



Historic Glyndon Baltimore County's First Historic District



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In Loving Memory, Dee Ruppenthal



Our family's house in Glyndon will never be same. That's because its owner, our mom Dee Ruppenthal, is no longer there. Our mother absolutely treasured her 47 years in Glyndon, and we can safely say that her old Victorian home and her community meant the world to her. In fact, it is hard to separate "Mom" from "Glyndon". And we will always think of Glyndon as home.

Mom told us that when she was little, she "wanted to grow up and live in a big old house - with a garden, a piano, and lots of books". Her dream came true when she moved to Glyndon in 1972. She and our dad worked tirelessly fixing holes in porches and roofs, scraping and painting, wallpapering, sanding floors, putting up shutters, clearing the overgrown yard, and quickly making friends.

Her kitchen table was the place to stop by for a cup of coffee, a beer, a laugh, or someone to listen. And of course, she always had bones in her purse for any dog she saw. Many Glyn-

doners could hear her playing the piano on summer nights when windows were open, or saw her mowing or working in her garden, or the lights on in her attic, while she was sewing costumes or clothes, or run into her at the Post Office.

She also gave us the best-ever childhood and memories: 4th of July parades, summers at the Glyndon Pool, dancing with The Ballet School of Glyndon, riding bikes to the Post Office and Emory Grove, and poking around the stream by the railroad tracks. Mom joined a book club for which she remained a member for 40+ years, and hosted her annual Block Party in the backyard for 37 years. It sounds cliché to say, but there really is no place like Glyndon.

Our Mom will be remembered for the almond crescent cookies she provided yearly to the HGI Holiday Open House, for her care and compassion, and for her unending help to neighbors. She was passionate about social justice and equality for all. She rescued and adopted dozens of stray animals, was a professional nurse (skills carrying over to her beloved Glyndoners), and participated in marches/rallies and campaigns for the causes she believed in. She attended all of our games, concerts, recitals, and performances, and those of her three grandchildren as well - cheering from the sidelines or her seat.

Her love of her family, friends, neighbors, and home will be unparalleled. Please think of her whenever you pass her house.

Katie Ruppenthal Hiestand

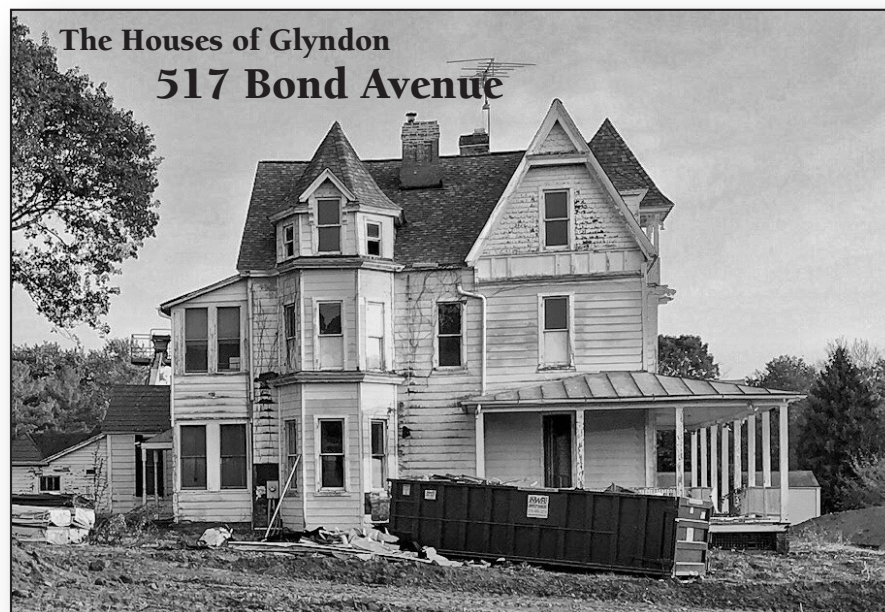
HGI Program Revisits Great Baltimore Fire of 1904



Renowned Baltimore historian Wayne Shaumburg brought the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 to life, 115 years later, at HGI's May Preservation program. The program was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in the historic Emory Grove Hotel. With engaging stories and archival photos, Mr. Shaumburg took the audience on a walk through history to revisit Baltimore in 1904 and witness the fire, from the fateful first spark to the rebuilding effort. The fire burned for 30 hours, devastated 80 blocks of downtown

Baltimore, and destroyed 1,500 buildings and hundreds of businesses. Mr. Shaumburg showcased the firefighters who fought the flames, the decimated aftermath, and the people who lived through it. He also told the story of Goliath, the lead fire horse, who managed to pull several firemen, and a fire tower, to safety in spite of being severely burned himself. After the presentation, Mr. Shaumburg entertained questions while light refreshments were enjoyed.

