to owners with an obligation to correct covenant violations.

Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Tom Hobbs

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List Price: \$675,000  
Closing Price: \$680,000



**4202 GREENWAY**  
List Price: \$1,145,000  
Closing Price: \$1,075,000



**11 YORK CT**  
List Price: \$95,000  
Closing Price: \$101,000



**3 WENDOVER RD**  
List Price: \$719,000  
Closing Price: \$665,000



**105 WENDOVER**  
List Price: \$1,100,000  
Closing Price: \$1,100,000



**212 E. 39TH ST**  
List Price: \$465,000  
Closing Price: \$427,968



**3700 GREENMOUNT AV**  
List Price: \$119,000  
Closing Price: \$125,000



**3509 NEWLAND RD**  
List Price: \$349,900  
Closing Price: \$340,000



**316 SOUTHWAY**  
List Price: \$273,900  
Closing Price: \$290,000



**415 SOUTHWAY**  
List Price: \$129,900  
Closing Price: \$135,000

## Active Properties

AS OF AUGUST 21, 2015

List price

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<b>4001 GREENWAY</b>	\$2,450,000
<b>1 WHITFIELD RD</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>14 WENDOVER RD</b>	\$1,095,000
<b>3810 GREENWAY</b>	\$879,000
<b>3803 FENCHURCH RD</b>	\$799,000
<b>4405 UNDERWOOD RD</b>	\$700,000
<b>3806 ST. PAUL ST</b>	\$650,000
<b>3812 FENCHURCH RD</b>	\$649,900
<b>206 CHANCERY RD</b>	\$595,000
<b>307 NORTHWAY</b>	\$574,990
<b>305 NORTHWAY</b>	\$525,000
<b>4309 NORWOOD RD</b>	\$499,900
<b>15 COLD SPRING LN</b>	\$499,000
<b>4330 N. CHARLES ST</b>	\$489,000
<b>310 WENDOVER RD</b>	\$449,000
<b>311 NORTHWAY</b>	\$435,000
<b>311 WENDOVER RD</b>	\$419,900
<b>414 BRETTON PL</b>	\$335,000
<b>412 BRETTON PL</b>	\$289,900
<b>3608 GREENMOUNT AV</b>	\$209,900
<b>4406 EASTWAY</b>	\$199,000
<b>3712 GREENMOUNT AV</b>	\$163,900
<b>8 YORK CT</b>	\$56,300

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**REEVES**, *From page 1*

where Mr. Reeves was a lifelong member. His father owned an insurance agency and his mother's family owned the C.D. Kenny coffee and tea stores.

He attended the Calvert and Gilman schools and was a graduate of the Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn. His studies at Princeton University, where he was on the staff of the *Daily Princetonian*, were interrupted by his World War II service in the Army. He served in the field artillery and was a pilot. A first lieutenant, he was stationed in Japan.

After the war, he completed his bachelor's degree at Princeton. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law.

He joined the firm of Cross & Shriver in 1951 and was an assistant attorney general from 1957 to 1959. In 1961, he joined what was then Venable, Baetjer and Howard and remained until his retirement in 1993. He worked in trusts and estates and in securities law.

Friends said that Mr. Reeves traveled so much and so enthusiastically, he never really unpacked. He climbed numerous mountains, including the Matterhorn, and was a member of the Arlberg Ski Club in St. Anton, Austria. Colleagues said he returned to Baltimore with photographs and hours' worth of stories.

"Everybody loved him. Charlie would come home from a trip and hold a seminar in the board room," said George Johnston, a former Venable law partner. "He was down-to-earth, funny, clever and completely unpretentious. A lot more people attended his talks than they did partners' meetings."

Colleagues recalled his enthusiastic speaking, formal dress — he shopped at a grocery store attired in neat but bright tweeds — and his twinkling eyes that seemed to mask a schoolboy's mischievous intent.

"He could show you a Mongolian village and you felt as if you were there," said John Henry Lewin, a retired Venable colleague. "As a fox hunter, he had fallen off every horse in Baltimore County and if he broke a rib, he'd say, 'Well, it was just one.'"

Mr. Reeves served on the board and held the offices of secretary, president and chairman of the James Lawrence Kernan Hospital near Dickeyville from 1959 to 1996. He was instrumental in establishing the hospital's affiliation with the University of Maryland Medical System. Mr. Reeves also donated \$1 million to the institution.

