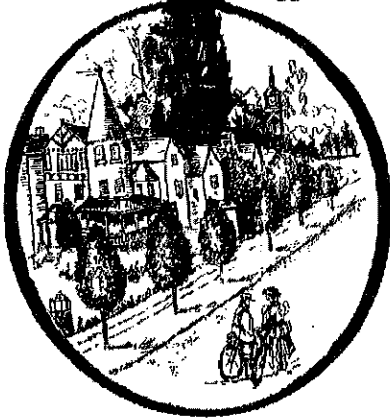


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Dates to Remember...

Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 12

7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas' Church
Hawthorne & Walton

Neighborhood Conversation

Saturday, February 27

9:00 a.m.

Northminster

Baptist Church

Westwood & Moss Side

WALGREENS

Applies for ABC License for Two Northside Stores

By Meg Lawrence

Longtime Ginter Park residents will remember Wright's Town House restaurant at the corner of Brook and Azalea and the gracious brick house at the corner of Chamberlayne and Brookland Park Boulevard. (OK, real longtime residents remember that Wright's was originally a Howard Johnson's restaurant!) Eventually, Wright's was sold and the gracious brick house became an office building with a cheap wrap-around addition. And, eventually, the new restaurant closed (even karaoke can't make up for bad food and poor management) and tenants pulled out of the brick-house office.

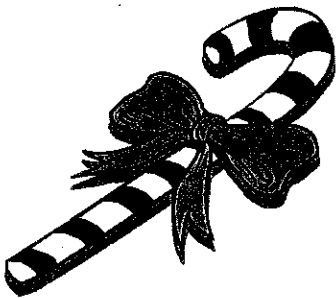
Both properties were sold to Walgreens in the mid-90's. However, neither property was zoned for a drug store. In such cases, City Council may, by Special Use Permit ordinance, authorize the use of land, buildings and structures which do not conform to the regulations and

restrictions prescribed for the district in which they are situated. A Special Use Permit can have very specific requirements and controls. In the case of both Walgreens properties, the SUPs specifically prohibit the sale or storage of alcohol.

GPRA has recently learned that Walgreens has applied for an ABC license for both locations. GPRA has filed an objection to both licenses with ABC on the grounds that sales are prohibited by zoning. We have also contacted Walgreens corporate office and are forwarding them copies of the SUPs for both properties.

At this time, we don't know if Walgreens intends to go ahead with the applications or will withdraw them, or if they will ask to amend the SUPs controlling the zoning on their properties.

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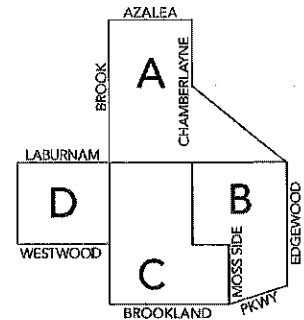
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WELCOME, NEW HISTORIC HOMES

After years of work by many people, one block of Noble, five of Moss Side, two of Seminary, two of Brook and one of Chamberlayne have been added to the original historic districting of Ginter Park as a boundary expansion. This was scheduled to be formalized by the Division of Historic Resources on December 17. Included are 191 structures.

Charlie Brock started the ball rolling in 2006 by researching and writing up the initial proposal. Then the VCU class of Kim Chen did the on-the-ground photography and architectural description of each property. The City then assigned a professional, Catherine Easterling, to write the nomination in its final form.

According to Brock, the expanded boundary now is very close to the borders of the Town of Ginter Park, as it was incorporated in 1912-1914 before annexation to the city.

The homes newly included will reap the same benefits as those already in the Ginter Park or Laburnum Park Districts, namely increased status and eligibility for rehabilitation tax credits. Copies of the nomination may be obtained from the Division of Historic Resources or view www.DHR.virginia.gov. Under "Search", write "Ginter Park Historic District expansion."

The GPRA encourages homeowners in the new historic area to purchase plaques for their houses (see advertisement Page 4). However, some of the dates used in the designation may not be accurate, especially if noted as "ca. 1920". These dates often come from tax records in city files. But as Meg Lawrence discovered, her house, dated as 1920, actually had someone living there back to 1913, as recorded in city directories. This resource is on microfilm at both the main city library and the State Library.



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As of Jan. 1, 2010 the business side of this newsletter will be in the hands of **Nancy Hall**, who takes over from **Mitzi Golod** as Advertising Manager. For 2 years Mitzi has served with dedication and efficiency in the extremely important role of helping to finance our 10 issues per year. We greatly appreciate her time and talents.