Patty Szparaga



This 4.25-acre site along Bond Avenue was originally part of a development planned by George M. Gill called St. George's. At the time Dr. Leas was developing Glyndon, Mr. Gill, a well-respected Baltimore lawyer, had hopes of doing the same in this area adjacent to Glyndon. This planned suburban village never evolved beyond a few large shingle-style and Queen Anne houses plus a private boys' school, a stop along the Western Maryland Railroad, and a small store. Mr. Gill died in 1887 and his estate was broken up and gradually sold off.

William J. Clarke Dulany bought the 517 parcel in 1890 with a house under construction already on the premises. It is possible that the house was originally being built for Mr. Gill for his own use before his death.

An article in the 26 Nov. 1889 *Baltimore County Democrat* stated, "St. George's, 4th District.—The house purchased by Mr. J. C. Dulaney [sic], of Baltimore, belonging to the Gill estate, is being rapidly pushed to completion. It is situated within sight of St. George's station and will be very handsome when finished and will be a valuable acquisition to the neighborhood. Mr. Joseph C. Willis, of Waverly, is the contractor."

Other *Democrat* articles told of the development of the house. "The following February it was nearing completion." (8 Feb 1890), "By early April the stable, carriage house, and coachman's quarters had been added." (5 Apr

1890). Later in April, the *Towson Weekly* noted that the handsome residence at St. George's "just completed for Mr. J. C. Dulaney [sic] is a marvel of beauty... the grounds laid out by Mr. Thomas Fairley, florist of this place." (26 Apr 1890)

The 2 1/2-story frame and clapboard house features a full-width front porch. The Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form for this property provides a description of the exterior:

"A slightly projecting pavilion rises in the center bay providing a shallow recessed balcony at the second story and the third story. The pavilion is topped by a hipped roof of its own, the peak crowned with a white wooden finial. Large gable-roofed dormers flank the sleeping porch on either side. The style of the house is probably a mixture of Colonial Revival and Queen Anne, although it lacks towers and turrets. A projecting semi-hexagonal bay on the north end is slightly related to Queen Anne."

Mr. Dulany was president of the Wm. J. C. Dulany Company, a publishing house, and was one of the most widely-known businessmen of Baltimore. He appears to have used the house as a summer retreat, his main residence being on North Charles Street in Baltimore City. Mr. Dulany died in 1901 and his children inherited the Bond Avenue property. They sold it in 1906 to Frederick A. and Adelaide A. Wineke.

In that deed, the property is referred to as "on the road from Johnsey Dunkin's [Duncan's] towards Reisterstown."

The Winekes named their new home "Cedar Croft." Fred was a wholesale liquor dealer and opened a distillery in Highlandtown in Baltimore City. The Winekes sold this house in 1914 to Anna May and Charles W. K. Arnold. During their tenure here, it appears that they may have operated a poultry farm on the premises. The Arnolds held the property until 1924 when, for \$10,000, they sold it to Janet Levy of Baltimore City. At her death in 1944, the property went to Louis F. Levy, who then sold it to Caroline Butler and her husband Walter in 1946. Unfortunately, Walter, a shipyard engineer, died just four months later. Caroline and her children continued to live in the dwelling. Just before her death in 1988, Caroline conveyed it to her unmarried adult children Oscar Baynard Butler, Ingreed Bowen Butler, and Suzanne Jean Butler. The Butler siblings lived here the rest of their lives, fairly reclusively. Oscar and Ingreed died in 2009 and Suzanne in 2014.

Toward the end of Suzanne's life, the property, which had fallen into a state of neglect, was bought for \$210,000 for the purpose of development. While the house is located in Glyndon's national historic district, it wasn't on the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation List until 1995 when two concerned Glyndoners, Eleanor Taylor and Doris Hammond, nominated it for inclusion in Glyndon's county historic district, thus giving it the level of protection needed for avoiding demolition.

