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Cornhole Tournament	August
Movie Night	August
Anneslie Picnic	September
Concert Under the Stars	September
Halloween Decorations Judging	October
Halloween Parade	October
Annual Meeting	November
Fall Tree Pruning	November
Santa's Visit	December
Holiday Decorating Judging	December

Future events are contingent upon government rules for COVID-19. Prior events were canceled due to restrictions and the Board's interest in keeping everyone safe.

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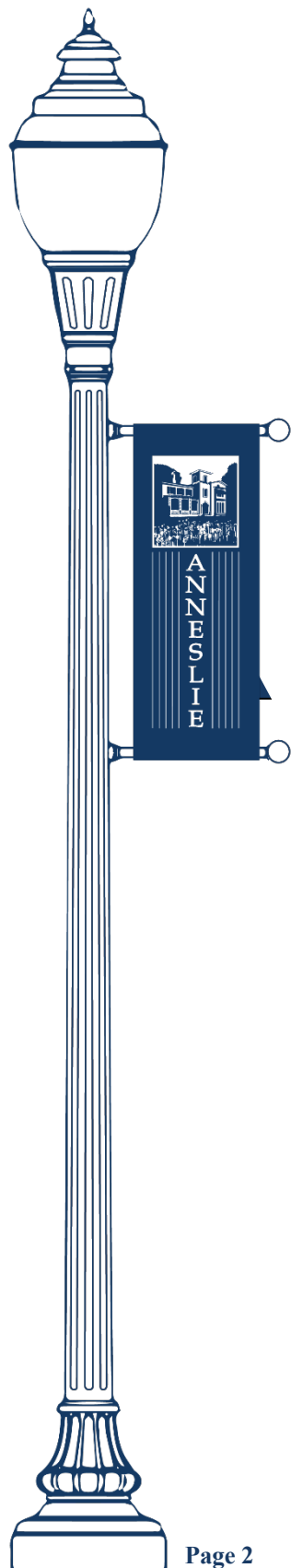
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The President's Corner

Robert Fisher

As I sit down to write this edition of the President's Corner – amid a soundtrack of cacophonous, post-July 4th fireworks – I am struck by the number of potential topics I could address: From the daily upheavals wrought by the ongoing pandemic to the social unrest felt across our country.

Times are very heavy, to say the least.

I feel very blessed that my immediate family is in good health vis a vis COVID-19 and that people close to us have been so far spared from the effects of the virus. I also recognize that not everyone has been so fortunate, that many of us have endured this health crisis on a very personal level.

The heat and humidity notwithstanding, it almost doesn't feel like summer in Anneslie. At this point in a typical summer my wife Gigi and I would have already hosted at least one sizable gathering, enjoying conversations with friends, playing cornhole, listening to music, enjoying a few beverages, laughing at each other's stories, bad jokes and catching up on everyone's summer vacation plans. Due to the pandemic, those gatherings have been much, much smaller (but entertaining nonetheless).

Some bright spots have stood out. Like many Anneslians (Anneslites? Anneslipolitans?), I've now been working from home for roughly four months and it appears it will remain that way until at least Labor Day. That has only made all the more grateful and thankful for the health care and essential service professionals in the neighborhood who don't have the option of telecommuting and who must put

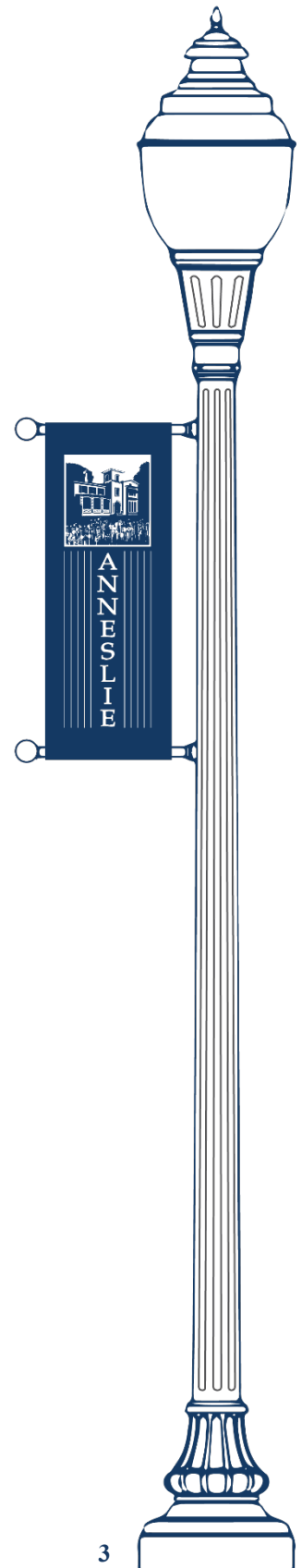
themselves in harm's way for the benefit of everyone.

