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Dates to Remember...

Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 10
7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas' Church
Hawthorne & Walton

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 26
6:30 p.m.

St. Thomas' Church
Hawthorne & Walton

August Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 14
7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas' Church
Hawthorne & Walton

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

For **July 26** – the Ginter Park Residents' Association General meeting, otherwise known as our annual Ice Cream Social!

Our General Meetings are not only the time to come out to meet your neighbors, but also the time to catch up on the official news of the community and what the Board of the Residents' Association has been doing on your behalf. It's also your opportunity to discuss the latest issues with those in the know.

Come out to learn how the Glorious Garden Walk turned out, learn the status of the Battery Park school restoration, learn what we learned from our Mayor's Town Hall meeting. Get an update on our efforts to curb

crime in the area, an update on the survey for the expansion of the Historic District, or even meet the new Richmond City Building Inspector.

Communication is our paramount reason for our meetings, and your participation is critical to the success of the entire community. Bring the kids – there will be child care provided.

No dinner this time, but we'll have a beautiful array of ice cream, door prizes and drawings.

So do your duty and have some fun - come out to the General Meeting on July 26 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas' Church.

JOIN OUR NEW YAHOO GROUP

Support Your Online Community

The Ginter Park Residents Association is pleased to announce that a Historic Ginter Park Yahoo Group has been formed. If you have already been receiving the crimewatch notices via email, the Yahoo Group will replace those.

Jonathan Gilmore, the Crimewatch chair, explained why the change and the advantage of the Yahoo Group

"1. It removes the single point of failure (me) from the process of distributing important information to the community. If I'm out of town for work, forget to check the GPRA email, or in some other

fashion neglect to pick up a message, it doesn't get out.

2. There are a ton of messages that come to **crimewatch@historicginterpark.org** that are in no way related to crime, but are relevant to many people in the community. The Yahoo! Group allows for people to own their own communication capabilities.
3. The current crimewatch system fails to allow you to forward a message to the entire email list, since the number of people on the list is so large.

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NEW YAHOO GROUP

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You can get started now, by joining the group. Simply visit our website — HistoricGinterPark.org — and find the box in the bottom right hand corner. Enter your email address and click on the purple box. Then follow the on screen steps (including those which will then be-mailed to you) to create a Yahoo account and join our group.”

Eventually this will be THE way that email communication travels throughout the neighborhood, so please join us and sign-up soon. Crimewatch messages are currently being posted to the Yahoo Group and Jonathan

hopes to have a transition day of September 1, after which the existing Crimewatch email tree will cease. Please support our online community and join the Historic Ginter Park Yahoo! Group by using the following URL in your Internet browser: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/historicginterpark>

National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday August 7

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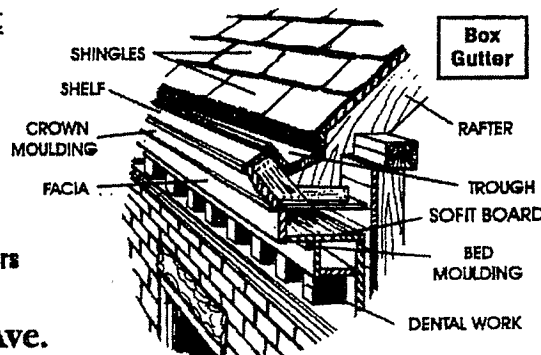
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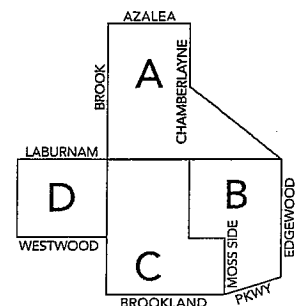
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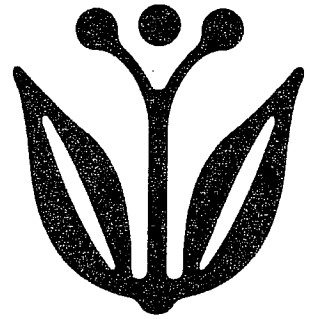
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THANK YOU, WENDY

