

# The Anneslie Times

**Spring 2014** 





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Yard Sale



worked Havina recently the registration table for our annual Dumpster Day, I was once again impressed and pleased by the genuine sense of connection and spirit among our neighbors. Because we got the Dues Notices out a little later than usual this year, a lot of people were paying them on the spot. We collected dues from over 60 families, on top of the many, many others who had paid prior to the event. We were met with smiling faces, compliments for our many efforts, offers to volunteer, and friendly conversation. I love those types of days.

Similarly, we had a great time at March's annual New Neighbor Reception. For those who may not remember, the Board of Governors and Block Captains sponsor a party to welcome any new neighbors from the prior year to Anneslie.

It's always nice to meet the "newbies", to share stories, to recommend a good plumber, or to find out what part of Baltimore City THEY just moved from.

It's a great chance to introduce them to fellow Board members and the Block Captains, and to let them know how they can become a part of their community.

That's key, because many of the neighbors that I talk to have a similar story. They didn't just want to buy a house in the county. They wanted to join a vibrant and active COMMUNITY in the county, which is what I hope people think of Anneslie. The smiling faces, friendly discourse, and helpful Facebook posts and emails often confirm that for me. It's reassuring to hear both the accolades and the critiques, and to have neighbors step up and actually ask to help and to be a part of it.

Scott A. McGovern, AIA President, Anneslie Community Association

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

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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- The 500 block of Anneslie Rd. extends a warm welcome to two new babies! They are- Alexander Gritsan, born 1/25/14 to Andrei and Lucy Gritsan and big sister Victoria of 518 Anneslie Rd.; and Elise Catherine (Ellie) Joines, born 1/16/14 to Brett and Jessica Joines and big sister Maddie of 514 Anneslie Rd. Congratulations to both families, and we are all wishing you active days and good sleeping at night!

600 Anneslie- We are pleased to welcome new neighbors Dane Ginsberg and Melissa Schloer (625). Along with their dog Charlie, they have moved north from Federal Hill. With that we also wish the best of luck to the Kapfhammer family who moved just over the PA line.

In baby news, Will & Brandi Knipscher, along with big sister Lydia Jane, welcome their new son/brother Wes to the family. Officially John Wesley, he was born on 2/18 weighing in at 10 lbs., and 22.5 inches long. Just a few days later, on 2/27, the Shieh Family welcomed their son Johanne. Sienna, Sean and big brother Marcin (age 2), are all doing great.

500 Dunkirk- Lynne and Will of 506 Dunkirk welcomed a healthy baby boy named Thomas .

600 Dunkirk- Howard and Cary Smedley enjoyed an April vacation in La Jolla, CA where their son Kyle lives. Kyle is the Operations Associate of Bump Network, Inc.. He continues to coach and play lacrosse. Cary described the sunsets over the beach every night, sea lions in the water, and sea gulls and pelicans everywhere. We are glad they returned to enjoy our Baltimore summers!

Hannah Aberle has graduated from Notre Dame Prep and will attend Loyola University, Maryland this fall.

700 Dunkirk- We were so saddened to learn that Mr. Dreyer had died in early March (727 ). Sally Mogilnicki (729), best captured the sentiments for those of us who had the good fortune of knowing him: "We were very sad to lose our dear neighbor, Mr. Dreyer, after having lost Mrs. Dreyer only two years earlier.

They were great neighbors and we enjoyed listening to Mr. Dreyer share the history of the neighborhood and local schools, as he had attended Stoneleigh Elementary. They were both very kind and attentive to our children. They always shared small gifts and candy with our children around the holidays, and in turn our children had the opportunity to help them with small tasks and favors. We will miss the comfort of seeing their lights on next door and knowing they were always there." Our sincerest condolences go out to the Dreyer family.

A warm welcome back to Amy Voeltner (724), who originally moved to Anneslie with her family in 1972. She moved back in 2009 after her parents retired and purchased the house last year. She works for an engineering firm in Towson and is delighted to be back in the neighborhood - we are delighted to have you back!

Congratulations to Julie and Joe Hopkins (717) whose son, Austin , graduated from Longwood University. Their daughter, Emily, graduated from North Stafford High School.

More congrats are in order to Holly and Clarke Poole, whose daughter Elizabeth, landed a full time position as a guidance counselor at Perry Hall Middle School!

Hats off to Leah Balkowski (718) and Noah Burchard (723) on graduating from Towson High School. Leah has decided to attend the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) while Noah has to decided to attend the University of Delaware. Congrats to both of them!

(719) Ted and Erin Fehskens' daughter, Eve, finally lost her front tooth, which was literally hanging on by a thread for over 4 months...phew!

500 Murdock - Welcome to the block Jen and Tom Askey and their sons, Tommy (2 1/2 yrs) and Danny (9 months). The Askey family moved in to 704 at the end of December.

600 Overbrook - Jeff and Hillary (629) moved to The Highlands of Hunt Valley, we're sorry to see them go.

500 Windwood - Emily and Blake Kizer (532), a new daughter, Adaline Kizer- March 31,2014, 8:29 PM, weight 6 lbs 5oz-height-20inches.

## ACA eNews - Are you in the Know?

Many neighbors have indicated a desire to receive community information via email. As a result, the Board of Governors implemented an 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 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 **kfeiring@anneslie.org**.

