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Don't forget to pay your dues!

Save the Date Halloween Event October 31

Annual Meeting
November 13

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President's Corner

As the hottest Summer on record (following the snowiest Winter) draws to a close, I eagerly await the arrival of Fall. Perhaps the "most colorfully foliaged" Autumn on record? As I write this, the Annual Picnic is this coming weekend, and it's one of the highlights of the Anneslie Community Association calendar. It's always great seeing so many members of our community gathering in the middle of one of our beautiful streets to socialize. The picnic is a big effort, spearheaded by members of the Board of Governors, community volunteers, and local businesses, but it's one of our most visible examples of what makes Anneslie great.

Many of you have paid your Community Association dues for 2010 (the largest percentage of support in recent years), for which we are always grateful. It's basically the payment of dues and the volunteering of time that allows the Association to survive and provide the services that are offered to the Community. In this issue of the Anneslie Times, there are examples of other opportunities to help. We're reinstating

the Gardens Committee, supporting a local Food Pantry, and always looking for additional COP volunteers.

We also bid farewell to Board members Justin Gerbereaux and Emma Pyle, whose contributions to the Community Association will be missed. So, at the upcoming Annual Meeting, we'll be looking for up to four additional members of the Board of Governors. This is a very rewarding experience and a great way to get involved in your community. Although the "institutional knowledge" of long-term Board members is a great asset, it's also important to bring in new ideas, energies, and passions to be advocates for the community-at-large. If you have any questions about what it takes to be member, don't hesitate to contact me.

As always, your thoughts and comments are welcome at president@anneslie.org

Scott A. McGovern, AIA
President, Anneslie Community Association

"I Know You're Eating Dinner or Helping the Kids with Homework, But Can I Have a Minute of Your Time?"

The following is paraphrased from Baltimore County Police:

It has been noticed in recent months that Baltimore County Police officers are responding to an increase in calls for service regarding door-to-door solicitors in Anneslie. And, as in the past, they are finding that some of these solicitors are licensed and legitimate and some are not.

Here are a few sales pitches given by solicitors:

- Selling books to support a children's hospital.
- Selling books to help sponsor a local baseball team's efforts to get to a national competition.
- Selling books to help support a scholarship for the seller to fly to London for a summer internship as she or he studies for a degree in communications.
- Selling books/goods/wares/subscriptions for any reason that arouses suspicion in a homeowner listening to the pitch.

Some solicitors will tell you they are neighbors (they aren't) who live "right around the corner" (they don't) and may mention the names of other neighbors (easily available in many computer databases including Maryland Real Property Search) in an effort to gain your confidence. This is

NOT to suggest all door-to-door solicitors are fraudulent or are there to scam you. However, please be cautious and check into the veracity of the solicitor's claims as to where the money is going. If you're not sure, or you just don't feel "right" about it, check into the background of the supposed company before making any financial donation. Also, be aware of the following:

Solicitors in Baltimore County are required to be licensed as a peddler/huckster through the Baltimore County Office of Permits Development Mgt. Solicitors must carry that license with them. The license does not give the solicitor the right to remain on your property after being told to leave. It is strongly suggested to residents NOT to allow any door-to-door solicitors into your home. If you allow the person to give the sales pitch, listen to it through the door. ASK to see their Baltimore County Huckster's License. If the person makes you uncomfortable, simply tell the person to leave your premises and not return. Remember...it's YOUR home and you are NOT required to allow them entry or listen to a sales pitch. If you don't want them there, tell them to leave. If they refuse, call 911.

- Scott McGovern

Looking for Old Photos/About the Times

Do you have old photos of life in Anneslie? If you don't mind lending them to us, we can scan the photos and publish them in a future issue of the Times and/or on the webpage. Looking for anything more than 25 years old and searching for anything older than that. Thanks.

Contact a Board Member or the Editor (newsletter@anneslie.org).

:Please patronize the businesses that advertise in this newsletter if you can. They are helping to support our community! Contact FATA at:

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Advice from BGE

Energy Management Pre-Season Check

- 1. Check the insulation in your attic to ensure it is at least R-30.
- 2. Have your heating and cooling system professionally inspected and tuned-up annually.
- 3. Seal leaks around windows and doors with caulk or weather-strip.
- 4. Clean or replace furnace filters once a month.
- 5. Install a programmable thermostat specifically designed for your heating system.
- 6. Install insulation blanket around your electric water heater.
- 7. Move debris and obstruction away from heat pumps.
- 8. Buy Energy Star® rated appliances when replacing outdated models.
- 9. Don't block air vents with drapes and furniture.
- 10. Plug gaps around pipes, ducts, fans, flues and vents.
- 11. In addition to your heating system tune-up, be sure your chimney and flue pipe are unobstructed and in good condition.

