



The Anneslie Times

September 2017



Hello Anneslie,

Good times abound in Anneslie. Recent ACA events prove why it's so great to live in this neighborhood. The Summer Concert held this year on Anneslie Road was a huge success (despite a brief rain delay). If you couldn't attend, I hope you could at least hear it from your own porch. Mine was filled with great musicians, amps and big speakers. In June, many residents participated in the annual Cornhole Tournament held in the back yard of Mark Lewandowski. More news about these past events and several upcoming events can be found on pages 4-6. Mark them on your calendar and make plans to attend.

I had the opportunity to speak with many neighbors over the summer. All have thanked me for the efforts of the Board and expressed interest in participating more themselves. My recommendation to anyone wanting to get more involved is to attend the Annual Meeting in November where you can volunteer to join. If you'd like to know more about Board participation, feel free to contact me at president@anneslie.org.

The summer is winding down and thoughts are now turning toward fall activities and getting the kids back to school. During this time of year, I am always reminded of that great Staples commercial where the dad is dancing down the aisle with the lyrics "It's the

most wonderful time of the year" playing in the background. This year is special at the Kiegel house because our daughter is starting her career on the other side of the desk as a teacher at a Baltimore County public school. As a child, she and several neighbors played "school" with real "homework" after each day at Stoneleigh. In fact, one neighbor wanted an overhead projector for Christmas. Maybe you're raising a future teacher too.

Some of you may be moving your child out of the house and into his or her own first apartment. That can be an emotional experience for all, but also a very important milestone in your lives. Our son moved out over the summer and will be starting his junior year at Towson University before seeking a full-time job. I wish you all the best of luck with your kids. Just know that, for better or worse, an empty nest can be a quiet nest.

Lastly, it's important to note the recent loss of life in the apartments to our south. Sadly, a mother and her two small children died in a fire. At this time, I do not know the cause of the fire. Please, please make sure your smoke detectors have new batteries and that you've taken appropriate measures to ensure that your family is safe. I want your children to grow up to perhaps become a teacher and or move into their first apartment.

Rick Kiegel, President
Anneslie Community Association

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*Thank you, Mark Lewandowski, for your
years of service on the Board of Governors
and the Greening Committee!*

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Block News

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

500 Overbrook

The 500 block of Overbrook kicked off summer with four new graduates of Towson High School: Colin Boice, who will attend the University of Maryland College Park; Wesley Eisenberg, who will attend James Madison University; Amelia Kline, who will attend Mount St. Mary's University; and Michael Sassano, who will attend Clemson University. Congratulations to these four outstanding young adults.

We also welcomed new neighbors, Cat and Steve Mitchell and their young sons, Colt and Charlie. The Mitchells are from Illinois and thrilled about their new life in Baltimore.

Also, we have a new baby on the block. Avery Claire, who was born on June 15 to Kim and Brian Solomon. Congratulations to Kim and Brian!

Finally, our block will be hosting the Annual Anneslie Block Party on September 16th with a rain date of September 17th. Stay tuned for more details!

600 Overbrook

We are looking forward to meeting our new neighbors!

700 Overbrook

Peter Leo Clemmens was born June 1, 2017 to Kate and Brent at 711 Overbrook Rd. The new parents are thrilled!

500 Windwood

Sam Swauger, son of Bob and Carla Swauger, graduated from Calvert Hall and will be studying business in the Honors Program at La Salle University in Philadelphia. Congratulations, Sam!

We have new neighbors - Andy Liu and Dora Li-Liu and boys Paul, Franklin and Matthew Liu - Welcome!

Darrin and Caitlin Sprouse had a baby girl, Rory on July 16th and big sister Hadley is 2 years old. Congratulations!

500 Murdock

Charlie Knott (517), a junior at MICA, had a film accepted to the Born in Baltimore Film Festival this past summer. Way to go!

700 Murdock

We are sad to report that longtime residents, Bill and Jane Wiesand, have moved from 720 Murdock. While the block will not be the same without them, we all wish them the best in their new (one-level!) home in Towson. Come visit any time!

