

# The Anneslie Times

**Summer 2016** 

## The President's Corner



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Hello Anneslie.

I hope this newsletter arrived on your doorstep and didn't get stolen by thieves. Unfortunately, many of our neighbor's packages or other delivery items have been stolen from their porches. What can we do to stop this problem? Here are a couple suggestions: 1. knowing that many of you can't be home all day, have the package delivered to your work or a trusted neighbor; or 2. identify a local business who will accept your delivery (I recall reading something about this on Facebook). Please share your ideas with the community any way you can so that we can try to solve this problem. Here are some other thoughts: 1. perform daytime COP patrols to let the thieves know we're watching; 2. watch for deliveries to your neighbor's house then offer to bring the package to your own house; or 3. report suspicious cars to the police. One last idea: buy locally.

The community continues to have solicitors coming to our doors at all hours of the evening. As the summer and good weather approaches, I'm sure they'll be back in full force. I did some research and learned about the laws related to hucksters and peddlers. Please see my article on Page 7 for the details.

Our neighbors on Windwood Road have been experiencing parking problems for several years. Drumcastle Center has had more employees than parking spaces. The County has a parking agreement with Kingdom Worship Center to use weekday spaces. The Board has been able to push the County into a long-term solution. Parking spaces were added at St. Pius X and assigned to specific employees, other employees have been moved out of the building, and the existing garage is being replaced in the same location with a higher capacity garage. That's a big win for everyone as the County had considered building the garage on the KWC property, right in our community! Windwood residents, thanks for your patience as the new garage gets built and let's all hope the parking problems will disappear.

The ACA Board organized several events over the past couple of months. Board members and block captains welcomed new neighbors to the community in March. Thanks McGovern and family for hosting the New Neighbor Party. More recently, many neighbors joined together at the annual Bowling Night at Stoneleigh Lanes, the Spring Yard Sale, and Dumpster Day. I hope you were able to participate in these fun events. Coming soon is the Second Annual Corn Hole Tournament. Organize your team now, look for more information in your email, and sign up on our Sign-up Genius.

Enjoy the summer and enjoy our wonderful community.

Rick Kiegel, President Anneslie Community Association



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Thank you Helen Kennedy for your ten years as Block Captain for the 500 Block of Anneslie!

## **Block News**

Rachel Rock Palermo is the Block Captain Liaison. Contact your Block Captain or Rachel at blockcaptains@anneslie.org with block news.

#### 600 Windwood

The Pages, after more than 20 years in Anneslie, have moved on to Portland, Maine. Their oldest son, Elias, is working on an internship and finishing up at Salisbury University. Their second son, Jack, is attending Maine Maritime Academy. We will miss them at 616 Windwood.

Kim Cavolo and Keith Voss are in the process of updating the property, as they have moved in at 616, along with Justin (19), who attends the University of Colorado; Alex (18), who will be heading off to Syracuse University; Luke (16), who is at Boys Latin; and Linsay (15) and Natalie, who are at Towson High.

#### 500 Murdock

Meghan and David Liebfruend recently moved into 528 Murdock Rd. They have a just-turned two-year-old daughter named Cora. They are both teachers: Meghan is a teacher at Towson U, and David teaches in Baltimore City.

Stephanie and Tom Casperite are moving into 515 Murdock Rd mid-June. They have two sons: Liam is 6 and Declan is 3. Stephanie is a counselor and Tom works in finance.

Aiden Devaney, 506 Murdock, is graduating from Towson High school and going to Goucher in the Fall. Congratulations Aiden!

Tom Stark, 521 Murdock, graduating from Towson High School and is going to Salisbury in the Fall. Congratulations Tom!

Patrick Huckenpoehler, 519 Murdock, is graduating from McDaniel College. Congratulations Patrick!

Syd Miller, 523 Murdock, is graduating from Towson High School and going to Bennington College in the Fall. Congratulations Syd!