Ready or not, cold temperatures are coming.

BGE heating & cooling rebates (up to \$1,150) and federal tax credits can significantly reduce the difference in price between standard and high-efficiency heating equipment. The cost difference will be paid back over time through lower energy bills.

It may be time to replace your system if:

- Your equipment needs frequent repairs and energy bills are increasing
- Your HVAC units are between 12 and 15 years old

To learn more visit *BGESmartEnergy.com* or call *877.685.SESP(7377)*.





Green Anneslie

GARDENERS SOUGHT TO BEAUTIFY YORK RD. STREETSCAPE

Do you love to garden? Would you like to contribute your skills to beautifying our community? Let's meet and brainstorm ideas to improve the tree pits and planting beds in front of the businesses on York Road! To be added to the list for meeting scheduling or for more information, Contact Beth Miller at 410-377-4369 or bethbonemiller@gmail.com.

THANK YOU BUSINESS OWNERS!

The entry into our neighborhood from York Road has seen the loss of many mature trees over the years. The following businesses have contributed to rebuilding our green canopy gateway into Anneslie by planting street trees on the side streets adjacent to their buildings:

CHAT Cat Hospital at Towson 6701 York Rd

3 new trees on Dunkirk

Edward Cathell 6609 York Rd.

1 new tree on Dunkirk

Convergent Technologies 6501 York Rd.

1 new tree on Overbrook

Annual Picnic 2010 "Rocked"

Perfect weather marked this year's Anneslie Annual Picnic as neighbors gathered on the 600 block of Anneslie Road for this Kids had a blast special event. jumping in the Moon Bounce and playing Double Shot Basketball. An amazing team of face painters made a steady stream of kids very happy. The Mudrocks, who again this year generously donated their time and talents, provided live music...and rocked! What an amazing band! Check them out on Facebook and become a fan.

Special thanks to Rob Unger, Allen Myers, Marty Devaney, Eric Feiss and Bob Arnold. Also, adding to the lineup of musical entertainment this year was Speed Limit, whose members include Aiden Devaney, Henri Columbat, and Zakir Bulmer. Those kids can rock! The grill was smoking with delicious "grillables" the whole time, and neighbors enjoyed delicious side dishes and desserts graciously donated by Anneslie residents.

Special thanks go to the following people for making this event a success:

Dana Dalton and Michele Cline, event coordinators; the Peacock family for donating their power and front lawn for the Moon Bounce; the Kaplin family for donating power for the Double Shot Basketball; Madelyn Kaplin, Ruth Checknoff, Sophia Darwin, Rachael Edmonston and Emily Melia for face painting; the Dalton family for supplying power to the band; Robin Wietscher and friends for supplying a place for the grills; the many volunteers who helped with set up, clean up, and attending the basketball toss including, but not limited to, Elizabeth and Gary Almeter, Eileen and Sean FitzPatrick, Pattie and Dan Durgin, Andy Dalton, Jim Cline, Kris Strong, John Filardo, Steve Baker, Dwayne Weeks, Michele Pucak, Kelly Shay and Jim Pannebecker, Mark and Stacie Edmonston, John and Julie Kromkowski, Rick and Julie Kiegel, Scott McGovern, Lorie LoganAnd thanks to the whole 600 block of Anneslie Road for being so accommodating the day of the event!

The Annual Picnic represents an opportunity for neighbors to come together, enjoy each other's company, catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Times like this remind us why living in Anneslie is so special. Hope to see everyone at next year's Picnic!

Find lots of photos from the picnic on pages 6 and 7!



Bugs Still Bugging Anneslie

It's fall in our lovely neighborhood. The stink bugs have chosen to make their home here, and unfortunately the best way to get rid of them is in a plastic bag in the trash. Too bad those stinkers haven't driven away our most pestilent pest—mosquitos. Caring neighbor Alex Luskin writes:

"We have a major problem with this in our yard, so I decided to do a bit of research... I can only imagine bit of research...(Alex recommends this website:)

http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito control/asian tiger mosquito md.php
Unfortunately, according to the article, there is really no permanent solution other than individuals taking action over their own households and perhaps being more alert to potential breeding grounds in neighbors' yards/etc.