The GPRG Glorious Garden Tour held May 19 was a resounding success! The energy, involvement, and sponsorship support of many, many Ginter Park neighbors and friends made it another showcase activity for the neighborhood. It was the leadership of GPRG resident and Board Secretary, Wendy Kleinfield, that made the event happen. From pushing for the decision to hold the event in 2007 to taking the mantle of leadership, Wendy was behind it all. More than 500 people visited the gardens, netting \$10,000 for the work of GRPA. **THANK YOU, WENDY!!**



APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2008 GARDEN EVENT CHAIR

If you enjoyed attending or volunteering for the 2007 Ginter Park Glorious Garden Tour and would like to see this tradition continued next year, please let us know of a candidate who would be great to chair this event next year, or send us a note or email or a phone call to let us know why you would like to do it! I have LOTS of help and information to pass along to you to make it an even better event next year. It has become an important source of funds and fun! Don't forget, there will be no house tour this year.

Around 500 people look forward to touring our gardens each spring. Let's keep the wheels rolling!

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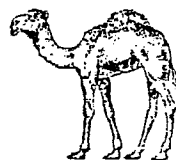
What is the best price for a piece of real estate? Mortgage lenders, appraisers, and real estate brokers use what is called the "fair market value" (FMV). FMV has been defined as "the price that a buyer is willing to pay and the seller is willing to accept, when both parties are knowledgeable about the property and neither is under any time pressure to buy or sell". Sounds great, but how is this price determined.

The starting point for determining a fair price may be an opinion of the value or "competitive market analysis". Such an analysis uses information on similar properties which are: 1) currently for sale, 2) already sold, or 3) expired properties (those which did not sell). Local, national and international trends and market conditions must also be evaluated.

By comparing similar properties in each of the three categories and the market conditions, appraisers, lenders and agents come very close to the maximum price that buyers would be willing to pay for a house.

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For several years Louie Pettinato has kept this newsletter going. He has done a terrific job of gently nagging yearly advertisers, explaining what's needed to new advertisers, and keeping the editor and layout person informed about what's in and what's out of every issue. He has superb common sense and organizational skills (plus advice on graphics and printing from his wife). The GPRA Board thanks them both.

Alas, Louie is resigning his Advertising Manager position as of December.

Without an advertising manager there will be no newsletter come 2008.

Advertising doesn't completely cover the costs, but it would be impossible to finance the newsletter totally out of GPRA dues. It has been suggested to go online with no advertising, but that would not reach a major share of our homeowners and communication is our purpose (that's why we do 10 issues, more than other civic groups).

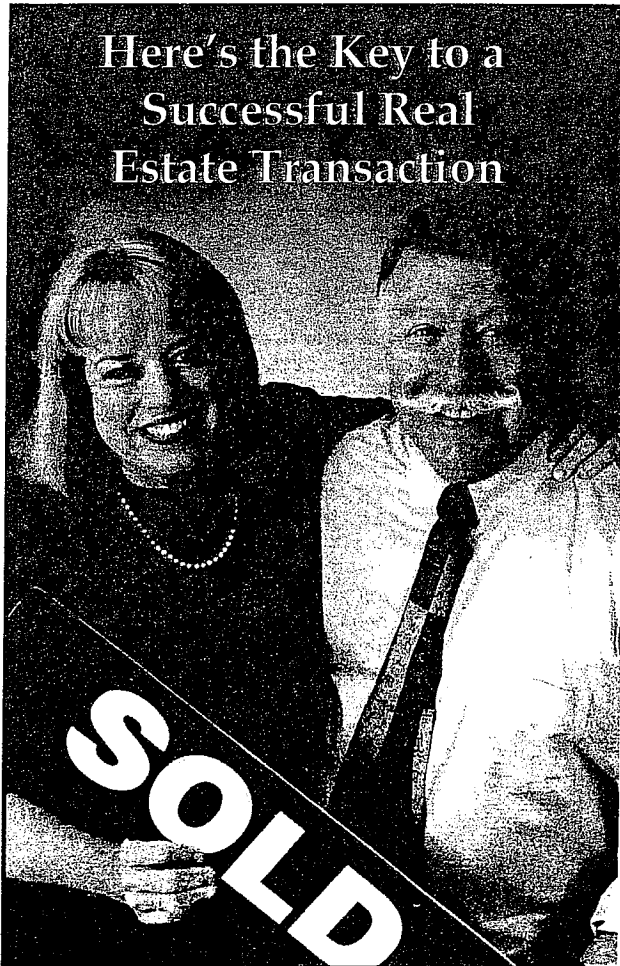
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- Distributing advertising information upon request
- Soliciting ads based on leads provided by the GPRA Board

