



Community Newsletter

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President's Letter

Spring is always a time of hope and renewal. Trees and flowers are blooming, lawnmowers are running, and people are enjoying the outdoors more than ever. But this year, spring is extra sweet, as it appears there may be an end in sight for the pandemic. According to health experts, we are not entirely out of the woods until a large enough percentage of the population is vaccinated. But, this time last year, we were in the early stages of lockdowns and there was a lot of uncertainty about COVID, including if/when a vaccine would be discovered. So this spring is indeed full of promise.



At Historic Glyndon, Inc., we are delighted to say that plans are moving forward for a spectacular 150th Anniversary Celebration for Glyndon, scheduled for September 10 – 12, 2021. For information:

- See pages 2-3 of this newsletter
- Visit the 150th website at <https://glyndonmd150th.com> or Email glyndonmd150th@gmail.com
- Watch the Post Office bulletin board

Between now and the 150th Celebration, HGI, GCA, and other local organizations will be hosting a number of events, observing the precautions in effect at the time of the event. See page 4 for information. And of course, The Pool will open on Saturday, May 29. We're looking forward to a wonderful spring, summer, and fall!

Hope to see you out and about!

Sue Benson
HGI President

Remembering Marlene Trainer

Marianne Trainer



The recent passing of Marlene Trainer brought an end to our family's forty plus years of living at 315 Central Avenue. During that time, we experienced such a wonderful example of what the word "community"

really means. Our parents were drawn to Historic Glyndon by the excitement of owning a truly unique Victorian home with a large front porch and an oversized yard that provided endless opportunities to work, play, and entertain. But, of course, the real charm of living in Glyndon turned out to be the connections we had both personally and collectively with our many friends and neighbors, as well as with the town itself.

The Glyndon community is very active and we loved to be involved. Marlene was a loyal member of The Woman's Club and attended most activities. Her favorite holiday was Christmas, so the Holiday Open House was a highly anticipated event every year. She loved walking to the Post Office to pick up the mail, to Emory Grove for church services or a concert, or just to get some fresh air and say "hi" to whoever she saw along the way. The sound of birds chirping, woodpeckers tapping, our rooster crowing, or even a train's horn in the middle of the night were some of her favorites. These are all things that were not taken for granted and will be sorely missed.

Holiday gatherings were always a priority and 315 Central Avenue was the destination. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Labor Day picnics with crabs, and the annual front yard Easter egg hunt (which I'm sure

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The countdown is on – only four months to go!

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Mark your calendars for September 10-12, 2021, for a weekend of events to celebrate Glyndon's 150th Anniversary!

The planning committees are in full swing, working to provide many exciting events for all to enjoy! Here's a preview:

The 150th website, <https://www.Glyndonmd150th.com>, is now up and running, so you can get information about the weekend, stay up-to-date on all of the event news, and even order 150th swag!

The Merchandise Committee has been out in the community selling 150th merchandise – from baseball caps to wine glasses to Christmas ornaments and more. The proceeds will help fund our weekend of activities. If you haven't picked up your 150th celebration items, keep your eyes open for a pop-up shop around town or visit our [website](#) to order your merchandise.

The Walking Tour Committee has created an historical tour commemorating Glyndon's rich past and fun facts.

Planning for Saturday evening's dance "The Glyndon Gala" is well underway by the Dance Committee. This festive-attire event will be hosted at the historic Emory Grove Hotel and will feature food, drinks, music, dancing, and more.

Many more exciting plans are in development for a weekend of fun, family, and friends in celebration of Glyndon's 150th. Keep checking the website, bulletin boards, and your email for details.

Help "Brighten Glyndon" During the Weekend

Just as we came together to "Illuminate Glyndon" this past winter, we are encouraging residents of Glyndon to decorate houses and businesses

in celebration of Glyndon's 150th! This Summer we will post ways to "Brighten Glyndon" so our porches, yards, and buildings will glitter in gold (or bright yellow) with flowers, ribbons and more. Stay tuned...

Become a Sponsor

Several levels of sponsorship are available at a range of price points, allowing you to have yourself, your family, or your business highlighted during the weekend's events. See page 3 for details.

Volunteer to Help

If you would like to join a planning committee, or assist with the weekend set-up and clean-up teams, please email GlyndonMD150th@gmail.com to let us know. Sign-up lists will also be posted on the [website](#).

