



HISTORIC VINEVILLE

Neighborhood Association

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Letter from the President

by Maureen McCullough

Did you know that you live in a part of Macon that used to be vineyards? This is where the name Vineville originated.

Vineville began in the early 1800s as an area full of large plantation estates and farms. What is now called Vineville Avenue was built as a dirt road in the 1830s to connect Macon to Forsyth. Around 1900, the village of Vineville began to expand into a suburb of the City of Macon. During this same period, the farms and plantations began to be subdivided and side streets leading off Vineville Avenue were laid out. The new houses reflected the changing times as the excesses of the Victorian period prompted a return to simpler designs and materials. Bungalows and cottages with wide front porches and natural materials like river stone and wood became popular.

The Vineville area, now the Vineville Historic District stretches from I75 to the Blind Academy on Vineville. The Vineville Neighborhood Association (VNA) was founded in 1978 and immediately began working toward the status of historic district designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Register of Historic Places which was achieved in 1980. The VNA has continued to be an active organization working to preserve the historic nature of our neighborhood.

VNA is a open to all residents of the Vineville Historic District.

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Letter from the President (continued)

We invite anyone who has not joined to consider becoming a member of the VNA community. Current projects include: creating a neighborhood park at the corner of Oak Haven and English; keeping our streets litter free through scheduled clean-ups; maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood with a property committee in place to monitor concerns; helping neighbors by offering Façade Loans to home owners; and encouraging community by providing social events where neighbors can meet neighbors. You can become a member today by filling out and sending in the form on the back page of the newsletter and begin receiving invitations to the events and updates on what is happening in our Vineville neighborhood.

Welcome New Neighbors

The Membership Committee wants to welcome new neighbors to the Vineville Neighborhood. If you have a new neighbor please send name and address to: Yvonne Stuart @ vonniestuart@gmail.com

Join Historic VNA

Are you new to the neighborhood? Did you forget to renew your membership? You can join at any VNA event or mail in the form on the back of this newsletter with your check, or join on the VNA website. If you need more information, please contact us at vinevilleneighborhood@gmail.com

VNA Website: Work in Progress

New board member Elizabeth Hyde, assisted by Lauren Ragusea & Erin Lake, has worked wonders with our VNA website! It looks absolutely fantastic – check it out at vineville.org!

2017 Social Events

VNA kicked off 2017 with our annual membership meeting. The evening began with a pot-luck dinner. VNA provided the chicken and beverages while abundant homemade side-dishes and desserts were brought by the attendees. We were honored to have Mayor Robert Reichert, as our guest speaker. He provided us with a lively and informative update on all things Macon. VNA President Maureen McCullough then led the annual meeting which included a progress report on Oak Haven Park by Lars Anderson; David Higdon gave the treasurer's report; and the evening ended with a recognition of the 2016 board and a vote to approve the 2017 board.

Other 2017 events included our always popular Ladies Night Out (LNO) get together. The February gathering was at the fabulous Back Burner restaurant. Annette Anderson graciously hosted the March event at her lovely home on Rogers Avenue.

Upcoming events include the Blue and White party in April, another LNO in May, and a porch party in June. Hope you see you at one or more of these events!

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BLUE & WHITE PARTY

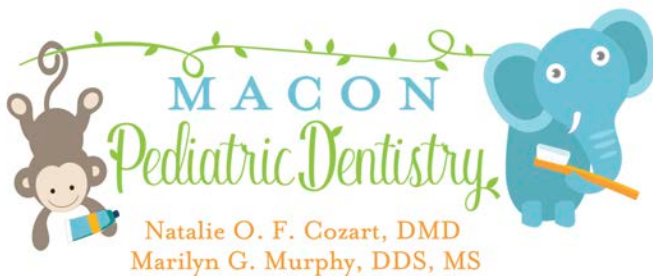
A DINNER PARTY AND FUNDRAISER FOR OAK HAVEN PARK

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
7:00 PM (SET-UP 6:00)

Gather your friends & neighbors, set a spectacular menu and devise your dazzling table decor!

Jazz entertainment provided by Harold E. Thomas & Danger Zone. \$100 for a table and 8 chairs- simply decorate in a blue & white theme to enter the tablescapes contest. Learn about Oak Haven Park's upcoming transformation and opportunities to fund projects.

RSVP FOR YOUR TABLE
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2017 VNA Blue & White Party

by Lars Anderson

VNA's Blue & White Party returns for 2017 with an earlier date—April 22nd—with hopes for cooler temperatures for this outdoor event. The evening will feature the jazz sounds of Harold E. Thomas and Danger Zone and will, once again, offer prizes for best table décor.

VNA will provide one eight-foot table, eight chairs, and a large white table linen to each entry for \$100. All money from table sales will be used for the improvement and development of Oak Haven Park. Once you have registered for a table, you are free to fill your eight chairs, decorate your table for the competition, and set your food and drink menu. Please note this competition is not to be taken lightly. Last year, one entrant who casually entered the event was overheard stating, “This will not happen to me again.” Think steeplechase, or pregame at The Grove in Oxford, Mississippi or candelabras, china, and silverware—dress up, not down, and ladies in hats made a splash in 2016. By all means, think blue and white!

And finally, the 2017 Blue & White Party will be for a cause: Oak Haven Park. This year will be one of development and improvement for the only park in the Vineville Neighborhood and we will kick off our fund-raising efforts with this Party. A “menu” will be prepared for the Blue & White Party to allow for individual and group contributions. While we are working with the design team and the County to complete the list for the Park's needs, a sampling includes the following:

- Trash can -- \$896
- 4' park bench with back – \$1,096
- 6' park bench with back – \$1,165
- Picnic table – TBA
- Permanent grill – TBA
- Drinking fountain – TBA
- Bicycle rack – TBA
- Contribution to the park sign – \$3,000
- Asymmetrical climbing structure – \$7,700
- Outdoor musical instrument ensemble – \$25,000 (and, yes, if you insist, we will allow you to underwrite the cost of any one of the five instruments for \$5,000.00)

In the end, the 2017 Blue & White Party will be a wonderful event for those in attendance on the evening of April 22, 2017, and will do wonderful things for our own Oak Haven Park. We hope to see you there!

Please send your table reservations to Lars Anderson (lars@rlarsanderson.com) on or before April 15th.

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.

February 2017—members worked at the corner of English Avenue and Oak Haven Avenue.

March 2017—Vineville Neighborhood Association (cleaning up Clisby and working south) met up with Mercer's Kappa Alpha Psi (cleaning Central and working north) on the March first Saturday clean-up.

April 2017—VNA members tackled the intersection of Vineville Avenue and Pierce/Pio Nono Avenue.



Yard of the Month

Here are the most recent recipients the Vineville Neighborhood Association's Yard of the Month recognition. We will be looking for another Yard of the Month in April and maybe it could be yours! We hope this award will inspire more beautiful lawns and gardens in the Vineville area. If you see a deserving yard please send your nomination the VNA Board. Be watching for the sign on your street.

February Yard of the Month Recipient:

Congratulations to 211 Buford Place, home to the Armstrong and Stark family- recipients of HVNA's Yard of the Month for February. While treasure hunting for charming homes, the well kept and vibrant yard, shrubbery and front porch made this home a stand-out winner.



March Yard of the Month Recipient:

Congratulations to March's winner, Stephen Reichert of 273 Calloway Drive. While spring is just starting to make an appearance in most neighborhood yards, this immaculate and well-kept yard has been lush and green for quite some time. A gardening delight throughout the seasons, the evolving yard is always a pleasure to see.





Vineville Neighborhood Association Membership Renewal/Subscription

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

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