



The Anneslie Times

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The President's Corner



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I was going to attribute an opening quote of “I’m ba-ack!” to Jack Nicholson, from *The Shining*, but discovered that it’s actually a Randy Quaid quote from *Independence Day*, combined with Heather O’Rourke’s “They’re he-re!” from *Poltergeist*. Either way, I won’t say it at all, but here I am, serving again as your ACA Board President. Rick Kiegel has stepped down after his three-year run and we thank him for his service and continued commitment to Anneslie, as he remains an at-large member of the Board.

To serve as the President seems to some to be a daunting task and, therefore, few are willing to accept it. In truth, it’s not’s as difficult as you might think, as long as you’re assisted by capable and willing folks to whom you can delegate and collaborate. I’m fortunate to have that in the current Board of Governors and intend to use their talents and energies to the fullest of my abilities.

They plan and chair all of our annual events, keep our records straight, assist with community concerns, share information, organize our COP corps, and help to beautify

our community. They, in turn, count on a limited number of community volunteers that help with many of our events. Whether it’s planting flowers, or serving pit beef, or setting up tables and chairs, or cruising on COP duty, it’s their time, taken away from their families and personal pursuits that is donated to all of you, for the betterment of our community.

Our reward is in your positive feedback and offers to join in, so we always need people to step up and offer to help. While there are 500 homes in Anneslie, there are only 12 of them represented on the Board, so community volunteers are invaluable and always welcome!

For additional thoughts and commentary, visit us on Facebook, or email me at "president@anneslie.org".

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Block News

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

500 Windwood

Ashely and Matt Penater (522) welcome their new little guy, Alexander Francis Penater. Alex was born in the morning on Jan. 25th.

500 Murdock

Hannah Harstein (525) will be graduating from Towson HS and attending VCUarts in Richmond, VA in the Fall.

600 Murdock

Nicole and Kirk Fulton (610) and big sister Lila welcomed their beautiful new baby girl, Avigail "Avi" on December 28th.

The 600 block welcomes our new neighbors at 614 (the newly rebuilt house!). We look forward to meeting you.

Bowling Night at Stoneleigh Lanes



Neighborhood Events Recap

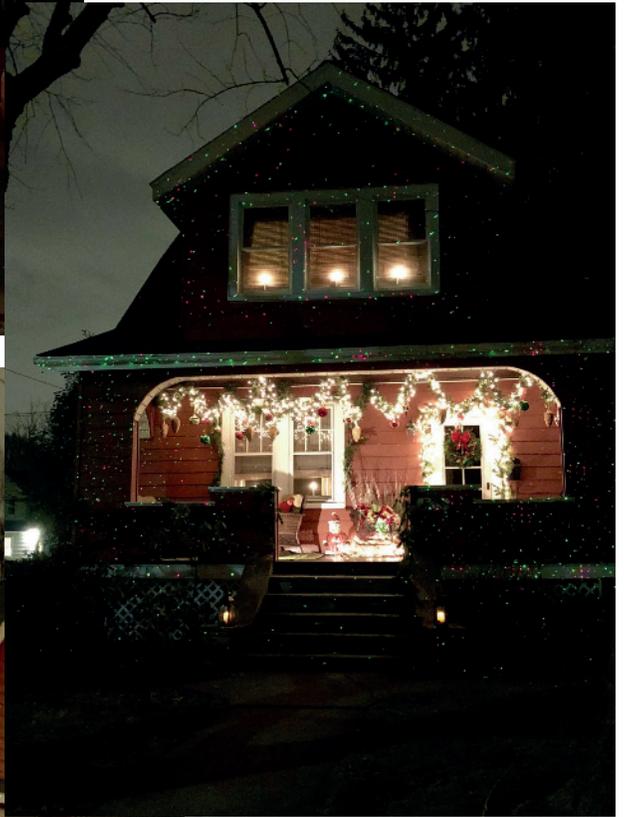


Santa visited Anneslie on December 11, 2017, stopping for the evening on Anneslie Road, where Rick Kiegel and Julia Calkins hosted him, and about forty children came to tell him their holiday wish list, talk to him, sit on his lap, stare, or simply cry. He is photographed here reading the list of a child who did not want to stand close enough to appear in the same picture.