Join the Fun September 10-12, 2021!

Mark your calendar and plan on a fun and festive weekend in Glyndon!

Frequently Asked Questions about the 150th

When will tickets be available to purchase? Tickets are not on sale yet, but we will let the community know as soon as they become available. Information on ticket sales and event updates will be posted on the 150th [website](#) and sent out to the email lists of HGI and GCA. Updates will also be posted on the bulletin board at the Glyndon Post Office.

How can I volunteer? We still need many volunteers! If you would like to join a planning committee, or assist with the weekend set-up and clean-up teams, please email GlyndonMD150th@gmail.com to let us know. Sign-up lists will be posted on the [website](#).

When is the sponsorship deadline?

All completed forms and payments are due by June 30, 2021.

We look forward to seeing you September 10 – 12, 2021!

*Diane Flayhart and
Patty Szparaga,
Event Chairs*



150th Anniversary Weekend Calendar of Events

Friday, September 10, 2021

The weekend begins with a Torch Relay around Glyndon. Kids of all ages will kick off the festivities by carrying the torch through our village. Then it's an evening of festivities and picnics in the park!

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Saturday morning starts early with a 5K/Fun Run passing by historic sites in Glyndon. The event filled day will include historic walking tours, trolley rides, tennis tournaments, kids' activities, a model train display with members of the WMRR Historical Society and more. Saturday ends with the "Glyndon Gala," a dance at historic Emory Grove – recalling the 125th anniversary Queen Victoria Ball at Glyndon Station. An evening to remember!

Sunday, September 12, 2021

In the afternoon, a parade celebrating Glyndon and the surrounding neighborhoods will be held. All are invited to participate in the parade with banners, floats, kids and dogs. Or enjoy the parade as a spectator as it marches through town. The weekend of celebration ends with a family picnic and live music.



150th Anniversary Weekend Sponsorship Levels

PLATINUM \$1,000

- Special recognition at Saturday night's Glyndon Gala event
- Complimentary tickets to the Gala (up to four)
- Name and Logo on 5k Event Shirts
- Celebration Event sponsored in your business's name and logo on signage
- Name displayed on Glyndon's 150th Celebration Website with hyperlink to your business website
- Name displayed on Event pamphlets

GOLD \$500

- Name and Logo on 5k Event Shirts
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SILVER \$300

- Name on 5k Event Shirts
- Name displayed on Glyndon's 150th Celebration Website with hyperlink to your business website
- Name displayed on Event pamphlets

BRONZE \$150

- Name displayed on Glyndon's 150th Celebration Website with hyperlink to your business website.
- Name displayed on Event pamphlets

INDIVIDUAL \$50

- Name displayed on Event pamphlets (limited characters)

How to Become a Sponsor

Individual Sponsor. Please submit your pamphlet content (up to 50 characters) by completing the form that can be downloaded from <https://glyndonmd150th.com>.

Business Sponsor. The Fundraising Committee is busy contacting local businesses regarding sponsorship opportunities. If your business has not yet been contacted, and you would like to be a sponsor, please reach out to the 150th Committee at GlyndonMD150th@gmail.com.

News from Community Organizations

Glyndon Community Association (GCA)



GCA has held a number of fun events over the past year, including movie nights and picnics at Glyndon Park and s'mores at the Post Office. Join the fun by attending these upcoming events:

- Saturday May 8:
Tea with Mom @ Glyndon Park, 2PM
- Saturday June 19:
BBQ with Dad @ Glyndon Park, 5PM
- Saturday July 3: The 4th of July Spectacular;
parade begins at 10AM

Watch the Post Office bulletin board for information. The contact for events is Daryan Lenz, at lenzintfin@gmail.com.

Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD)

GVFD Food Truck Tuesdays

The GVFD is hosting a monthly Food Truck night, typically on the last Tuesday of every month, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. May 25th and June 29th are already planned, but the monthly event will continue until October! Weather pending, the fire department provides tables outside for people to enjoy the food while practicing social distancing.

