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Amazing-Classical Design- Custom details throughout with top grade quality. 5 BR and 5 FB. Slate entry way, open floor plan with most centered view of Capitol Dome throughout the house and outdoor patio areas. BR and FB on Main Floor along with Living and Formal Dining rooms. Kitchen with Granite and Williams Cabinetry. Home office on 3rd Floor overlooking Master Suite featuring 18' ceilings. Finished lower-level w Rec, 5th BR and FB. Elevator access to all floors.



Updated brick rancher in Indian Creek Village. Over 2900sqft, this 3 BR, 3 BA home has hardwood throughout main level, cherry cabinets & SS appliances in kitchen. Finished portion of the lower level has a walkout patio under the covered deck on main level w a large family & rec room. The unfinished portion has a utility garage & workshop area along with tons of storage space. Situated on large lot, this home exudes the craftsmanship & pride of ownership that this neighborhood is known for!



Amazing best describes this East End historical home! Attention to detail, with modern amenities. This Walter Martens designed home features Italian marble FP, Birds Eye Maple staircase, OG lighting & stained-glass windows. Third floor living area with a Kitchen, Library & Office. Slate roof and the HVAC has been recently updated. Whether you're looking to enjoy turn of the century details in a gorgeous home or thinking of a commercial space, this home is for you!



Elegant, with a touch of southern flair best describes this amazing colonial style home nestled on 13+ acs w/views of the capitol & downtown charleston. This home exudes amazing quality from the concrete roof to the lower level recreation area. The main level boasts herringbone hardwoods & dazzling crystal chandeliers, amazing wainscoting & trim with library/den made entirely of butternut wood. If you are the discerning buyer who appreciates amazing quality, then this home is for you!



This Beautiful East End home is currently being used as a Law Office but is very much a magnificent residence as well! This home boasts 7 beds, 5 full baths & 1 half bath with over 7000sqft of living space. Sits on a corner lot & is surrounded by an amazing array of trees & shrubs which are all enclosed by Wrought Iron fencing to include the huge parking area in the rear. Home was built in 1899 & the craftsmanship still shine through! Own, Live, or Work in a piece of West Virginia History today!



Beautiful Victorian Condo in Historic East End! Immaculate and beautifully restored, this home features a great open floor plan, pocket doors, marble fireplaces, charming hardwood floors, open kitchen/dining area, and lower-level rec room. this 3-story condo is completely move in ready and conveniently located to downtown, medical facilities, dining and shopping.



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CHESAPEAKE. If you want to live on the water, this is the one. Beautiful river lot with boat dock. This 4 bdrm, 2 bath home is much larger than it appears with over 3,000 sq ft of living space. Updated kitchen & baths. Gorgeous hardwoods. Huge rooms. \$159,900



DUNBAR. Lovely 3 bdrm, 2 bath home situated on a corner lot with large flat fenced yard. Beautiful hardwoods, amazing covered back deck, large rooms, bed and bath on main level and plenty of off-street parking make this a must see! \$179,900



MONTGOMERY. This immaculate 4-BR, 4-BA brick rancher includes an att garage, a det garage, an abundance of parking, a fenced yard, lots of storage and a wine cellar. The lower level has a kitchen, family room, bedroom and bath that would be perfect for extended family. \$174,900



SMITHERS. This 3 BD, 2 BA modular home offers 1 floor living. Includes large master bath with garden tub, a Generac generator, stainless appliances and a detached 12 x 24 garage/storage building. Has ample storage with walk-in closets and a huge parking area for boats, RV's or ATV's. \$144,900



MONTGOMERY - Historic home - Gorgeous HW floors, high ceilings and large tiled front porch are just a few of the amenities - two spacious rooms on the third floor could be converted into 4th and 5th bedrooms - it must be seen to appreciate its warmth and its many unique features. \$164,900



SAINT ALBANS. Large flat lot with river frontage. Conveniently located and easily accessible. No zoning or B & O taxes. Several possible uses. Could be commercial or residential. \$65,000

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HAPPENING

Around Town



July begins with an extremely cool “Live on the Levee” show! “The Temptations” and “The Four Tops” bring all of their hits to town in the free concert at Haddad Riverfront Park. The very next evening, on Saturday, country music star Martina McBride also performs a free concert at Haddad Riverfront Park!

The biggest news in town this summer is the return of the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta! While there are definitely activities and attractions for ALL ages, there are over 50 free events for children. For a complete and up to date list of everything available, visit charlestonregatta.com/schedule.

One of the country’s most beloved and respected country superstar and Kentucky native, Chris Stapleton comes to the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center (CC&CC) on the 9th.

The community is still celebrating the impressive re-opening of the Main Branch of the Kanawha County Public Library. Its \$32 million renovation has so much to

offer. If you haven’t stopped by yet, you are really missing out!