Notice that it does NOT say "going out and finding advertisers", as we have to for our tour programs. So the job is more record-keeping than sales.

Please give it serious thought, if you enjoy the newsletter. Contact Louie if you have questions, 355-3457 or pettinato@comcast.net



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RE-BIRTH OF THE GINTER PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A bit of nostalgia for those who have lived here 30 years

By Anne Thorn

It was a picture-perfect fall Sunday afternoon, sunny and mild, October 23, 1977 to be exact. There had been a small paragraph in the Times Dispatch that morning and a mention in the Bellevue Civic Association newsletter of October, but no one anticipated the large turn-out of Richmonders for the one-hour walking tours, scheduled at 3 different times that afternoon. Jim DePasquale, GP resident and architect, and Wayland Rennie, "Ginter Park's real estate agent" would lead the tours of the 3000 and 3200 block of Seminary and the UTS campus, describing the wide variety of architecture. This was dubbed "The Northside Nickel Tour" by its organizers in the Bellevue group.

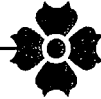
Bellevue was our model. They had been organized already for 3 years, with activities such as newspaper recycling, programs focusing on old house maintenance, a one-page newsletter, neighborhood yard sale, lobbying city hall for park improvements to 13 Acres (although warned that a school was planned for the lot in 5 or 6 years) and Easter Parties at 13 Acres.


While the tour drew people from all over the city, it was designed to raise enthusiasm among Northsiders for the meeting held that evening at St. Thomas'. The purpose was to lay the groundwork for an organization bringing together homeowners in the main Ginter Park area,

along with the Laburnum Park. Boundaries would be what wasn't already included in the Bellevue Civic Association. (There would be some overlapping on the east side of Brook Road for a few years, as Bellevue, then as now, met at Battery Park Christian Church.)

Wayland Rennie persuasively outlined the advantages of having an organization, sharing information on common problems and the advantage of coming together as a neighborhood to deal with city agencies, rather than as individuals. To expand on what had been seen that afternoon, architect Bob Winthrop presented a slide show of other houses in our area. Committees should be formed to deal with problems. There was a rumor about changes to the Melrose/Brook corner house if Virginia Union purchased it. Did we want to become a city historic district to prevent further destruction on Chamberlayne?

The meeting resulted in plans to draft by-laws and choose officers of an organization which would take the original name of the first association formed in 1909. Those First Families of Ginter Park had organized to obtain more infrastructure improvements from Henrico County. Though that organization eventually lapsed, it seemed appropriate to perpetuate the name along with their legacy of structures we were enjoying almost 70 years later.






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Block Captains are the heart of our organization. They should know (or want to know) the people on their block. They should be the ones to bring your block's problem to the attention of the District Rep or Board for action. They should be the fastest communication link to you.


Check the list for your captain. If you don't know him/her, introduce yourself. If your block reads VACANT, consider volunteering. It doesn't take much time, just an interest in your neighbors and e-mail capability.

Call Tim Holtz (321-7642) or email him at President@HistoricGinterPark.org.

This list of Block Captains is the most current one compiled. Apologies are extended 1) if you serve in this role and were omitted or have different contact information or 2) if you are listed and no longer serve in this role. Either way, please report updates to Tim Holtz at President@HistoricGinterPark.org.