"Sprat Reeves was our 'Downton Abbey' figure," said Venable attorney C. Carey Deeley Jr. "He was filled with dignity and grace. I've never known anyone who seemed more like royalty."

Mr. Reeves was also a donor to the restoration of the Basilica of the Assumption. He funded the cleaning of three 19th-century paintings by Constantino Brumidi at St. Ignatius in Mount Vernon, where he also created an art gallery. In 2011, he gave much of the money for a \$475,000 restoration of an 1860 pipe organ at St. Ignatius. He made the gift in the names of his aunts, Roman Catholic nuns who had nursed the indigent sick and taught young women. He also requested that Gounod's "Messe Solennelle" be played at the first service after the restoration.

"Charles was a unique individual. He was one of a kind," said his pastor, the Rev. William Watters, S.J. "He was deeply loved by all

and was highly regarded. He could fill a room with his humanity. He thoroughly enjoyed people and was always interested in them."

Father Watters said Mr. Reeves argued convincingly to save the parish when church authorities considered its closure nearly 45 years ago.

"We owe a lot to Charles when he was president of the parish council," said Father Watters. "He remonstrated with the Jesuit provincial and he made the case to keep the church open."

An art collector, Mr. Reeves donated his numerous paintings to the Calvert School. He also supported the Handel Choir.

At his death, he was the longest-tenured resident of Guilford in North Baltimore, having resided in his parents' home for all but brief periods in his life.

Mr. Reeves wrote several volumes of memoirs. In his 1999 work, "Carpe Diem," he advised: "Live your life so that whatever you lose, you are ahead."

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## **'Sprat' Reeves shares his history, and Guilford's**

April 26, 2013

I showed up at the door of a Greenway home I've admired for years. Charles B. Reeves — who goes by "Sprat" — greeted me with his enthusiastic welcome: "Delighted." For the next 90 minutes I tried to take notes about his version of the history of North Baltimore's Guilford.

"I was born in 1923. Huzzah!" said the neighborhood patriarch. I posed a few questions about Guilford's centennial, an event that is being celebrated Sunday with a house and garden tour. Who else but this retired Venable attorney, fox hunter and Austrian skier could tell me where the bodies were buried? Except for a few years of military service and law school, he has lived in the same house since he was born.

He ushered me into his dining room and started talking, and talking some more, in his infectious, enthusiastic, Teddy Roosevelt style.

"Guilford is rife with history," he said.

He said the house next door, built by Morris Whitridge, was later bought by restaurant owner William Haussner and his wife, Frances. He recalled how his aunt, Ella Klotworthy, was the first person to welcome them at their enormous home, a place that once held a portion of their vast art and antiques collection.

That aunt, Ella Reeves Klotworthy, also lived in the family home. She was an Old Bay Line executive and later had a tearoom near the Maryland Club.

The German family "across the street was the Bauernschmidts, the beer people," he said. "And near that, the Dangerfields."

As a boy, Sprat Reeves eluded capture when he ignited a "triple salute" firework, a projectile that blew across the street and struck the Dangerfield portal.

"I acted wholly innocent about the whole ordeal. I was practicing 'The Merry Farmer' on the piano of a neighbor, Mabel



Whitely," he said. "Soon her maid came in and said, 'Miss Mabel, the police have surrounded the house.' She told me to confess."

Guilford may trace its origins to 1913, but Reeves recalls a 1920s and early 1930s building boom. He and his late brother, David, played in the construction sand piles and made forts and caves.

"We spotted them as they came out of the ground," he said. "We'd be riding in mother's Buick runabout and, I'd shout, 'New house.'"

His own home had a taste of literary fame when the celebrated British novelist Evelyn Waugh and his wife paid a visit to Baltimore to receive an honorary degree from Loyola College.

"The Jesuits asked Daddy to put him up," Reeves said. "He proved not to be a great house guest. His wife was delightful, though."

He recalled other neighbors. Gen. Milton Reckord, of the Maryland National Guard and a World War I figure, lived a couple of doors toward Bedford Square, where streetcars once crossed over St. Paul Street to make the return trip downtown.

Reeves, ever the sportsman, also explained that it was possible to catch a southbound trolley to University Parkway, transfer to a Roland Park car, then transfer again to the No. 24 (upper Roland Avenue) and arrive at the back entrance of the Elkridge Club for a game of golf or a dance.