And from my home office window I have been granted a front-row seat on all the little, simple moments that are taking place far more often and which never fail to bring a smile to my face: Families strolling the streets with young children tucked in strollers or wobbling ahead on balance bikes; Neighbors walking their dogs are happily showcasing more and more cute puppies; And kids and adults running and biking by my window every hour on their daily exercise routines.

But what has also stood out as I walk our three canines is how much care, effort, and time Anneslians have put into their front yards. Whether it's planting more brightly colored flowers or installing a new stone walkway, it's impressive to see the amount of pride homeowners have in the places they're spending a lot more time in these days.

Despite such outward blessings, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the heightened anxiety many of our neighbors have been enduring – whether it's caused by employment concerns, small businesses struggling to keep their doors open, or the state of our nation in terms of social justice. I believe now, more than ever, it is critical to remember that a friendly wave or hello can do wonders for someone's mental well-being.

I implore everyone to listen a little more, demonstrate a greater level of empathy towards your neighbors and be mindful that your personal experience may differ greatly from those enduring high amounts of stress.



Around Anneslie

Students Tackled Tough Year

To celebrate the end of a school year like none other, students in Anneslie paraded (at proper physical distance) through the neighborhood while their relatives and friends cheered with pride.

A group of mostly elementary school graduates strolled the streets on June 13 decked out in yellow sashes and festooned with balloons in their school colors.

They walked. They biked. And one student skipped rope the entire route. It was a welcome relief from being cooped up for weeks in virtual classrooms.

Taking in the sun dappled, festive air, Jim and Beth Miller of Murdock Road rang cow bells for the graduates while Fred Smith (granddad to the Smith/Dorman family) on Dunkirk Road played “Pomp and Circumstance” on the accordion.

Congratulations to all our Anneslie graduates. No doubt, this wasn’t the 2019/2020 school year or graduation you imagined, but we hope you are proud of all your hard work and perseverance! Because we all are.



311 Available for County

Baltimore County is now offering 311 service that allows you to quickly report problems such as potholes or request services such as abandoned car removal. You will be able to ask BaltCo311 any question about government services –

everything from COVID resources to building code enforcement, police assistance to trash pick-up. If you have any question, need a form, or want to report a problem, just dial 311.

Remember though, if it’s an emergency, dial 911.



Around Anneslie

Howdy, (New) Neighbor

Anneslie Community Association Board members and Block Captains welcomed new neighbors with food, drink and funny stories during the New Neighbor Party. Thanks to our generous hosts, Sue and Scott McGovern, and to Julie Calkins for her hard work in arranging the March 7 event.



Neighbor Named in Pulitzer Prize

My wife Denise submitted an item about my being part of the *Baltimore Sun* team that won a 2020 Pulitzer Prize in May. That was before I volunteered to be newsletter editor. Embarrassing. I now work at Johns Hopkins, but still subscribe to The Sun. Please do the same. Interesting note: my first professional editor, Linda Linley, is a longtime Anneslie resident and trained me well.



The Sun won for exposing Mayor Pugh's corruption involving a children's book she wrote.



Reimagine Downtown Towson

Want more restaurants? Entertainment venues? A bookstore?

The Towson Communities Alliance which includes the Anneslie Community Association wants your opinions about Towson's future. Visit TCA's website to complete the survey.