Nancy, of the 3600 block of Hawthorne, owned an advertising and public relations firm in eastern Tennessee for 7 years. A native of the Shenandoah

Valley, she lived in the Midwest and Southwest but came to Richmond in the spring of 2007. Her background also includes interior design, and she currently is working part-time in her own decorating and interior design business.

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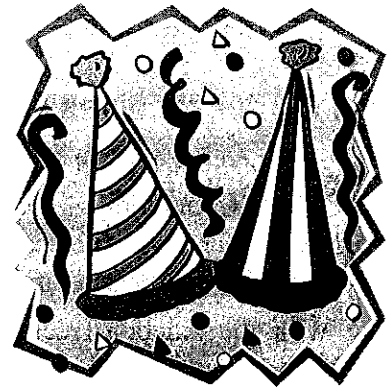
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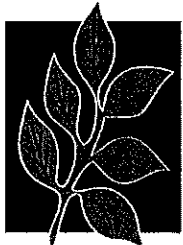
Random Thoughts During the Holiday Party

- ✱ Wouldn't Grace Arents be pleased to see 150 people enjoying her school building a hundred years later?
- ✱ If the art show went till 5 p.m., how did Wendy Kleinfield and her crew get everything up between 5 and 7:30?
- ✱ If 3/4 of the decorations came from Wendy Kleinfield, where does she store it from year to year?
- ✱ Weren't King Edward and the BD's students at Hermitage High along with John King and Dennis Garza?
- ✱ Wasn't CATERAIDE's smoked bluefish, tenderloin and fudge better than anything you ate at any other '09 holiday party?
- ✱ Didn't the serving staff get a real workout running up and down the stairs?
- ✱ Could the early GP Masons have used the disco ball and sparkly lights during their ritual?



WE APPRECIATE.....

- ✱ **The Lewis Ginter Recreation Association**, who waived their usual rental fee for the Holiday Party.
- ✱ **Bobby Butsavage and CATERAIDE**, who provided food and service at cost.
- ✱ **King Edward and the BDs**, who reduced their normal fee and "dressed up" for this gig
- ✱ The hours and hours of hard labor put in by **Richard Shannon, Richard Minter, John King, Meredith Strange-Boston, Neil Ohlsson, Arden Sterling, Rebecca and Kevin Dodson, and Martin Erb.**
- ✱ But most of all, **Wendy Kleinfield**, with all of her drive, enthusiasm, laughter, creativity, organization, public relations and party-giving skills and STILL managing to set a standard of gorgeousness that night!



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Mr. Tree

Richard Minter receives Community Service Award

On Nov. 23, 1009 Richmond City Council officially bestowed its Community Service Award on Richard Minter for his “dedication, diligence and leadership” on behalf of the beautification of Ginter Park.

His work with the Adopt-a-Tree Program “led to the purchasing and planting of 124 new neighborhood trees to replace those lost in recent hurricanes and in declining health.”

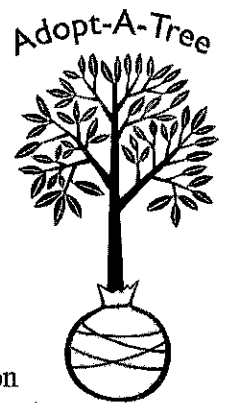
His “commitment and efforts. . . have been tremendously important in increasing the environmental, scenic and aesthetic prominence of one of Richmond’s oldest and most revered neighborhoods, which is renowned for its cozy tree-lined streets, grand residences and civic-minded residents.”

Richard is already a trained Richmond Tree Steward, which carries obligations of time and work. To identify where he feels new trees should be planted, he is putting a green dot on curbs on our streets.

Taking on a new project, he has accepted the GPRA title of Tree Committee Chairman.

But he needs help. As his Yahoo notice said, “I’d like to have a volunteer from each district commit to serve on this committee for one year beginning in January 2010. This would possibly require several hours a month checking your district for sidewalk repairs, tree needs, walks clear of neighbors’ shrubs ,etc. These items would be reported to the GPRA board at its monthly meetings for action to be taken.”

“If anyone is interested in participating on this committee, please contact me at districta2@historicginterpark.org for more details on what we will be doing for the neighborhood. Thanks for your consideration in volunteering.”



Richard Minter and wife Vicki Vivros with GPRA Board members Anne Thorn, Wendy Kleinfield and Meg Lawrence.

PHOTO BY STEVE SKINNER

Be Part of the Conversation!!! February 27

Have you ever wondered, "Why doesn't the Ginter Park Residents Association (GPRA) do _____?" Or perhaps, "Why is GPRA wasting its time on _____?"