The 2017 Winners of the Anneslie Home Holiday Decorating Contest are 605 Dunkirk, for Most Traditional (this page, bottom); 624 Anneslie, for Most Illuminated/Commercial (page 5, top); 533 Regester, for Most Creative/Theme (page 5, bottom); and 522 Murdock, for the People's Choice Award (right). The winners each received a gift certificate to Villagio Cafe.



More than two dozen neighbors spent a great evening bowling together on February 24, 2018. Pictures appear on pages 3 and 7.



Upcoming Events

The Board and Block Captains will be welcoming new neighbors at the house of President Scott McGovern and his wife Sue McGovern on Saturday, March 10, 2018 (which may have passed by the time this newsletter reaches your porch).

Spring Cleanup will take place April 21, 2018, with the help of Towson University students involved in The Big Event. Please see page 10 for more information about cleaning one of our local streams. Please visit <https://www.towson.edu/studentlife/activities/engagement/service/documents/homeownersfaq.pdf> for more information about The Big Event and how to have Towson University students help you with your own exterior spring cleanup (weeding, mulching, etc.).

Our Spring Yard Sale will be April 28, 2018, followed by Dumpster Day and a Native Plant Swap on May 5, 2018 for the things you can't sell and the plants you don't want (or what your neighbor has that you do want).

This year we'll have both a Family Movie Night and a Summer Concert with our own Gigi Allen Fisher!

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.

Anneslie mugs, now included in new neighbor welcome bags, are available for \$8 each on the ACA website!

Membership Discount Cards are now available!

When you pay your 2018 dues, you will receive your membership discount cards - perhaps you already have! The cards provide discounts at **Ayd Hardware** (6801 York Rd.), **The Cube** (6905 York Rd.), **Gordon Florist** (6707 York Rd.), **Kelly's Body Shop** (10901 York Rd., Cockeysville), **Pedal Fun Cycles** (6717 York Rd., in the alley behind Waist Not Want Not), **Pinehurst Wine Shoppe** (6242 Bellona Ave.), **Sass Salon** (6715 York Rd.), **Stoneleigh Lanes** (6703 York Rd.), **True Balance Studio** (6721 York Rd.), **Uncle Wiggly's** (6911 York Rd.), **Waist Not Want Not** (6717 York Rd.), and **Well's Liquors** (6310 York Rd.).

2018 Events Calendar

(dates subject to change)

Bowling Night	February 24, 2018
New Neighbor Party	March 10, 2018
Spring Cleanup	April 21, 2018
Yard Sale	April 28, 2018
Dumpster Day	May 5, 2018
Native Plant Swap	May 5, 2018
Cornhole Tournament	June 2, 2018
Family Movie Night	July 21, 2018
Summer Concert Under the Stars	August 25, 2018
Anneslie Picnic	September 15, 2018
Halloween Parade	October 31, 2018
Annual Meeting	November 14, 2018
Santa's Visit	December 10, 2018
Holiday Decorations Judging	December 17, 2018

Revamped Citizens on Patrol!

by Brent Clemens

The Anneslie Citizens on Patrol ("COP") program has been renewed and revamped for the 2018 season! Grab a friend for company or come out solo to patrol the neighborhood, it's as easy as C-O-P! Make it official by slapping the magnets and yellow flashing lights on your car. Then, just obey traffic laws and patrol the streets of Anneslie keeping an eye out for suspicious behavior.

Interested in volunteering? Head to www.signupgenius.com and search by email address using cop@anneslie.org. When prompted, enter the access code: 201721212. Volunteers may sign up for

predetermined weekend night shifts, or request a custom time slot by emailing Brent Clemmens at cop@anneslie.org.