Towsoncommunities.org/towson-survey/

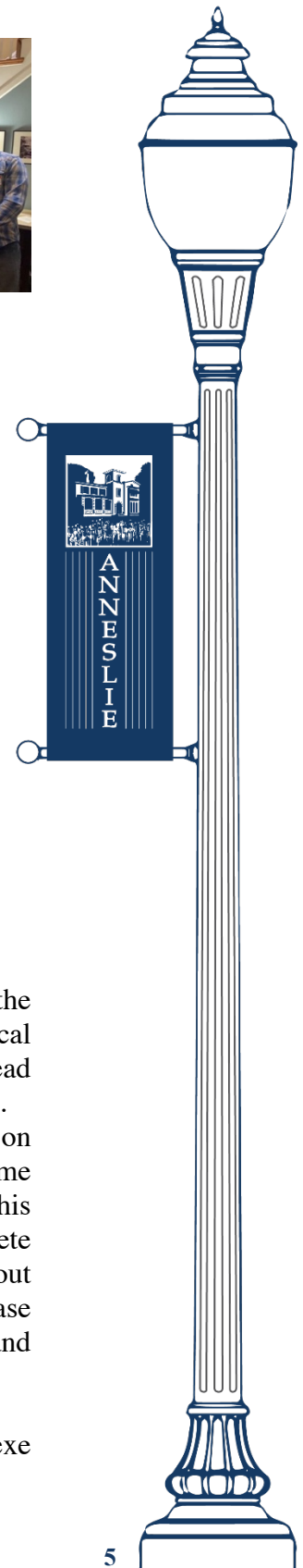
In addition, please complete your 2020 U.S. Census form. The Census Bureau anticipates that Baltimore County's population has grown by more than 10% since the last census. Census figures help

determine how much federal aid the county receives to support local emergency services, road repairs, Head Start programs, and other vital services.

Businesses use census data on household size, income, and home ownership to plan for the future. This year's census, which people can complete online for the first time, takes only about 10 minutes to complete. Again, please encourage your employees, friends, and neighbors to complete their surveys.

For more information, visit:

Baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/executive/initiatives/census2020.html



Onward & Upward



Ethan Sheridan (Calvert Hall) of Regester heads to Univ. of Delaware

The Anneslie Community Association congratulates all students who have graduated from all levels of school during such a challenging time. Way to go!



Adele Berkowitz (THS) of Dunkirk heads to West Virginia Univ.



Anna Hudak of Murdock graduated from SES 5th grade.

(Not pictured) **Callan Monroe** (THS) heads to Univ. of Buffalo; **Ruth Checknoff** earned public policy master's from UVA; **Sean FitzPatrick** graduated 8th grade from Immaculate Conception. All of Anneslie Rd.



Logan Devaney (THS) of Murdock heads to Middle Tenn. State Univ.

Maia Dalton (THS) of Anneslie to attend Temple Univ.



Kerigan Ross of Dunkirk graduated Notre Dame Prep.



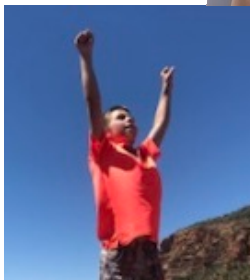
Emmeline Sheridan of Murdock graduated Dulaney Day School.



Grace Novak, granddaughter of Dell Smith of Anneslie, graduated Carver with leadership award in Culinary Prime & heads to Salisbury Univ.



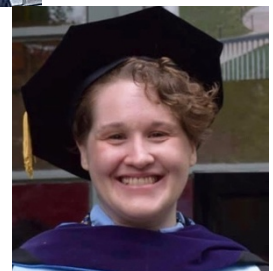
Silas Quick of Murdock graduated 8th grade at Dumbarton Middle School.



Jake True Smith of Murdock graduated 5th grade from SES.



Duncan & Finnegan Goodwin (THS) of Windwood to attend Towson Univ.



Abigail Unger of Murdock earned J.D. from Columbia Univ.

Class of 2020



Nina Heller (THS) of Anneslie Rd. heads to Temple Univ.

Colin & Ian McGovern (THS & Calvert) of Regester. Colin heads to CCBC; Ian to Virginia Tech. Univ.



(Not pictured) **Harrison Menkes** (THS) heads to Univ. of Michigan to study engineering; **Alex Thierer** earned a JD from Ohio State Univ.; **Annie Mogilnicki** (THS) heads to Xavier Univ.; **Claire Marshall** graduated 8th grade from Dumbarton Middle. All of Dunkirk Rd.



David Rothwell of Dunkirk graduated 5th grade from SES.

Maggie Morrow of Murdock graduated 5th grade from SES.



Anna Morrow of Murdock graduated 8th grade from Bryn Mawr.

