



# HISTORIC VINEVILLE

## Neighborhood Association

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### **Letter from the President**

by David Quackenbush

Happy almost summer neighbors! I hope that 2016 has been off to a good start for everyone. The board has been working on multiple projects and I look forward to what the rest of the year brings. Erin Lake and Maureen McCullough have been busy hosting monthly Ladies Nights out, as well as community potlucks that have received rave reviews and I have seen many of you at each of the events. The board has also been hard at work with monthly neighborhood cleanups and working on upcoming projects.

At the annual meeting I mentioned that I wanted us to focus on Oak Haven Park. Steve Lawson and his crew have done some amazing work on the park so far. Steve also put in a proposal to the Knight Foundation to fund additional improvements to the park. Unfortunately the proposal was not selected, however members of the VNA board are working on alternative plans. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing everyone come out to the Blue and White party on June 18 in the park.

We continue to work on challenges facing our neighborhood including yard parking issues, changes to the Design Review Board, trash and other issues. If you have any concerns that I or the board can assist you with please email me. We have a wonderful neighborhood and it takes everyone's help and involvement to make it great. Thanks for all you do!

## 2016 VNA Board

### Officers

President—  
David Quackenbush  
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## New Neighbor?

Spring has brought many new residents to Vineville. Has a new neighbor moved onto your street? If so, please let us know. Just email us the street address, and we'll hand deliver a new-member packet![vineilleneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:vineilleneighborhood@gmail.com)

## VNA T-shirts coming soon!



Shirts will be Carolina Blue with Navy Blue and White accents.



## Blue & White Party

by Lauren Morrill-Ragusea

Join us as we celebrate the official start of summer with a pop-up dinner party! We provide the tables (with a white tablecloth), you provide the food, the tablescape—feel free to be creative or grand—and the guests! A strolling violinist will provide entertainment as we toast to Oak Haven Park, our newest greenspace in Historic Vineville. First prize for the best table wins a \$75 gift certificate to the Village Marketplace in Ingleside Village. Visit the VNA Facebook page for more information and to reserve a table.

Saturday, June 18, setup at 6:30 pm and event begins at 7:00 pm  
Oak Haven Park

PRIZES FOR THE BEST TABLE (judged by HVNA Board Members):

1st Place: \$75 gift certificate to The Dirt Farmer Marketplace

2nd Place: \$50 gift certificate to The Dirt Farmer Marketplace

3rd Place: \$25 gift certificate to The Dirt Farmer Marketplace

To reserve a table, go to our website at [Vineville.org](http://Vineville.org)

### THE DETAILS:

You must have a minimum of 6 people to reserve a table (tables seat a max of 8), so gather your friends and neighbors! You must be an HVNA member to reserve a table, but please bring your non-member neighbors to show them the perks of an HVNA membership. If you'd like to join HVNA to reserve a table, opportunities to join will be available at the event.

## New Business Neighbors in Ingleside Village

by Michael Caputo

New businesses from a Georgia-grown food store to a bike shop have moved in to Ingleside Village.

Ask these new tenants what drew them to the neighborhood plaza and they'll talk about a vibe, an atmosphere.



“It feels like home,” said Mike Lavender, assistant manager at the new Village Marketplace. “Like putting on a pair of old comfortable shoes.”

The Village Marketplace sells meats, vegetables, jams and breads that are locally produced. Brendan Rowley opened the store on April 12 after splitting from a partnership that owned the Dirt Farmers Marketplace in the State Farmers Market on Eisenhower Avenue.

Lavender said it was hard to see customers at the old location.

“Here people are almost forced by default to walk around and window shop,” Lavender said during a Second Saturday event at the Village.

It joins such Ingleside staples as Karsten Denson Hardware, Creters and Ingleside Village Pizza.

Also opening recently were the fitness center Trained by Cain, which moved from a location downtown, and the Chien Hong School of Kung Fu.







A similar move was made by the Cherry Street Cycles, which moved from Second Street downtown to the village.

Tony Howd, manager of the bicycle shop, credited the “cheap rent, good neighbors and good parking” for the relocation to Ingleside Village.