Joey Harstein, 525 Murdock, is graduating from the U of MD Medical School and will be doing a residency in internal medicine at the U of Indiana. Congratulations Joey!

Dave Carroll, 529 Murdock, is graduating from medical school and doing his residency in Pennsylvania. Congratulations Dave!

#### 700 Murdock

Shaun and Sarah Skeen are proud to announce that their son, Connor, graduated from Stevenson University on May 19th. Congratulations Connor!

#### 500 Anneslie

Dana and Mike Wanyo (536 Anneslie) welcomed baby boy Brooks Matthew in May. Congratulations to Dana and Mike as well as the big brother Brayden!

Sarah Kiegel (519 Anneslie) graduated with honors from James Madison University, majoring in Elementary Education. Congratulations Sarah!

Helen Kennedy is passing on the block captain torch to Lucy Poliakova (518) for the 500 block of Anneslie. Helen had been the block captain for over 10 years. We thank her for her time spent making new neighbors feel welcome.

#### 600 Anneslie

Congratulations to Teresa McCoy of 637 Anneslie Rd. She has completed her doctorate in public administration (DPA) from the University of Baltimore. Now we can call her Dr. T!

Evan Blanpied is graduating from Towson High and going to Davidson College in the Fall. Congratulations Evan!



#### 700 Anneslie

The 700 Block of Anneslie welcomes two baby boys! Congratulations to the McCloskeys on the birth of Finnegan and to the Klingers on the birth of Maddox. Wishing both families health and happiness!

#### 600 Dunkirk

Sam Aberle of 632 Dunkirk Rd will be graduating from Calvert Hall High School this June. A French National Honor Student, Sam will be attending Loyola University, Maryland. Congratulations Sam! He spent his spring break in Haiti working with young children.

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## Neighborhood Events Recap

On April 2nd, two dozen neighbors and friends gathered at local duckpin emporium Stoneleigh Lanes to test their skills and have some fun. Bowling Night 2016 was a relaxed evening of laughter, beverages, snacks, a lot of cheering and maybe a few gutter balls.



Duckpin bowling began in Baltimore right around the turn of the 20th century. It is more a game of finesse than power, so it can be played by people of any age and size. We are lucky in Anneslie to be able to experience a home-grown sport right down the street! Join us next February at Bowling Night 2017!

Julie Kromkowski Secretary



The Anneslie community welcomed 11 new neighbors on March 12, 2016 at the annual New Neighbor Party. The new neighbors joined board members and block captains at the home of Scott and Sue McGovern for an evening of good food, beverages and lively conversation. Thanks to the board members and block captains who always bring such delicious appetizers and desserts to share. It is fun to hear where people moved from and why they chose a home in Anneslie. Welcome to all of our new neighbors and we hope to see you at the neighborhood events!

Sue McGovern

Anneslie's annual two-week purge - the community Yard Sale followed a week later by Dumpster Day - took place on April 30 and May 7 this year, despite threatening skies. Thank you again to our neighbors along Edgewood where the dumpsters park for the morning.

## Anneslie Citizens on Patrol

Would you like to make a difference in your community? Volunteer for the Anneslie Citizens On Patrol! The Anneslie COP is a great way to get involved with a worthwhile community initiative having a very minimal time commitment! We work closely the Towson Precinct of the Baltimore County Police and with the COP programs of our

neighboring communities.

Volunte with ers Anneslie's C P 0 Program patrol the streets of our neighborh ood. Their job is to report



suspicious activity and help local law enforcement officers keep our neighborhood safe. Volunteers are asked to participate in one 1.5 hour shift approximately every 7 weeks, although you may certainly do more if you desire. Shifts take place on Friday and Saturday nights, with an early and a late shift. The early shift is from 9:30 - 11 PM and the late shift runs from 11 PM - 12:30 AM. You can request the shift you prefer! If you prefer daytime shifts, or shifts during the week, let us know!