We got around to the story of his house. "We always called it the ugliest house in Guilford," he said with a knowing laugh. "It was

not a red-brick Colonial. It was not like the others. The rooms are very utilitarian."

With its slate roof and stucco walls, it resembles a home in Scotland, he said. It was designed by Baltimore architect Pleasants Pennington.

On this spectacular April morning, I wondered if there could be a more beautiful garden suburb than Guilford. The pinks on the dogwoods were showing and the deeper purples on the redbud trees were out. The preparation for this weekend's tours had turned Greenway, St. Paul and other streets into a parking lot of landscaper trucks.

The neighborhood looked as if Martha Stewart was due at any minute to hand out report cards. It was just about perfect, but I was happy to just visit and let the residents here worry about the maintenance.

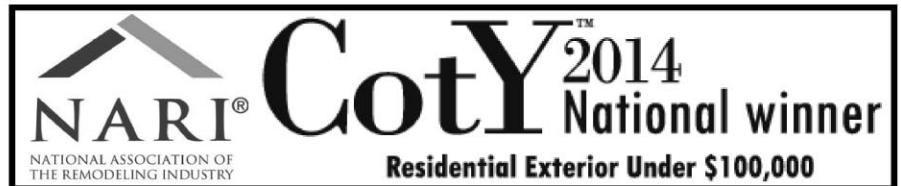
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# Guilford Social Survey Results

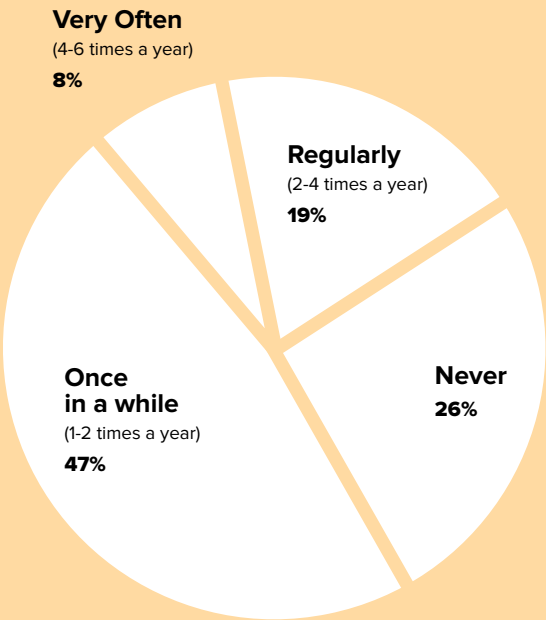
FRANCIE SPAHN

At the beginning of the summer, a survey was emailed to the Guilford Association with the hope of re-engaging our wonderful team of existing volunteers, identifying additional social engagements, and encouraging more robust neighborhood interaction. We are delighted to report that over 150 individuals participated in the survey. Many thoughtful suggestions were offered, and numerous people volunteered to help with both current and new events.

Here is a summary of the survey. With a good bit of effort, and just a little bit of luck, we believe we can — in partnership with you, our neighbors — use these results to strengthen the social fibers of our beautiful community.

## Question 1

How often do you attend events in this neighborhood?



## Question 2

Please check which of the following events hosted by the Guilford Association you have attended over the past THREE years (please check as many as apply).



## Question 3

If you do not attend or no longer intend to attend an existing event in our neighborhood, why not (e.g., “I no longer intend to attend the Spring Egg Hunt because my children have grown out of that event”)?

Understandably, the answers to this question varied. Without a doubt, however, the most common answer was that the children in many of our households have outgrown certain events. While this may be the case for many of us, we are fortunate to have had a steady number of young families move into our neighborhood. For them, and for those of us with younger relatives (e.g., nieces, nephews, grandchildren, etc.), our long standing social events (such as the Halloween parade) will always be a part of who we are and how we remain connected to one another.



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## Question 4

**We would like to introduce new events to our community! Which of the following would you attend? Please check all that apply.**

Because we suspected we already knew the answer to Question 3 (and it turns out we did), we wanted to give you the opportunity to consider new social opportunities. As you can see below, our suggestions included sports, arts, and service oriented activities, many of which could be both practical and free of charge.

