



The Anneslie Times

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The President's Corner

In addition to my many roles – husband, father of two, architect, former Cub Scout leader, Community Association President – I also take a Citizens-on-Patrol shift every now and again. On those evening rounds, with partner-in-crime (prevention) Pedro, we are still amazed at the number of homes that could use a little crime-prevention of their own.

You know who you are.

Houses with the front and back porch lights off, those with front yards littered with bikes and scooters, and plastic dump trucks. Garage doors wide open. Newspapers piled on the front steps. No interior lights on, and who can tell how many car doors are unlocked at eleven o'clock at night?

These are all signs to would-be thieves (and we've had our fair share over the last several months) that you're either not at home, a little careless with your property, or a little too distracted to remain vigilant. These are all also very easy things to correct and make ourselves less likely to be targets.

If you're going away, have a neighbor bring in your mail and papers. Put a few of your interior lights on timers.

ALWAYS leave your front and back porch lights on at night. It doesn't cost much and makes your home just a little less appealing as a potential target. And, please, please, please, stop leaving the car unlocked. The guys rummaging through cars parked in the street are looking for easy access to change and your stuff – they're not going to smash windows to get it, they're just going to walk along until they find the next unlocked door.

We've been fortunate that the Baltimore County Police is so very responsive to reports of crime in Anneslie, but they cannot do it all themselves. They rely heavily on us to do whatever we can to minimize the easy "crimes of convenience", thus allowing them to focus on the big stuff.

Please keep up the good work, keep communication open, let us know how we can help you, and how you can help us. Thanks!

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Block News

Rachel Palermo is the Block Captain Liaison. Contact your Block Captain or Rachel at rachel@rachelrockphotography.com with block news.

500 Anneslie

Congratulations to Ted Patterson of 522 Anneslie who became a Grandpa for the first time. Son Michael and daughter-in-law Susan welcomed Genevieve Diana Patterson (8 pounds, 15 ounces) into the world on January 19, 2013.

600 Anneslie

We welcome new neighbors Bill Felter and Lynnelle Noll at 631. They and their cat Grover come to us all the way from Mt. Washington. We're very happy to have them join our neighborhood.

Additionally, a warm welcome to our new neighbors at 628, Maren and Rob Chestney along with their three children, Isabella, Wilson and Savannah.

700 Anneslie

We say goodbye to Randall and Suzanne Howell of 719 Anneslie and wish them the best in their new home. We are happy to welcome Keith Klinger and Julie Luht-Klinger into 719 on "the hill". Keith and Julie are expecting their first child this summer. They are very excited to be joining the Anneslie community.

700 Dunkirk

We welcome some nice folks, Ted and Erin Fehskens and their daughter Eve (5), who moved into 719 Dunkirk Rd. Ted works for the Deans office at Johns Hopkins University and Erin teaches English at Towson University. They join us from the Medfield neighborhood in Baltimore.

Congratulations to Eric Pool (701) who is graduating from High Point University in North Carolina. Also, congrats to Emma Balkoski (718), she is graduating from Dumbarton Middle and will be attending Towson High in the Fall.

Longtime Anneslie residents Harry and Louise Hagerty moved this past winter to the Versailles Apartments. Sadly, Harry died in early April after a long battle with cancer. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Louise and the entire Hagerty family.

500 Murdock

Erin and Jun Yun welcomed their newest addition to the family, Emma. Their son Alex enjoys being a big brother.

700 Overbrook

We welcomed new neighbors Sue and Danny Sullivan, their daughter, Autumn and their son, Zachary. We welcomed new neighbors Shanti and August DiMucci and their twin daughters, Elsa and Lane. We'd also like to welcome Daniel Morris, his wife, Delphine and their two children who have moved to the 700 block of Overbrook. The Morris family moved from Remington and are happy to have a large front and back yard here in Anneslie. We said goodbye to long time neighbors and friends Lois & Bill Detwiler who raised their sons here and lived in Anneslie for over 20 years.

600 Regester

It's a boy for Doug and Denise Donovan at 633 Regester! Colin Dennis Donovan was born on February 28, 2013 and is lucky to have sister Perry and brother Casey at home to play with him! Also, Perry Donovan earned 3rd grade honorable mention for her entry in the Stoneleigh STEM Fair held on April 23, 2013. Great job Perry!

A perturbed Anneslie resident on Dunkirk writes to say...

Now that the weather is warming up I'm happy to see more and more of my Anneslie neighbors walking their dogs, from small to large canines and all types of breeds. However, one concern I do have is the pet waste that is left behind all too often. While the large majority of dog owners are very conscientious about cleaning up after their furry family members (myself included) there seems to be some owners who either don't care or, worse yet, just allow their dogs to do their business wherever they may choose. Part of being a responsible pet owner is cleaning up after pooches. Thank you.



