



# HISTORIC VINEVILLE

## Neighborhood Association

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### **Letter from the President**

by Maureen McCullough

Dear Vineville neighbors, our President David Quackenbush has resigned after a recent move to Atlanta, and as the Vice President, I have assumed the responsibilities of the presidency. David did a great job and will be missed by so many. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead VNA and look forward to all that we can accomplish as a neighborhood.

Your board meets each month planning ways to implement the objectives of the VNA with the goal of making the Vineville neighborhood one of the best places in Macon to live. The objectives are:

- To welcome new residents to the neighborhood
- To protect the integrity of the neighborhood
- To host social activities to build a sense of community
- To promote the Vineville Historic District area as a special place to live

We hope you will join us in this vision for Vineville by becoming a member of VNA, getting to know your neighbors at social events, and being involved in neighborhood clean-ups and other projects. I am happy to serve the neighborhood and so thankful to be a resident of Vineville. I hope we see you October 14 at the Oktoberfest.

## 2016 VNA Board

### Officers

President—  
Maureen McCullough  
Treasurer—David Higdon  
Secretary—  
Yvonne Stuart  
Historian—  
Barbara Stephens

### Committee Chairs

Membership—  
Lars Anderson  
Social—Maureen  
McCullough & Erin Lake  
Monthly Clean-Up—  
Barbara Stephens  
VineIngle Alliance—  
Lars Anderson  
Properties—Ron Lemon

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Cindy Glance  
Bryant Pardue  
Lauren Ragusea  
Marilyn Newberry  
Michael Caputo  
Janet Williams

### Gazette Staff

Cindy Glance  
Jonathan Glance

## Join Historic VNA

Are you new to the neighborhood? Did you forget to renew your membership? 2016 memberships are half off through the end of the year. You can join at any VNA event or mail in the form on the back of this newsletter with your check. If you need more information, please contact us at [vineilleneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:vineilleneighborhood@gmail.com)

## VNA T-shirts have arrived!



Shirts are available for purchase at VNA events. Prices are \$15 for S,M, and L, and \$20 for XL and XXL.

## **Social Calendar**

by Erin Lake

This spring and summer, HVNA hosted several well-attended events. Spring started off with our well attended Porch Party hosted by Oby and Lynda Brown. With over 100 neighbors in attendance, conversations, libations and plates chock-full of BBQ, and homemade goods were plentiful.

Our inaugural June Blue & White Party, a pop-up dinner party in Oak Haven Park, was a fabulous time. Over 115 participants came prepared for the occasion with gourmet food and elaborate table decorations. The impressive table décor included abundant candelabras, floral arrangements, vibrant linens. The lovely park setting, strolling violinist, food and company left everyone agreeing that the occasion needs to be added to the list of annual events.

The objective of this pop-up event was to bring neighbors together and garner feedback about how they want the park to evolve. Each table was given a large rendering of the park and the tables' participants mocked up each rendering with elements to include in a master plan. This task was especially successful as diners at the party were from both Historic Vineville and the greater Macon community. This added another level depth for the master plan.

In August, we wrapped-up summer events with Ladies Night Out at the gracious home of Holly Ertel and the ladies of Vineville toasted to the end of summer's riling heat.

Throughout these events, we have welcomed dozens of new neighbors to the association. And the newcomers are not just those new to the neighborhood. We've had several individuals and families who have lived in the neighborhood for years and decided to join.

After an unusually hot summer, fall weather is finally here, and we hope you will come out and enjoy our fall/winter events. Not a member? Not a problem. You may join the HVNA at any of our events. 2016 membership is now available at hall-price.

