

GORDONSTON

Gazette



AT THE PARK

Teddy Glenn gathered supplies, tools, and a group of handy and hardworking volunteer neighbors together to help with his Eagle Scout project. They pressure-washed and repaired the jungle gym and nearby seating in the park. The equipment is now much cleaner and safer for neighborhood children. Thanks, Teddy, for a job well done!

New residents might not know that **the park is maintained entirely by volunteers in Gordonston.** The city takes care of the circle and the medians, but the park is up to us. So, if you see someone working in the park, be sure to thank them.

Want to help out? Watch the Gordonston Facebook page for group work days. You can also just grab a fallen limb or pull a few weeds the next time you're in the park. All help is welcome!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Gordonston will continue the tradition of celebrating National Night Out, a neighborhood block party to thank police, firefighters and others. Bring a covered dish and join the neighborhood on **August 6, 6 p.m., near Pierpont Circle.**

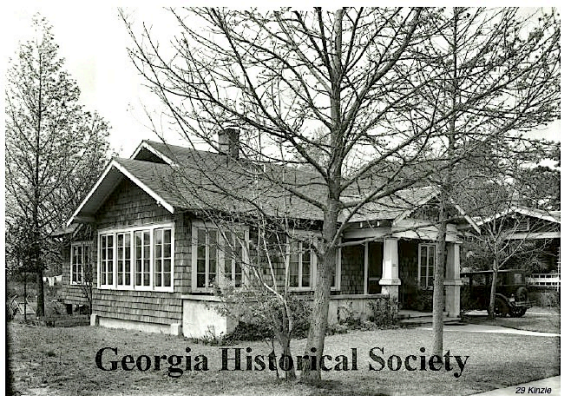
NEW NEIGHBORS

A number of Gordonston residents have moved, and we are pleased to welcome new friends to our 102-year old neighborhood. Welcome to Sim, Phil, Elizabeth, Matt T., Mary Mack, Marci, Carlos, Mitch, Penny, Meg, Todd, Rae, Brad, Caitlin, Kyle, Jena, Mark, Gale, Philip, Maggie, Jackson, and Matt S. We look forward to seeing you at the neighborhood gatherings!

Newsletter
Editor

Welcome Erica Cooper as the new newsletter editor. Thank you to Kate Marsters and Meaghan Gerard who have put it together for the past several years.

Gordonston: Since 1917



213 Kinzie Avenue

The Arts & Crafts bungalow at 213 Kinzie was built in 1923 by Frank and Lucille Huff. They had previously lived in Parkside and Ardsley Park, but on a visit to Frank's family in Greenville, SC, Lucille spotted a neighbor's house that exactly fit her dreams.

When they returned to Savannah, they purchased the plot in Gordonston, built the house copied from what they had seen in Greenville, and moved in with their three daughters. Their fourth daughter, Cilie, was born there in 1925.

While Cilie was growing up, neighborhood children walked downtown for doughnuts or over to the Dairy Farm for ice cream. During the Depression, the WPA sent a man around on a weekly schedule to organize games for the kids in the Park -- but it was mostly baseball, and mostly for boys. Cilie moved when she married Bill Sutton, but her friendships and connections to Gordonston have been lifelong.

For the past 15 years, Ben Adams has owned 213 Kinzie. He has enjoyed working on the house and garden. At some point, lane access to 213 in the rear was closed off, leaving the garage stranded; Ben transformed it into a garden gazebo. One of his special pleasures has been opening the house to architectural tours. It was included as one of five homes in a tour Ben organized for a museum group from Athens, Ga. More recently, he worked with neighbor Tania Sammons on a tour of five Gordonston homes for the Telfair.

- Cilie Huff Sutton and Ben Adams

3 Pierpont Circle

I'm the proud second owner of my home at 3 Pierpont Circle. This Savannah Grey Brick "Monterey style" house was designed in 1947 by architect John C. LeBey and built in 1948 by Will Artley Jr. The Artley family had moved to Savannah in 1901 from Williamsport, PA and brought with them extensive building experience.

From the 1930s to the 1960s, the A.A. Artley Co., located on Bay Street, specialized in such local commercial construction as the Bull Street Library, the DeSoto Hotel on Wilmington Island, the First Christian Church (corner of Victory and Atlantic) and renovation projects such as the Dock Street Theater in Charleston.