You can volunteer with your spouse or another neighbor/friend. What a nice way to help the community and spend some time together. If you're an Anneslie resident and would like to volunteer to help our COP, or you're looking for the latest copy of our COP Schedule, please send an email to cop@anneslie.org, or contactCOP@verizon.net. Our COP coordinator will contact you and get you on the schedule!

#### Block News, continued from page 3

We have news from 625 Dunkirk, too. Cary and Howard Smedley's son, Kyle, who currently resides in Pacific Beach, California, is one of the National Directors for Mad Dog Lacrosse in addition to his full-time work most recently as an Operations Manager for Tourmaline Properties. Kyle's Mad Dog Lacrosse team just won their championship game and are now headed to Denver, Colorado to compete in the World Youth Lacrosse Tournament this summer. Howard and Cary are headed to Denver to cheer the team to victory!

#### 700 Dunkirk

The 700 block has a bumper crop of amazing May graduates this year!

- •We have a terrific group of Stoneleigh Elementary School students who are headed to Dumbarton Middle in the Fall: Jonas Kaplin(703), Casey Timlen (702) and Calvin McDearman (710).
- Jonas Byars (716) will graduate from Towson High School and has chosen to attend Rhodes College in Tennessee in the Fall. He was invited to join the college's swim team!
- Saskia Matthews (703) is graduating from University of Maryland with a BS in Biology and Neurophysiology. She also has a Certificate in Women's Studies.
- Chelsea Andrews (711) is graduating from Towson University with a Bachelor's degree in Science and Nursing.
- Chelsea's sister Jessica graduates from Virginia Commonwealth University with a BFA in Art Education.

Best wishes to all these wonderful grads!

On another congratulatory note:

Congratulations to Amy and Jim Thierer (721) on the latest additions to their ever-expanding clan. On Feb. 9th, their daughter, Sarah, gave birth to a sweet baby boy, Gabriel Clewell. Though he arrived a bit early, he is doing well as are Sarah and John, and Gabriel's proud grandparents.

As if a new grandchild wasn't enough, Amy and Jim then became parents to their new rescue dog, Jackson. He is adorable too!

Holly and Clark Pool's daughter, Elizabeth Smith, had her beautiful, bright-eyed baby girl, Madeline. She was born to Elizabeth and her husband, Tyler, on June 28, 2015.

## Upcoming Events



The Cornhole Tournament is Saturday, June 11th from 4:30 p.m., until a champion is crowned. This adults-only event takes place at the corner of Dunkirk and Maplewood.

- Sign-up closes June 6th Drop off your check, payable to the Anneslie Community Association, to Robert Fisher, 509 Dunkirk.,
- \$25 entry fee per team.
- Trophy and prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners.
- Once you are eliminated, feel free to stick around and play some more.
- The ACA will provide burgers, hot dogs, beer, soda and water.



Family Movie Night and the Anneslie Picnic are coming! Keep an eye on your email, the ListServe, and the Anneslie Facebook page for further details.

Remember, these events are for dues-paying members only, though you may pay your dues at the event. If you are a dues-paying member, want to receive community information via email, and are not receiving emails from Anneslie Community Association with the subject line eNews," please send an email kfeiring@anneslie.org. We'll add you to the list. You also can email us feedback and suggestions about ACA eNews. We try to send only pertinent messages, and you can opt out at any time.

## 2016 Events Calendar

#### (dates subject to change)

**New Neighbor Party** 

**Bowling Night** 

Yard Sale

**Dumpster Day** 

**Cornhole Tournament** 

**Movie Night** 

Anneslie Picnic

**Halloween Parade** 

**Annual Meeting** 

Santa's Visit

**Holiday Decorations Judging** 

March 12, 2016

April 9, 2016

April 30, 2016

May 7, 2016

June 11, 2016 (rain date, June 12, 2016)

August 20, 2016

September 17, 2016 (rain date, September 18, 2016)

October 31, 2016

November 16, 2016

**December 12, 2016** 

**December 14, 2016** 

## Anneslie Sign Update

As many of you have noticed, the property on York Road that has been home to our new community sign has been put up for sale. Shortly after Mr. Cathell granted us permission to erect the sign there in late 2014, he passed away. The property was put on the market late last year by his son, so we were concerned that any new owner may not extend the use of the location. Although we had intended to work with Mr. Cathell to create an easement around the sign that would potentially make the location more permanent, that did not happen.