After selecting your shift, be sure to email cop@anneslie.org to get the COP materials' location and lock combination. Available shifts are listed in two hour increments, but any time commitment is appreciated! You will receive an automated email reminder two days before your scheduled shift.

Please note that Anneslie COP program volunteers are **OBSERVERS** only. Report suspicious behavior to 911 immediately. If you are sure an event is not an emergency, you may contact Baltimore County's non-emergency hotline at 410-887-2222. The Anneslie Board of Governors and all your neighbors thank you for helping keep our neighborhood safe!

Bowling Night at Stoneleigh Lanes





Green News

The Case for Natives in Your Yard

I recently had the opportunity to hear Doug Tallamy speak. Mr. Tallamy is a professor and chair of the Department of Entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware. He is the author of two books, Bringing Nature Home and The Living Landscape (co-authored with Rick Darke).

Mr. Tallamy makes the case that collectively, our yards, front, back and side, hold the best and last chance we have to save many species of wildlife.

Did you know:

- Development has increased at a rate of 2 million acres per year nationally.
- The amount of wild, open spaces for native plants and animals that create biodiversity has shrunk. In the Chesapeake Bay watershed, 100 acres of forest have been lost each day since 1985.
- Plants from other food webs, chosen for their ornamental value or introduced inadvertently, reduce the available habitat for our native species even further. Our manicured turf lawns and Asian ornamental trees provide next to nothing to feed and shelter our fellow creatures. Nationwide, songbird species have declined by 40%. Meadow bird species have declined as much as 80%.
- Studies show that the area required to sustain biodiversity is the same as needed to generate it in the first place. Since we have taken 95% of the US from nature, we can expect to lose 95% of the species that once lived here unless we start sharing our developed land with them.

In others words, preserving ecosystems and biodiversity are key to all existence on this planet: “wildlife” and humans alike are part of nature.

The choices you make in your own yard can be part of the solution. As Mr. Tallamy says, “Each individual has the power to conserve resources, restore habitat for wildlife and bring beauty to their patch of earth.” Planting native species that attract butterflies and moths has been shown to support birds and a cascade of other wildlife. Compare the butterfly and moth species supported by a native elm (Ulmus): 213 with a non-native Japanese Elm (Zelkova): 0

How to create a neighborhood with a smorgasbord for wildlife in your yard:

- Plant the borders of your property with native trees such as oaks, black cherry, and river birches.
- Underplant with native woodies like serviceberry, arrowwood and hazelnut.
- Add a border of native perennials like goldenrod, black-eyed susan and bee balm.

For a more complete list of the best plants for your yard go to: <http://www.bringingnaturehome.net/what-to-plant.html>

To watch a video of Doug Tallamy and Rick Darke go to: <https://www.growingagreenerworld.com/bringing-nature-home/>

Beth Miller – Co-chair of the Anneslie Greening Committee

Bird-Friendly Gardening Workshop

Welcome, gardeners!

Audubon experts share practical tips and scientific support for gardening with native plants outside your home.

Leave with resources you need to beautify your outdoor space and attract birds and other beneficial wildlife.

Intro to Bird-Friendly Gardening

Thursday, April 19th · 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Lake Roland Nature Center
1000 Lakeside Drive



Registration required:

410-558-BIRD(2)
baltimore@audubon.org



Lake Roland Nature Center also is offering

- *a meet and greet with local snakes for ages 3 and up, for \$5 per person, on Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, from 1-2:30 p.m.*
- *otter-themed story time, play, and crafts on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 1-3 p.m.*
- *a free Spring Wildflower Walk on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 10 a.m. for adults and children ages 8 and up*

To register for these events, email LakeRol-RP@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov

Queen of Green - Stream Cleanup

by Sarah Van Tiem

Attention Residents of the Most Wonderful Neighborhood in Greater Charm City: the Queen of Green requests the pleasure of your company at our neighborhood stream cleanup, Saturday, April 21st from 10am to noon. It's going to be a gorgeous afternoon and there will be scrumptious snacks. Wear shoes you don't mind getting wet and bring your kids ages 8 and up.