55%	53		97				
First Name	Last Name	District	#	Block	Street Address	Zipcode	Phone Number
VACANT		C-1	3000--Odd	Brook Road		23227	
VACANT		C-1	3200--Odd	Brook Road		23227	
	Non-residential	D-2	3400--Even	Brook Road		23227	
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	Non-residential	D-2	3600--Even	Brook Road		23227	
Sue	Pahle	C-1	3600--Odd	Brook Road	3609 Brook Road	23227	200-3668
Dixie	Hornstein	A-3	3800--Odd	Brook Road	3809 Brook Road	23227	266-3501
Deborah	Bowser	A-3	3900--Odd	Brook Road	3909 Brook Road	23227	262-2027
	Non-residential	A-3	4000--Odd	Brook Road			
VACANT		A-3	4200--Odd	Brook Road		23227	
Marty	Riedy	A-1	4500--Odd	Brook Road	4529 Brook Road	23227	
VACANT		A-1	4800--Odd	Brook Road		23227	
	Non-residential	A-1	5000--Odd	Brook Road		23227	
VACANT		C-1	3000--Even	Chamberlayne Avenue		23227	
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Daniel	Kincheloe	C-1	3400--Even	Chamberlayne Avenue		23227	519-2954
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Korantema	Anum	A-3	4200--Even	Chamberlayne Avenue	4228 Chamberlayne Avenue	23227	262-0421
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Albert	White	A-1	4800--Even	Chamberlayne Avenue	4816 Chamberlayne Avenue	23227	
Edna	Keys-Chavis	A-1	4900--Even	Chamberlayne Avenue	5021 Edgemere Blvd.	23234	H/440 -1361 W/646 -7955
Honor	Carver	D-1	3400	Chatham	1500 Westwood Avenue	23227	358-2690
Bill	Dixon	D-2	1200	Confederate Avenue	1215 Confederate Avenue	23227	358-0602
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Sidney & Richard	Bland	D-1	1600	Confederate Avenue	1605 Confederate Avenue	23227	353-7303
Jenni	Pendergrass	A-1	4500	E. Seminary Avenue	4513 E. Seminary	23227	264-1633
Larry	Meier	A-1	4800	E. Seminary Avenue	4804 E. Seminary	23227	266-3162
Janet	Inman	A-1	5000	E. Seminary Avenue	5001 E. Seminary	23227	H/562-0555 M/380-2233
Wey	McLeod	B-2	3200	Edgewood Avenue	3217 Edgewood Avenue	23222	321-7771
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Sally	Daniels	B-2	3600	Edgewood Avenue	3622 Edgewood Avenue	23222	321-2520
Joyce	Oliver	B-2	3700	Edgewood Avenue	3712 Edgewood Avenue	23222	329-7252
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Rob	Jones	B-1	3600	Hawthorne Avenue		23222	321-6023
Sally	Watters	A-2	3800	Hawthorne Avenue		23222	228-2278
Gale	White	C-1	1000	Melrose Avenue		23227	358-8192



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Jean	Bear	B-1	3500	Moss Side Avenue	3518 Moss Side Avenue	23222	321-1761
Shawn	Smith	B-1	3600	Moss Side Avenue	3608 Moss Side Avenue	23222	329-6722
Fran	Withrow	B-1	3700	Moss Side Avenue	3701 Moss Side Avenue	23222	321-3738
VACANT		A-2	3800	Moss Side Avenue		23222	
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Michelle	Welch	D-1	1600--Odd	W. Laburnum Avenue	1615 W. Laburnum Avenue	23227	358-3988
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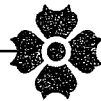


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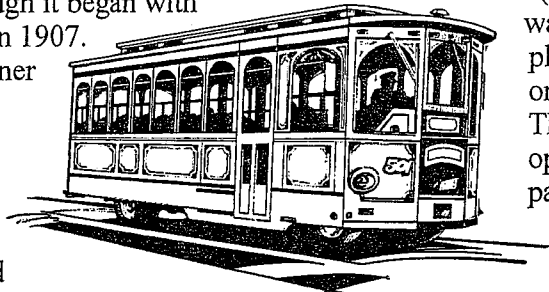
It may be gone by the time you read this. It was a component of the Ginter Park scene from 1907 until 1938. It is what remains of the large metal building south of the Post Office, on the west side of Brook Road just beyond the RRHA building.