“These stores seem to feed off of each other,” said Howd.

“People who ride bikes want healthy, home grown food and want to work out.”

He also talked about the welcoming nature of the other shopowners at Ingleside and how the merchants prefer to help each other grow. He said the owner of William’s Fun Smart Toys came over one day and mentioned they sell tricycles.

“I said ‘well, we will just stay away from selling tricycles’” said Howd. “They said they would push kids to us when they grow into bikes.”

The bike shop manager says that business has grown since they opened on April 20. Meanwhile, a cosmetics and beauty shop – The Naturalista – held a grand opening on May 7.

The Ingleside Village Facebook page says the influx of new shops means that the shopping center is close to full occupancy.

Howd says part of the allure of Ingleside Village was how near it is to residential neighborhoods like Vineville.

“It just feels right,” he said.



## VNA Social Events

by Erin Lake

HVNA's Social Committee has been busy cranking out fun and well attended events. In March, under the perfectly timed canopy of cherry blossoms at the home of Kyoko and Kelly Leunig, about 60 neighbors attended the Japanese Cherry Blossom Party. A special thanks to our hosts as they provided authentic (and delicious) Japanese dishes for everyone to enjoy.



In April, the ladies of Historic Vineville met in the gardens of Shannon Fickling's home for a Ladies Night Out Garden Party. And true to form, the gardens and home were spectacular, the hostess was gracious and charming, and everyone who came brought delicious food and had a lovely time.

One month later, around 90+ people attended the May Porch Party hosted by Lynda and Oby Brown. Many thanks to Lynda and Oby for volunteering their house in a last-minute change of venue to accommodate the rainy weather. While the weather dictated less porch and more party, the event was a great opportunity for neighbors to meet, socialize and enjoy some BBQ and sides.

## Upcoming Events

by Erin Lake

Given the success of recent events, we hope you'll join us for June's Pop-Up Dinner Party in Oak Haven Park. A fun concept titled "A Blue & White Party," this dinner party will feature a strolling violinist for all diners to enjoy. As you know, HVNA has adopted Oak Haven Park and we are committed to utilizing this valuable space for the betterment of our neighborhood and greater community. The party will take place on June 18 at 7:00 pm (setup at 6:30) and neighbors are encouraged to gather together a table of 6-8 people, create a unique or grand tablescape, and enjoy the strolling violinist while dining under the trees of Oak Haven Park. HVNA will provide tables and white table cloths, diners are encouraged to create grand or unique tablescapes for their chance to win one of three gift certificates to Village Marketplace. To RSVP for a table or for more details, check out HVNA's website ([vineville.org](http://vineville.org)) or Facebook page.



Our upcoming social calendar includes a Family Movie Night in Oak Haven Park, Oktoberfest, perhaps another Porch Party and our always popular abundance of Ladies Night Out events.

Great things are happening in Historic Vineville! The HVNA will reintroduce a "Yard of the Month" program in June. We have an abundance of homes and yards that are spectacular shows of blooms, landscapes and decor throughout the seasons. HVNA will pick one yard each month to highlight with a sign to show our appreciation. To nominate a yard, contact an HVNA board member or send an e-mail to [vinevillesocial@gmail.com](mailto:vinevillesocial@gmail.com).

To learn more about HVNA events, keep an eye on our website, Facebook page or Vineville Nextdoor website. We also send e-mail invitations for all events—if you're a member and not on the email distribution list, shoot us an e-mail ([vinevillesocial@gmail.com](mailto:vinevillesocial@gmail.com)) and we'll ensure you're added. And if you're not a member and want to join, opportunities are available at all HVNA events. We hope to see you at an upcoming event!





VINEVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/SUBSCRIPTION

Circle One: **HOUSEHOLD** (\$30.00) **INDIVIDUAL** (\$20.00)  
**CORPORATE** (\$100.00) Includes 2 Memberships & Newsletter Ad

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

Spouse or Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to: VNA  
P.O. Box 2704  
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***NO DUES THE FIRST YEAR. JOINING IS FREE!***



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