



Historic Glyndon Baltimore County's First Historic District



# Community Newsletter

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## President's Letter

We were thrilled to celebrate Glyndon's 150th anniversary the weekend of September 10 – 12, 2021. The weather was perfect as residents, friends, families, and visitors took part in a variety of events from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. Thanks so much to the co-chairs, Diane Flayhart and Patty Szparaga, and all of the committee heads and volunteers from HGI, GCA, and other organizations. Thanks also to our local businesses for their ongoing support. Be sure to check out the article and photos herein. Our sesquicentennial was one for the books!

And speaking of books... the updated and expanded edition of *Glyndon – the Story of a Victorian Village* is currently in the works. This beautiful book tells the story of Glyndon, the first designated historic district in Baltimore County, and the people, structures, businesses, and organizations that settled our town. We plan to publish the new edition, including photos from our 150th celebration, this winter. Watch your email and the Glyndon Post Office bulletin board for more information. Even as the 150th celebration occupied most of our time this year, HGI presented, as part of our annual "May Preservation" program, Ann O'Neill and Richard Stanley's fascinating presentation on the

history of Glyndon. This summer we held two porch reading events – one for children at the home of Mark and Kelly Schuit and the annual "It Was a Dark and Stormy Night" event at Richard Stanley's house.

Looking ahead, we are delighted that we will be able to host our annual Holiday Open House again this year, after COVID cancelled last year's event. This year's open house will be held on Sunday, December 5, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., at the home of Jeff and Emmy Hale, 28 Chatsworth Ave. We hope to see you there! Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy fall and winter!

*Sue Benson, HGI President*



# GLYNDON CELEBRATES 150 YEARS IN GRAND STYLE!

With sunny skies and delightful temperatures, we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Glyndon on the weekend of September 10th, 11th, and 12th. It was a weekend full of events connecting friends, neighbors, and our local businesses and organizations.

The weekend began on Friday night with comments from our local politicians, a kids' torch run, and picnic with the movie, *The Sandlot*.

The Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department started Saturday's events with a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in front of the Fire Department.

The Victorian Porch next to the Post Office was a hub of activity on Saturday and was the starting point for the walking and trolley tours. The tours told the story of Glyndon with fabulous volunteers in costume.

Our village buzzed with activity all day – train displays, open houses, and tennis tournaments kept everyone busy. Many of the local businesses had special weekend events including great sales and live music.

Saturday evening closed the day's festivities with the Glyndon Gala. The Emory Grove Hotel twinkled with lights, decorations, and laughter! A beautiful night was spent with friends and family.

On Sunday, we stretched our legs with a 5K Fun Run and then we headed to the Parade. With a train, float, antique

cars, local organizations, fire engines, and walking groups recognizing all the great events that we have in Glyndon, the parade had something for everyone – including candy!

The celebration ended with a bang (or was that a bass drum?!). The US Navy Fleet Forces Wind Band, 40 members strong, enthralled Glyndon with an hour-long concert that left many of us with tears in our eyes. After a picnic dinner and cupcakes to celebrate our anniversary, Glyndon started to resume normal speed and everyone assuredly slept well on Sunday night.

A special thanks to the Chairs and Volunteers! Planning for the 150th Celebration had been in the making for three years, and without their great work it would not have been possible. Thank you so much, we appreciate you more than words can say!

Celebrating our town's heritage included neighbors, friends, and our local businesses and organizations. A special THANKS to the Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department, Emory Grove, Woman's Club of Glyndon, Inc., and the Glyndon United Methodist Church for providing great events and venues for

our celebration. A big THANKS is extended to Northwest Chamber of Commerce for collaborating with us on communications, and *Baltimore Style* magazine for featuring a wonderful article on Glyndon and the 150th!



The 150th Committee

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10**

**POLITICIANS  
THE FUN RUN**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11**

**9/11 REMEMBRANCE  
WALKING TOURS  
TRAIN EXHIBITS  
TROLLEY RIDE  
TENNIS/BADMINTON  
GLYNDON GALA**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12**

**5K RUN WALK  
150TH PARADE  
PICNIC AND  
BAND CONCERT**

# FRIDAY

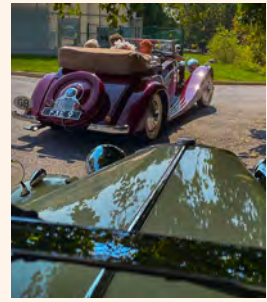


# SATURDAY





# SUNDAY



**HISTORIC  
GLYNDON**  
1871-2021  
**150**

## Membership Dues Reminder



“Dear, yes you overdid it at the 150th Gala...but you still have to get up and 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:

Historic Glyndon Inc.  
PO Box 3641  
Glyndon, MD 21071

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Historic Homes of Glyndon 2 Central Avenue



The house at 2 Central Avenue was built for Louisa G. and Robert H. Pennington about 1879. Since the Penningtons already owned a house at 4819 Butler Road (razed in 2006), it is not known if this was to be a new home for them or an investment property. Pennington was the man who, in the mid-1860s, had bought the land that was to eventually become most of Glyndon as well as neighboring St. George's. With the advent of the Western Maryland Rail Road, he speculated that the land would become extremely valuable. Obviously, he did not count on problems with his partner and his coal business, both necessitating the quick sale of all the property that he had accumulated. While he and Louise and their two

daughters lived in their Butler Road home very near the train station, Pennington served as the town postmaster, operated Samuel Townsend's store next to the station, and ran a coal and lumber business along Railroad Avenue.

