



Historic Glyndon Baltimore County's First Historic District



Community Newsletter

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President's Letter

Dear Glyndonites:

Spring is traditionally a time of hope and renewal. Being a gardener, for me spring is proof that there will be a warmer tomorrow and confirmation of a deeply held belief that what I plant today will flourish and thrive in the future or at least until the first fall frost. I am a green-tinted optimist (with grey hair).

Spring in Glyndon is the time when we all emerge from our winter hibernation and start thinking about "The Spring

Project." We circle our homes and stroll through our yards looking at winter's damage, dead tree limbs, dangling gutters, rotting wood boards, peeling paint and the horror of a leaning chimney. We'll chat with our neighbors, ask for suggestions on repairs and talk endlessly at the Glyndon Post Office about The Spring Project. Or if we think about it long enough, it will become The Summer Project.

Each spring, the residents of Glyndon affirm through repair and historic preservation that they believe in the unique qualities of our older homes

and the importance of safeguarding our neighborhood and history.

So take a short break from The Spring Project to stroll around our lovely historic village and read some of the house plaques and the Glyndon Park's historic marker that memorialize some of the landmarks in Glyndon. For me, spring is also a time to remember why I chose to live in Glyndon.

Pamela Becker

President, Historic Glyndon, Inc.



Pumphouse and proposed historic plaque

Sprucing Up the Old Pump House

This spring and summer, on your way to get your mail, you may see work underway on the little structure near the post office parking lot. The structure is an old pump house for a community well that was dug in 1915. HGI has taken on the project of preserving the pump house, along with the watering trough in front of it. The HGI membership approved a budget for the project at its fall 2015 membership meeting.

Chuck Welsh, life-long Glyndon resident, has generously offered to do the work of replacing the roof on the pump house. Chuck will be familiar with the project as he installed the last roof on the pump house a number of years ago! The Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) has also offered to help with funds and manpower. Work should be completed by fall 2016.

History of the Community Well, Pump House, and Watering Trough

In October 1915, the then-named Glyndon Volunteer Fire Company, led by President

C. H. Whittle (in photo), felt the need for a community water supply and took on the project of digging a new well. The fire company (located at the time at 41 Railroad Ave.) selected a spot for the well (where the pump house now stands) and leased the land from the Western Maryland Railway. The Ladies of Glyndon designed the pump house and the concrete watering trough. Work was completed in November 1916. A resolution commemorating the project called it "an artesian well with a bountiful supply of good, pure water."



2 Waugh Avenue



This house was built circa 1909 for Dr. William E. and Ella Biehl Hammond and their two children, Elizabeth and Milton Earle. The family had moved to Glyndon in 1906 from their farm in Goochland County, Virginia, not far from Richmond. The 1910 U. S. Census indicates that Dr. Hammond was a retired farmer, age 50, and living on his own income. At first the family resided farther down the street at 10 Waugh Avenue in the “Cozy Cottage” while their new home could be constructed on this corner lot.

Unfortunately, Dr. Hammond’s stay in his new home was not long. He died in 1914, but his wife Ella lived there for many years, until she entered a nursing home in 1962, at which time the property was sold. Mrs. Hammond was known affectionately by her extended family and by the surrounding community as “Mommie Hammond.”

The Hammonds’ two children both married local folks. Elizabeth wed Lester S. Wheeler, owner of the Glyndon store on Railroad Avenue, and Earle married Sara Marie Bollinger, eldest child of John and Elma Bollinger of Chatsworth Avenue. The Wheelers remained in Glyndon their entire lives, and the Hammonds did so until Earle was transferred out of town in 1930 by his employer, the Western Maryland Railway.

One offspring of Earle and Sara chose to make Glyndon his home throughout his adult life. William Edward Hammond, on the occasion of his graduation from the University of Maryland Law School in 1951, was given a lot of ground next door by his grandmother Ella with the agreement that he would build a house within six months. She was anxious to see her grandson and his bride in their own home in Glyndon before she died, never realizing that she would live for another 17 years to age 99. So Bill and his wife Dottie built the ranch house next door and lived there for many years, Bill until his death in 1992 and Dottie until her move to a retirement community in 2007. And Mommie Hammond got to enjoy not only her grandson but also two of her great-grandchildren, Lee and Greg, right next door.