**First Friday Happy Hour**  
**56%**

**Dumpster Day**  
(spring clean, donate, trash, recycle)  
**64%**

**Spring Picnic**  
**29%**

**Fourth of July Parade**  
**16%**

**Orioles / Ravens Viewing**  
(outdoor large projection)  
**28%**

**Crab Feast**  
**33%**

**Fall Picnic**  
**32%**

**Poker / Bridge / Mahjong**  
**6%**

**Knitting / Needlepoint Circle**  
**6%**

**Service Opportunities**  
(individuals, families and students)  
**21%**

**Scavenger Hunt**  
**5%**

**Block Parties**  
**49%**

**Walking / Running Clubs**  
(and/or Dog Walking Group)  
**21%**

**Yoga in the Park**  
(or Tai Chi)  
**31%**

**Car wash**  
**10%**

**Young Children Playgroup**  
**13%**

**Book Club**  
**20%**

**Other**  
**18%**

Some of the responses in the “Other” category included semi-annual yard sales, community bike rides and/or fun runs, and a garden club. With your help, we look forward to implementing some of these new social events over the next twelve months.

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## Question 5

**The ONLY way any of our events (existing or proposed) work is if we have volunteers to help run them. If you are willing to host, chair or volunteer for any of these events (existing or new), please provide your name, email address, and the event(s) for which you wish to volunteer.**

The answers to this question were interesting. It seems that everyone has an opinion — and, in some instances, strong opinions — as to what we could be doing better, but less than a third of the respondents offered to volunteer and/or help to effectuate any of the changes they desired. That noted, some of you did step up to

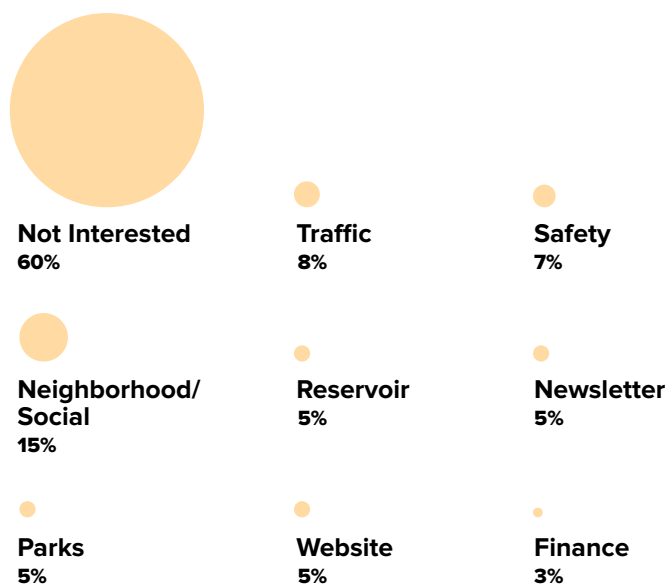
the plate, and for that we are incredibly grateful! We will contact our volunteers over the next few months to start organizing their activities and events. It's not too late to help — just let us know if you are interested in volunteering.

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## Question 6

**Would you be interested in volunteering to work with a Guilford Association Committee? Please check all that apply, making sure to provide your name and email address in the space provided.**

If only about a third of the respondents indicated they would be willing to volunteer to run an event, we had even fewer agree they would be willing to serve on a Guilford Association Board committee!



The best way to effectuate change, however, is to be a part of the process. Our board is comprised entirely of volunteers who do their best to meet the needs of our community. Moreover, our committees are only as active and robust as their members. As such, we truly welcome and deeply appreciate any time you have to serve. The respective committee chair persons will be in touch with those of you who expressed an interest in serving on a committee.

At the end of the day, we believe this survey was a great success. Many thanks again to all of you who participated!

## Help Wanted: Writers Needed

The Guilford Association is seeking writers and content proposals for the *Guilford News*. The continuation of the newsletter is dependent on volunteers. If you are interested in writing or have suggestions for content please contact Tracey Clark at [officemanager@guilfordassociation.org](mailto:officemanager@guilfordassociation.org).

# Emerald Ash Borer

AARON B. GARVER

Trees are a huge part of what makes Guilford the standout community that it is. Magnificent canopies that spread across lawns, over houses and even cool the streets for the avid joggers, bicyclists, and dog walkers (you know who you are). Trees provide shade and privacy for backyard barbecues, casual lacrosse practice, and cocktail parties. Trees are a part of our lives.

