



Historic Glyndon Baltimore County's First Historic District



# Community Newsletter

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## President's Letter

Dear Glyndonites:

While officially mourning the passing of the summer of 2016, I am not sad to say goodbye to the 90° days and high heat index. I am also not quite ready to acknowledge the coming of winter although I have made the yearly furnace maintenance appointment.

The fall brings family holidays, school events, and sports (both professional and local) with a strong flavor of crisp nights, brilliant colors, and clear skies. It also brings a new season of community activities.

Every two years HGI organizes an event called "Celebrate Glyndon," which

highlights a unique part of Glyndon's history. This fall we will celebrate the completion of the renovations to the Volunteer Fire Department pump house on Railroad Avenue. Details appear in this newsletter and invitations will be sent out later.

All of our Glyndon events and celebrations are made possible by the dedication of our many volunteers. They are our neighbors who say "yes" I'd be happy to bake cookies, design a flyer, hand-deliver a community event invitation, and organize and participate in our community activities. They support our local organizations and cheer on those who have volunteered their time and creative abilities. We are so lucky to have such giving neighbors

to help with HGI's holiday open houses, membership meetings, newsletters, and committees. The same spirit of volunteerism is also responsible for GCA events such as the annual Easter egg hunt, Fourth of July parade, and Halloween party.

Our neighbors also volunteer in other ways, such as helping us dig out of the snow, watering plants when we are away on vacation, and checking on each other's wellbeing. I feel we are blessed to live in a neighborhood populated by so many people whose spirit of volunteerism and community enables Glyndon to be a special place to live. THANK YOU.

Pamela Becker  
*President, Historic Glyndon, Inc.*

## Glyndon and Presidential Politics

Our small Victorian village has a connection to presidential politics of the late 1800s.

Glyndon Park was established in 1887 as a summer camp-meeting ground for individuals who were promoting the increasingly popular temperance and prohibition movement across the nation. They officially organized as The Prohibition Camp Meeting Association of Baltimore City in December of 1887.

The primary leader of this group and effort, and president of the Park until his death in 1897, was William Daniel, a Baltimore lawyer, politician, and noted prohibitionist. He was elected previously by the national Prohibition Party in 1884 to serve as its vice-presidential candidate alongside John St. John, a former governor of Kansas, who was the

presidential nominee. While their ticket only garnered 1.5% of the national vote, it was enough to swing the election to Grover Cleveland of the Democratic Party rather than to the unsuccessful Republican James G. Blaine.

In its early days, a number of leading prohibitionists visited the Park as featured speakers, including St. John, Gen. Clinton B. Fisk of Michigan, The Hon. John B. Finch of Illinois, Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop of Michigan, The Rev. H. G. Vibbert of Massachusetts, Prof. O. A. Hopkins of New York, and many others. Fisk's visit was during the summer of 1888 while he was campaigning for President of the United State as a Prohibitionist, which brought some national attention to Glyndon at the time.

Tents (family, lodging, and dining) of the early temperance meetings were built along four avenues that lead to the cen-

ter of the camp, which featured a huge tabernacle tent that could seat 1500. The avenues were named for the prohibition candidates of the 1884 presidential campaign, St. John and Daniel, and the 1888 campaign, Fisk and John A. Brooks. Only Fiske Avenue remains today (with an "e" added somewhere along the way).

At the time of this writing, there are no official plans for any of today's current presidential candidates to visit Glyndon, but one never knows!

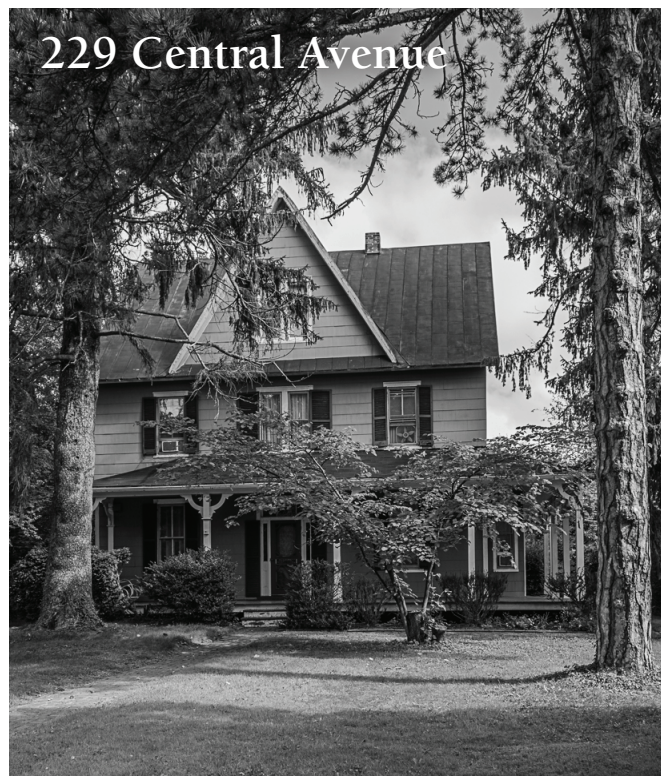


William Daniel



Gen. Clinton B. Fisk





This circa 1886 house is one of six that was built by town founder Dr. Charles A. Leas. Not only did these dwellings serve as investment properties for Dr. Leas by bringing in income from the tenants, but they also helped stimulate the growth of the young town. Upon Dr. Leas' death in 1888, one of his three daughters, Sarah E. Frush, inherited the property along with another house at 4709 Butler Road.

