



# FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

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## PRESERVATION, PEOPLE, COMMUNITY BACK TO THE BLACKBOARD WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Welcome to the fall 2016 newsletter. It's back to school time and (slightly) cooler weather is in the air. Here at the Trust we feel fortunate to have two new additions to the Tallahassee-Leon County Register of Historic Places, the Alonzo "Jake" Gaither house and the Aquilina Howell house. Since both Jake Gaither and Aquilina Howell made significant contributions to education in Tallahassee-Leon County our thoughts naturally turned to our historic schools and a little refresher on Historic Preservation 101. So in this issue enjoy getting to know a sports legend, an exemplary educator, and a few of Tallahassee's historic schools. And there just might be a pop quiz at the end. Sharpen your pencils!

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## ON THE AGENDA: NOVEMBER 10TH FOLLOWING THE RECIPE: HISTORIC TALLAHASSEE

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Series INGREDIENTS	DIRECTIONS
<i>locally harvested food</i> <i>traditional music</i> <i>regional art</i> <i>preservation culture</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SERIES KICKOFF EVENT:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Join us for Small Bites &amp; Paired Cocktail</i>            Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm at <b>LIBERTY RESTAURANT &amp; BAR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>URBAN FARMING - PICKLING - PRESERVATION IN THE SOUTH</b>            PRESENTATION BY <i>David Newman</i> DEMONSTRATION BY <i>Chef Jesse Edmunds</i></p>

Stay tuned for future series events at [www.taltrust.org](http://www.taltrust.org)

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# GET SCHOOLED

TALLAHASSEE'S HISTORIC EDUCATION LANDSCAPE



## OLD LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Old Lincoln High School opened in 1869, serving grades 1 through 12. Founded by African-Americans during Reconstruction, several prominent local citizens attended or taught at Lincoln, including educator John G. Riley. Originally located at the intersection of Lafayette and Copeland Streets, the school moved to Macomb and Brevard Streets in the 1920s. Closed in 1969 due to integration, a portion of the original Lincoln High remains as a Community Center.



Photo from FL Memory

A young Aquilina Howell in front of Lincoln High School.

## ROLL CALL ON THE LOCAL REGISTER:

### PHYS ED. WITH JAKE GAITHER: THE GAITHER HOUSE

Located on the east side of the Florida A&M University campus, the Alonzo "Jake" Gaither House was added to the Tallahassee-Leon County Local Register of Historic Places on February 24, 2016 and the National Register of Historic Places on May 18, 2016.

Architecturally, the structure is a modest, ranch style home with a brick veneer, built in 1954. Its greatest significance is as the former home of Coach Alonzo "Jake" Gaither (1903 – 1994), the winningest coach in FAMU history. Gaither earned his bachelor's degree from Knoxville College and his master's degree from Ohio State University. He served as head football coach at FAMU for 25 years, leading the team to six National Black Championships and 22 conference titles.

Just as importantly, if not more so, Gaither used sports to champion civil rights and help improve race relations. Further, Gaither and his wife Sadie hosted many gatherings at their home which was a social hub of the FAMU neighborhood. Today the Gaither House is preserved as a tribute to the career and contributions of Alonzo "Jake" Gaither and remains a place where community is celebrated.



Cornelius & Reché Jones at our Gathering at Gaither's event.



## BACK TO SCHOOL WITH AQUILINA HOWELL

Located in the same Florida A&M University neighborhood as the Alonzo "Jake" Gaither House, the Aquilina Howell House was added to the Tallahassee-Leon County Local Register of Historic Places on July 13, 2016. Constructed in 1952, the house is similar in appearance to many of the homes in the neighborhood, a modest, structure with a brick veneer. Aquilina Celia Casanas Howell

(1917-2000) was educated in Leon County, she earned her bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University and her M. Ed degree from New York University. Howell led an exemplary career in education here in Leon County. She worked as a social studies, Spanish and English teacher, and guidance counselor, as well as an educational supervisor and administrator. She served as the first female Assistant Superintendent of Leon County Schools. Aquilina Howell was known for her generosity, energy, and resourcefulness. She was greatly respected for her ability to bring people together, work through challenging situations, and break down racial barriers. Aquilina Howell left an important legacy of caring and inspiration in Leon County, her achievements were many and much too lengthy to list. A Street was named for her in Tallahassee in 2009, as well as a city park (Carter-Howell-Strong Park) and the Aquilina C. Howell Instructional Services Center.

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**CAROLINE BREVARD GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

The Caroline Brevard School was built in 1925 to accommodate Tallahassee's rapid growth after World War I. Noted architect William A. Edwards designed the building in the Mediterranean Revival style. The school is decorated with symbols, including owls to represent wisdom and the key of knowledge. Named after educator Caroline M. Brevard, the granddaughter of Florida's Territorial Governor Richard Keith Call and Judge Theodore W. Brevard, the school closed in 1959.



photo from Leon High School

**LEON HIGH SCHOOL**

Leon High School, completed in 1937, originated as a depression-era public works project in Tallahassee. In 1967, Leon High School was desegregated and integrated with Lincoln High School due to the tireless efforts of community members such as Aquilina Howell. The school is still in service today and neighbors our offices at the Tallahassee Trust.

**POP QUIZ: GLOSSARY OF TERMS**



**Historic Preservation District** – a geographically definable area, urban or rural, possessing a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects, which are united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development, which is zoned with a historic preservation overlay.