GVFD Drive-Through Crab Feast

The fire department is having its first ever “drive-through” crab feast on July 24. They are planning to take pre-orders and payment online, and will provide pick up times to limit the number of people arriving at the same time. They will have multiple options to choose from online, but all deals will include crabs, chicken, two sides, and dessert. The GVFD will post the link for pre-orders on its Facebook page at a later date.

Sheppard Pratt School (Formerly Forbush School)

Spring Greenhouse Sale



The students at Sheppard Pratt School-Reisterstown have been preparing a wide variety of plants for the spring greenhouse sale. The sale



will open on May 3 with safety precautions in place. Our students are very proud of their work, which includes planting, watering, and many other horticulture skills. They are also working on their customer service skills and enjoy working with customers.

- Weekday hours are 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- If you don't want to shop in-person, order forms will be available in the clear box outside the greenhouse within the next few weeks. You'll get a phone call when your order is ready.
- Please call Bonnie Link at 717-965-1151 with any questions.

Campus Use

Please remember that school is currently in session. We ask that visitors (i.e., dog walkers) follow a few simple rules:

- Keep as much space as possible between yourself and our buildings and students.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, and please clean up after them.
- The playground may only be used by our students during school hours on school days.
- Please drive very slowly through our campus!

Thank you!

Andy Parsley, *Director of Education*

Local “Train Guy” Keeps the Trains Running *Sue Benson*

Congratulations to Dave Hughes, whose model train layout recently made the cover of *Model Railroader* magazine. Glyndon resident Richard Stanley took the photos for the article, including the cover shot.



Dave’s spectacular HO scale model train layout occupies the entire basement of his home in Glyndon, and has been 20 years in the making. Dave built most of the features in his layout by hand, right down to the tiny trees, made from twigs gathered-while walking his dog. Dave’s wife, Judy, painted the high quality, detailed backdrops. All trains on Dave’s layout run from Baltimore to Hagerstown and back, passing through Westminster, Owings Mills, and of course, Glyndon.

I wanted to hear how Dave became interested in model railroads, was it anything to do with Glyndon, a town heavily influenced by the Western Maryland Railway? I knew he had spent childhood summers at Emory Grove, so we started there.

When did you start coming to Emory Grove?

Dave: My parents bought a cottage at Emory Grove in 1948. I was born seven years later and spent every summer of my life there.

Did your parents take the train from Baltimore to Emory Grove?

Dave: Our family spent the whole summer at Emory Grove, and Mom kept the family car there to shuttle us around. Dad commuted to his job downtown, riding from Glyndon Station to Baltimore’s Hillen Station and back during the work week.

How did you first get interested in trains?

Dave: At Emory Grove I would hear a train coming and would dash through the woods to see it and wave at the engineer. Also, there was a Train Order

office beside where Santoni’s is now that controlled the trackage in to Baltimore. The employees working there eventually welcomed me into this office and permitted me to operate the switches and signals on the WM mainline. Thrilling stuff for a young teen!

Did you have model trains as a kid?

Dave: Not many. When I was around 12 or so I had a piece of plywood and a couple circles of track. That was my only model railroad for about 30 years.

Why did you stop?

Dave: I starting playing in bands, went to college, got married, and then lived in places that didn’t have enough room for a nice layout.

What got you back into it?

Dave: Buying our house here in Glyndon in ’98. It had a big basement with plenty of room. I had mapped out a layout in my mind years earlier, and now had the chance to build it.

Have you ever ridden a train through Glyndon?

Dave: Passenger service ended in ’57 when I was only two. But, from the mid-’60s through the mid-’70s, the Western Maryland Railway, along with the National Railway Historical Society, would sponsor periodic special passenger trips for rail fans. I rode those at every opportunity. Also, when I was about 14, a friend of mine and I wrote to the VP of the railroad and asked if we could ride freight trains from Baltimore to Hagerstown, spend the night in the caboose, and then ride the train back the next day. He said yes, so we spent the summers of ’71 and ’72 doing just that.

Some fun facts about the railroad in Glyndon?

Dave: Well, 100 years ago, you could either stop at the Glyndon Station or keep going a bit and stop at the Emory Grove station, not too far from where Santoni’s is now. It wasn’t really a “station” – just a rudimentary platform.

Interesting. So the “Grovers” would get off there. Tell us one last one.