Hunter Ross of Dunkirk graduated *cum laude* from The Citadel in mechanical engineering.



Gabriella Castillo (right/center) earned BFA from Towson Univ., multiple dean's list. **Jadyn Castillo** (below) graduated THS as lax captain, heads to CCBC. Both of Anneslie.



Ella Hudak (below) of Murdock graduated 8th grade from Notre Dame Prep.



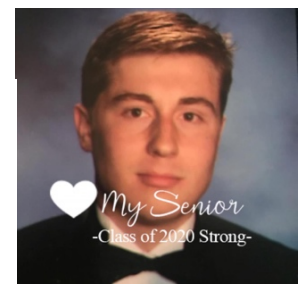
Adam Rothwell of Dunkirk graduated from Towson Univ. with a master's degree in teaching.



Celia Irby of Murdock advanced to middle level at Calvert School.



Lucas Collender (THS) of Regester heads to West Virginia Univ.



Class of 2020

Sophie Marcantonio graduated 5th grade from SES; **Jamie Collender & Aiden Logan-Bennett** graduated 8th grade from DMS. All of Regester.

Maggie Grandshire (THS) of Windwood heads to Univ. of Kansas after 11 seasons as lettered athlete, NHS.

500 Block of Murdock
Francesco & Christine Tomasetti graduated, respectively, 8th grade from DMS and 5th grade from Stoneleigh Elementary School; **Charlotte & Graham Feiss** graduated, respectively, 8th grade from Bryn Mawr and 5th grade from Boys Latin; **Henry Knott** graduated 8th grade from Dumbarton Middle; **Luke Harstein** earned a MD and MBA from NYU; **Harry & Audrey Buch** graduated, respectively, 8th grade from Loyola Blakefield and 5th grade from Stoneleigh; **Kate & Charlie Lakatta** graduated 8th and 5th grades, respectively, from Friends School.

Emily Miller of Windwood graduated from Univ. of Rochester with a B.S. in neuroscience.

Emma Dalton graduated DMS as a National Junior Honor Society member; **Rachael Edmonston** earned a BA from Univ. of MD, College Park. Both from Anneslie Rd. **Nate Berkowitz** and **Elisabeth Fan**, both of Dunkirk, graduated 8th Grade at DMS.

600 Block of Murdock
Harrison Kahn, Jack Finegan and James Pletcher all graduated 5th grade from Stoneleigh Elementary; **Brendan Karwacki** graduated 8th grade from the Odyssey School; **Anna Lucas** graduated Towson High School; **Ella Lucas** earned a bachelor's of science degree in cognitive studies from Univ. of California San Diego; **Andrew Galo** earned bachelor's of science degree in environmental studies from Shenandoah Univ.; **Rachel Morgan** earned a master's degree in aerospace engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. **Benjamin Slater** (700 block) graduated Towson Univ. with a bachelor's of science degree.

Dunkirk Rd.
Sam Aberle graduated *magna cum laude* with a BA in political science & philosophy from Xavier University; **Owen Timlen** (THS) heads to University of Buffalo; **Madeline Menkes** (Carver) to attend Rhode Island School of Design.

500/600 Blocks of Overbrook
Gretchen Rosenberg (THS) is still deciding on which college to attend. **Max Baran** graduated 8th grade from The Park School; **Avery Slocum** graduated 5th grade from SES; **Lily DePanfilis** graduated 5th grade from SES; **Susannah Lehr** (THS), granddaughter of **Barbara McCarthy**, earned track team captain and English and French Honor Societies, heading to Stevenson Univ.

Lyla Kline (THS) heads to St. Mary's University after winning Unsung Hero of Towson High School award, the Christopher Blake Singing Award, Art Sculpture Award and Honors History Award.

Green News

The Mighty Oak Under Threat

By Dr. C Elizabeth Hamilton

When oak trees make massive amounts of acorns—a pattern called “masting”—the process transforms their ecosystem. Periods of immense acorn production are critical to the survival of the glorious-sounding wood thrush. But not because the acorns serve as bird feed. Instead, the bounty attracts small rodents that attract raptors who eat the critters before they can eat thrush offspring, according to the *Journal of Animal Ecology*. It’s a perfect example of a forest ecosystem’s complex web of life.