If yes, then you need to plan to join the GPRA conversation on Saturday, February 27. For about two hours that day, GPRA will host its version of the World Café discussion model. During that time of fellowship and refreshments, local resident and professional facilitator Gwen Corley Creighton will help GPRA obtain resident input critical to its future activities and direction.

While you always have an outlet for input to GPRA and its Board, this event is designed as an intentional (and fun) method to gather lots of input and offer an easy outlet to all residents' voices.

More information will be provided as the event gets nearer, but please place this information on your calendar now: GPRA's Neighborhood Conversation; Saturday, February 27; Northminster Baptist Church (corner of Westwood and Moss Side Avenues); 9:00am arrival, with program beginning promptly at 9:30am and ending by 11:30am. Childcare will be provided.



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UNIFORMS IN THE ATTICS

By Charles Brock and Anne Thorn

The lives of Lewis Ginter and his neighbors/business partners Joseph Bryan and Hunter McGuire were shaped by the Civil War more than anything else. Like all the war's veterans, they shared experiences on the battlefield and common losses and burdens at the war's end. Their financial reversals, the changes in the labor force, and their social class, with its values and attitudes, brought them even closer.

Although born in New York, Ginter joined the army of the Confederacy on May 1, 1862. He served in the Commissary Department in A.P.Hill's division under Joseph R. Anderson of the Tredegar Iron Works. After the war he bought Anderson's house and land on Franklin St. for the Jefferson Hotel.

During the war he was stationed in Fredericksburg and Guiney Station. Ginter "...is credited with having saved the Southern Army at the second battle of Manasses by bringing up Pender's Brigade when the Confederate line was broken. He led a company of troops from Georgia. . .uncertain and not a trained soldier, he declined the promotion to Brigadier General that was offered to him...."although he did accept the title of Major. (*Richmond Times* , October 1897). He also earned the nickname of "The Fighting Commissary."

Ginter's pre-war warehouse became General Hospital Number 3. The Ginter, Alvey & Arents Cloak and Mantilla Shop at Main and 13th. was destroyed in the evacuation fire of April 1865.

Joseph Bryan was only 16 when the war opened. He entered the University of Virginia to study law but joined the Richmond Howitzers in 1864. Later that year he joined Mosby's Rangers and was wounded during his service. His estate, Laburnum, encompassed the earthworks of the Intermediate Defenses, which saw action repulsing Kilpatrick's raid of March 1864.

Another neighbor was Dr. Hunter McGuire, who had bought his summer home, "Westwood" in 1861, preceding either Bryan's or Ginter's interest in the area. In Philadelphia at the time of John Brown's 1859 raid, McGuire noted the animosity in that city toward Southern medical students. He offered to pay travel expenses and arrange their transfer to the Medical College of Virginia. During the war McGuire served as Medical Director of the Army of the Shenandoah under Stonewall Jackson. It was his sad duty to perform the amputation of his leader's arm. Though only in his '20's, he later became the Medical Director of the Army of Northern Virginia.

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These three were later partners in land speculation north of the city. As such they expected to attract homeowners of their own social class and probably Confederate veterans.

James Power Smith had served as aide, friend and spiritual companion to Stonewall Jackson. A seminary student at the beginning of the war, he was present almost constantly during the week between Jackson's fatal wound and his death. Soon after the first Union Theological Seminary buildings went up, Smith built his house on the Chamberlayne/Westwood corner (currently the Atlantic Synod headquarters), where he was editor of the "Central Presbyterian Magazine".

G. Percy Hawes of 3214 Chamberlayne, along with his brother S. Horace of 3215 Chamberlayne, ran one of the city's largest coal suppliers in late 19th. century Richmond. It was a comfortable, secure life, quite unlike the dangers Percy had faced as one of the Boy Couriers during the war. Organized as part of the Second Corps Artillery of the Army of Northern Virginia, the Couriers were to carry orders between units of the artillery or between artillery and infantry. As typical teenage boys, they were comfortable with risk-taking. Percy was the last survivor of the group, who often had horses shot out from under them or who on occasion manned a cannon.

Brother Horace, joining the Richmond Howitzers, spent the last year of the war as a prisoner of war. He was one of the Immortal Six Hundred, used in Charleston harbor as human shields in retaliation for use of Federal prisoners as shields of Charleston civilians.

Certainly other settlers in and near Ginter Park would have served in the war, but these were closest to the history makers and events.