Fortunately, the property was recently purchased by Mr. Jim Craig, a local insurance broker, who intends to relocate one of his local Allstate offices to the building. A Rodgers Forge resident, Jim recently met with the Board to express his desire not only reach to out to the community that will now become home for his office, but to ensure us that the sign may remain. He has begun some improvements to the property and has worked with the marketing team at Allstate to find ways to provide signage for his business without having to move or alter the sign. We have also been given permission to create a landscaped bed around the base of the sign and perhaps even add some lighting to improve nighttime visibility.

We wish to thank Jim and hope that the community will also thank and support him, when he opens for business in the coming months.

Scott McGovern Vice President

## Door-to-Door Solicitation Law

In April 2015, the Baltimore County Council passed Bill No. 38-15 which changed the law pertaining to door-to-door solicitors, also known as hucksters or peddlers. Here are the basics gleaned from the bill for you to know:

- The law does not apply to farmers or growers selling their own vegetables or other perishable farm products or school-age children who are engaged in fundraising activities.
- A huckster may not offer any services or item of merchandise for sale to the occupant:
  - if a "no soliciting" sign or similar is visibly displayed
  - before 9:00 a.m.
  - after 7:00 p.m or sunset, whichever is earlier
- The huckster must be licensed. However, the law does not specifically state that he/she must display or carry the license.

Rick Kiegel President





## Green News

# Stormwater Solutions for Anneslie - What can you do? A lot of attention has been given to increased flooding

A lot of attention has been given to increased flooding in our neighborhood in recent years. As Towson continues to grow, increased impervious surfaces are having a big impact downstream.

There are things we can do in our neighborhood to help alleviate the situation and Blue Water Baltimore is a great resource for help. Here are some suggestions for your property:

- 1. If your downspout is connected to an underground pipe that discharges into the street, consider disconnecting it and allowing the stormwater to be absorbed in your yard. The rainwater can now irrigate your lawn and garden. Also, the water is filtered by your lawn and garden removing pollution.
- 2. Plant a tree in your yard. Trees retain vast quantities of storm water on their leaves and bark -100 gallons or more for a mature tree, allowing some water to evaporate and the rest to reach the ground more slowly. The roots of the tree absorb even more water keeping it from entering the stormwater sewers.
- 3. Install conservation landscaping or a rain garden in your yard. These plantings slow and absorb storm water so that it never makes it to the storm sewer.
- 4. Reduce and remove impervious surfaces. Redo your driveway with pavers that allow water to be absorbed between the joints. Replace your concrete patio with a raised deck. Turn your concrete sidewalk into stepping-stones.
- 5. Install a rain barrel to store water runoff from your roof and use it to water your plants.
- 6. Install a green roof. 15-90% of rooftop runoff can be absorbed with plants installed over special membranes on your roof.

Learn more about what you can do and register with Blue Water Baltimore to have a water audit done on your property. http://www.bluewaterbaltimore.org/wpcontent/uploads/Program-basics-October-20111.pdf

Some services are free and some are subsidized to help reduce stormwater runoff. Everyone can play a part in reducing flooding in our neighborhood and improving water quality.

Beth Bone Miller



## Neighbors Participate in Stream Clean-Up

We had a wildly successful day of cleaning up the stream in Stoneleigh Woods April 24 from 1-4pm.