Dave: Okay. The two tracks used to be level with the Glyndon Station (now the post office) and Butler Road, before the first (wooden) overpass bridge was built. The railroad right of way was lowered in 1908 to eliminate grade crossing accidents with horses, buggies, and cars.

Thanks, Dave.

Dave: You’re welcome. Thank you!

Historic Homes of Glyndon 120 Central Avenue



Dr. N. Thompson Murray and his wife, Katherine, built this house around 1887. According to an unpublished Glyndon history written by Jean Wilcox, who lived in the house almost all of her 92 years, Dr. Murray was a dentist who had built an office along the side of the house. "Since Dr. Murray took to drinking and lost his patients, his wife was forced to take in boarders. There were 21 sleeping here. Being a Virginian, Dr. Murray had built the house after the old Virginia style, with the front door opening into a very wide hall extending to the back door, permitting a long view all the way down the garden path."

Miss Wilcox's father bought the property in 1890. Her parents had met in 1889 at a party at Mrs. Gore's boarding house on Butler Road. At the time, her mother, Lila Curley, was visiting friends in Emory Grove, and her father, Theodore Wilcox, the cashier (an officer) of the Old Town Bank, was boarding at this house on Central which he later purchased. They married November 29, 1890. For many years the house was used as a summer home, but after Mr. Wilcox's death, the family lived there year-round.

On March 22, 1964, the *Sunday Sun Magazine* published an article by Miss Wilcox in which she reminisced about growing up in Glyndon. "Our life in the country was typical of the Glyndon summer residents. Days followed a carefree pattern. In the morning we all got up early to have breakfast with Papa before he took the 8:05 train to the city and work.

He was one of the few men who still wore stiff-bosomed shirts and high wing collars to town even in the hottest weather. Every morning he picked some flowers from

our garden and took them in town to give to the poor children around Hillen Station, who called him "the flower man".

When he had gone we did our chores. The children always had the job of refilling the oil lamps, while our mother busied herself with the canning of fruits and vegetables. Women seldom did housework in those days, for servants could be found to cook, wash, and iron, keep the house clean, and do anything else that was needed, all for \$2.50 a week.

When the chores were done, we were set free to play until lunch-time. There was a windmill in our

back yard that pumped cold water from an artesian well. My brother Stuart's chief delight, much to Mama's consternation, was to climb to the top of the windmill and wave his arms about.

We often took picnic lunches to Minnehaha spring nearby [in Emory Grove], after which we had to go home for a nap. Everyone in town retired to the second floor from 2 until about 3:30. Shutters were closed and the streets became deserted and quiet.

When we came down, we were dressed for the evening, older girls and women in floor-length dresses no matter what the temperature.

The young people played croquet or tennis on the front lawns, while mothers strolled the board sidewalks or met on each other's porches to talk and rock.

The big event of each afternoon was the walk to the Western Maryland station to meet Papa, who came on the 5:50 train from Baltimore with the other working husbands and fathers. Most of Glyndon turned out at the station every day. Those who could walked, and the others came in horse-drawn surreys, phaetons or buggies."

John and Christy Garman bought the house in 1982. At the time, the house was divided into four apartments. Gradually the couple returned the building to a single-family home and, using an old photograph, even restored it to its former layout by moving the front door and central hallway, and by adding back a large wrap-around front porch.

The present day double front doors were purchased at an antique show, which came from a shop in England.

Ann O'Neill

Glyndon Voices...

As we approach Glyndon's 150th Anniversary celebration (September 10 – 12, 2021), we take a moment to appreciate the hard work and perseverance of those who won for Glyndon the important historic designations that help protect our town to this day. We talked with two Glyndon residents who were part of the effort – Bob Tarleton and Eleanor Taylor.

Bob Tarleton



Bob Tarleton and his wife Carol have lived in Glyndon since 1969. They raised their son, Brian, here and continue to make improvements to their home and property.

up to my neck with work, I volunteered to help with the artwork, layout, and printing of her book. Joan Mersinger and others began gathering maps from Baltimore County tax records. I drew a map of Glyndon using these maps. Miss Myrtle and I spent hours and hours – this was before computers.”

Glyndon's 100th anniversary celebration increased interest in the town's history and sparked a drive to obtain national and state historic designations for Glyndon. That, combined with a rumor that Central Avenue was slated to be widened, led to the formation of a GCA committee (which eventually became Historic Glyndon, Inc.). The organization's efforts were rewarded when, on September 20, 1973, Glyndon was included on the National Register of Historic Places.