In the last paragraph some specifics for reduction are outlined and I wonder if we, as a community, can do something and actually be able to enjoy our outdoor spaces."

So neighbors, how about during half-time or the 7th inning stretch, check your yard for flower pots, pet dishes and anything else that collects water (and mosquitoes) and removing that hazard?

ANNESLIE COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE!



HALLOWEEN KICK-OFF EVENT

Sunday, October 31st from 5-5:45 PM at the corner of Dunkirk and Edgewood.

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, November 13th starting at 4 PM at First & St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, 6915 York Road. All Anneslie residents are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Do you enjoy gardening? Are you looking for a way to make a difference in our community? Then join the Garden Committee! The Committee seeks to beautify the York Road streetscape and is in need of volunteers and a Committee Chairperson. If you are interested, please contact Scott McGovern, president@anneslie.org.

Anneslie Community Picnic













Block News

The **500 block of Murdock** warmly welcomes Kristan and Joe Joice (518) from Medfield in the "city." They are accompanied by their children Roland (7 ½) and Annabel (5), who just started school at Stoneleigh this year.

The stork paid a visit to the 600 block of Murdock recently. Stephen and Bridget Preis (606) and big brother, Reid, welcomed newborn daughter and sister, Stella Claire Preis, into their lives April 29th. Abby and Scott McKelvey (608) birthed their beloved son, Speirs Richardson McKelvey, August 11th. Anne and John Finegan (619) along with big brother, Jack, welcomed the birth of daughter Caroline Jeanne Finegan. We all cannot wait to meet our new Anneslie additions!

The **700 block of Murdock** is sorry to bid farewell to longtime residents of 7+ years. The Gerbereuxs have moved this past September, but we are hoping to see them around their new home in West Towson. Justin, Allison, Riley, Sara and Kate-we wish you the best!

The **500 block of Dunkirk** delightfully greets its new neighbors, Mike and Amy Filardo, (502) with their two year old son and newborn born this past June. We are also

pleased to announce Greg and Lori Guenthner's move into the neighborhood (526). Congratulations to Mike and Kristen McGuire (508), who have just welcomed a healthy baby boy into their family May 5th, joining his two year old sister.

The 600 block of Dunkirk grieves the recent passing of Bill Shiber. Bill and his wife, Stella, raised their family in Anneslie, living here since 1979. Bill was a member of the Anneslie Community Board, as well as the representative to the Greater Towson Committee. We extend our condolences to Stella and the children.

The **600 block of Regester** is thrilled to announce a baby boy to proud parents George and Hazel Nichols (615)! Walter James Nichols was born September 15th, joining his two sisters, Mary and Lucy.

The 500 block of Anneslie congratulates Meghan Ray, daughter of long time Anneslie residents Pat Ray and the late Richard Ray (523), on her marriage to Eric Virro, a Chicago native. Many of us in Anneslie remember Meghan and her sister, Erin, as amazing babysitters to our now high school and college kids! The couple was married October 2nd at Gramercy Mansion. Meghan works at the College of Notre Dame, and Eric works for Constellation Energy Nuclear Group. They are currently living close by in Stoneleigh. We wish you the best!

The 600 block of Anneslie is proud to announce four tiny new neighbors, all girls! Ann and Howard Heller (614), and big sisters Nina and Ava welcomed Bianca Lee, born in September. David and Tania Lavin and big sister Riley (615) also had a new addition in September, baby Alexa. Not to be outdone, Gina and Nathan Young (627) join big sister Hazel in announcing the birth of Pearl Melissa on July 30. And Katie Krug and Matt Filling (619) and sister Madeline also had a new addition in July, little Sophie Grace.

The **700 block of Anneslie** happily greets its newest additions, Mark and Stasia Edmonston, who have made a home here (712) with their daughters, Hannah and Rachel. Rodney and Kat Omron (708) come to us with their children, Emmett and Nora. Welcome!

Maria Brown has generously become the new block captain for 700 Anneslie. She takes over for Leslie and Len Lewandowski, who have graciously fulfilled the role for many years. We thank you for all your hard work and dedication!



Replacement Page for 2010 Anneslie Directory (rev. 6/10)

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500 Chris/Mark Hartstein, 372-0528 500 Mary Carol/Bob Venanzi, 377-4918 600 Lori Terceira, 377-3069 600 Stephanie Dieter, 377-5168



The 2010 Anneslie Community Picnic





Would you like to make a difference in our community?

If you would like to volunteer, please send an email message to contactCOP@verizon.net.