Since Mommie Hammond’s husband had been a homeopathic doctor and they were from the country, she evidently was quite familiar with home remedies. Dottie Hammond told stories about raising her own two children literally in her grandmother-in-law’s backyard. When one of the boys would have an earache, Mommie Hammond would smoke a pipe, blow smoke into the affected ear, and cure the ache. One time little Greg had a wart on his thumb. She tied a human hair tightly around the wart, rubbed an apple slice all over it, buried the slice beside the porch under the water spigot, and announced the wart would fall off when the apple rotted. It did, too!

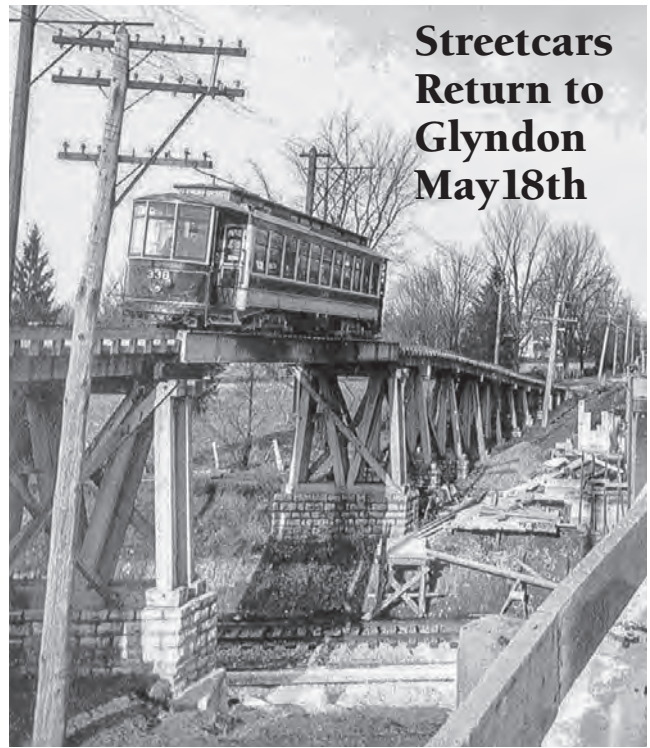
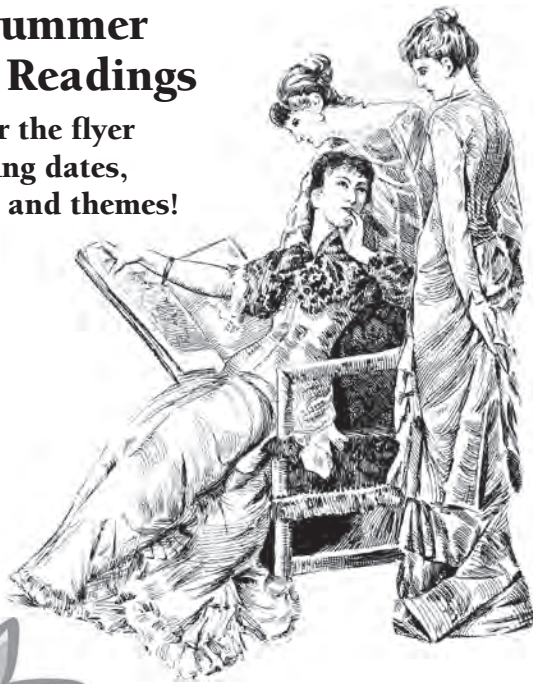
The house features a front porch that wraps around both sides. The front doorway has a semi-elliptical fanlight and sidelights and there are two stained glass windows on the stairway. Originally, an ornate iron fence with concrete posts and balls ringed part of the yard. (Note: The fence was removed illegally in 2004 and replaced with the existing modern fence.)