This house became the Frushes' home around 1890, and Sarah, widow of Charles Frush, lived here with her only child, Fannie Brengle Frush, until her death in 1928. Charles must have died early in their marriage because the 1870 Census shows Sarah at age 29, along with four-year-old Fannie, living in the home of her father Dr. Leas in Baltimore City with no mention of Charles. By this time, Dr. Leas had remarried after the death of his first wife Eliza. Sarah's stepmother, the former Elizabeth (Lizzie) S. Frush, also became Sarah's sister-in-law when Sarah married Lizzie's younger brother Charles.

Sarah Frush was very involved in Glyndon life. She was a charter member of the Woman's Club of Glyndon, founded in 1900, serving as the Club's president from 1903-1913. Some of the Club's accomplishments during her tenure included the installation of Glyndon street signs, assistance to the Glyndon School, creating souvenir postcards depicting village scenes, placing waste receptacles at the train station and the store, and appointing a garbage collector for the town during summer. The membership also enjoyed numerous literary studies and social activities.

Daughter Fannie never married. She led an active life at home as well as beyond Glyndon. She was a member of the Woman's Club of Glyndon and a founding member of the summertime Euchre (a trick-playing card game) Club of Glyndon. Her name appears many times in the society

columns of Baltimore's Sun newspaper, entertaining guests in her home at luncheons and meetings, attending the opera at the Lyric downtown, and traveling out of town along the East coast to places such as Savannah, Charleston, Washington, Atlantic City, Newport, and New York City. Fannie made 229 Central her home until her death in 1952.

The home is currently owned by Ross and Chris Smith.

Researched and written by Ann B. O'Neill

### A History Moment

From newspaper article in *The Sun* [Baltimore], July 23, 1889

This statement was included in a physical description of Glyndon Park just before the commencement of the third summer season there for the temperance and prohibition folks:

"Looking due east from the edge of the grove and on the brow of the hill is seen the Worthington valley, one of the garden spots of Baltimore county. This valley is about four miles wide, and is dotted here and there with cosy homes in the midst of a beautiful and productive country. Dover. Black Rock. Ashland and Texas can easily be seen. Faint clouds of smoke from the locomotives on the Northern Central can be discerned, and on a clear, sunshiny day even Towsontown is visible."



### The Forbush School at Glyndon News

The students in the Horticulture classes at the Forbush School at Glyndon will be selling a variety of air plants, floral centerpieces and live wreaths for the holidays. Sales will begin right after Thanksgiving. House plants will be on sale from January to March and then our students will be busy with the spring annual bedding plants, herbs, hanging baskets and perennials. The greenhouse is open during school hours (8:30-3) and all are welcome to visit!

Our Building Trades classes are also busy with more gift ideas. In October they will begin selling designer wooden pen/pencil sets, and wooden wine bottle toppers. In the spring the students will be working on a variety of flower boxes and bluebird houses. As always the students are taking orders for Adirondack chairs.

As part of a service learning project our eighth graders are collecting "Pennies for Paws". They are working toward a \$600 goal to present to the Humane Society in Reisterstown at the end of October. Anyone interested in making a donation, please send a check to Forbush School. We are located at 407 Central Avenue.

### Working on the Railroad

Two Glyndon "kids" have made their dreams of a holiday train garden a year round reality.

David Hughes has constructed an HO scale reproduction of the Western Maryland Railway from Baltimore to Hagerstown set from 1967-1973. All in his basement... his WHOLE basement, including the powder room!

His 26'x29' layout has taken 15 years to construct and is about 75% complete. It recalls an authentic depiction of Glyndon, especially when a heavy freight rolls under the Butler Road bridge. Dave's helpers have been his wife, Judy, who painted the backdrops and Fred the gandy dancing collie\*.

Just up Central Ave. is the very literal train garden of Paul Crampton, a backyard-filling layout complete with mountains, waterfalls and impressive trestles. Since it's outdoors, all the rolling stock is battery-powered, although plans to electrify the houses are being considered. It was a four-year effort to construct and it's always changing, not least because the trees are all real and growing!



Dave Hughes and his HO scale WMRR layout



Paul Crampton's garden layout

\*ask Dave

### "Celebrate Glyndon" Features Pump House Makeover!



The 2016 "Celebrate Glyndon" event will be Nov. 12th, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to noon, at the Glyndon Post Office. HGI hosts this event every two years to celebrate our history, architecture, and community. This year the main attraction will be the old pump house, the little structure across the parking lot from the post office on the same side of Railroad Ave.