The event is called **Project Clean Stream**—a Chesapeake Bay-wide effort sponsored by the Alliance for the Chesapeake and hosted locally by the Green Towson Alliance. It's happening all over Pennsylvania, Virginia, DC, West Virginia...but also in our own little neighborhood stream, Chinquapin Run. How cool is it that Anneslie has its own body of water?

Chinquapin Run emerges between Banbury Road and Southwood Roads. It is festooned with beer bottles, plastic bits and bobs, old tennis balls and unmentionable trash that flows into Herring Run, which flows into Back River and ultimately, into the Chesapeake, the largest freshwater estuary in the world. Almost as large as that sentence.

Our stream needs you, because, a) all of that garbage looks terrible and makes life harder our local bugs, birds and fish; b) what we don't remove ends up in the Chesapeake, where it wreaks havoc on creatures large and small both there and in the ocean beyond. And then, islands of floating refuse. The Queen kids you not. They're called **gyres**, and there's one in the **North Atlantic**; and c) let's be the change we wish to see in the world.

Clearly, **Project Clean Stream** will not eradicate the gyres of aquatic doom. But, it's definitely at least two steps in the right direction. Plus, the Queen knows you want to do more than just recycle.

Here's the deets: Anneslie Stream Clean-up, Sat. April 21st, 10am to noon. Meeting place to be announced on Nextdoor Anneslie and the neighborhood association homepage.

For more info generally, visit allianceforthebay.org/our-work/key-program-focuses/building-stewardship/project-clean-stream/

To sign-up to volunteer, go to <https://pg-cloud.com/ACB/> and search for Chinquapin Run – Walker to Northern Parkway.



LAKE ROLAND'S 6TH ANNUAL

FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

7:15 – 8:30: FOR AGES 5 – 12 (SIGN IN CLOSSES AT 7:30)

8:00 – 9:00: EXPERT LEVEL (SIGN IN CLOSSES AT 8:15)

FOR AGES 10 TO ADULT (YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD FOR CANDY!)

\$5 PER PERSON (\$3 MEMBERS)



1000 LAKESIDE DRIVE, BALTIMORE, MD 21210
PLEASE EMAIL LAKEROL-RP@BALTIMORECOUNTYMD.GOV TO REGISTER.

Accessibility: Should you require special accommodations (language interpreter, large print, etc.), please give as much notice as possible by calling the Therapeutic Office at 410-887-5370/TDD: 410-887-5319.

Childcare Disclaimer: This program is designed to provide a healthy and enjoyable leisure experience for your child. However, this is not a licensed childcare program and is not designed to provide childcare. Therefore, parents are encouraged to discuss attendance expectations with their children. Department staff and volunteers cannot detain youth wishing to leave at any time.



Skateboard Parks

By Lisa Bergstrom

When Bill Felter was eight years old, he lived in Baltimore, and some of the kids in his neighborhood had skateboards. When he was twelve or thirteen, he moved to a new neighborhood in Florida, where some of the kids rode skateboards, and he started skating. Back then, “people were basically interested in skating half pipe ramps. Street skating was really in its infancy,” Bill recalled. He said that he “was mostly a street skater because [he] never really had access to a ramp.” Because “no one’s parents would agree to” build a ramp, he and his friends “had to build a ramp in the woods,” where they would skate “until the older kids came and knocked it down,” Bill said.

Now Bill’s a little older and living on the 600 block of Anneslie, but the story hasn’t changed that much: He’s creating a place to skate. He said that “now it’s a lot easier” to find a place to skate, such as a public ramp at Vu Skate Shop on Harford Road and a Baltimore City skate park in Hampden. Some people he knows have their own indoor ramps or ramps in the woods. But, Baltimore County is “sorely lacking” in skate parks. That’s where Bill stepped in and started pushing for new county skate parks.