A curious discrepancy arose during the researching of this property. The Hammonds bought the original 2.1-acre lot from Edwin and Sametta Lilly in 1908, who bought it from Michael and Rachel Hammen in 1896. The Hammens had originally acquired the lot in 1883 for \$450.00 from the development efforts of Bennett and Register. However, when the Hammens sold the property to the Lillys in 1896, the price was \$2000.00, indicating that the lot contained a house. Yet the 1898 Atlas of Baltimore County does not show a structure on the property, although there are other proven inaccuracies on the Atlas in this same area. Additionally, the construction of the present house by the Hammonds is well-documented by family history. Perhaps an earlier structure was razed by fire. In the 1900 U. S. Census, during the time that the Lillys owned the Waugh Avenue property, they are listed as living on a farm that they owned in another part of Baltimore County.

Researched and written by Ann B. O’Neill

HGI Summer Porch Readings

Watch for the flyer
announcing dates,
locations and themes!



Streetcars Return to Glyndon May 18th



Spring Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 20
7:30 pm at the GVFD

On Wednesday, May 18, Mr. Jerry Kelly from the Baltimore Streetcar Museum will travel to Glyndon to enlighten us on the streetcar line that once terminated near Emory Grove. The program is part of our May Preservation Program and will be at the Emory Grove Hotel, starting at 7:30 PM. All aboard!



Railroad Avenue Fall Clean-up

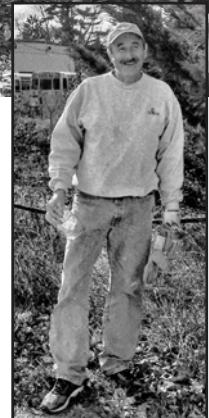
Ben Heck, Dennis Kuczinski, Dan Carey,
David Hughes

On Nov. 14, 2015 the Railroad Avenue clean-up volunteers spent a chilly Saturday morning cutting down dead trees and brush, and cutting away weeds and brush around the evergreens across from the Glyndon Station Park and pump house. Chuck Welsh trimmed the overgrown crepe myrtles.



Dee Ruppenthal, Hank and Pam Shoemaker,
Charlie and Meredith Wells, Judy Heck

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help make Railroad Avenue a more attractive thoroughfare. If you would like to help with future clean-ups, please contact Meredith Wells. Mmbwells@aol.com



Chuck Welsh

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.

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Forbush School Greenhouse Sale



The Forbush School Horticulture Program will once again be selling annual bedding plants, herbs and hanging baskets. The official sale starts Monday, April 25th, and we will be open every school day from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM while supplies last. The past several years' sales have been met with much success, defined primarily by the valuable opportunities our students have to meet and to service customers from the community. Thank you for your past support, and we look forward to seeing you in the greenhouse. Feel free to contact us with questions:

410.517.5620 greenhouse
410.517.5456 classroom
407 Central Ave., Reisterstown, MD 21136.

Gas Line Construction Near the Post Office This Summer

For well over a year now, BGE has been working on plans to replace the segment of the Natural Gas line that feeds all of Glyndon. The old line crosses the tracks adjacent to the Train Station building. The new line was to be installed where the blue mail box is on Train Station property, but the School Board would not allow BGE access to their property on the other side of the tracks.

As a result a new route has been identified. It is now expected to cross the tracks very close to the bridge, then snake under the edge of the parking lot, and cross Railroad Avenue to connect with the main lines on the eastern edge of Railroad Ave that feed the rest of Glyndon. The construction involves very large, deep pits on both sides of the tracks so that the line can be drilled/bored under the tracks.

Planning, permitting, and coordination with CSX could take a couple more months so we should see the work taking place in early to mid-summer. This project does not involve any other parts of the gas supply system in our neighborhood.

When the gas line was to cross the tracks near the mail box, BGE had agreed to repair the parking lot, since their heavy equipment would have caused further damage to it. With this change, the Glyndon Train Station LLC has begun to seek estimates for the necessary repairs to the parking lot pavement.



Renew Your Membership In HGI

The Board of HGI is busy planning a host of outstanding programs and events, including the May Preservation Program, Summer Porch Readings, and

our Holiday Open House. These enjoyable and educational programs and events cannot happen without the support of our members. If you have not yet paid your 2016 annual dues, we hope you will continue to support HGI by sending in your check today! Annual dues are only \$10 per individual and \$20 per business, a small contribution for such a worthy organization that works hard to preserve Glyndon's historical heritage. Thank you for your support!

Your dues can be mailed to:
Historic Glyndon, Incorporated,
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