The stream clean-up was a joint effort between the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay which organizes Project Clean stream throughout Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, Blue Water Baltimore which organizes stream clean-ups in the Baltimore area and the Green Towson Alliance, who organized 8 clean-ups in the Towson area this spring along the Herring Run or its tributaries Sarah Van Tiem and Beth Miller are both residents of Anneslie who have known each other since our oldest children attended Stoneleigh Elementary School together. We decided to team-up to be co-captains for the stream clean-up since we have both been active in encouraging greening efforts in our neighborhood.

Ironically, Delegate Stephen Lafferty wanted to attend, but was unable to as he was hosting an event to thank volunteers for their service that afternoon.

The organizers were amazed at the amount of trash removed. Ms. Sue Thompson, first grade teacher at Stoneleigh Elementary School, runs the Stoneleigh Green Club from the school. She reported that her club regularly cleans up trash in the area - a total to date this year of 40 bags of trash, 2 grocery carts and large PCV piping! This club has been participating in a Green Clean-up competition that Baltimore County has been sponsoring. In addition, Sarah met a nearby resident who regularly walks his dog along the stream and takes a bag to pick up trash. With all this attention, we were actually slightly concerned there might not be enough trash for our volunteers to pick-up. Sarah and Beth walked the stream twice before the clean-up and didn't see a lot of garbage other than some big items, so we also planned to spend time removing invasive plants. The area is covered in English ivy, barberry and garlic mustard - all invasive species that choke out native plants that help to stabilize the stream banks.

As it turned out, there was plenty of work on both fronts. Trash thrown along Towson area streets washes into storm drains and ends up in our waterways with distressing regularity. Here is a tally of what was removed during our clean-up:

- 8 bags of invasive plants
- 10 bags of garbage

- 2 bags of bottles & cans
- a very heavy, wet and soggy carpet (cut into pieces, wrapped around a shovel handle and carted out by two strong men)
- a tennis fence
- a motorized scooter
- and other sundry treasures.

Sarah identified a couple of struggling native plants - trillium and May apples around which she removed the pervasive English ivy to give them a fighting chance!

Refreshments were provided by the Country Club of Maryland. The Herring Run passes through the golf course, and the Country Club was supportive of our volunteer efforts.

This stream clean-up presented a particular challenge because Kimway Road, where Baltimore County picked it up the next day, is separated from the stream by a long hill. The organizers brought a wheelbarrow and a red flyer wagon to help with this task.

Our volunteers were all very hard working and ranged in age from first grade to "mature."

Beth Bone Miller 523 Murdock Road bethbonemiller@gmail.com



### Uncle Wiggly's

Uncle Wiggly's went under new ownership last summer. As of February, the local ice cream shop and deli also is under a new ceiling. And it has new walls, a new floor, new equipment, and new offerings.

Eden Lopez and his wife Abby Le purchased Uncle Wiggly's, which has been on the edge of our neighborhood at 6911 York Road since 1995, in late July. Eden has been in the food business for almost seventeen years, but this is his debut as a shop owner. He likes that he gets to make his own hours, although that means he is there every day to keep "on top of it."

Uncle Wiggly's offers Taharka Brothers ice cream,



vegetarian and children's options, and salads, as well as burgers and corned beef brisket.

Uncle Wiggly's delivers in our neighborhood, on weekdays from 11 to 2, with a minimum purchase of \$15. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., with extended hours in the summer.

Lisa Bergstrom, Editor

Owner Eden Lopez



which is locally made in Baltimore, as well as Edy's and Turkey Hill. Eden likes to "stay in touch with three vendors" to ensure that flavors are available. Uncle Wiggly's offers more than fifty flavors. The most popular flavors for adults are honey graham and key lime pie (which combine together well, by the way). Children tend to order birthday cake or bubble gum. Eden himself prefers classics like mint chocolate chip and cookies 'n cream. In addition to cones, customers can purchase pints and quarts.