Bill didn’t initially set out to create a public park. He and his wife Lynelle Noll decided to redo their garage. Bill “thought about building a little ramp,” but “in talking to Lyn about it, it seemed like an easier sell to approach the County about a whole skateboard park.”

He said that he found a “receptive audience,” with the County agreeing that its “facilities are in need of an upgrade.” The “ultimate goal” for Bill, and the people with whom he’s working, “is to become a Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Rec Council for Skateboarding,” serving County-wide. Bill explained that the County will “provide the infrastructure for rec but there are independent council for running the sports and directing the rec activities.” This way, “skateboarding will have its own voice” and be “on equal footing with all the other rec programs,” he said.

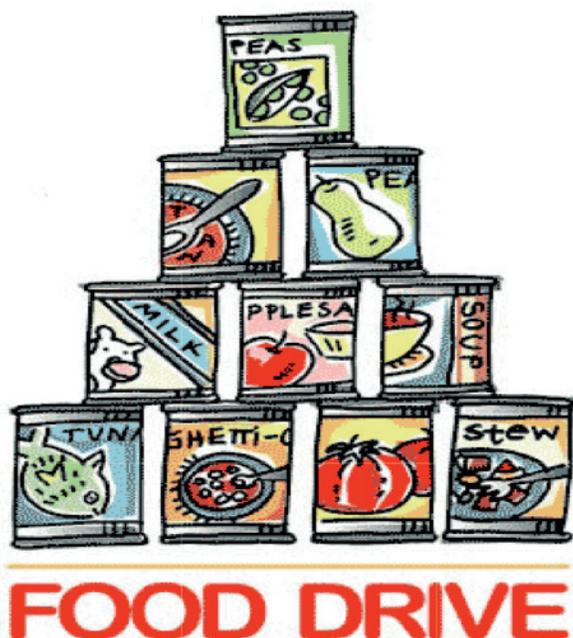
According to Bill, the biggest initial step is to become a 501(c)(3) designated nonprofit, which they are working on right now. They have filed articles of

incorporation, created bylaws and financial policy, and elected six officers (Bill as President, Christopher Schafer as Vice President, Secretary Jason Handlir, Assistant Secretary Dylan Beatty, Treasurer John Alexander, and Assistant Treasurer Alexei Yunka) and four members on the board of directors (Bill Stevenson, Brit Keller, Danny Sebek, and Rex Singleton). Their next step is to file a 28-page form with the IRS that includes a “three-year budget outlook, for a program that doesn’t exist yet,” Bill said. They hope to be a nonprofit by the end of the summer, and then they’ll be able to “go before Baltimore County Board of Recs and Parks, the volunteer organization that oversees all rec council.” The Board can then approve or disapprove the independent council. Bill is optimistic, as they “seem pretty enthusiastic so far.”

Bill said that “the size and shape of the first project is in flux” and “depends on funding.” One park could be as close as Overlook Park; they’re still looking at possible locations. The skateboarding rec council will have to obtain donations and grants, although they will receive some state and county matching contributions. “The goal is to have a concrete skateboard park open somewhere in Baltimore County by the Summer Olympics in 2020,” as there “likely [will be] an influx of new users,” and they “want to have a skate park ready for that,” Bill said. The rec council also will be “promoting skateboarding as a fun activity,” as it is a “pretty inexpensive” sport that is “underrepresented,” according to Bill. And, the “long-term goal is to break into four geographic units” within the County, each with its own skate park, as well as to “make use of [currently unused] basketball and tennis courts that lend themselves really well for smaller neighborhood skate parks.” Bill hopes to “change how the County manages access,” so that users could enter with a punch code, which would eliminate the cost of a paid attendant and allow for longer hours, perhaps dawn to dark. The parks will also allow roller skating and inline skating.

To learn more or get involved, please visit their Facebook page, Baltimore County Skateboard Council. Their website is baltcoskateboardcouncil.org.

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.