600 Anneslie

You may have noticed a number of Towson Living/Nate Young Real Estate signs on our streets, but unfortunately the most recent of them is for their own home (627). Nate and Gina, and their daughters, Hazel and Pearl are headed just outside the beltway, just off Hampton Lane, in pursuit of another great home renovation opportunity. Anyone who has lived in Anneslie for 10 or more year has witnessed a "Fixer Upper" turn-around worthy of HGTV. What was once the house people wanted to move away from is now so beautiful, it was taken right back off the market by next door neighbors Dane, Melissa and son Zack Ginsberg (625). Of course, the Ginsberg house (also greatly enhanced by the facelift its soon-to-be-former owners gave it) sold in one day. In addition to Nate's talents in real estate and Gina's home staging business, they have been the kindest, most caring neighbors any of us could have ever asked for. Thank you, Nate and Gina, for your help with the Monthly Food Drive, not to mention all the great work you and your family do outside of Anneslie supporting those in need.

We would like to welcome Leslie Griffin and Aaron Hernon (618) to the community. They recently moved north from Fell's Point. Leslie is originally from Princeton, New Jersey and Aaron from San Diego, CA. Both are in the architectural field and we can thank the Coyle family (Anneslie 700 block) for recruiting them to the neighborhood (fellow architects).

With two other Nate Young listings just sold, stay tuned for more new neighbor welcomes in the next newsletter.

600 Dunkirk

At 621 Dunkirk, the kids are moving up to new schools. Andrew Fan matriculated from Dumbarton
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Neighborhood Events Recap

Cornhole Tournament

By Robert Fisher

The third annual Anneslie Cornhole Tournament took place Saturday, June 10th at the Lewandowskis' backyard. A total of ten teams participated in the round robin event, with the finals pitting Joel Fink and Greg Guenther against Chris D'Addario and Wayne Schmidt. Ironically, all of them live on Dunkirk Road. Team D'Addario/Schmidt prevailed in a tightly contested match and were ultimately crowned the 2017 champions. Special thanks to Anneslie resident Chris Attenborough for donating a keg of Union Craft Brewing beer and Jim Craig of Allstate (6609 York Road) for donating the trophy and sponsoring the entire event.

Pictured from left to right are Greg, Wayne, Chris and Joel.



Summer Concert

By Julia Calkins

THE RAIN DIDN'T STOP HER!

Saturday, August 19 was our first ACA summer concert on the front porch of 519 Anneslie Road.

What an evening! About 110 people came with chairs, tables, blankets, food and drinks. The weather was beautiful. We first heard the sweet jazz sounds of Loose Can(n)on. The quartet, including Anneslie resident John Kromkowski on bass, played a variety of songs. Jim Martino was on saxophone, Greg Coleman trumpet, and Susan Delaney guitar and vocals. They were a great start to the fun evening.

After a brief interlude, Anneslie resident Gigi Allen and her band started with a Bonnie Raitt hit and continued with Stevie Wonder, Gladys Night and other 60s and 70s songs. Gigi is the consummate performer as she engaged the audience and cranked up the energy. She also thanked her parents who had driven up from South Carolina to be a part of the evening. Towards the end of the first set, clouds started rolling in and Gigi finished the set amidst raindrops.

While some attendees headed home, many ran to the surrounding porches (thank you to the great neighbors near 519). After about 20 minutes of rain, the skies cleared and Gigi and her band were raring to go, and boy did they. About half of the crowd had stayed through the rain. During this set, Gigi got the crowd up and out of their seats. Everyone



was dancing. The second set was more energetic with songs by Prince and Michael Jackson.

It was a memorable evening. A huge thank you to Gigi and her band and to Loose Can(n)on for providing the Anneslie Community with a wonderful evening of entertainment.



Upcoming Events

Anneslie Picnic

Come to the Anneslie Picnic, the most popular annual event, on Saturday, September 16 (rain date Sunday, September 17) from 3-6 p.m.! Even better, please volunteer to help set up or clean up. Contact Rob at (410) 377-2074 or

Scott at
vicepresident
@anneslie.org.
All help will be
very much ap-
preciated. The
picnic will be
on the 500
block of Over-
brook this year.
There will be
catered food, as
well as dishes
and desserts



that neighbors provide. For the kids, there will be a bounce house and face painting. This event is for dues-paying members, but you can pay when you arrive if you haven't yet. All attendees will receive wristbands.

Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade will take place on (surprise!) October 31 on the 700 block of Dunkirk. As usual, neighbors will gather to eat and socialize beforehand. Please visit our website, www.anneslie.org, for more details as the date approaches.

Annual Meeting

November 15 marks the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting. Come to the meeting to hear a recap of the year's events and to discuss anything on your mind related to the community. We haven't finalized the speakers yet but, like past years, we're sure they will discuss topics of great interest to the community. This meeting is your opportunity to become a board member yourself and further support the community that we've all come to love. Check your emails and the ACA website for further details.