Masting also benefits white-tailed deer, wild turkey, bobwhite quail, wood ducks, various mammals and birds. Without oaks, rapidly receding temperate woodlands and hardwood forests would be lesser environments. So, too, would urban forests.

While rarely recognized for the value they provide local economies, oak trees do save us money. A healthy oak tree can increase a home’s value, and, placed properly, can lower air-conditioning costs. Its roots and microbial partners filter pollutants, reducing water purification costs. In addition, the canopy filters air pollution, which, consequently, lowers health costs for those with COPD or asthma or any other lung and heart issues. That’s priceless.

But there’s more: oak trees sequester carbon in their woody tissues, according to *Scientific Reports* journal. Urban forests in the temperate climes along the mid- to south Atlantic can store about 17 million tons of carbon, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Oaks can account for up to 10% of a city’s forest canopy, while storing up to 50% of the carbon within the entire urban forest. A single oak can



transpire up to 40,000 gallons of water annually, according to the 2017 Dallas Urban Heat Island Study. Transpiration of water from leaves (like sweating)

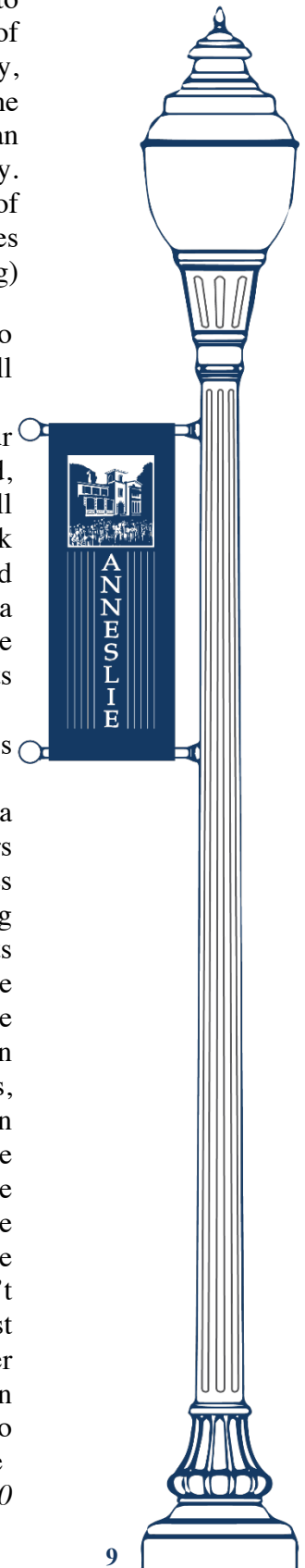
lowers air temperatures (contributing to microclimate change) and impacts rainfall locally and globally.

What is the diversity of oaks in your neighborhood? Do you have pin, red, scarlet, chestnut, black, willow, white, all of the above? There are more than 30 oak species indigenous to the eastern United States. But we are losing oaks rapidly to a suite of diseases on top of the damage inflicted by urban environments exacerbated by climate change.

The one disease I’d like to focus on is Oak Decline or Rapid Oak Wilt Decline.

While arborists cannot pinpoint a precise cause for the decline, researchers know increased air and soil temperatures at night due to climate change are taxing the metabolism of trees. Like us, plants need rest. If not, their immune systems are challenged. Add to that years of pesticide and fertilizer applications and we have an urban forest of stressed-out trees. Thus, some of the fungi that live in the trees in an equally beneficial relationship are activating early rather than awaiting the tree’s natural death. This could be because the trees are slowly dying early and/or the loss of their microbial partners isn’t sufficient to help them engage in a robust defense. The trees are unable to fight other pathogens which are likely increasing in abundance because fungi and bacteria do enjoy a warm wet winter followed by the

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Anneslie Arboretum

The Greening Committee is labeling native street trees—those that have grown here before Europeans arrived with exotic species—with waterproof tags and twine.

Why do native trees matter? After the continents separated 80 million years ago, plants and insects co-evolved. Insects adapted to the leaf chemistry of certain plants. Did you know insects represent 37% of animal life? And 97% of birds need them to feed their young!

Both species are declining at alarming rates. When we plant “pest free” plants from Europe or Asia, insects don’t recognize them as food and can’t digest them. There are no natural enemies to keep these plants in balance. So if their seeds escape on the breeze or in the beaks of birds “planting” them elsewhere, they invade woods and crowd out beneficial native plants.