Our Citizens On Patrol coordinator will contact you and add you to the schedule.



VOLUNTEER FOR CITIZENS ON PATROL!

This is a great way to get involved with a worthwhile community initiative having a very minimal time commitment.

Volunteers are asked to participate in one 1.5 hour shift approximately every 7 weeks.

These shifts take place on Friday and Saturday nights.

There is an early shift (9:30 PM—11 PM)

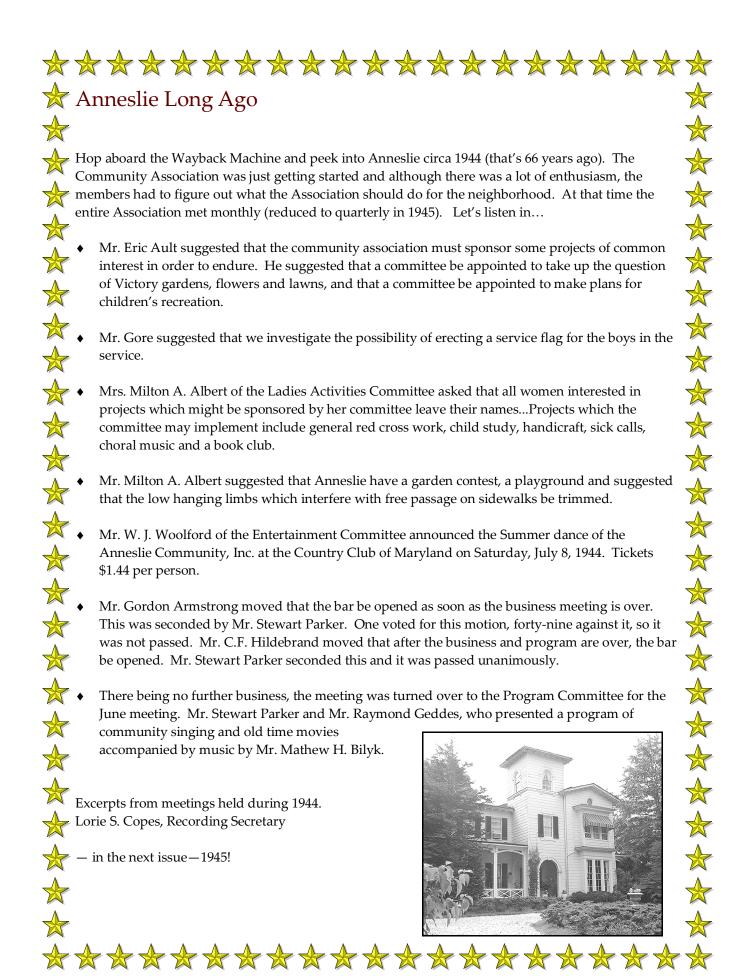
and a late shift (11 PM—12:30 AM).

Request the shift you prefer.

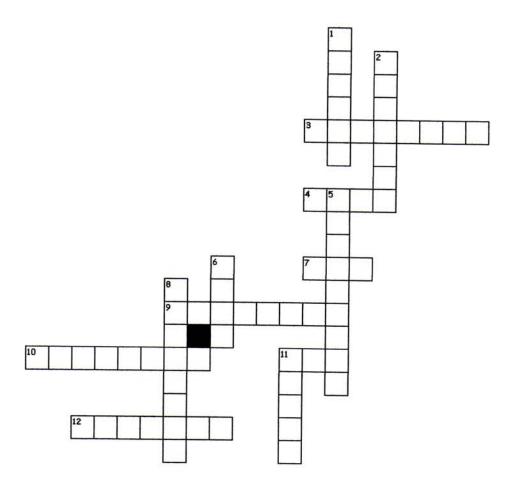
If you prefer a daytime, weekday shift, let us know.

Volunteer with your spouse or another neighbor/friend! What a nice way to help the community and spend some time together!





Anneslie Crossword



Across

- 3. Post mail at the corner of Holly and this
- 4. Its name tells you where it goes (all the way to PA)
- 7. Our web site address is Anneslie dot this
- 9. Month of the 2010 Annual Meeting
- 10. Just north of this road is UWIG
- 11. Our zip is 2121 what?
- 12. WWII battle, now a peaceful street

Down

- 1. The Mudrocks played there
- 2. Follow this road to the hardware store
- 5. This street's name is the opposite of underdesert
- 6. Speed limit on our roads is twenty...
- 8. It's a Villa AND a street
- 11. You're reading it right now