**Contributing Property** – a site, building, structure, or object, at least 50 years old, located within the boundaries of a designated historic preservation district, which, by its location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association adds to a historic preservation district's sense of time and place and historical development.

**Noncontributing property** – a site, building, structure, or object, within the boundaries of a designated historic preservation district, that does not add to the historic preservation district's sense of time, place and historic development, but which is subject to review because it can impact the historic character of the historic preservation district.

**Architectural Review Board** – the ten member board appointed jointly by the City and County commissions to review exterior changes to properties zoned with an historic preservation overlay.

**Certificate of Appropriateness** – a written statement issued by the Architectural Review Board or the historic preservation officer to confirm that the proposed work is approved as appropriate.

**Local Register of Historic Places** – a local listing of buildings, structures, sites, objects and districts determined to possess historic and/or architectural significance and which are zoned with a historic preservation overlay.

**National Register of Historic Places** - The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

**The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties** - The Standards are a series of concepts about maintaining, repairing, and replacing historic materials, as well as designing new additions or making alterations. The guidelines offer general design and technical recommendations to assist in applying the Standards to a specific property. Together, they provide a framework and guidance for decision-making about work or changes to a historic property.

# COA'S, DETERMINATIONS OF WORK VISIBILITY, AND NON-CONTRIBUTING PROPERTY ALTERATION REVIEW'S,

## OH MY!

The ARB and staff have been busy issuing Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) and related documents. The ARB and staff are proactive in providing assistance to historic property owners and helping to maintain the integrity of our valuable historic resources.

### REVIEWED/ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS DOCUMENTS

1447 S. Gadsden Street, Myers Park Historic District, COA, new roof, wood rot repair, foundation repair  
1227 N ML King, Individually Listed Property, COA, roof replacement  
1820 Old Fort Drive, Myers Park Historic District, Non-contributing property alteration review, new roof  
1600 Miccosukee Road, Individually Listed Property, COA, window repair, repair wood trim  
525 N Calhoun Street, Calhoun Special Character District, COA, new fencing, foundation repair  
324 E Virginia Street, Calhoun Special Character District, COA, Foundation repair  
403 E Call Street, Park Avenue Special Character District, COA, exterior rehabilitation  
312 E Georgia Street, Individually Listed Property, COA, foundation and drainage repair  
1724 Golf Terrace Drive, Myers Park Historic District, COA, window replacement  
535 E Van Buren Street, Myers Park Historic District, COA, roof replacement  
2014 Golf Terrace Drive, Myers Park Historic District, COA, joist repair  
1514 Golf Terrace Drive, Myers Park Historic District, COA, porch repair and roof replacement  
525 E Oakland Avenue, Myers Park Historic District, COA, window replacement  
312 E Georgia Street, Individually Listed Property, COA, new fence  
805 Circle Drive, Myers Park Historic District, Non-Contributing Property Review, new roof  
403 E Pershing Drive, Myers Park Historic District, COA, roof replacement  
1724 Golf Terrace Drive, Myers Park Historic District, COA, foundation repair  
201 S Monroe Street, Individually Listed Property, COA, awning replacement  
420 E Call Street, Park Avenue Special Character District, COA, siding replacement  
543 E Jennings Street, Myers Park Historic District, COA, window replacement  
1410 E Pershing Street, Myers Park Historic District, COA, roof replacement  
420 E Call Street, Park Avenue Special Character District, COA, roof replacement  
2020 Golf Terrace Drive, Myers Park Historic District, COA, roof replacement  
420 E Call Street, Park Avenue Special Character District, COA, roof replacement  
502 E Jennings Street, Myers Park Historic District, Non-contributing Alteration Review, new roof  
106 N Bronough Street, Park Avenue Special Character District, Determination of Work Visibility, sewer line replacement  
419 E Jefferson Street, Individually Listed Property, COA, repair of existing fire suppression system, wood rot repair on porch and step  
324 E Virginia Street, Calhoun Special Character District, COC, foundation repair  
1308/1310 Broome Street, Myers Park Historic District, installation of new handrail  
1007 E Desoto Park Drive, Individually Listed Property, Non-contributing Property Alteration Review, window replacement  
1210 Golf Terrace Drive, Myers Park Historic District, COA, foundation stabilization  
1308/1310 Broome Street, Myers Park Historic District, COC, foundation stabilization  
1724 Golf Terrace Drive, Myers Park Historic District, COA, front entry platform and stair extension  
518 Jennings Street, Myers Park Historic District, Non-contributing Property Alteration Review, window replacement  
1315 Broome Street, Myers Park Historic District, Non-contributing Property Alteration Review, new roof  
201 S Monroe Street, Individually Listed Property, COA, sign replacement  
222 Osceola Street, Individually Listed Property, COA, roof replacement  
312 E Georgia Street, Individually Listed Property, COC, foundation and drainage repair  
1402 Old Fort Drive, Myers Park Historic District, COA, expansion of one car garage to a two car garage, rear window replacement, and expansion of existing dormer on back  
403 E Call Street, Park Avenue Special Character District, COA, exterior rehabilitation and new fire escape to meet code requirements  
117 S M L King Jr, Individually Listed Property, COA, construction of new garage  
415 W College Avenue, Individually Listed Property, COA, installation of new roof  
419 E Pershing Street, Myers Park Historic District, COA, roof replacement

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