Celebrating Mardi-Gras Anneslie Style

On February 9th, Anneslie neighbors gathered at Stoneleigh Lanes to celebrate Mardi Gras! Anneslie 2012 dues-paying members were invited to don their favorite purple, gold, and green and to enjoy an evening of duckpin bowling. The Anneslie Community Association provided festive beads and ice-cold beverages while Stoneleigh Lanes covered the cost of the shoe rentals. All of those who participated relished in an entertaining evening of strikes, spares and plenty of gutter balls! The event is sure to become an annual affair. Please watch for details of next year's bowling night in the fall of 2013.

- Wendy Mundis, Event Chair



Anneslie to be Honored at 4th of July Parade

Each year, the city of Towson Independence Day Parade Committee selects one Towson area community to lead the parade. This year, Anneslie has been bestowed with this honor. As such, we'll have a few designated residents riding in cars, followed by many others walking with them. The Parade Committee will provide us with a banner to lead the group, and the Anneslie Community Association will provide commemorative T-shirts for all participants. You may have seen the recent announcement from our eNews list. Please sign up quickly for this special opportunity!



ACA eNews - Are you in the Know?

Many neighbors have indicated a desire to receive community information via email. Therefore, the Board of Governors has implemented a new form of electronic communication by way of “**Anneslie Community Association eNews**” to keep you updated on events, news, and other happenings in the community.

If you provided an email address when you submitted your current or prior annual dues notices, you have received emails from “Anneslie Community Association” with the subject line “ACA eNews”. We promise not to flood your inbox with messages, and we will be mindful of keeping them pertinent and to the point. You may opt out of receiving these emails if you choose to do so, by following the instructions when you receive your first email.

eNews is used as an additional way to quickly disperse information to Anneslie residents. The ListServe, Facebook page, Anneslie Times Newsletter, and event fliers continue to exist. And, while the ListServe and Facebook page will continue to serve as a way for neighbors to communicate and interact directly with one another, **eNews** emails come only from the Board. So, keep an eye out in your inbox for upcoming messages!

We hope you find this method of communication helpful and we welcome your feedback and suggestions! If you have any questions, please send an email to treasurer@anneslie.org.

2013 Events Calendar

(dates may change as the year progresses)

Crab Feast	June 22nd
Towson Independence Day Parade	July 4th
Concert under the Stars at the Villa	August 17th
Concert at the Villa (makeup date in case of rain)	August 18th
Picnic	September 21st
Halloween Parade	October 31st
Annual Meeting	November 13th
Santa's Visit	December 16th



ANNESLIE CRAB FEAST 2013



When: Saturday, June 22nd at 6:00 PM – Rain or Shine

Where: 700 Block (east side) of Dunkirk Road

Cost: \$35 for Crab Pickers or \$20 for Land Lovers, by June 15th

(cost will increase to \$40 for crabs and \$25 for land after 6/15)

This **adults only** party will include all the crabs, Andy Nelson's BBQ, beer, wine and soda you can consume. We ask that everyone who attends please bring either a side dish (odd number houses) or a dessert (even number houses).

As always, volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up.

Checks should be made out to the Anneslie Community Association and dropped off at 730 Anneslie by June 15th. Please call Mark Lewandowski @410-377-2206 with questions.

Please return this portion to 730 Anneslie with your check

Name:

Willing to Help with Set-Up:

Address:

Phone Number:

Spring Time Snow Storm

After an essentially snowless winter, our neighborhood was finally treated to an actual snowstorm....albeit a season late. On the sixth day of Spring, Monday March 25, 2013 Anneslie became a winter wonderland with approximately 5 inches of the white fluffy stuff. While it was pretty to look at the snow had melted and vanished without a trace just a few days later.





Anneslie Community Association

Street Tree Program

Spring 2013 Planting



Why plant street trees?

Trees create healthier and more attractive neighborhoods. Street trees increase property values, cool our homes, reduce street noise, clean the air, and filter and absorb rain water runoff. All of these benefits contribute to the overall health of Herring Run and the Chesapeake Bay.

What is a street tree?

Street trees typically grow in the area between your sidewalk and the street curb within the County's right of way. The trees are **free** by way of a Chesapeake Bay Trust grant given to the Blue Water Baltimore (formerly Herring Run Watershed Association.) Tree planting can be performed by the homeowner or by BWB at no charge. Mulch and slow release watering bags will be provided by BWB at the time of planting.

Minimum requirements to request a street tree:

1. Own the house at the requested location and have a 3' or wider planting area or 4' by 10'. The planting area is between the curb and sidewalk, typically.
2. Agree to water the tree weekly for its first two years between May and October.
3. Give BWB and ACA permission to plant the tree by completing this form.