There are many insect and disease problems that have affected the dynamic of our tree canopy through the years. Dutch Elm Disease, Chestnut Blight, and Gypsy Moth are just a few names that spring to mind. A relatively new insect is now in play in Baltimore and it has been labeled as “the most destructive forest pest ever seen in North America.” That pest is Emerald Ash Borer. [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

The Emerald Ash Borer is thought to have been brought to the United States in cargo packing materials that arrived in Michigan sometime in the 1990's. The presence of the insect wasn't discovered until 10-12 years later in 2002 when Ash lining many of the streets (the result of replanting after Dutch Elm Disease) began to quickly decline and die. In 2003 a shipment of Ash nursery stock went from Michigan to Prince George's County and then the march (or flight) north began. Last year Adult beetles were caught in traps in both Druid Hill Park and just outside of Fort McHenry. They are here.

Emerald Ash borers are not imposing insects. They are small 1/2 inch metallic emerald green beetles that do not look that dangerous, especially not to large mature trees. Their danger lies in the voracious feeding of the larvae under the bark of the trees, the impressive reproductive rate, and their lack of native predators. The combination of these factors lead to large trees becoming infested, declining, and dying completely in as little as 3-4 years.

*Agrilus planipennis*, commonly known as the Emerald Ash Borer is a green jewel beetle native to eastern Asia. The invasive insect is responsible for the destruction of tens of millions of ash trees in 25 states in the Midwest and Northeast.



The Baltimore Tree Trust put on an informative lecture at Cylburn Arboretum in March with Dr. Deborah G. McCullough of Michigan State University who has been working with treatments and controls since the outbreak in her home state. We will not mention the title of the lecture here, but the short version is, there

The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients.



are ways to prevent Emerald Ash Borer Infestation, take action now or it will be too late. Once trees are infested and the canopy has declined by 30% no amount of action will bring the trees back around. These dying trees become extremely brittle and can be unsafe to remove without cranes or large equipment. Prevention is paramount.

The good news, Emerald Ash Borer only attacks Ash trees (and their distant cousin the White Fringe Tree.) Several treatment methods have been found effective on varying levels. The number one treatment method is by trunk injection of Emamectin Benzoate. Again, this must be completed while the tree is still healthy. The treatment lasts for two years and then must be repeated biannually to maintain protection.

Please contact your Arborist and speak to them about what trees are on your property and if Emerald Ash Borer could affect you.

Aaron Garver is a Maryland Tree Expert and Certified Arborist with The Davey Tree Expert Company



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# Project Olmsted August 29 Celebration

MARGARET ALTON

**Through Project Olmsted, exciting new summer flower displays have been created in Guilford's Sherwood Gardens as an opportunity for community celebration and gathering. On Saturday, August 29 we will celebrate the conclusion of the project and the end of summer with an event that utilizes the great resource and beauty of the Gardens.**

Project Olmsted is a new summer long exhibition of planting beds in Sherwood Gardens designed in the tradition of celebrated landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. Each bed has been curated by a different landscape firm competing for the People's Choice Award. All are invited to visit Sherwood Gardens and vote for their favorite bed at [www.guilfordassociation.org](http://www.guilfordassociation.org). The People's Choice winner, as well as the Juried Grand Prize winner will be announced at noon on August 29th in Sherwood Gardens.

These area landscape firms are competing in this exciting event: **New World Gardens, Bob Jackson Landscapes, Inc., Pinehurst Landscape Company, Inc., All Seasons Unlimited Inc., Beechfield Landscaping, Inc., Chapel Valley Landscape Company, International Landscaping and Design, HMD Landscaping/Jayne Mauric Landscape Design, European Landscapes and Design.**

Our professional judges for the Project Olmsted competition: **Jamie Brown, Principal of Beechbrook Landscape Architecture,** is an award winning, licensed landscape architect. He graduated with top honors from the University of Virginia's School of Architecture with a Master's in Landscape Architecture and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies from the School of Natural Resources at the University of Vermont. Projects of note: the front garden at historic Brooklandwood on the St. Paul's School campus, The Star Spangled Banner Flag House Museum landscape, garden designs for historic Green Mount Cemetery, a master plan for Boordy Vineyards, and the long-range Master Plan for Sherwood Gardens.

**Laura Melville Thomas, AIA, LEED AP, President, Melville Thomas Architects, Inc.,** has more than 35 years experience in corporate and residential architecture. Over the years, Laura has focused on residential design. She is a registered professional architect in five states, a member of the AIA, and a LEED AP. Both her work and her commentary on the profession of architecture can be seen in various professional and feature publications, several books and most recently on her website blog at [laura.mtarx.com](http://laura.mtarx.com).