Upon his return from service WWII, Will Artley built the home for his bride and childhood sweetheart Margaret Devereaux. Together they were gracious entertainers, and the home was a center of the vibrant Gordonston social scene. Their beloved daughter Dorothy "Dottie" Daniels (now of Goebel Avenue) grew up with wonderful memories of watching many cocktail parties and hiding under the dining room table while the adults socialized around her.

The house may look older than its 70 years and with good reason. It was built using recycled—and sometimes historic—materials salvaged by Artley Construction. The wide heart pine interior floors and much of the wood trim were salvaged from now-demolished historic properties. The brick exterior had been recycled as well. The wrought iron fencing in the back yard came from Laurel Grove Cemetery. This is a wonderfully built, comfortable and gracious house thanks to Will and Margaret Artley.

- Nancy Hayward, with the help of Dottie Artley Daniels



2019 GNA MEMBERSHIP HONOR ROLL

Debbie Adams & Laura Grifka
Lisa Arcos
Jeffrey Baker & Kristine Rice
Pam & Barrett Benton
Carl Biathrow & Alice Henrick
Brenda & Dee Bowers
Brad & Deanne Christman
Jimmy Coleman
Carlos & Marcella Cordero
Nancy Cunningham
Denise Dawson
Jerry Fath
Harald & Donna von Fischer
Benzon
Marc Frischer & Soo Yacker
and David

Jenny Gentry
Steve & Meaghan Gerard
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Cooper & Deborah Glenn
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Bob & Betty Haldeman
Nancy Hayward
Sim Harvey & Phillip Hunter
Nancy & Doug Henrick
Linda & John Herdina
Bill & Debbie James
Joa & Jessica Kelly
Greg & Nell Keyes
Warren & Danuza Knuth
Charlotte Landon & Robert
Trithart

Kate Marsters
Kisha Marsters & Alexis
Drebitko
Connie & Mick McCay
Bernice, Robert, & Muriel
Miller
Damon Mullis
Fred & Legare Nadelman
Gelys Nielsen
Kirsten Parent
Bobby & Sheila Phillips
Beth Reiter
Colleen & Christopher
Reynolds
Cory & Mary Beth Scoville
Todd & Meg Schroeder

Leah & Brian Smith
Hilda & Julie Sukman
Dianne & Daniel Talcott
Jack Taylor
Kay Tucker
Angela Watkins
Alexis Watts
Daniel & Kristin Weiner
Julia & Charles Williams

**GNA dues are collected
at the beginning of
each calendar year.**

Download the membership form at www.gordonston.com or the Gordonston Facebook page and return with payment to **Kate Marsters, membership coordinator.**



The garden club is on its summer hiatus, with great things planned for fall. All are welcome to join. Don't worry – we are a very casual club.

Garden Club meets once every two months, September through May -- (usually) on second Tuesdays. Beginning gardeners and long-term green thumbs are always welcome. Annual dues are only \$15 and meetings often including free plants! Questions? Call Nancy Henrick, 912-777-5590. **New members always welcome.**

Gordonston Book Club

Sept. 9: The Art of Hearing Heartbeats,
by Jan-Phillip Sendker
Oct. 7: Tallgrass, by Sandra Dallas
Nov. 11: The Weight of Ink, by Rachel Kadish
Dec. 9: Beneath the Scarlet Sky,
by Mark Sullivan

**Book club is open to all Gordonston
women. Contact Nancy Cunningham at
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* With the separation of Savannah City policing from Chatham County, the East Side now has its own precinct, at 2250 Victory Drive. For the time being, Sherif Lockett will continue as our local contact.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Night Out -- August 6

Luau -- Sept. 21

Rock & Roll Marathon -- Nov. 2

Halloween Hike -- TBA

Christmas Party -- Dec. 14

Notes from the City

Willie Mae Knight is the community outreach contact for Gordonston with the City of Savannah. Knight can be reached at 912-651-6520 x 8772 or 912-659-5288.

Crisis Cleanup Hotline:
800-451-1954

Medical Needs Registry (neighbors who are elderly or need assistance) :
912-691-7443.

Call **Laurie Womack** in the City's new Co-Compliance department at 912-704-6592 for property maintenance issues such as wildly overgrown grass, accumulations of trash, problems with unoccupied houses, and other urban blight.