



Spring 2015

# the Vineville Gazette

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Vineville Neighborhood Association

## Letter from the President

By Cindy Glance

Hello to all members of the VNA! Since this article is my first communication with you as president of the 2015 VNA board, I thought I'd start with a little personal history. It was 21 years ago this month that my husband, Jonathan, and I first laid eyes on the Vineville historic neighborhood. We had just had our second child and were in the process of house hunting. For some unknown reason, our realtor was convinced we should buy in the Lake Wildwood area, but one fortunate day I just happened to make a turn off Vineville and immediately fell in love with the beautiful homes and tree-lined streets of the Vineville neighborhood. I brought Jonathan to see the area, and we bought a home on Hines Terrace and have been here ever since.

I am so excited to be part of the VNA board. We have a wonderful group of experienced veterans and enthusiastic new members, all of whom are dedicated not only to the historic nature of our neighborhood and to keeping our neighborhood a beautiful place to live, but also to providing a fun, friendly and welcoming atmosphere that brings us together as friends and neighbors.

I can assure you that the board members are hard at work. This year we plan to have a new logo, which will be used throughout the neighborhood, and numerous social events, starting with the Easter egg hunt on April 4. We will culminate the year with our biennial fundraiser, the Vineville Christmas Tour of Homes. As always we will continue with our monthly Saturday cleanups.

Please join us in as many events as possible and come out to meet your neighbors.

-Cindy Glance

### Save the Date!

#### Easter Egg Hunt

**April 4th, 2-4 p.m.**

Take your picture with the Easter Bunny!!! Join us at Oak Haven Park (the corner of English and Oak Haven.)

#### Hay House Spring Stroll

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Tickets available on the web at [hayhousemacon.org](http://hayhousemacon.org).

#### Family Movie Night

**May 15th, 8-10 p.m.**

Please join us at Oak Haven Park. Film to be announced.

#### Sippin' Social

**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m.**

Middle Georgia Arts Association.

### Neighborhood Clean-Up

**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.**

Oak Haven Park, corner of English and Oak Haven.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m.**

Location to be announced.

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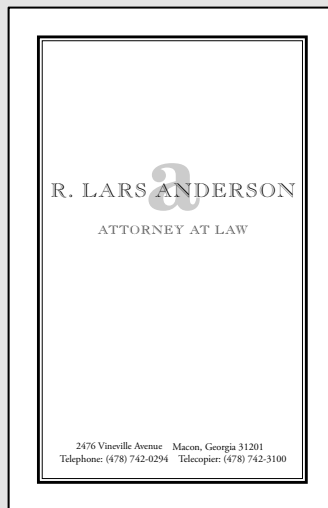
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# Update on Bateman & Wade

By Lars Anderson

**O**n February 11, 2015, I received a telephone call from the creditor who holds the mortgage on Bateman & Wade. The creditor wanted to sell the mortgage on the property and allow the purchaser to foreclose and take ownership of the store. With the permission of our president, I was able to reach out to the VNA membership to see if there was sufficient interest (in the form of financial commitments) to purchase the store through the VineIngle Alliance, LLC, (the 501(c)(3) non-profit entity VNA formed over a year ago to handle projects such as this) or another non-profit entity located in Macon.

In just over two weeks, we received \$61,350.00 in financial commitments. A letter was sent to the owner's attorney on February 25<sup>th</sup> setting forth a proposal whereby the committed funds would be used to satisfy the outstanding mortgage upon the owner transferring the property to the VineIngle Alliance (and receiving a tax deduction). While this is not the only way to bring about a transfer of this property, this method of transfer would serve to benefit all of the parties involved. As of the date of publication, the attorney has given no indication whether his client will accept or reject this offer. Of course, given the nature and severity of the pending criminal charges, it is fair to say that the owner has some concerns of greater urgency than this offer.