**Terry Burns is a Senior Associate at Mahan Rykiel Associates** and has over fifteen years of experience in landscape architectural design and project management. He has prepared site designs for projects ranging from housing to multi-use developments and corporate campuses. A graduate of the Landscape Architecture program at the University of Maryland, Terry's strengths in horticulture, garden design and environmentally sensitive projects have allowed him to work on such projects as arboretums, parks, roof deck gardens, residential masterplans, downtown streetscapes, and restorative gardens.



## Family Day at Sherwood Gardens

Saturday, August 29th is Family Day at Sherwood Gardens and will be filled with kid friendly activities including the inaugural Sherwood Gardens Junior Ranger program! Children of all ages will have the opportunity to learn about the design, history and plantings that characterize this world famous garden. Other activities will include "green" potting and the opportunity to take home a plant so you can watch your own garden grow!

Stop by between 11am-3 pm for all the fun. Purchase a delicious lunch from one of Baltimore's gourmet food trucks and make it a day!

And, at noon, watch the first annual Awards Ceremony for Project Olmsted People's Choice and Juried Grand Prize winners. You can even follow the judges as they walk through the garden and define their choices!



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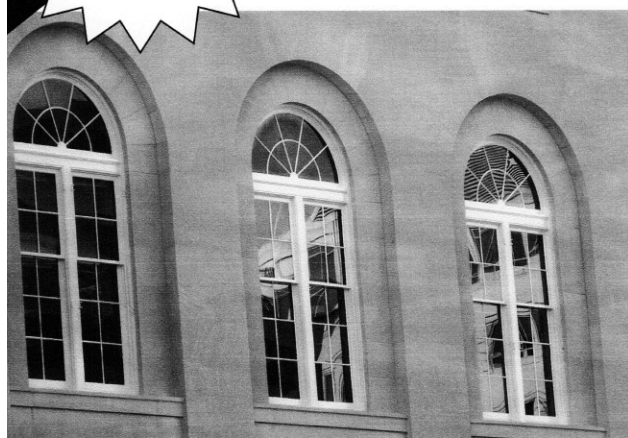
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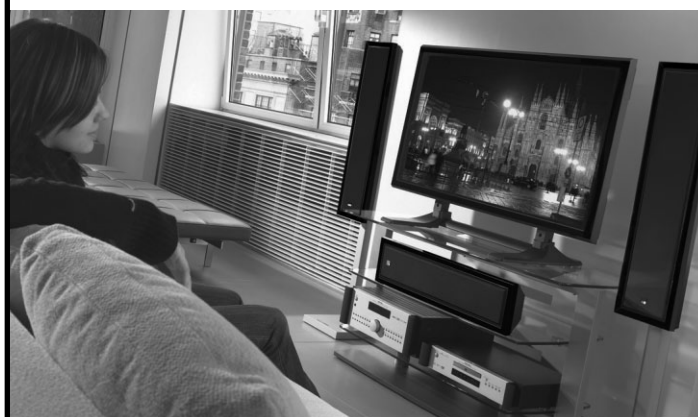


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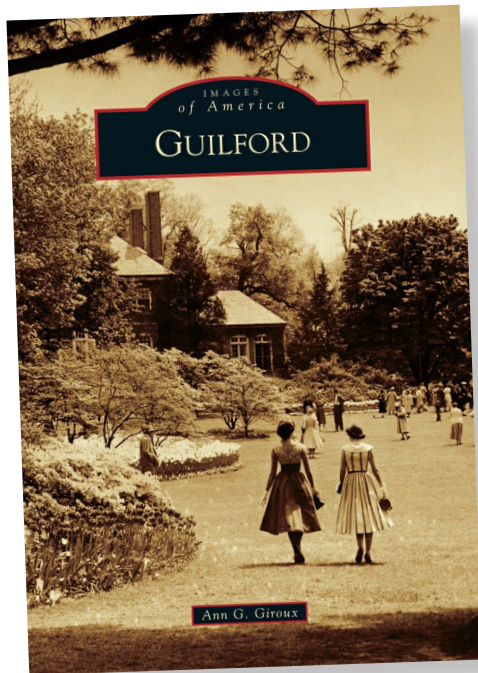
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## Guilford Resident Publishes Book on Neighborhood



A Guilford book has just been released as part of Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series. The book becomes part of the extensive series of Arcadia publications that chronicle the history of communities, downtowns and notable settings throughout the United States.