Join the fun! Take note of our native trees, and label your own to teach



neighbors their type, age and why you love them. Kids can participate in scavenger hunts and other fun and educational activities as part of the Anneslie Arboretum effort.

The Mighty Oak Under Threat

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same in spring and summer.

These pathogens can clog up the water and nutrient conducting tissues of the tree (vascular tissues), causing the appearance of drought and stem dieback. The bacteria can impede vascular flow (like having high bad cholesterol) and the tree, in an attempt to block further infection, creates its own vascular blocks. Double whammy.

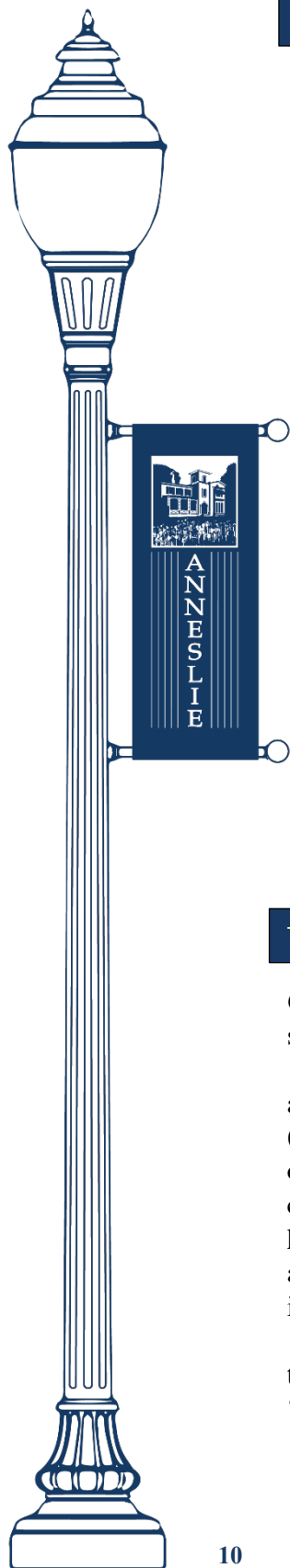
Declining oaks feature late bud-break, tip dieback in the canopy and sometimes ‘weeping’ from the trunk (more

symptoms and details can be found at my blog at www.betternature.solutions).

Helping the tree improve its ability to fight its own battle requires a ground-to-crown solution. Healthy soil = healthy diet = strong immune system. They can be saved by: Supplemental watering when seven or more rainless days with temps over 80 degrees—not by mulching at the base of the tree; using friendly microbes rather than weed-and-feed products; and calling a plant health care specialist.

Here are some questions to ask:

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Tree Pruning

Nurturing the main leader (right)

The two trunks on this maple are competing to be the main leader. If allowed to continue to grow this way, the tree will be susceptible to splitting at the crotch. We are pruning the top off the trunk on the left so the trunk on the right will grow bigger and stronger. The left trunk will eventually be removed.



The
Greening
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Scout



Troop 102 pruned Overbrook Road's trees in March. The benefits of this regular pruning, which began in 2015, are visible all around. Pruned trees get stronger as they grow, are safer from damage inflicted by passing trucks and provide better clearance for pedestrians.



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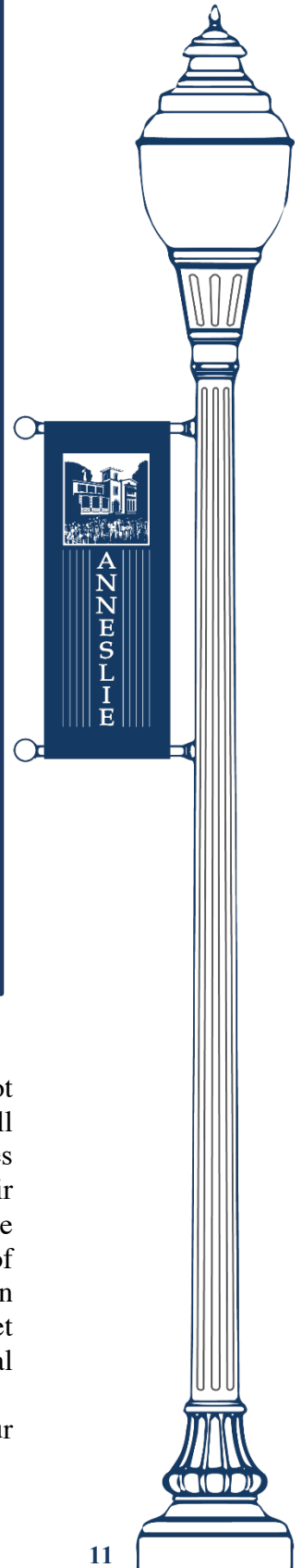
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- Do they recommend a high N or P based fertilizer? Answer: No.
- Do they recommend taking out dead wood during spring or summer? Again: No. Prune them when they're dormant.
- Where is the best place to mulch a tree? Answer: At the drip line and beyond. That's where roots that uptake water are most active.