The first developer's plans were not acceptable to the Landmarks Commission, nor to numerous local residents. The second developer, Gordon Development Company and Bond Property LLC, has worked closely with the County Planning and Landmarks folks, and the work on the development is currently in progress. Named Victoria Crossing, the plan is to build 26 semi-detached dwellings and restore the original single-family house, this aspect estimated at a cost of \$600,000.

Researched and written by Ann B. O'Neill



Railroad Ave Project Update

As reported in the April newsletter, a project is underway to clean up and beautify the Railroad Ave. corridor for the benefit of all who walk, stroll, jog, run, push baby carriages, bike, walk their dogs, and otherwise enjoy the Avenue. The project got its start in 2005 through a donation from Mrs. Mary Lou Beehler, whose grandparents lived across the tracks from the train station. She provided the funds for the evergreen and ornamental trees across from Station Park to screen the community from the sea of school buses across the tracks. Mrs. Beehler has again donated funds this year in support of the extension of this idea along Railroad Ave.

By the time you are reading this article, we will have held four work parties this year. In late September, almost 20 Glyndon neighbors (see the accompanying photo) helped knock down the overgrowth of brambles from the Pump House south to Chatsworth, and tamed the overgrowth behind the post office. For the work party in late October, evergreen holly trees have been purchased to be planted in open areas between Chatsworth and Belle View Avenues. These will be joined by crape myrtles at a work party scheduled for Saturday, November 16. Of course, with Glyndon's history based on the railroad, we want to continue to see the trains as they pass by. So we will not be planting a full screen of trees along the avenue, but rather groups of trees with visual interest to enhance the avenue's appearance. Once the trees are planted, we will need volunteers to keep them watered on a regular basis for at least the first year. In addition, the brambles cleared in September will need to be addressed at least annually. Participation by all residents is sought to keep the avenue's improved vista maintained through work party participation and simply by picking up litter as you walk. Donations are also encouraged to help fund the trees and to rent equipment or even to hire tree experts if needed.

Baltimore County is on board with this project. The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

(DEPS) has approved the planting plan, and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Highways Shop 3 has been engaged to increase their maintenance vigilance along Railroad Ave.

Glyndon Train Station Rehabilitation Update

The Glyndon Train Station continues to be at the heart of our community. The GTS LLC was formed in 1999 to purchase the building and is comprised of 37 Glyndon families and 3 local businesses/organizations. The rehabilitation we have been striving to perform has made great progress this summer with completion of the painting part of the project and has given the old building a much needed facelift.

As mentioned in the April newsletter, we had applied, for a second time, to Preservation Maryland for a Heritage Grant to help fund the needed repairs. In June we were fortunate to receive a generous grant, rounding out the funds needed to complete the project, along with grants from Preservation Alliance of Baltimore County and Historic Glyndon, Inc.

The cupola work is currently awaiting contractor availability; we hope this will break open soon.

The masonry work to repair the porte-cochere piers and repoint the building is currently awaiting approvals from the Maryland Historic Trust, which holds a Preservation Easement on the building. On a Historic building such the train station, mortar composition, color and tooling are critical for a faithful restoration.

Glyndon residents interested in becoming members of the GTS Limited Liability Company are encouraged to contact GTS LLC president, Bob Kaestner: bkaestner@comcast.net.

Donations are being accepted through Historic Glyndon Inc., marked for the Railroad Ave. Project, and mailed to Paul Crampton at PO Box 265. To volunteer and for information on the work parties, please contact Charlie Wells: cwells0950@aol.com.

Charlie Wells

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 2019

President: Pamela Becker
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Woman's Club of Glyndon – upcoming events

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 9th at 12 noon! Bring your family and friends to the Woman's Club of Glyndon luncheon with New York Times Best-Selling Book Author, Peggy Rowe. Her book, *About My Mother*, is a true story of a horse-crazy woman and her baseball-obsessed mother. She will have copies to sign and sell... great holiday gifts! This event, held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reisterstown, will also include raffle baskets. The \$25 ticket includes lunch (Lunch Box Lady sandwich/salad selections).

For reservations, call Karen Solheim: 410-833-1006.