Sandwiches came to Uncle Wiggly's in about 2000, and the options didn't really change until Eden came along. He loves "creating sandwiches, making them, and making sure customers are happy." He uses Dietz and Watson meats and offers wraps, specialty sandwiches like the Raven (roast beef, onions, roasted red peppers and tomato horseradish mayo on a brioche roll) and the Porkalypse (slow cooked pulled pork, bacon, cheddar and coleslaw on a brioche roll),



#### Anneslie Website

Visit the new and improved Anneslie website at www.anneslie.org!

Earlier this year the Anneslie Board of Governors redesigned the Anneslie website with a renewed commitment to maintaining this resource as an additional means for communicating neighborhood information. The new and improved website was launched at the end of March.

Among other things, the website has information regarding:

- Current Board Members and Block Captains
- Association Membership & Dues
- Yearly Calendar of Events
- Citizens On Patrol
- The Anneslie Times Newsletter
- News and Announcements
- Local Resources
- Historic Designation & the Homeowner Tax Credit Program

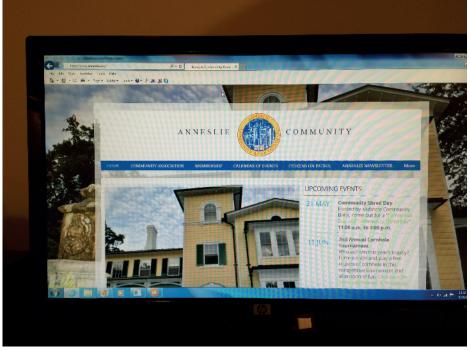
The most popular new feature is the ability to pay your annual dues online! You will find the link to pay your dues on the Membership & Dues page. Click

the link and it will take you to a page where you can securely make an online payment via PayPal or credit card.

Another new feature is the Directory Update page where you can submit changes to your contact information. This information will be used for inclusion in the printed directory, which will be issued later this year. You can also use this page to provide us with your email address to make sure you receive the email blast messages and announcements sent out by the community association Board.

We hope you will visit the website often and use it as a resource for staying connected with the community. Please take some time to explore the pages and let us know what you think... you can submit your comments under the Contact Us page, or send an email to communications@anneslie.org.

Kate Feiring Communications



Thank you Kate Feiring,
Melanie Pyne,
and Brian Rassaque
for all of your hard work
re-launching the Anneslie website!

## CUB SCOUT PACK 352

As the end of our School Year approaches we reflect on all of the fun adventures we have shared. We have learned many new things, from First Aid to Fishing, Camping and Planting Trees, Tolerance of Others, Giving Back to Our Community, and so many other wonderful things that young men need. We have raked leaves for those who are unable, provided food to many families, and sung to the elderly during the holidays.



As summer approaches we can look forward to more outdoor activities, from camping to marching in parades, to competing in our own Olympics. So many fun adventures lay ahead of us.

# CUB SCOUT PACK 352 UPCOMING EVENTS

Pack Meetings
June 17th

July 4th Parade

Scout Olympics
August (Date TBD)

Rain Gutter Regatta
August (Date TBD)

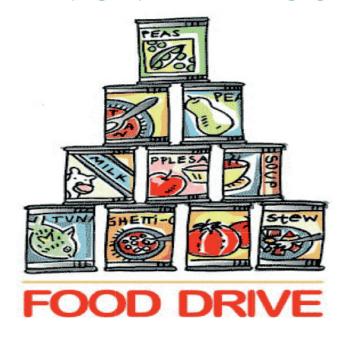
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## ANNESLIE MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE



WHAT: Anneslie monthly food drive

WHO: All Anneslie residents

WHEN: The last weekend of every month (Thursday -

Monday)

WHERE: At designated homes throughout the neighborhood: 527 Murdock, 625 Dunkirk, 627

Anneslie, 607 Overbrook.

WHY: Why not?!?

Your non-perishable donations will go to help stock the food pantry at ACTC in Towson. Thanks in advance for your generosity.