YES! I WANT A STREET TREE PLANTED AT MY HOUSE!

I give BWB and the ACA permission to plant a tree in the right-of-way along my house. I agree to water the street tree weekly. I understand that some locations may not be suitable for trees due to utilities, signs, or width of sidewalk, and that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources shall make final determinations of suitable locations and species. The trees, once planted, will be the property of Baltimore County. ***By signing or emailing this form I request a tree to be planted at my house and in an existing planting location and agree to the requirements above to ensure its survival.***

Name (Printed) _____

Signature (not necessary if emailing): _____

Street Address and Zip _____

Telephone: (h or c) _____ (w) _____

Email: _____

Today's Date: _____

- ☐ I will plant my own tree
- ☐ I prefer BWB to plant my tree
- ☐ I am interested in discounted yard trees/native nursery sales

Your Street Tree will be chosen based on the conditions at your home and selected from the state approved list for roadside trees. Contact Darin Crew at 410-254-1577 dcrew@bluewaterbaltimore.org

Drop off, mail or e-mail this form to:

Beth Miller
523 Murdock Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
410-377-4369
bethbonemiller@gmail.com

Please submit this form ASAP for Spring 2013 Planting



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.



Would you like to make a difference in our community?

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!



TO BENEFIT THE ASSISTANCE
CENTER OF TOWSON CHURCHES

ANNESLIE MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

DROP OFF SITES:

607 OVERBROOK RD

627 ANNESLIE RD

625 DUNKIRK RD

708 MURDOCK RD

Each site will be labeled with
a Monthly Food Drive sign
on the front lawn.

Please contact
Gina Young with
any questions
about the food
drive.

perroneyoung@gmail.com



Anneslie neighbors are joining together to help the materially poor of our community by participating in a monthly food drive. Donated food items will be distributed through the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (www.actconline.info). The ACTC began in 1985, and today, 48 churches participate in the outreach effort. The ACTC serves people in 18 zip codes throughout Baltimore County and City.

If you would like to participate, simply drop off non-perishable food items to any one of the drop off sites listed to the left during the **LAST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH, Thursday through Monday**. Items may be left in the container found on the front porch of the drop off site. Thank you in advance for selflessly serving those in need.



Examples of items needed: baby food, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned goods such as soup, vegetables, fruit, tuna, and pork and beans, pasta noodles and sauce, macaroni & cheese, toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, razors, etc.

Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace.

A soul generated by love.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Historic Anneslie Exhibit at Towson Library

In March, former long time Anneslie Times editor and current ACA Secretary, Julie Kromkowski arranged two display cases with numerous historical documents and pictures at the Towson Public Library on York Road. The exhibit reflects the neighborhood's roots with architectural drawings of early homes and pictures of residents from yesteryear. The display will be available for public viewing through at least the end of June.



Guides & Tips

Cool Tips for Saving Energy

You can save money on your energy bills by following these simple practices:

- Keep cool air in and hot air out by sealing openings such as cracks in walls and around windows and doors.
- If you have a fireplace, close the flue damper when it's not in use. The use of a wood burning fireplace can actually draw heat out of the home - unless you have glass doors or an insert.
- If you don't have storm or thermal windows, cover the inside of your windows tightly with plastic from a discount or hardware store.
- Caulk or weather strip around doors and windows to seal out cold air. In addition to potential cost savings, a well-sealed home will make the interior space more comfortable.
- Add draft-sealers around electric switches and outlets.
- Use oil, gas, kerosene or wood-burning stoves only when properly vented to the outdoors.
- Remove window air conditioning units to reduce drafts. If this isn't possible, cover all sides of the unit to minimize leakage.
- Don't forget that computers, fax machines, TV's, VCR's, CD players, cable boxes, cassette decks also consume energy because of their standby features. Some will continue to consume energy even when turned off if they are plugged in. Consider unplugging when you leave home or go on vacation.
- Activate the "sleep" feature on home office equipment. This automatically minimizes power consumption when not in use.
- If you have a pool, remember that it, too, consumes energy - consider a pool cover to minimize the operation of the circulation pump.

Here are some other helpful tips for saving energy this summer:

- Have a professional perform routine maintenance on your heat pump or central air conditioning unit and have any problems repaired right away.
- Change or replace air filters monthly.
- If you have central air conditioning, set your thermostat at 78° or higher. For every degree you raise your thermostat setting above 72° F, you can save 5-7% on your cooling costs.
- Close blinds on the sunny side of the house during the day to block heat.
- Consider using fans, which use much less power, as an alternative to an air conditioner.