The Woman's Club of Glyndon is also hosting its annual Charity Tea on December 11th at 11:45 am at the Club House. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a festive afternoon of fun, raffles, fabulous food, and holiday tea served in Woman's Club tea pots! 100% of the proceeds go to local charities. For \$20 reservations, call Kathy Wist: 410-833-2756



GCA Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: Sunday, December 1st

Meet at the tree on Glen Morris Drive, between the GVFD and Glyndon Square Shopping Center, at 5:30 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. Bring flashlights, two non-perishable food items for the needy, gloves to wear, and a happy heart!

GVFD Upcoming Dates and Events

Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 7 from 8 am to 11 am. Donations (only) gratefully accepted. Enjoy pictures taken with Santa.

Christmas Tree Sales: Help support the Fire Department by buying your tree here starting Friday, November 29. Trees will be on the lot next door,

and parking is behind the station. We offer free delivery.

Holiday Shopping Opportunities in Glyndon

Annual Holiday Open House, November 8-10
Black Friday, November 29
Small Business Saturday November 30
Shop Glyndon Holiday Event, December 13-15

Looking for the perfect Glyndon Gift?



Available at Black Eyed Susan for \$20.

Put a Light in the Window

Or better yet, ALL of them! Help Glyndon shine on for the holidays by putting white candle lights in your windows. It's a Glyndon tradition and welcomes in the season. Don't forget our many other traditions as well: the Christmas tree lighting, and Holiday Open House.

Thank you to the following 2019 HGI businesses members

Black Eyed Susan, The Boxwood Collection, Eminence Dance, Inc., Gettier-Montanye, Inc., Glyndon Lord Baltimore Cleaners, Glyndon Square, LLC, Karlsen Food Systems, Misguided Angels Interior Design, Santoni's Marketplace & Catering, Jay Toth, DDS, The Wine Post, and Woman's Club of Glyndon.

Help a Vet

The Glyndon Business community will be helping the family of a young military veteran this holiday season. Please support this community service project by purchasing a chance on a basket containing gift certificates and items from our local shops during the month of November. Tickets are \$5.00 each, or 3 for \$10.00 and may be purchased at any of the following shops:

Boxwood Collection
Black Eyed Susan
The Wine Post

If you wish to make a personal donation, feel free to contact Kathy Ziese for more information. kziese@verizon.net



HGI Summer Porch Readings

We had four porch readings this summer each with its own theme and memories. Did you attend this year? Together we learned about Victorian etiquette, favorite childhood books and games, summertime activities when the days and nights are equally hot (including a scandalous story about a former Glyndon resident), and of course, a porch reader's favorite, haunting stories that will chill you no matter the evening temperature! A special thanks to our amazing hosts for sharing their comfy porches with us as we laughed and enjoyed the refreshments along with the conversation surrounding the theme of the evening. We hope you will plan to join us next year!!

Patriotic Tribute

A special thank you to Bud Piccirilli and David Hughes for once again adorning our streetscape with American Flags this summer. People from all over comment how lovely it is to see our patriotic tribute when they visit Glyndon from May to September each year. Please consider donating to the cause if you can – each flag costs \$10.00 and these two gentlemen make regular inspections during

the summer to make sure Old Glory is flying proudly where she is posted. Flags are replaced as they are worn out or a summer storm bends the masts. You can send checks to Bud Piccirilli, 313 Railroad Avenue. If you have a personal house flag that is torn or worn out, Kathy Ziese is collecting them for a flag retirement ceremony that will be planned sometime in the spring of next year. You can bring them to the annual meeting in January or drop them off at 206 Central Avenue.

What your dues do for Glyndon

As 2019 comes to a close we want to say "Thank you" to all who supported HGI and paid their dues this past year. Our membership numbers grew this year as we welcomed new families and new businesses to Glyndon. We will once again honor our new members at our Annual Meeting after the first of the year.

Ever wonder what your dues pay for? Here is a sampling of what HGI does each year for all members of our community:

- Community newsletter
- Guest speakers at our May Preservation Meeting
- Maintenance of our beautiful street signs and historic markers
- Grant funding to assist with repairs on our historic businesses/properties (most recently the railroad station and the Woman's Club building)
- HGI history books and beautiful note cards
- Funds to keep the Butler Road bridge lights functional
- Annual Holiday Open House
- House Tours and Special Events (coming up – our 150th Celebration!)
- Insurance for special events
- Voting rights on issues affecting Historic Glyndon, Inc.