The corrugated metal siding has been removed over several months, and now all that remains is the framework of girders. What was it? Why was it so tall and the opening so wide?

Longtime Ginter Parkers remember it as the carbarn for the Ashland trolley, although it began with a more impressive name in 1907.

Financier and railroad owner Frank Jay Gould, bought the Brook Turnpike in 1902 and planned a high-speed interurban railroad connecting Norfolk, Petersburg, Richmond and Fredericksburg. It was chartered as the Richmond & Chesapeake Bay Railway Co.

The Brook Road carbarn was wide enough for two cars and high enough to accommodate the trolley poles and overhead wires. A concrete path where rails were imbedded



to connect the median into the barn can still be seen in the ground. Since Gould only needed a 40 foot wide path up the turnpike for the double track, he gave the rest of the 100-foot width to Henrico County. The track proceeded north on Brook to Westbrook, angled left through the Azalea Mall lot, then paralleled the turnpike almost straight north to Ashland.

The Richmond to Ashland stretch was the first part constructed and opened for service on October 28, 1907. The Richmond passenger station was at 814 West Broad St. (now Richmond Glass Co.) and the electricity was generated at the 12th Street hydroelectric plant (now part of the ground floor of Richmond on the James).

The stock market panic a week before the line opened doomed any further expansion. But passengers continued to ride the powerful, comfortable cars (mahogany paneling, frescoed ceilings, smoking compartments) until the business went bankrupt in 1918.

Jonathan Bryan and other investors continued service with less powerful and expensive cars. The carbarn continued in use until the last motorman parked the last car after the last run on March 22, 1938.

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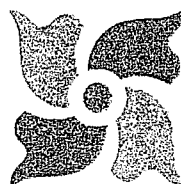
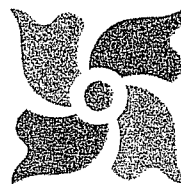
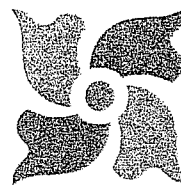
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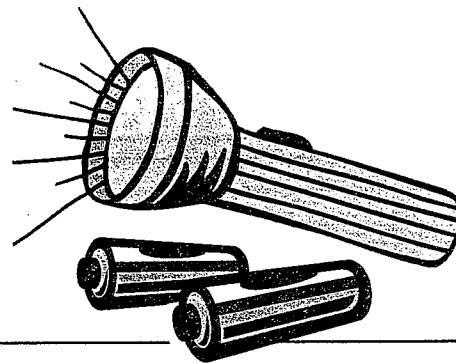
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Emergency Tips

Summer usually brings at least one storm which creates a power outage of several hours or more. The Richmond Office of Emergency Preparedness suggests these tips:

1. Check to see if your neighbors have power, since it might be only in your home due to a blown fuse or tripped circuit. If you must go outside in the dark, take a flashlight and watch for downed power lines. Call Dominion Power at 1-888-667-3000.
2. Use flashlights or battery operated lanterns for lighting. Candles and kerosene lanterns present a fire hazard. Have extra batteries for flashlights and radio.
3. Turn off major appliances if operating at the time of power loss. In summer this includes air conditioners, which could overload electric lines when power is restored causing a second outage.

4. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Food can be kept cold for a day or two if the doors are kept closed.
5. Have a battery-operated radio handy, especially one that will pick up signals from TV stations.
6. Have a supply of non-perishable food that doesn't require refrigeration or cooking, such as canned or boxed juices, soup, peanut butter & jelly, crackers, granola bars and trail mix, hard candy, canned meat, fish, fruit and vegetables. Have a non-electric can opener.





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