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 "ACA eNews," please send an email to kfeiring@anneslie.org. We'll add you to the list. You also can email us feedback and suggestions about ACA eNews.

2017 Events Calendar

(dates subject to change)

Bowling Night	March 3, 2017
New Neighbor Party	March 11, 2017
Yard Sale	April 29, 2017
Dumpster Day	May 6, 2017
Cornhole Tournament	June 10, 2017
Summer Concert Under the Stars	August 19, 2017
Anneslie Picnic	September 16, 2017 (rain date, September 17, 2017)
Halloween Parade	October 31, 2017
Annual Meeting	November 15, 2017
Santa's Visit	December 11, 2017
Holiday Decorations Judging	December 18, 2017

Church, School, and House Behind the Hedges

By Lisa Bergstrom

When Jeff Allan moved into 507 Dunkirk last year, there were hedges. Big hedges. Two sets of hedges, one framing the front yard and one row in front of the porch. “When I went to settlement, I asked what’s the deal? What’s the upkeep?” The previous owner, Tom Wynkoop, said to “keep it level with the pole,” which led to another question: What’s the pole?

The wooden pole in the corner of the yard once held the sign for Happy Day Nursery School and Kindergarten. Tom told Jeff that he had received a letter from former resident Pennie Copper Weiss. She wrote:



My mother purchased the home in the late 1930's or early 1940's. She had just graduated from Kent State and, with her twin sister, opened "Happy Day Nursery School and Kindergarten" in the downstairs of the home. The cost was about \$2,000 for the home and property. The property at 505 was empty so she had a huge area for playground equipment. The school was quite successful because it was a school not a "daycare."

Pennie wrote that her mother had a wicker pony cart in which she “would take the children for rides through the fields across York Road – years later that all became Rodgers Forge.” Her mother ran the school until 1970. Photos of the



property in its time as a school appear on Jeff's mantle.

The property was not only a school; it also served as a church in the 1940s. Jeff said that the day after Thanksgiving, a couple came by and started taking pictures of the house. He learned that the woman, Helma, used to attend church in his house in the early 1940s until about 1950. The congregation then built Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church about a mile north on York Road.

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Snoball Stand

By Lisa Bergstrom

Quinn Craig, now a junior at Gilman and a Rodgers Forge resident, remembers going to a snoball stand in his neighbor-



hood years ago. More recently, when his family wanted snoballs, they realized they had a fifteen minute drive

between them and the quintessential Baltimore summer treat. Quinn wondered why there no longer was a stand in the neighborhood. For him, it had been “a family bonding experience, and [he] wanted everyone in the neighborhood to have the same experience,” he said.

So, he opened a snoball stand behind his dad Jim Craig’s Allstate Insurance office on the southeast corner of York Rd. and Dunkirk Rd. At the end of August, he said that his business, which was “slow to start out,” was growing and had “an expanding pool of people.” His customers are “mostly families, especially people who walk past the stand and see it,” he said. Most popular are skylite and egg custard, “with cherry at a distant third,” he said. Quinn has run the stand from 7-9 p.m., Monday through Thursday this summer; his sister Molly fills in if he can’t work. He plans to return next summer and to be at the annual picnic.

Quinn donated 20% of his profits in his first month to the Anneslie Community Association, and he plans to continue to donate to the community. Thank you, Quinn!

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.

Volunteers with Anneslie's COP Program patrol the streets of our neighborhood. Their job is to report suspicious activity and help local law enforcement keep our neighborhood safe. Volunteers are asked to participate in one 1.5 hour shift every 7 weeks, although you may certainly do more if you desire. Shifts take place on Friday evenings from 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM. You can request the shift 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 contact COP@verizon.net. Our COP coordinator will contact you and get you on the schedule!



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Green News

By Beth Miller

Help prune our street trees this winter!

Part of the work of maintaining our neighborhood's tree canopy is to prune trees along the street so they are not damaged by trucks, do not become a nuisance to pedestrians on the sidewalk and to encourage healthy branch structure as they grow. After years of neglect, volunteers have been pruning street trees for the past two winters. This winter we hope to prune trees on Overbrook and Winwood! Please contact me at bethbonemiller@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for our first winter pruning on November 18th, or if you would like to help out in February or March of 2018 for our second pruning.