Last year, HGI members noticed the pump house roof was failing and the structure was in need of sprucing up. HGI, along with the Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD), took on the project of replacing the pump house roof and generally renovating the structure. HGI's members approved the funds and Chuck Welsh, life-long Glyndon resident, generously offered

to do the work and donate some of the supplies. Chuck worked his magic and you can see the results! We can't thank Chuck enough for taking this project on again as he also put the last roof on the pump house years ago!

Thanks also to the GVFD, which donated half of the funding for both the pump house rehab and the new historic marker, which relates the history of the pump house, the well, and the watering trough. The junior firefighters deserve special thanks for their time and manpower needed to clean up and beautify the surrounding area.

Please be sure to join us and the GVFD at "Celebrate Glyndon" on November 12th, even if for a few minutes as you get your mail! Light refreshments will be available, courtesy of the Fire Department.

### Woman's Club News

#### Friends Helping Friends Day

The Woman's Club of Glyndon is participating in the Tuesday, October 18th Friends Helping Friends Day at

Boscov's in Westminster. Each \$5 ticket gives you a percentage off your purchases that day. Contact information: 410-239-7585

#### Afternoon Swing Dance

The Woman's Club of Glyndon hosts its annual Afternoon Swing Dance featuring the Never Too Late Band on Sunday, November 20th, 3:00-5:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 109 Main Street, Reisterstown 21136. Tickets are \$15 for free snacks and hors d'oeuvres and a pleasant afternoon of music! (Wine and sodas are also available for purchase). Contact information: 410-833-2756

### Thanks to the following businesses who are 2016 members of HGI

- Arbor Technology Solutions, LLC
- Jay C. Toth, DDS, PA
- Misguided Angel Interior Design
- Santoni's
- The Boxwood Collection
- The Wine Post
- Woman's Club of Glyndon



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## 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 for 2016

President: Pamela Becker  
1st Vice President: Fran Acle  
2nd Vice President: Richard Stanley  
Treasurer: Paul Crampton  
Secretary: CJ August  
Immediate  
Past President: Mary Ellen Porter

## Board Members' Terms Ending January 2018

Nicole Crumpler Leo Ottye  
John Morris Jamal Robinson

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Sue Benson Polly Papp  
Jayme Hux Lee Wroe  
Vernene Lenz

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## Responsibilities of Home Ownership in a Historic District

In 1981, Glyndon became the first designated historic district in Baltimore County. While earlier listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, it is the local designation that provides the most protection for our community.

In Baltimore County, the Landmarks Preservation Commission is in charge of overseeing the Historic Preservation Legislation of 1976. The Commission has a legal obligation to review and approve plans for any renovation, reconstruction, alternation, demolition, or other structural change to property within the district, including excavations, fences, and out buildings. This review process assists an owner in making any necessary changes which will enhance rather than detract from a historic property's value or appearance. In general, a rule of thumb is that any modifications to the property that are visible from the public right of way are subject to review.

The red tape involved is minimal; it is just one more step in the process of obtaining a permit for the project. All property owners in a designated historic district must apply for a building permit for any of the actions mentioned previously.



## Holiday Open House

Everyone is invited to this year's HGI Holiday Open House at the home of Nicole Crumpler and Austen Colledge. 307 Central Avenue  
Sunday, December 11 from 2-5 pm.

## Holiday Shopping Opportunities in Glyndon

Annual Holiday Open House  
November 11-13

Black Friday, November 25

Small Business Saturday,  
November 26

Shop Glyndon Holiday Event  
December 2-4

Annual Jingle Bell Weekend  
December 9-11

## GCA Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration: December 4, the first Sunday in December

Meet at the tree on Glen Morris Drive, between the GVFD and Glyndon Square Shopping Center, at 6 p.m. for melodic caroling, the tree lighting, and the arrival of our own Santa. Proceed to Thomas' Salon for "goodies", 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', a chat with Santa Claus, music, and a toast

to our neighbors. You will be home by 7:15 p.m. – so the kids can get tucked in bed early and adults can rest their weary bones before hitting another week at work! Bring: flashlights, two non-perishable food items for the needy, gloves to wear, and a happy heart!

*Norman Shankel, international opera star and a Glyndon homeowner, will lead the caroling!*

## Put a Light in The Window

Or better yet, ALL of them! Help Glyndon shine for the holidays by putting white candle lights in your windows. It's a Glyndon tradition and welcomes in the season.

The Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission has available an excellent source of reference through their Historic Preservation Design Guidelines which can be found on their website. In addition, Landmarks Preservation's website provides instructions, forms and contact numbers for homeowners who plan on making modification to their historic designated houses.

Although the Landmarks Preservation Commission is the governing agency, property owners are encouraged to contact a representative from Historic Glyndon, Inc., our local historical organization, when contemplating such changes. HGI is available to help guide you through the process.

For more information visit HGI's website at <http://historicglyndon.org> (click on "HGI/Preservation Partners" at the bottom of the web page).

For Rehabilitation Tax Credit application forms and more information call the Maryland Historical Trust's Office of Preservation Services at 410 514-7639. or download the forms from their website [www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net](http://www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net), click "Tax Credits".