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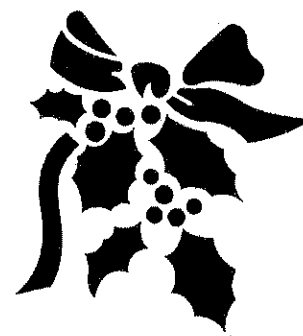
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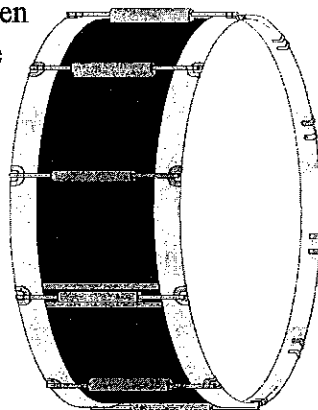


More Than Trees and History

Musicians, more and more musicians

By MARTIN ERB

Ginter Park is home to many talented artists. When we moved to Noble Avenue three years ago, we already knew a few of our musician-neighbors: Soprano Sarah Wendt is next door, Pianist Russell Wilson lives across the street. Dick Stone, a couple blocks away on Moss Side, is an amateur violist. (Back in the 20th century Dick and I played in the Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra, and Dick and Hope were in the orchestra and choir at UR.) Hope is a pianist and the Founding Director of the Greater Richmond Children's Choir.



As we got to know folks in Ginter Park, we encountered more and more musicians. Here are just a few of the names we have collected – there are surely many, many more! Then, just think about the singing and instrument-playing children who live in Ginter Park!

Bruce Stevens – Brook – Organ, Conductor

Chad Kirstein – East Seminary – Violin

David W. McCormick – Noble – Organ, Conductor

Dick Stone – Moss Side – Viola

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Randy Fitzgerald – Palmyra – Guitar

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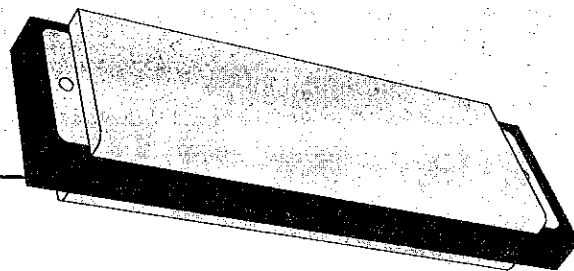
Roland Karnatz – Hawthorne – Clarinet, Didgeridoo

Russell Wilson – Noble – Piano

Sarah Wendt – Noble – Singer

Wayland W. Rennie – Wilmington – Trombone,
Singer

And we welcome back **Governor Tim Kaine** and his harmonica.



Send in more names! Maybe we can form a Ginter Park Philharmonic
Orchestra and Chorus for the Town's 100th anniversary in 2012!



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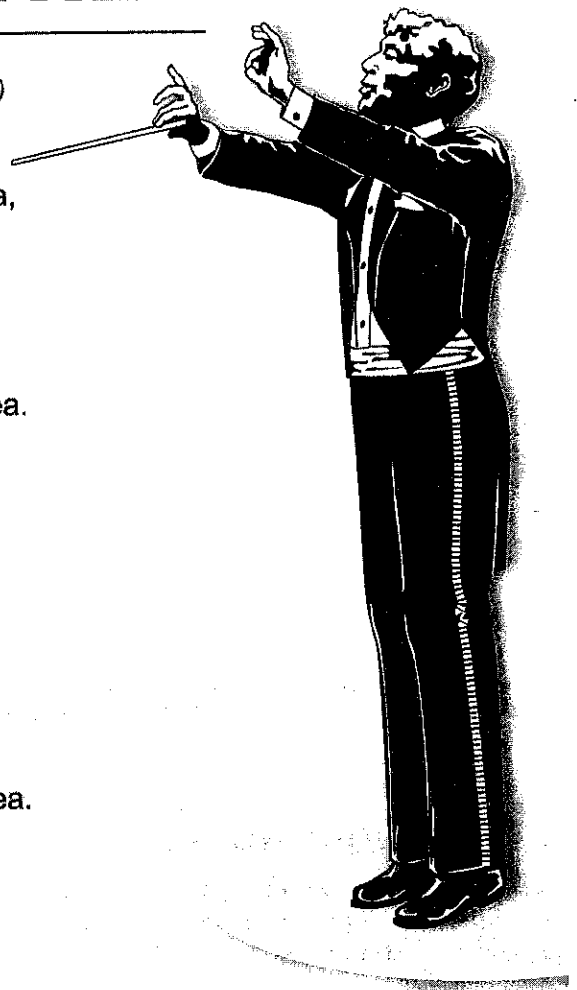
O Ginter Park, O stately Ginter Park,
We hail to thee, O lovely gem kind of near the sea.

We have a crossroads,
At Laburnum and Hermitage,
We do not need a roundabout about thee.

There is a pool,
Where young Ginters and Parkers swim,
It is a place to sun and think of thee.

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