When the effort turned toward getting Glyndon designated an historic district in Baltimore County, Bob recalls, “We had to have at least five houses researched. Larry Mullen, an architect, walked around town with me, Joan Mersinger, Eleanor Taylor, and others and pointed out the architectural features to look for. The five houses were selected and our application for county historic district designation was submitted. We had several preliminary hearings and were told we were including too much land that

wasn't of significance. We were trying to protect as much as possible from development; I had to rework the maps to comply.”

Eleanor Taylor



Eleanor Taylor, 98, has lived in Glyndon all her life. She and her husband, George, raised their daughters, Marti and Nan, here, and both have raised their own families in Glyndon.

“Becoming an historic district in Baltimore County was an offshoot of the US Bicentennial celebration of 1976. Baltimore County enacted a bill that provided for the formation of historic districts with some advantages. The goal was to keep the community looking the same – not to take off porches or make additions that would detract from the value or appearance of an historic property. It regulated anything you do to the outside of the house except for paint color.

Although the Historic District designation had been available since 1976, it was not until 1981, when I was president of HGI, that we decided, at a meeting in my living room, to commit to go through the hoops and requirements necessary to become Baltimore County's first Historic District. To accomplish this, HGI board members went around to Glyndon homeowners educating them on the value of being designated an Historic District. We got the required number of signatures, a large percentage of Glyndon residents. We took the petition before the Baltimore County Council, and on April 6, 1981, they awarded us the designation as the first Historic District in Baltimore County.”

Editor's note: In addition to Bob Tarleton and Eleanor Taylor, early members of HGI included: Myrtle Eckhardt, Joan Mersinger, Dottie Hammond, Betty Broderick, Jane Fanshaw, David Bedingfield, David Friese, Sandy Friese, Bertha Helm, Larry Mullen, Richard Sigler and Barrie Sigler.

Railroad Ave Project Charlie Wells

The project to beautify Railroad Ave. for walkers, etc. took a break in 2020, as did many activities. We would like to hold another work/clean-up party in late-May. Keep an eye on the bulletin board at the Post Office if you'd like to join in.

We lost several of the trees we had purchased and planted due to last Summer's extreme heat, but all were returned for credit.

Mission Statement

The mission of HGI is to preserve and protect Glyndon's cultural, social, economic, and architectural history, as well as to conduct educational and beautification projects which enrich Glyndon's historical heritage

HGI Board 2021

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Marlene Trainer Continued from p1 was a topic of conversation for our neighbors) were perennial events. And, we always had the best seat in the neighborhood for the Fourth of July street parade. No matter what time of year, there was usually something to prepare for as our front porch hosted numerous tea parties, brunches, and baby or bridal showers.

On behalf of the entire Trainer family we want to thank the Glyndon community for opening its arms to our family and for the many fond memories it has afforded us. We will carry these with us forever.

Thanks to these local businesses for renewing their HGI memberships for 2021:

Gettier-Montanye, Inc.
Glyndon Lord Baltimore Cleaners
Karlsen Food Systems
Misguided Angel Design
Santoni's Marketplace & Catering
Wroe Electronics



Sit back, relax, and enjoy a wonderful presentation of Glyndon's history, complete with archival Glyndon photos. Want to see how our beloved post office (aka, the train station) looked 100 years ago? How about Butler Rd? And some of Glyndon's oldest houses?

Join us for this year's May Preservation Program from the comfort of your own home. Grab some popcorn and a comfy chair and fire up your eDevice to see a slide presentation narrated by Richard Stanley and hear about the people, organizations, customs, and architecture that made Glyndon what it is today. The presentation will also update you on Glyndon's 150th Anniversary Celebration Weekend.

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual, via Google Meets.

Enter this meeting code into your search bar to join the meeting:
<https://meet.google.com/tfy-rtxj-ejz>

Membership Dues Reminder

“Dear, a cicada is emerging from your hair...better I go write the check!”

Historic Glyndon 2021 Membership
YES, I would like to support the cause with my HGI membership!

Membership dues are \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per business per year. Make checks payable to HGI and send along with this form to:

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