Author and Guilford resident, Ann Giroux takes readers on a tour of Guilford from its early days as a country estate to Gilded Age suburban splendor. Rare photographs document Olmsted Brothers streetscapes and parks, Sherwood Gardens and the architecture of Edward L. Palmer, Jr., William D. Lamdin, Lawrence Hall Fowler, John Russell Pope and others. Guilford also offers early views of Johns Hopkins University's Homewood campus, the Baltimore Museum of Art, and Wyman Park, developed concurrently with Guilford.

Formerly a consultant for historic projects in the state of Maryland, Ann Giroux now spends her time researching and writing about Baltimore's historic Roland Park Company District. She currently serves as a member of the board for the Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks and Landscapes. Ann is a lifetime resident of Guilford and former Guilford Association board member.

The Guilford book was released on August 17th and it will be available in Sherwood Gardens on August 29th during the Project Olmsted celebration. A portion of the proceeds (\$10 per book) sold that day and for book orders placed through Ann Giroux will benefit Sherwood Gardens.

The book sells for \$21.99 plus shipping and handling through direct orders to: Ms. Ann G. Giroux, 211 E. Lombard Street #146, Baltimore, MD 21202; 443-949-4023; [ann@anngiroux.com](mailto:ann@anngiroux.com)

In conjunction with the publication of the Guilford book Ann Giroux in October and November will offer a series of walking tours and discussions about Guilford and Roland Park.

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### Sunday, October 11

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Guilford: The Golden Age of American Residential Development and Design

David Gleason, FAIA, and author Ann Giroux lead a walking tour of Guilford, one of the nation's most influential early suburban developments. Participants will learn more about Guilford's Olmsted Brothers streetscapes and parks and will visit some of the best examples of early twentieth century residential architecture Baltimore has to offer. The tour includes stops at homes designed by John Ahlers, Laurence Hall Fowler, Edward L. Palmer, Jr., John Russell Pope, and Bayard Turnbull. This program is offered through the Roland Park Country School's Kaleidoscope program. Please call (410) 323-5500 ext. 3045 to register or visit [www.rpcs.org](http://www.rpcs.org).

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### Saturday, October 24

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### The Olmsteds and Baltimore's Landscape Heritage Roland Park and Guilford Field Studies

Take a walking and driving tour of Roland Park and Guilford, accompanied by local experts. Field Studies participants will explore the Olmsted Brothers streetscapes and green spaces in these influential suburban developments. This program is offered through Johns Hopkins University's Odyssey Program. Please call 410-516-8516 to register or visit [www.odyssey.jhu.edu](http://www.odyssey.jhu.edu).

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Ann G. Giroux will lead an armchair tour of Guilford from country estate to Gilded Age suburban splendor. The presentation will include many early photographs of Olmsted Brothers streetscapes and parks and the homes and gardens for which the community is so well known.

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### Wednesday, October 28

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Enoch Pratt Free Library Roland Park Branch, 5108 Roland Avenue  
No reservations required. Please call 410-396-6099 with questions.

### Tuesday, November 10

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Roland Park Country School's Kaleidoscope Program

Please call 410-323-5500 ext. 3045 to register or visit [www.rpcs.org](http://www.rpcs.org).

### Wednesday, November 18

6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Enoch Pratt Free Library Waverly Branch, 400 E. 33rd Street

No reservations required. Please call 410-545-7130 with questions.

# Gateway Park Well Restoration

LAURA M. OLIPHANT



In October 2014 the upper section of the Gateway well was removed from its location in Guilford's Gateway Park. Removal was simple as the stone literally fell apart in my hands as I was surveying how to best remove it.

The well was carved from relatively young sedimentary limestone—roughly 20-25 million years old putting it in the Miocene period. This is important only in that it is a very soft limestone with some prominent bedding planes which makes it very susceptible to freeze/thaw cycles. The upper section of the well found an early demise as a result of having a dissimilar and harder material poured into the well opening. As the stone expanded and contracted, the harder concrete plug did not allow for such movement and the stone began to slowly explode.

The upper section of the well was reassembled offsite and cast as outlined in the documentaion photos included here.