Don't create mulch volcanoes around your trees!

We've all seen them. Piles of mulch 8-12 inches high around tree trunks. Professional landscape companies gleefully create these mulch volcanoes on public and private property and homeowners, assuming it's the right thing to do, follow suit.

But did you know that tree health and longevity is threatened by excessive mulching? Many young trees will fail to thrive, with infections at the base of trees where mulch touches the bark, and die-back of the top of trees that have too much deep mulch and dirt piled over their roots. Mulch volcanoes can create an atmosphere like a compost pile, heating up and killing the inner bark of young trees or preventing the natural hardening-off of bark during the period when trees prepared for winter. Secondary roots

will often grow into the mulch layer, circling and choking the tree's main roots. Too much mulch can drown a tree in periods of heavy rainfall as the mulch holds water like a sponge. Conversely, heavy mulch can colonize water-repelling fungi, which will leave the tree in drought conditions despite receiving plenty of water.

When mulching please follow these guidelines:

- Where: **To protect the bark create a ring 5 – 6 inches in diameter where NO MULCH WILL TOUCH THE TREE TRUNK.**
- How much: **FOR YOUNG TREES USE LESS THAN TWO INCHES OF MULCH.** Older trees do not need *any* mulch!

Like many things in life, mulch can be beneficial when used in moderation. When applied correctly it can stabilize the temperature of the soil and keep it moist. Organic mulches decompose and improve the soil structure. Mulch rings also keep lawn mowers and string trimmers away from tree trunks to protect them from damage. And mulch prevents weed growth. But more is not better in the case of mulch. If you like the look of fresh mulch, you may need to remove the old mulch before applying new if the older mulch has not decomposed.

Let's keep Anneslie mulch volcano free!

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and will attend Calvert Hall this Fall. Elisabeth Fan will enter Dumbarton Middle as a 6th grader this Fall.

Sarah Conner (632) was married to Justin Moore on August 25. The Aberle/Conner family joined many friends in celebration at St. Luke Church in Ocean City, followed by a beautiful evening reception on the Bay.

700 Dunkirk

Ed and Barbara Smearman (722) welcomed a sweet beagle mix rescue dog they named Snoopy into their home, after having said goodbye to their long time four-legged companion Daisy.

[Editor's note – I misspelled Alex Thierer's name in the last issue. Sorry, Alex!]



Church, School, House, continued from page 7



As the years passed, the hedges that Pennie remembers her father tunneling over in a heavy snowstorm grew and grew. Jeff decided to “live with them for a period of time.” He found that the “ones in front of the house had a very cool vibe when sitting on the porch,” and some of his friends really liked them. But the upkeep was a pain, and it was difficult going up and down the driveway. Jeff would hear children say as they walked past, “that’s the haunted house,” and he got few trick or treaters. Plus, he was closed off from the neighborhood, when he wanted to be a part of it.

This summer, the hedges came down. Jeff worked with a landscaping company and went with “something that’s easy to manage for right now.” He kept the pole in honor of the house’s history; the new sign says “Happy Day 507 Dunkirk.”



Member Discount Cards

By Julia Calkins and Lisa Bergstrom

The Anneslie Board of Governors has been working with local businesses to arrange for discounts for dues-paying members of the Anneslie Community Association. We will soon be delivering ACA Member Discount Cards to all households that have paid their dues. The cards will provide the following discounts:

Ayd Hardware (6801 York Rd.) - 10% off service

The Cube (6905 York Rd.) - 20% off one month of membership

Gordon Florist (6707 York Rd.) - 10% discount (excludes prior discounts and wire out orders)

Kelly's Body Shop (10901 York Rd., Cockeysville) - 15% off any insurance deductible OR 10% off any out of pocket repair



Pinehurst Wine Shoppe (6242 Bellona Ave.) - 10% discount (excludes sale items, previous sales and tobacco)

Sass Salon (6715 York Rd.) - 10% off products and services

Stoneleigh Lanes (6703 York Rd.) - Free shoe rental (may not apply to birthday parties)

True Balance Studio (6721 York Rd.) - 10% discount on first personal training and class card packages

Uncle Wiggly's (6911 York Rd.) - 10% discount (excludes gift cards)

Waist Not Want Not (6717 York Rd.) - 10% discount (cannot combine with other offers)

Well's Liquors (6310 York Rd.) - 10% discount (excludes sale items, previous sales and tobacco)



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: 606 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.