As a member you are encouraged to attend membership meetings that are held several times during the year. These meetings keep you informed of what's happening in our neighborhood and give you an opportunity to socialize with other community residents. HGI welcomes you to read our newsletter and visit our website for upcoming events and announcements. Also, feel free to email HGI through our website: historicglyndon.org if you are interested in serving on a committee, becoming a Board Member, or have an idea you would like to share.

Kathy Ziese and Nicole Crumpler



**"I know the benefits are overwhelming...
...but you do need to get up and write the check"**

Don't miss out on all the newsletters, programs, and activities that HGI has planned for this year!

Historic Glyndon 2020 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

Historic Glyndon Incorporated
PO Box 3641
Glyndon, MD 21071

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Primary Email: _____

150th Anniversary

It will soon be time to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Glyndon! As you drive by the iconic white signs welcoming you to Historic Glyndon, you may not have time to do the math, but as they proudly state, Glyndon was founded in 1871, which means our 150th anniversary is in 2021!

The celebration will consist of a full weekend of activities for all ages. It will start on Friday, September 10, 2021 with an opening ceremony and events in the Glyndon Park. Saturday, September 11, 2021 will be a full day, to include tennis tournaments, a 5K history run and family fun walk, historical community tours, kids' activities, an evening dance at Emory Grove, and more. There will also be recognition of our fallen 9/11 heroes. On Sunday, a parade and picnic with live music will conclude the festivities.

Though the dates seem far away, the planning has begun with much work to do! The 150th Anniversary Planning

Committee will begin forming sub-committees shortly and would love for you to join one (or more) of the planning groups. This community event includes partnerships/participation with HGI, GCA, community organizations, community businesses, and all residents of the community (previous, current, and future). We look forward to this amazing event and hope you do as well!

Diane Flayhart
Chairman,
150 Year Anniversary Celebration Committee



Around the Firehouse



Screeching tires, broken glass, the cries of people trapped, and the whine of company 40's Halmatro extrication tools, these are the sights and sounds you might encounter on an active vehicle rescue. On September 30th the volunteers of Glyndon, Company 40, had the chance to hone and practice some of these skills in real time through

the use of a donated junk vehicle. The members had the opportunity to practice spreading and cutting doors off with

the use of tools commonly referred to as the Jaws of Life. The company also practiced in-car patient assessment and extrication, as well as the use of our air powered chisel. Glyndon is home to Truck 404. This piece of equipment carries a vast assortment of rescue tools and equipment and is often dispatched not only to Glyndon but much of our surrounding area to aid in these types of rescues. Recently the company has been playing host for two rescue related classes, Rescue Technician Site Operations and Vehicle and Machinery Extrication, held by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI). These classes help not only members of our company, but members of other fire departments learn and practice these life saving techniques. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, the GVFD is always looking for new members willing to learn and help their community. All classes offered to members of any volunteer fire company are free of charge. This is just one of the many perks of being active member in your local volunteer fire company.

Timothy Maynard, EMS Sgt GVFD

The Forbush School

The Forbush School at Glyndon and Hannah More Center is fortunate to have one of our two campuses located in the lovely community of Glyndon, Maryland. In fact, ten years ago our school at Glyndon was the Sheppard Pratt Health System's (SPHS) first educational program to venture out from the system's main campus in Towson. Now, SPHS has fourteen schools across the state, all serving students with special needs. Our Glyndon campus has two programs: one for elementary and middle school students with emotional disabilities, and one for students with autism who range from elementary grades to age twenty-one.

We welcome members of the Glyndon community to walk and run on our spacious campus, and we ask you to please report any concerns to our main office at 410-517-5400. More eyes keep the property safer for everyone! Of course,

the safety of our students and staff is our primary concern, so we are asking visitors to adhere to the following guidelines when on campus: keep a good distance away from our buildings and any outside programming, and avoid walking through campus during our busy bus times, from 7:45 AM to 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Prohibited items and activities include walking dogs off-leash, smoking and vaping, hunting, all weapons and firearms, and parking on the lot without permission. Finally, please remember to clean up after your dog.

Stay tuned for news about our spring 2020 greenhouse plant sale! It's always a pleasure to sell the plants we have nurtured to members of the Glyndon community, and we appreciate your business! We expect the sale to begin mid-April.

Andy Parsley, Director of Education

The Forbush School at Glyndon and Hannah More Center, a part of the Sheppard Pratt Health System