The lower section of the well was cleaned over the several months of the project. An anti-microbial was applied four times and an approved masonry cleaner was used three times. Several spalled areas were restored. The cracks along the bottom of the well were injected with grout formulated for such failures. The outer portions of the cracks were also filled to help deter water penetration. The mortars and grouts used are all of a lower compression strength than the stone so as to not accelerate the deterioration.

The completed upper portion of the well was re-installed with a 1/4" joint between the upper and lower sections. A soft mortar was used to allow for expansion and contraction between the two pieces.



1. The upper section of the well was removed. The large concrete plug sat atop an iron framework.

2. The pieces of the upper well section were moved to a temporary studio where they were cleaned and prepared. Reassembly took awhile. There were over 130 pieces that were saved for reconstruction.

3. Once the larger pieces were assembled, the entire structure was pulled together with strap clamps and bound from the inside.

4. Missing areas were reconstructed and carved using different mortar mixes. Once it had been restored to a level from which an acceptable casting could be created, the construction of the mold began.

5. The rubber and plaster parts of the mold were constructed. All parts of the mold were disassembled and then re-assembled without the original stone.

6. The casting materials were packed into the mold and allowed to cure for several days before it was removed.

7. The plaster sections of the mold were removed.

8. The cast, with the rubber mold still intact, was turned over with the help of a gantry.

9. The rubber mold was removed.

10. The resulting cast was loaded onto a hydraulic table for final finishing.



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## Soccer Coming to Guilford

EVIE EDWARDS



This Fall, Guilford will be host to a new Soccer Shots program for children ages 2-5. The program will provide families with young children an opportunity to meet and establish a weekly communal gathering centered around the young children of Guilford.

For those of you not familiar with the program, “Soccer Shots is recognized as the premier intro-to-soccer provider in the United States.” The Baltimore franchise is working with Guilford to create a private group for our community. The program “not only teaches soccer skills, but also works on improving balance, coordination, and agility with the kids. Soccer Shots also uses the sessions to teach children important concepts such as teamwork, sharing and respect.”

Soccer Shots is non-competitive in nature, and focuses on individual skill development in a fun, creative environment designed to allow your child to enjoy the game. The program offers a “developmentally appropriate curriculum that emphasizes creative play, enjoyment of the sport, and character building lessons.”

The inaugural Guilford program for Guilford residents will be held at the Sunken Park at the corner of Overhill Road and N. Charles Street. The 2-3 and 3-5 year old program requires only a small outdoor area; Sunken Park will be a perfect central location for all our Guilford families with young children. The program uses temporary equipment provided each week by the coach (pop-up net and balls), and children will not need to wear cleats or purchase any equipment to participate. There is a \$20 annual Soccer Shots Fee that includes an Adidas Jersey. This fee is transferable to any Soccer Shots program in Baltimore

The seven week program is \$110 and runs from Sunday, September 20 until Sunday November 1, 2015. Children age 2-3 will meet at 9:45, and children age 3-5 will meet at 10:30. The sessions are generally limited to 10 children.

If there is enough interest in a Saturday session (a minimum of 6 children are needed to create a program), we can add one! Registration is open now at [baltimore.soccershots.org](http://baltimore.soccershots.org); search for “Guilford.”

The program will be a terrific way to bring Guilford families with young children together on a weekly basis this Fall! We hope you will take the time to sign your little one up today!



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## House of Cards Filming

The Netflix series *House of Cards* added Guilford as a location for the filming of Season 4. While the show is set largely in Washington, D.C., it has been filmed mostly in Baltimore. Production has started on the next series to be aired sometime in 2016, although no definite date has been set. Kevin Spacey continues in the role of Frank Underwood, U.S. President, and Robin Wright portrays his wife.

The production crew focused on the unit block of St. Martins Road as one of the sites for the drama and they were able to arrange for the use of the house at number 7. Filming started on August 10. In what is now becoming a familiar site in Baltimore, production trucks lined St. Paul St. and Charles St. as well as St. Martins Road.

Despite the temporary inconvenience and a hub of activity on the normally quiet residential block, residents took the filming in stride.

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# The Guilford News

SUMMER 2015

Oliver Schmickel, Robert Austin and Jack Kemp (*left to right*) spent their summer ensuring that Sherwood Gardens was beautiful before heading off to their colleges of choice; Davidson, Loyola and Princeton, respectively. The 2015 McDonogh School graduates (and stellar lacrosse players) could be seen in the gardens on a regular basis weeding, watering, and fertilizing to keep the gardens looking their best.