There is a special event being held at J.Q. Dickinson Salt Works on July 23. The “Preservation Alliance of West Virginia” is holding a fundraiser honoring the people working to save West Virginia’s unique cultural heritage. Chef Paul Smith of 1010 Bridge will be catering the dinner. There will be an awards ceremony, a silent auction, and a raffle. Single tickets are \$125 and combinations will be available for small groups.

The popular basketball team tournament featuring alumni from West Virginia University, “Best Virginia”, and Marshall University’s “Herd That” will return to the CC&CC for a four day tournament. The regional event will consist of eight teams from the area.

Charleston has SO much to offer this summer, and before we know it, it will be time for the kids to be back in school!

Enjoy a summer in Charleston not like any other!!!

July 1-4:

“Charleston Sternwheel Regatta”

July 1:

“Live on the Levee” featuring The Temptations and The Four Tops, 6:30pm, Haddad Riverfront Park, cost: FREE

July 8:

“Live on the Levee” featuring Rozwell Kid, 6:30pm, Haddad Riverfront Park, cost: FREE

July 9:

“Chris Stapleton”, 7pm, CC&CC, cost: varies

July 20:

“BridgeFest at the Bridge Road Shops”, 6pm, various venues

July 21:

“Downtown ArtWalk”, 5pm, various venues

July 23:

“West Virginia Historic Preservation Awards Banquet”, 5pm, J.Q. Dickinson Salt-Works, cost: \$125-\$900

July 24-27:

“TBT, The Basketball Tournament”, CC&CC, times and cost varies

July 2:

Martina McBride, 8pm, Haddad Riverfront Park, cost: FREE

July 9:

“The Red Carpet’s Blues, BBQ & Brews” with Ana Popovic, 4:30pm, Red Carpet Lounge, cost: \$50, \$150

July 21:

“Art After Dark”, 7:30pm, Clay Center

July 24:

“Mountain Stage” featuring Robert Earl Keen, Dedicated Men of Zion, Josh Headley, and more; 7pm, WV Culture Center Theater, cost: \$30

July 3:

“Sunday Brunch” with Landeau Eugene Murphy Jr. and Bob Thompson, 10am, Haddad Riverfront Park, cost: FREE

July 15:

“Live on the Levee” featuring Drew Parker, 6:30pm, Haddad Riverfront Park, cost: FREE

July 22:

“Live on the Levee” featuring The Parachute Brigade, 6:30pm, Haddad Riverfront Park, cost: FREE

July 29:

“Live on the Levee” featuring Holly Forbes, 6:30pm, Haddad Riverfront Park, cost: FREE



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Every now and then, instead of pushing sales and showing listings, I like to give thanks to all of you that have shown me support. I can remember early retirement from Charleston Police Department at age 46, as a two-income family with two children, trust me, it was a leap of faith and determination.

Throughout my life, I've had that entrepreneurial spirit of knowing that if you want a better life, you have to get out there and work for it. I also realized, later in the game, you have to have a plan and achievable goals; so, on this day, I just wanted to take out the time, not to ask, but to tell all of you thanks. Every now and then I also like to let folks know with whom you are doing business. I believe it matters.

I was born in Charleston, WV and grew up in Rand. Rand was different then; as a matter of fact, most communities were different back then. That's a whole different story that I'll tell in my next book. Throughout my childhood life, I spent most of it playing drums, piano, and singing. My parents, DuBois and Naomi Jordan, both had separate gospel groups who performed all over the east coast. My father was born in 1916 and worked at the old Kroger's warehouse in Kanawha City. My mother, was a great housewife and Realtor.

As a student at DuPont High, I finished off my last year running on the 4x800 squad with some of Dupont's finest like Charles "Chuck" Dent and Bobby Roach. I also spent my time on the field playing trombone in the marching band - yes, we had large bands back then. Some of you will remember me riding unicycles down the hallway or our days of roller-skating at Derricks and Skateland. Upon graduating it all changed.

I never will forget seeing that Marine Corps uniform on television. I knew then where I was going. I spent four years serving mostly in California and Turkey. I had a chance to re-enlist, but missed West Virginia. Upon my return, I took the real estate course to obtain my license. I went to work with my mother for Bob Skinner and Ann Kloeman at Century-21 At The Mall. I loved it, but I was simply too young. This soon changed when I was approached by one of my dad's hunting buddies. Retired CPD, Willie Brooks, who still works for the library, put me on a new path and career.

