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Dates to Remember...

Board Meeting

Tuesday, Jan . 13
7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas' Church
Hawthorne & Walton



Happy Holidays

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

glamorous and glittering

BETTER THAN THE YEAR BEFORE!

Certainly the decorations were even more fabulous — a tree in every room, often accentuating the height of the ceilings. Chairman Wendy Kleinfield worked on decorations for 2 weeks and says everything came from her attic. The female guests were even more glamorous and glittering than last year. The tuxes were more numerous, the Christmas ties more festive. Cateraide's food was both beautiful and delicious, especially the salmon and crab dip. Gerry Gerloff's band inspired dancers. It was an evening of conviviality for old and new neighbors alike.

GPRa is very, very grateful to owner Shane Parr for letting us party in the century-old Laburnum mansion. He helped clean the downstairs in advance. Two days before the party he had heaters in every room at his own expense to warm the vast spaces. We really appreciate his generosity.

Chairs and tables came from the GP Baptist Church but depended on transport and labor from Phil Coltrain, Arden Sterling, Rick Fox and Barbara Turpie. We appreciate the several doorkeepers and drink ticket sellers. But most of all, the evening was the creation of **Wendy Kleinfield, GPRa Program Chair**, whom we thank very much.

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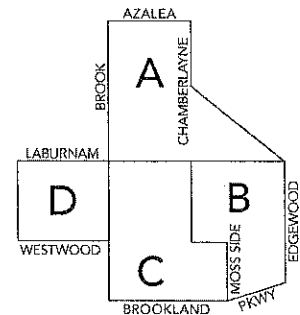
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IMPRESS THE MAILMAN

By Karen Beasley

Your name was not on the address page of the newsletter: it was addressed to "Resident". When you mail in your \$25 membership fee, you will officially become a GPRA member for 2009. Your check will go into the bank and be recorded on the GPRA 2009 data base, and subsequent newsletters will arrive addressed to YOU and not "Resident".

Be the first on your block to join the GPRA in 2009. Impress your mailman by having your newsletter delivered to your home with your name on it!

Besides impressing your mailman, what benefits do you get for being a dues-paying GPRA member? It will give you a warm fuzzy feeling for being a member of this community. It will give you a sense of ownership in the community, not of just a plot of land.

The GPRA has two functions: business and pleasure. It supports the best interests of residents by working with the City of Richmond, including our Councilmen, the School Board, the Police Department and the Department of Public Works. Forums for interaction include the HistoricGinterPark website, the Yahoo Group and the general membership/potluck gatherings. City representatives frequently come to our membership meetings to keep us updated.

If your membership is current, your family can attend these potluck meetings free (except for bringing a dish to share), whereas non-members are charged \$5.

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CELEBRATION AT THE GARDEN

The Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden 25th Anniversary



The Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden will celebrate its 25th. Anniversary throughout 2009. Probably of most interest to Ginter Parkers will be the weekend of April 18 and 19. The Garden will celebrate historic highlights from the Garden's past. There will be tours of Bloemendaal House, where you can imagine its early days as the original Lakeside Wheel Club, where cyclists gathered and enjoyed ice cream on the porch after a ride out into the "country." Period music, costumed portrayal of Lewis Ginter and Grace Arents, and a special Sunday champagne brunch (by reservation) mark this special weekend.

For the most updated information, check on the 25th. Anniversary page at www.lewisginter.org.

The Garden was created according to the will of Grace Arents and a court ruling upholding it. Miss Arents lived at the house in her later years. On her trips into the city she often traveled past the new homes being built on her uncle's former property she titled Ginter Park. In the last summer of her life (1926) she would stop to check on construction of the new pool at the Community Building.

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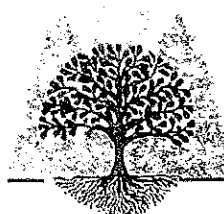
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FROM A NEWCOMER

By Mary Elfner

Since moving to Richmond in June, I've had many opportunities to talk to people in our well-chosen neighborhood about the history of Ginter Park. Geoff and I have lived in others – Inman Park in Atlanta and Baldwin Park in Savannah – and we always find a real sense of pride, beauty and community in these garden district, early suburbs. As a newcomer, I was eager to get involved, and so have become the Ginter Park Resident's Association vice-president. As vice-president, I am responsible for supporting the association president and helping to coordinate special events such as the Christmas Party, which Wendy Kleinfield did a beautiful job of chairing and coordinating – thank you, Wendy! Beyond that, I'm writing today to urge you to get involved. This is a fabulous neighborhood with wonderful people and we need your energy! There are many ways to get involved: We particularly need chairpersons for the garden tour and home tour, and block captains. It's a great way to meet neighbors, give back to your community, and its fun!


Please contact me if you are interested at [HYPERLINK "mailto:vicepresident@historicginterpark.org"](mailto:vicepresident@historicginterpark.org)
vicepresident@historicginterpark.org.

Historic District Expansion Update

By Meg Lawrence

It has been slow going — the work was more than the VCU students could complete in a semester, and the job of finishing the nomination was taken over by the City's Historic Resources Division. We have been informed that they hope to have the work on the nomination completed and sent to the Department of Historic Resources for their review by December 24.

The Board is continuing to look at options for getting the work done to bring the rest of the neighborhood under historic district designation. The next area would be North Ginter Park, which would include the last part of Chamberlayne Avenue that is not in a historic district. It is critical for the all the buildings on the Chamberlayne corridor to have access to historic tax credits in order to promote rehabilitation, restoration and preservation of original structures.



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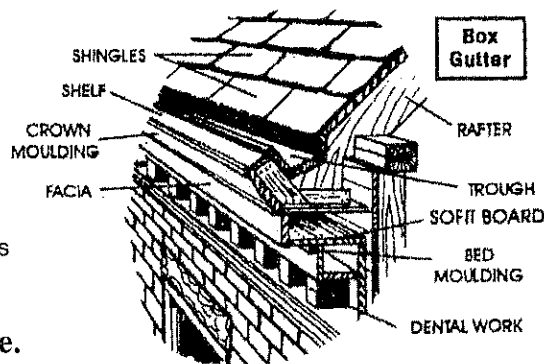
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The most relevant interior renovations include repainting and repairing anything in your home that is not in good working condition. Exterior renovations could include replacing the roof, fixing gutters, painting or repairing broken steps, windows and doors.

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