As of March 9<sup>th</sup>, Bateman & Wade remains under the control of the court-appointed receiver. Unfortunately, the receiver has filed a motion with the court requesting that the property be returned to the owner as it has no real value. (The Tax Assessor lists value of the property and improvements at or about \$72,000.00 and the outstanding mortgage is for \$62,000.00.) Over the past ten days, I have reached out to the owner's attorney to reaffirm the neighborhood's interest in this property. It is my sincere hope that we will have some movement on this property no later than mid-April.

--Lars Anderson

# VNA ANNUAL MEETING



Steven DeGeorge and Pastor Tom Anderson spoke about Strong Tower Fellowships's work rehabbing properties in Pleasant Hill.



Lars Anderson presented designs for the new Oak Haven Park.



## Contest!!!!



### SEND US YOUR PET PHOTOS

Vineville isn't just for bipeds. Our four-legged friends (or winged) are a big part of the neighborhood. Send us your favorite photo of a pet and we'll publish the best ones

in our summer newsletter. The winner will receive a \$20 gift card to Ingleside Village Pizza.  
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# VNA EVENTS

In February we met at  
Off the Vine  
for a Sippin' Social.



In March we met at the  
home of Holly Ertel for  
Ladies' Night Out.



# MACON SECRET GARDENS TOUR SHOWCASES HISTORIC VINEVILLE

BY DAVID QUACKENBUSH



## HAY HOUSE PRESENTS THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SPRING STROLL OF MACON HOUSES AND GARDENS MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup> 2015

**E**nchanting gardens and historic home interiors await your discovery during **Spring Stroll of Macon Houses and Gardens**. The event is sponsored by **Riverside Ford Lincoln, ACE Hardware, Vineville Neighborhood Associations, Cox Communications, Butler Automotive Group, The Telegraph, T-Lake Environmental, 13-WMAZ, Cumulus Media and Macon Magazine.**

Amble at your leisure through blooming private gardens in the Vineville/Ingleside area during the ever-popular Garden Tour during the day Friday-Sunday. On Friday and Saturday evenings, the Historic Interiors Tour offers guests visits to recently renovated lofts downtown. During the weekend, ticket holders will receive a complimentary tour of Hay House and also get to view unique flower displays by local florists on the main levels of Hay House for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Florabrillicance exhibit. Explore different displays with some out of the box ideas inspired by Hay House architecture and collections by some of the most talented floral designers in the Middle Georgia Area!

While at Hay House guests will also enjoy our garden market on the lawn. Browse charming vendor booths for flowering plants and trees, perennials, garden and patio accessories, birdhouses, home accents, and much more!

Tickets may be purchased at local ACE Hardware locations, online at [hayhousemacon.org](http://hayhousemacon.org) or by calling Hay House at 478-742-8155.

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## Park Progress By Dina Deason

**I**f you haven't noticed the changes at the vacant lot at the end of Oak Haven, you should take the time to check it out! The city of Macon purchased the property last year to provide a green space for residents of Historic Vineville and surrounding communities. In the last couple of months, the space has been cleaned up, trees trimmed or removed, and new trees planted. My guess is that we will start to see lots of activity at this new park this spring. Everyone is ready for warmer weather and a place to enjoy the outdoors.

As a resident of Vineville and social chair for the Vineville Neighborhood Association, I'm excited to be planning several events to be held in the new park. In April, we will host an Easter Egg Hunt, a free event for the community to enjoy. Also in the works are a couple of outdoor movie nights. We had huge success last October when the VNA hosted the very first outdoor movie in the park. I hope that everyone in the Vineville neighborhood plans to attend at least one event in the new park this year.

Residents of Vineville have been given a gift from the city of Macon. The park has greatly improved this area of our neighborhood. Vineville neighbors no longer have to look at an overgrown, neglected lot that was often covered with trash. Now residents see mowed grass, newly planted trees, a great space for kids to play and folks to walk their dogs, and a place where neighbors can gather for great community events. Who doesn't want to live close to a park maintained by the city and used by the community? The new park will only increase property values for those who live nearby. I'm sure everyone sees the value of this once-neglected vacant lot and what it can become.

*-Dina Deason is a VNA board member and chair of the Social Committee and The Historic Vineville Tour of Homes.*





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