As a City of Charleston Police Officer, I started in Patrol Division and retired as a Lieutenant. I worked in various divisions to include, Traffic, Community Policing, Bicycle, Detective, and Harley Police Motorcycle Instructor. Through it all, I never gave up on that entrepreneurial seed that kept rising from within. While at the department, I obtained two patents and published my first book, Hook Line & Single. I also donated time working with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, YMCA, and Salvation Army. Earlier on, I became a member of the Prince Hall Masons at Kanawha Success Lodge #33, and a member of Charleston Rotary Club. I am still yet a member of the Charleston Moose and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

At 46, I did what so many of us have heard Steve Harvey talk about. I jumped. I've since written and published another book, Duke Jordan, More Than Just Air. I've gone from being a top residential agent to a top commercial agent. Thus far, it's been a journey. My beautiful wife, Maryann, has stuck with me through the good and the bad times. My son Connor has found his passion in flying in the Marshall University Bill Noe Flight School. My daughter Kalei is in her second year as a Bio-Chem Major at Marshall. I am still learning every day and focusing on my goals. Along the way, I'm trying to produce wins for others in the real estate arena and to bring new businesses to locate in West Virginia.

I just wanted to give you a glimpse into my life and let you all know that I really do appreciate your referrals and business. If I can help any of you on your next acquisition or disposition, I would love to assist you. To those of you whom are reading this and not from West Virginia, I'd love to show you why you may want to take a second look at our State to locate your business and family.



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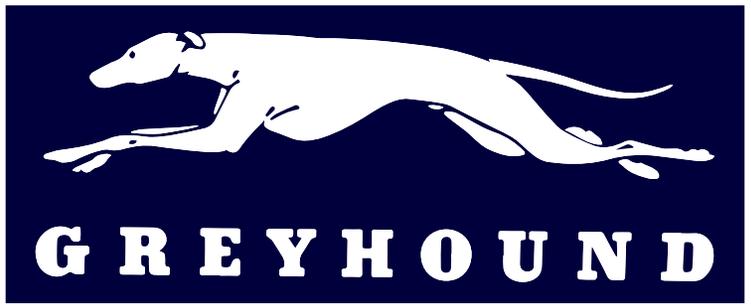


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Looking Back

By: M. Lynne Squires

...AT THE GREYHOUND STATION



There is a park in the middle of downtown Charleston. Slack Plaza, situated midway between the Town Center Mall and Capitol Street, was designed with the hope it would be a convenient point where people could enjoy their lunch break or a weekend outdoor community events. But before there was Slack Plaza, there was the Atlantic Greyhound Bus Lines Terminal.

Many may not even remember the bus station because the terminal was demolished in the 1980's. One of Charleston's most outstanding examples of Art Deco architecture fell to the wrecking ball, taking with it a piece of the city's history.

The ground was broken for the station on June 15, 1936. The terminal was constructed by H.B. Agsten and Son. It was designed, and the construction supervised by Atlantic Greyhound architect George D. Brown. Brown was based for a time in Charleston, where he designed not only the Charleston Terminal, but also the Huntington, West Virginia terminal, and several others. The terminals of his design in Columbia, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia are listed on the National Register of Historic Places for their place in architectural history.

The terminal opened at 9:00 am, January 30, 1937. The decorative glass block on the structures face was not in place at the opening due to a labor strike. Not hindered by a cosmetic issue, the terminal was fully opened for business. In addition to Atlantic Greyhound bus service, the terminal also accommodated buses from the Logan Williamson Bus Company and the West Virginia Transportation Company. The enclosed concourse held twelve buses, and the adjacent lot could accommodate a dozen more. The concourse provided the passengers and their luggage protection from inclement weather.

Passengers were greeted at the entry by a neon sign featuring a 'life-

in-action greyhound that appeared to be running as the neon lights shined patterns. The distinctive sign was made by Cary Systems, the premier neon sign producer in Charleston. The interior design featured an inlaid terrazzo floor, black columns, green walls, and a cream-colored ceiling. A glass 'skylight' concealed the bulbs for the rooms primary lighting.

The staircase descended to the lower level that housed a men's lounge and lavatory and ascended to the women's restroom and lavatory. Both areas were furnished in tubular Art Deco chairs, tables and sofas. Tiled showers were available in these traveler rest areas, complete with maid and valet service.

At the time the Charleston terminal was built, the president of the Atlantic Greyhound lines was Arthur M. Hill who hailed from Charleston. Hill worked in a lumber mill, several coal mines, and two banks before founding the Midland Trail Transit company. He was also president of the Charleston Transit company and served for 12 years as the president of the National Association of Motor Bus Operators.

The luxurious, state-of-the-art terminal quickly became a hub of activity on Summers Street. Boasting a café with both counter seating and tables, there was also a barber shop, shoe shine stand, and telegraph station. Townspeople as well as travelers utilized these services.