Treating a complex disease takes a complex mode of action. Systemic

fungicides combined with soil/tree root health and supplemental watering will help us keep these majestic beauties longer and provide pollen critical to their survival in the forests surrounding us. We receive a tremendous amount of ecosystem services from our urban canopy and the older it is the more we get in return with direct and indirect financial consequences.

It's a small price to pay to save our oaks and an enormous loss if we fail.



Current Events

Anneslie Board Values Diversity

During this time of change and increased awareness about inequality in our society, the neighborhood association Board would like to express how much we value a diverse community. As Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

We hope that Anneslie can be welcoming, inclusive, and safe for everyone. We strive for a neighborhood with a diversity of races, genders, sexual orientations, ages, nationalities, religions, and interests. As Board members, we commit to

treating everyone fairly and to working toward an equitable future by fostering tolerance and mutual respect. We encourage all residents to engage neighbors respectfully, find ways to support those who are vulnerable, and be open to learning from those who have different experiences.

For the last 100 years, Anneslie has been a strong, vibrant neighborhood and we welcome comments and ideas on how we can continue working together to create a place where all residents can thrive.

*Anneslie Community Association
Board of Governors*

Residents Rally for Justice

Residents of Anneslie and surrounding neighborhoods gathered along York Road near Regester Avenue on June 7 for a peaceful demonstration supporting calls for racial justice in the wake of George Floyd’s homicide by Minneapolis police.



Current Events

Got clutter? Donate it

The past months have provided ample time to clean out closets, drawers and garages as well as to complete small home improvements. Please keep in mind that your trash is someone else's treasure. There are many places that accept items to support different causes. Most are open now and accepting donations!

The Maryland Book Bank

(mdbookbank.org) cultivates literacy by distributing over 450,000 free books to children, teachers, and schools each year.

New Life Furniture

(huntvalleychurch.org/new-life-furniture/) helps needy families move into new homes.

House of Ruth, Ruth's Repeats, and Ruth's Closet (hruth.org) provides housing, clothes, toys, shoes to battered woman and their children.

Second Chance (Secondchanceinc.org) accepts furniture and much more while providing job training.

GBMC Nearly New Sale

(gbmc.org/nearlynewsale) invests profits from selling donated items back into patient care at the hospital.

Goodwill (goodwill.org) helps individuals build skills and find jobs.

Church on the Avenue

(churchontheavenuehampden.org) accepts clothes, toys, books and more.

Salvation Army (satruck.org) aids the homeless, provides youth camps, veteran's services and more.

Savers (savers.com) accepts old clothing for textile recycling and other items.

The Surprise Shop (surprishop.org) helps the homeless and less fortunate.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

(chesapeakestore.org) accepts furniture, building materials and housewares to help families with affordable housing.

Hungry for Music (hungryformusic.org) accepts musical instruments that it puts into hungry hands. Pick-ups available.

Leveling the Playing Field

(levelingtheplayingfield.org/locations/baltimore-md/) accepts sporting equipment to donate to programs and schools serving low-income communities.

PLEASE THINK TWICE BEFORE THROWING SOMETHING OUT!

Recycling Note

Recycling can be put into any container EXCEPT a plastic bag.

If it is in a plastic bag, it will be treated as trash!

<https://baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/recycling/>

Stoneleigh Shopping Center

Baltimore County Councilman David Marks is scheduled to host an online video meeting with the owner of the Stoneleigh shopping center about the future of the former home to Uncle Wiggly's and Lily Pad.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 14 at 8 p.m. To attend, check out and join the Anneslie Community Facebook page for the Zoom details.

