

GORDONSTON



Contacts:

Join the GNA private Facebook group, by contacting Jack Taylor at 912-210-2200.

Receive GNA email by contacting Krista Futch at gna@gordonston.net.

Check out the GNA web site at www.gordonston.com.

Send story ideas to Meaghan at info@mwgerard.com.

A full directory of neighborhood contacts can be found on page 5.

A list of upcoming events is on page 6.

100 years

Gordonston was founded in 1917, one-hundred years ago. Our amazing neighborhood has been home to generations of wonderful, interesting people across the decades and we want to share your memories. Send in your photos and stories as we celebrate the past 100 years.

Renew your membership

Gordonston Neighborhood Association needs you! Fill out your membership form and join today.



From the GNA president

Hi, I'm Krista Futch, your new GNA President. Many of you know me already, but for those who don't, let me introduce myself and my family. My husband, Andy, and I are lifelong Savannahians. We love living in Gordonston with our two children and feel lucky to share this great neighborhood with you.

I wanted to share some park updates and clarify how GNA works with the park. Here's a brief summary:

Gordonston neighborhood is bounded by Gwinnett St., Pennsylvania Ave., Skidaway Rd. and Goebel Ave. The land was originally owned by Juliette Gordon Low's parents. A portion of the land, what is now the park, was designated as land to be used by everyone in the neighborhood.

Gordonston Neighborhood Association is the social arm of Gordonston. GNA members live in the

neighborhood and pay yearly dues. While **GNA meetings are open to all Gordonston residents**, only GNA members can vote. GNA members attend social events free of charge.

Gordonston Trust was established by William Gordon to ensure the park would be maintained. It is administered by trustees who oversee some expenses, repairs and maintenance of the park and cottage.

Last fall, when Hurricane Matthew hit, the park was severely damaged. Twenty-six trees were broken or uprooted, and some fell on the cottage and fencing. The park was closed for safety and clean up, and since then, the neighborhood, GNA and the Trust worked together to get the park and cottage functioning.

Work to the park continues, including tree stump removal, which has already been paid for.

But there's still work to be done! With limited funds, the Trust is unable to make all cottage repairs and property restorations necessary. Additionally, the cottage was infested with termites, and while they have been exterminated, the walls still need major repairs.

We will be holding fundraisers and asking for donations to finish restoring the park and the cottage.

Donations can be made directly to the Gordonston Neighborhood Association. Ideas for fundraisers are also welcome.

If you have questions feel free to contact me at:
kristafutch@gmail.com or 912-247-7064.

Let us take a moment to appreciate what has been accomplished so far:

- The cottage roof has been restored and it has a 'new' refrigerator (thank you, Krista Futch).
- An enormous volunteer day in February, sponsored by XXXXXXXXXXXXX, in honor of Mike Moran's love for the park.
- A wonderful volunteer work day on Earth Day 2017, sponsored by the Savannah Tree Foundation and the Gordonston Garden Club (thank you, Nancy Henrick), Georgia Garden Club and helpers from Gulfstream and Savannah State. Leftovers were donated to a local fire station.
- Thank you, tree clean up and removal contractors, for generously tending to do just a little bit more than you had to.
- And thank you neighbors, one and all, work day after work day after work day, for your time, donations, and your good cheer.



2017 GNA MEMBERSHIP HONOR ROLL

Ben Adams
Debbie Adams & Laura Grifka
AJ & Bonnie Carter
Caitlin Condon
Bradford Christman & Deanne Christman-Resch
Tommy & Dottie Daniels
Jim & Karen Davis
Denise Dawson & Erica Cooper
Betsy & Manny Dominguez
Jeni Ellis-Riggs
Soo, Marc & David Frischer
Krista & Andy Futch
Emily Garrard & Stuart Chatham
Steve & Meaghan Gerard
Richard Glendinning
Deborah & Cooper Glenn
Nancy, Rachel, & Allie Hayward
Nancy & Doug Henrick
Rusty & Mignon Holt
Peggy Jolley
Greg & Nell Keyes
Warren & Danuza Knuth
Charlotte Landon & Robert Trithart

James & Lisa Langley
Darlie Logan
Kate Marsters
Kisha Marsters, Ava, & Alexis Drebitko
Melissa Mauldin & Tony Migchelbrink
Muriel, Robert & Bernice Miller
Shirley & Roger Munderloh
Fred & Legare Nadelman
Gino Orlandi & Catherine Killingsworth
Nancy Poser
Katherine & Olivier Raffray
Beth Reiter
Kurt Schmidt & Zrinka Pulisecic
Hilda Sukman & Julie Sukman
Jack Taylor
Margie Thompson, Kevin Ionno & Dagmawit
Harald & Donna von Fischer-Benzon
Angela Watkins
Daniel & Kristen Weiner

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

GNA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We only have 42 homes signed up right now! That's less than 25% of residents.
Return the enclosed membership form and return with payment to
Kate Marsters, membership coordinator.
Checks may be made to "Gordonston Neighborhood Association."

In Memoriam

Robert S. Cooper

Robert and his wife Emmeline had been a fixture in Gordonston for over twenty-five years. Robert possessed many talents the least of which was his mastery of woodworking projects. Many neighbors have benefited from his antique restoration skills. Emmeline was very active in the GNA. Robert enjoyed walking his beloved dog in the park.

- Jack Taylor

Richard Glendinning

Richard was a man of many talents and most notably a gifted chef. He spent most of his life in Gordonston. He and his wife Pam bought a home here and raised their beloved daughter Columbia not far from the home Richard grew up in on Atkinson Ave. Richard was instrumental in many projects in the Juliette Gordon Low Park.

- Jack Taylor

Paul W. Painter, Jr.

Paul was a prominent attorney in Savannah. He and his wife Judi have lived in Gordonston for nearly forty years. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting trips with his neighbors. He was devoted to his wife and family. Neighbors remember him as having a ready smile and friendly greeting.

- Jack Taylor

Paul Mobley

Paul Mobley lived with his beloved wife Lori and their two sons in a house that was previously owned by Lori's father who was in the nursery business. Paul kept his yard immaculate and joked that he felt compelled to because of his father-in-law's high standards. He lives on through a thriving split leaf philodendron that he planted in a neighbor's yard more than 15 years ago.

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Mike Moran

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**Want to rent the
cottage?**
Check availability
and get more
information at
www.gordonston.com.



SAVE THE

Date

September 16: Luau

October 28: Halloween Hike

Nov 4: Rock 'n' Roll Marathon

DIRECTORY

GNA president Krista Futch would like to re-create a master e-mail list directory for occasional use for meeting reminders, announcements, garage sales, etc.

There has also been a request to create a master list of all residents in case of emergencies, such as hurricane evacuation and recovery.

Both of these lists would be kept private and not shared with any third party.

Please contact Krista Futch with questions or to be included: kristafutch@gmail.com or 912-247-7064.

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Send in your memories and historic photos to Meaghan at info@mwgerard.com or Kate at MARSTERS001@gannon.edu.

Gordonston Book Club

July 10: Planning Session for next year's book selection. Meetings resume in September.

Interested in our book club but not so sure if you'd like what we're reading? Submit book recommendations and attend our planning meeting to help choose the next book list.

Your suggestion should be something you have read, and include the following: title, author, genre, and a brief description of the book in your own words). Last but not least, be sure the book is available in paperback.

Book club is open to all Gordonston women. Contact Gelcys Nielsen at gcatmap@gmail.com for membership information.

Watch www.gordonston.com for updates and announcements.