Fall and winter events:

- Friday, October 14, 6:30—Neighborhood Octoberfest Party hosted by Lars and Annette Anderson, 163 Rogers Avenue.
- Movie Night in Oakhaven Park, TBA
- November Ladies Night Out, TBA
- December Holiday Party, TBA

## Yard of the Month

by Maureen McCullough and Erin Lake

The VNA board decided in May to bring back the Yard of the Month for the Vineville neighborhood. A sign was designed and ordered and the first yard was selected. Brad and Andrea Proctor on Stanislaus Circle were the first recipients. Their lush lawn and immaculately groomed landscape made them a perfect fit for the honor in June. In the heat of July when most yards were doing their best to survive we found an oasis in Holly Ertel's yard on Hines Terrace. August brought the sign to Clayton Street and the home of Peter and Janet Williams. They have been doing a great deal of renovation on their home which included a new lawn. The yard that caught our eye in September is the home of Bobby and Alyson Lamb on Buford Place. We hear Bobby takes great pride in his yard and it is evident in the beautiful landscaping.

We will be looking for another Yard of the Month in October and maybe it could be yours! We hope this award will inspire more beautiful lawns and gardens in the Vineville area. Be watching for the sign on your street.

### Recent Yard of the Month Recipients:

**September:** 128 Buford Place, the home of Bobby and Allyson Lamb. The immaculate lawn, coupled with the cheery flower beds and manicured shrubbery make this home a wonderful stand-out.



**August:**

2441 Clayton Street, the home of Pete and Janet Williams. The home's front, side and back yards have undergone an extensive redesign and while the yards are at the tail-end of the process, the results are quite impressive.



## **Façade Loans**

by David Higdon

Have you ever pulled into your driveway and wondered what the front of your home would look like after a little sprucing up? Now you can with the help of the Historic Macon Foundation's façade loan. Sponsored in part from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, this home improvement loan is available for improvements on:

- Roof Repairs
- Exterior Painting
- Porch Repairs
- Replacement of Exterior Siding
- Foundation Repairs
- Permanent Landscaping

These fully amortized loans are repayable over a 5-year period; with only a 3% interest rate, this is a loan that is just waiting to be taken advantage of!

For more information, please visit [www.historicmacon.org](http://www.historicmacon.org) or contact Lauren Mauldin at [atlmauldin@historicmacon.org](mailto:atlmauldin@historicmacon.org).

## VNA Clean-Up

by Barbara Stephens

Each month the HVNA has a monthly, hour-long clean-up session dedicated to a section of our neighborhood. The areas to be cleaned are designated before the clean-up day which is the first Saturday of each month. Lars Anderson and Barbara Stephens co-chair this committee and sometimes plan well ahead and other times specify a street shortly before the date. Either way notice goes out to both via e-mail to the membership and through social media to all VNA residents.

Currently we have the next three months specified. The areas of clean up will be:

- October 1, 2016      Extension of Clayton Street in front of the Strong Tower Church Houses—joined by folks from Strong Tower Church
  
- November 5, 2016    Rogers Ave. and Clayton Street—fanning out to adjoining streets depending on number of workers
  
- December 3, 2016    Ingleside Village—Meet in the parking area of Karsten & Denson Hardware

We are cleaning up on Clayton Street to reinforce the effort that is being made there to retrieve the area from kudzu (recently) and blight (previously). A board member recommended we clean on Rogers because she saw it looking badly during a walk. We are cleaning in the Village to help make it look better during the Christmas shopping season.

Generally, we try to clean in an area if an event is being held in the neighborhood, at entrance areas to VNA, and where neighbors or interested persons have pointed out a need. You, too, can contribute by suggesting cleaning locations and participating during the clean-up hour which is 9 am to 10 am the first Saturday of the month. We often have a brief social and refreshment time after the cleaning efforts. Where would you like to join us and work next year?

We hope you will come join us for a little exercise, good camaraderie, and light refreshments.