Unfortunately, Louisa died several months after purchasing this property. Her widower Pennington remarried shortly after, to a woman very much his junior. The new Mrs. Pennington, the former Isabella A. Doherty, was a young Irish lass who had immigrated to Baltimore with her mother, Mary, and her older brother, William. By this time Pennington had ceased working due to health reasons. He must not have lived much longer because

in October of 1885, the widowed Isabella married the much older Rev. Burgess G. W. Reid, himself a widower with one son. The Reids appear to have maintained a permanent address in Baltimore City and may have used this property as a summer home or perhaps leased it.

The couple sold the property in 1909 to James E. Hart of Reisterstown for \$1900.00.

Isabella, known as Bella, was widowed again when Reid died weeks after this sale. Isabella died in 1918. Of interest, according to newspaper notices and land records, Isabella dabbled in the buying and selling of real estate in both the Glyndon area and in the City.

*Ann O'Neill*



**Remembering  
Dottie  
Hammond**

September 4th of 2020 brought a certain kind of sadness, for it is the day our family lost a most precious member, our mother, Dottie Hammond (nee Dodd). She was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia,

on October 30, 1924. As a child, she moved to Hagerstown, Maryland and when she was just a young high school student, she met the love of her life, William (Bill) Hammond. Bill, as it just so happened, was born in his grandmother's home at 2 Waugh Avenue, thus beginning Dottie's relationship with Glyndon.

In 1948, Dottie, Bill, and their first child moved into an apartment on Central Avenue, then progressed to Glyndon Park, and finally settled in their new home on Butler Road. From the very beginning, Mother was active in community life. We aren't sure we know, or remember it all, but we do know that her volunteerism spanned a wide variety of interests. One day she could be making flower arrangements for a wedding, the next she was delivering food for Meals On Wheels, and the third she could be found teaching a Bible study at church. She kept us all on our toes and was always dressed for a busy day.

Mother served in various positions at Glyndon United Methodist Church, Glyndon's Woman's Club, and as President of Historic Glyndon Association where she was one of those instrumental in securing Glyndon's Historic Designation. She was able to compassionately balance the needs of her family with those of her community. A nurse by profession, mother was always

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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 2021

President Sue Benson  
1st VP Nicole Crumpler  
2nd VP Richard Stanley  
Secretary Jayme Provencher  
Treasurer Christy Garman  
Immediate  
Past President Pamela Becker

## Board Members -

### Terms Ending January 2022

Diane Flayhart Marian McDonald  
Nan Kaestner Patty Szparaga

## Board Members -

### Terms Ending January 2023

Michele Kriebel Missy Fanshaw  
Vernene Lenz Kate Plaut  
Polly Papp

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

Bit Kid, Inc.  
Black-Eyed Susan Coffee Candy Cream & More  
The Boxwood Collection  
Eckhardt Funeral Chapel, PA  
Gettier-Montanye, Inc.  
Glyndon Lord Baltimore Cleaners  
Italiano's J & P  
Karlsen Food Systems  
Misguided Angel Design  
Santoni's Marketplace & Catering  
The Wine Post  
Wroe Electronics



## GCA's Halloween/Christmas Festivities

All Halloween events will occur on Saturday, October 30th at Glyndon Park starting at 5:30PM



Children's activities will begin with a spooky experience, traditional games, a showing of "The Adams Family" (the new animated version) on our new "monster" screen, and our first ever Halloween Parade of Pets. Bring your four-legged friends, dress them up in Halloween garb, and they can win gift certificates for you and your family to Glyndon's J and P Pizza.

We will have trick-or-treating, other activities and food courtesy of our various Glyndon Corporate sponsors. Following the conclusion of the children's festivities, our adult festivities kick off with music, dancing, and other activities. We will enjoy our traditional Halloween Gala, just in a new location. Prizes for costumes will be awarded.

Glyndon's Christmas kick-off will be on Sunday, November 28th, 5:30PM again at the Glyndon Park. Everything you have come to know and love about our festivities at the GVFD and/or Thomas' Hair Salon will move to the park. We will even have a new tree to enjoy as well as David Hughes festive musical abilities.

All events are rain/shine/snow, so dress accordingly and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Remembering Dottie Hammond Continued from p7

interested in helping others. She administered many allergy shots in our kitchen, was quick to make a house call, and was happy to spend an overnight hospital shift comforting neighbors. Kindness, compassion, and care giving were cornerstones of her life and were always accompanied by a quick wit and much laughter.

Mother left Glyndon in 2004, at the age of 80, after 56 years of Glyndon life. She moved to Carroll Lutheran Village, but continued to be in touch with

her friends and participated in as many Glyndon activities as she could. We ask those who knew and loved our mother to remember her smile, her sense of humor, and her great willingness to help others in need. The love she gave was unconditional.

Her two children, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren all cherish their memories of Grand-nan's home on Butler Road. She truly was a wonderful, loving person who will always be in our hearts.

Submitted by her children, Lee and Greg