Bus travel opened the continental United States to travelers in the early to mid-20th century. Taking a bus then was as commonplace as catching a plane is today. But as car ownership increased, bus travel decreased. By the mid-seventies bus travel had dropped dramatically. The Charleston terminal was moved to another location a few blocks away in the 1980's. While still serving the basic needs of travelers, the amenities of the bus station shrank to a ticket counter and a few vend-

Email your responses about The Greyhound Station or requests for locations you'd like Looking Back to visit to thewriter@mlynne.com.

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We're continually on the hunt for opportunities to add richness to our lives. In the time of the road trip revival, we are proud to feature a monthly section featuring destinations within driving distance of Charleston that make for a great getaway. We feel that our worldly and devoted readers will find these places interesting.



PARKERSBURG, WV



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Driving 75 minutes north of Charleston brings you to Parkersburg, West Virginia. Famous for its oil and gas history, Parkersburg is also the point where the Little Kanawha and Ohio Rivers converge. A haunted hotel, beloved Italian restaurant, unique museums, and a gorgeous, historic state park make this

town a perfect weekend getaway destination. You can also do it without breaking the bank at the gas pump.

WHAT TO SEE & DO IN PARKERSBURG



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I'm not mentioning Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park only because it will be in my upcoming book, 100 Things to Do in West Virginia Before You Die, but it truly is a gem in the Mountain State. This fun and full-of-history attraction must be visited by boat. Buy your tickets for the Island Belle Sternwheeler, taking you on a 20-minute scenic boat ride

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on the Ohio River. Once there, you can choose between the activities you want to do—tour the mansion, take a horse-drawn wagon ride, participate in a walking tour, or walk/bike/ explore the scenic hiking paths of the beautiful island. The state park has a snack bar, too. Please note that Blennerhassett Island closes for the season the last weekend of October.



Photo by Melody Pittman.

Enjoy free music at the Point Park Concerts on the River on the first Friday of the summer months. You can also reserve a chair on a first-come, first-serve basis for a nominal fee. Explore the outdoors even more at the Fort Boreman Historical Park, formerly a Civil War defense site, which is great for a stroll or picnic lunch.



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The Oil and Gas museum tells the interesting story of how the state's natural resources (oil and gas) produced incredible wealth for Parkersburg and the state of West Virginia. A second downtown museum, Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History (where you buy the boat tickets), is also worth a look.

Don't stop with just history; stay on the

museum track and view the beautiful art displays at the Parkersburg Art Center, the PAC. It also has a clay studio where you can try your hand at different pottery skills such as sculpting or wheel-throwing.



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Through self-guided tours, history lovers will appreciate seeing the 125 or so picturesque Victorian-era historic homes in the Julia-Ann Square Historic District, the state's largest and oldest.



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Are you traveling with kids? Enjoy some old-school faves like bowling at Emerson Lanes Bowling Center or catching a movie at Regal Cinema 12.



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WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

At breakfast, grab a tasty crepe or waffle and coffee drink at Unity Cafe, which is also open for lunch. Parkersburg Omelet Shoppe is another choice, serving honkin' big omelets, biscuits & gravy, and a wide array of sandwiches. This restaurant is open 24 hours, 365 days a year.

North End Tavern & Brewery, WV's oldest restaurant, is a bucket list restaurant (circa 1899) with sports bar-style food and craft beer. The burgers come highly rated and are

recommended. A restaurant with international cuisine, Cham's, is Parkersburg's top-rated restaurant per TripAdvisor. Serving Lebanese, Mediterranean, and Middle Eastern cuisine, the chicken shawarma and hummus at Cham's are excellent.

A beloved Italian restaurant in Parkersburg, Jimmie Colombo's, is a must. This family-owned eatery has fantastic pasta dishes and pizza. My pick is the Spaghetti Deluxe (peppers, meat sauce, pepperoni, mushrooms, and melted cheese) paired with an antipasto salad.



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JR's Donut Castle has been a Parkersburg institution since 1977. Try the yummy donuts, apple fritters, and plethora of scratch-made pastries to satisfy your sweet tooth. Ten minutes away in Vienna, sink your teeth into a luscious handmade Swiss chocolate at Holl's. A few pieces to tempt you are milk chocolate cherry cordial, maple truffle, dark chocolate almond rocher, and hazelnut gianduaia.

WHERE TO STAY IN PARKERSBURG



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Blennerhassett Hotel is in the heart of downtown Parkersburg. This historic hotel offers 86 rooms (some with a record of paranormal activity), a relaxed bar area, and a full-service restaurant featuring weekend brunch. Blennerhassett's rooms are spacious, and wifi and parking are complimentary.

For a mainstream hotel/motel experience, consider the Red Roof Inn (if you haven't checked them out in a while, you'll be very surprised), the Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown, or the Wingate by Wyndham, all of which have pools.

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