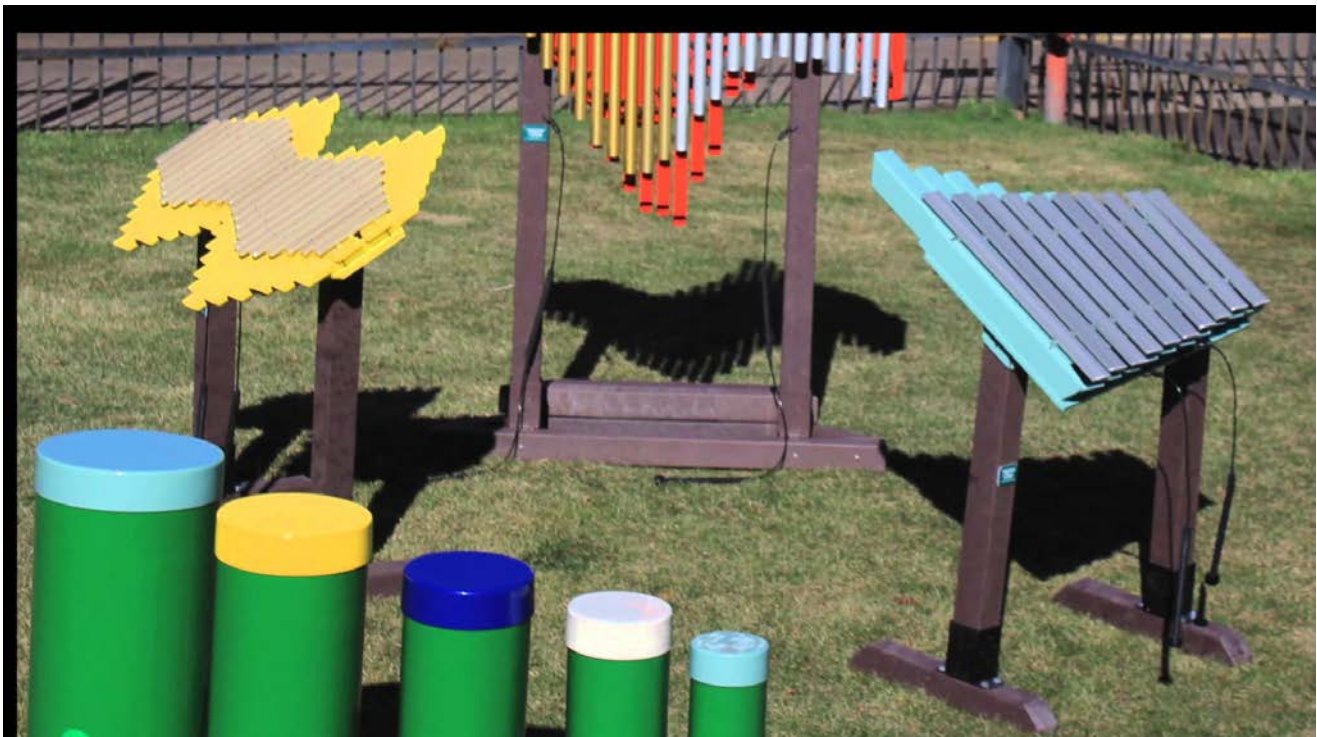


## Oak Haven Park Development Plans

by Lars Anderson

Given Macon's music heritage, the unifying power of music, and the close proximity of Vineville Academy, the VNA Board has identified music and physical exercise as themes for Oak Haven Park. The Board looks to initiate a fund-raising effort in the near future to raise the monies necessary for an expansive set of outdoor musical instruments and a "free-form" climbing structure as the initial installations in the Park.

Freenotes Harmony Park ([freenotesharmoniypark.com](http://freenotesharmoniypark.com)) manufactures weatherproof instruments primarily designed for children. The cost of the target musical station is \$25,000.00 and the station will provide a varied selection of xylophones, drums, and tubular bells which will be available for public use. In addition, the Board has identified a "free-form" climbing structure—no molded plastic, receptive to a child's imagination, and a gentle aesthetic presence—as being most compatible with the aesthetics of an historic neighborhood. The most attractive design comes from a company located in England, however, the Board has been informed that such a design can be replicated by local craftsmen.



And finally, the Board remains committed to the placement of a walking path, picnic tables & grilling stations, a free play area, and a paved riding/play area in the Park. Given the scope of this vision, the Board recognizes that Oak Haven Park will be both an ongoing commitment and an important element of the neighborhood.



## Vineville Neighborhood Association Membership Renewal/Subscription

Circle ONE: **Household (\$30)**    **Individual (\$20)**

**Corporate (\$100)** – Includes 2 Memberships & Newsletter Ad

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail completed form to:        **VNA**  
   **P.O. Box 2704**  
   **Macon, GA 31203**



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