## 2014 Events Calendar

(dates may change as the year progresses)

Crab Feast June 21st

Movie Night August 16th

Annual Picnic September 20<sup>th</sup>

Annual Picnic (makeup date in case of rain) September 21<sup>st</sup>

Halloween Parade October 31st

Annual Meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>

Santa's Visit December 15<sup>th</sup>

Holiday Decoration Judging December 17<sup>th</sup>

## ANNESLIE CRAB FEAST 2014





When: Saturday, June 21st at 6:00 PM - Rain or Shine

Where: 520 Anneslie Road

Cost: \$40 for Crab Pickers or \$25 for Land Lubbers, before June  $12^{th}$ 

(cost will increase to \$45 for crabs and \$30 for land after 6/12)

This <u>adults only</u> 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  $19^{th}$ . Please call Mark Lewandowski @410-980-9008 with questions.

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Please return this portion to 730 Anneslie with your check

Name:

Willing to Help with Set-Up:

Address:

Phone Number:

# C.O.P. Rally Against Crime

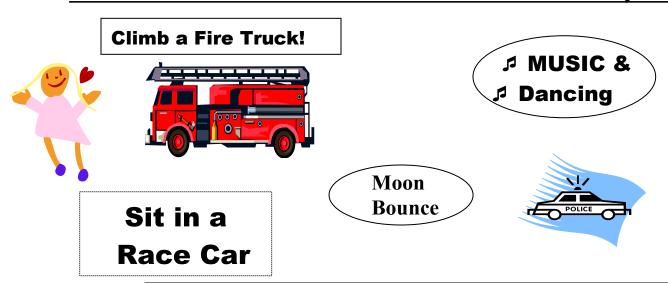
A Police, Citizens On Patrol, Feet On The Street, Neighborhood Partnership Friday, June 20, 2014

Allegheny Ave Between Circle & Washington Av Awards Ceremony 6:00-Live local band starts at 6:30PM

6:00 P.M. COP Program (Rain or Shine) (bring your own chair)

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PARKING GARAGE AT WASHINGTON AND ALLEGHENY

## Come Join Us!

For more information contact Pat France 410-828-5564

Your Donations are Welcome! Make payable to "TACOP" (501c3 Organization)

Mail to: 7508 Knollwood Rd, Towson, MD 21286

TACOP is comprised of 25 Towson Neighborhoods CRIME IS NOT WELCOME IN TOWSON

### Dumpster Day Follow Up - Disposal/Recycling Resources

At the wildly popular Anneslie dumpster day some residents were unable to dispose of various waste items. As a result we thought this information may be useful for the proper location and/or resource to discard some of these common household items.

#### Paint, chemicals and household hazardous waste:

A collection site where Baltimore County residents may drop off unwanted household chemicals, paints, pesticides, ammunition, fireworks, and automotive fluids for recycling or proper disposal is open from April through November only at the Eastern Sanitary Landfill (ESL) Solid Waste Management Facility. Small amounts of latex paint may be disposed of at home with regular household trash, but only if the paint is solidified (this can be accomplished by mixing the paint with cat litter or sand).

#### The ESL facility is located at:

6259 Days Cove Road, White Marsh, MD 21162 (off 11400 block Pulaski Highway, one block east of Allender Road) ph: (410) 887-2000

hours: Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The County also holds one-day HHW drop-off events twice per year, typically at either the Central Acceptance Facility (Cockeysville) or the Western Acceptance Facility (Halethorpe). Please contact Baltimore County's Waste Management Department for additional information at 410-887-2000 or EPS at 410-887-3745.

#### Central Acceptance Facility (CAF):

201 West Warren Road (Drop Off Drive, off of Warren Road, 1/4 mile west of York Road and 1/4 mile east of Beaver Dam Road) Cockeysville, MD 21030

ph: 410-887-2000

hours: Monday - Saturday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

#### Western Acceptance Facility (WAF):

3310 Transway Road (Go to the end of Transway Road, off the 4500 block of Hollins Ferry Road (Beltway Exit 9)

Halethorpe, MD 21227

ph: 410-887-2000

hours: Monday - Saturday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

#### Lawnmowers:

Remove all liquids. Riding mowers - remove tires and gas tanks. Place in scrap metal recycling bin at any of the three facilities in Baltimore County (White Marsh, Cockeysville or Halethorpe). If you wish to donate the lawnmower, contact Garden Harvest for more information (410-526-0698, www.gardenharvest.org).

#### Electronics (excluding TV and PC monitors):

Residential electronics only including PCs, VCRs, phones, etc. are accepted for recycling at all three Baltimore county facilities listed above.

#### PC monitors and Televisions:

Accepted as trash at all three Baltimore county facilities.



## 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!



## 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 Cina 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.

## Passing of Longtime Anneslie Resident, Robert Dreyer

Robert Dreyer of 727 Dunkirk passed away March 7, 2014. His daughter, Jane Dreyer Hammen, tells us a little bit about her father:

What kind of dad was your father? My dad was a very kind father. He never raised his voice. He never needed to -he was a big lumbering man with a heart of gold.

Why might his parents have chosen Anneslie? My grandparents rented the house at the corner of Anneslie and Banbury (that is where my aunt was born) and when 727 [Dunkirk] went up for sale they bought it in 1938. I think my grandparents just liked the area.

What it was like for him to raise his family in Anneslie after he grew up here? My dad attended Stoneleigh school and graduated from Poly Tech on North Ave. My dad was proud to raise his family in the house he grew up in - my bedroom was his old bedroom - and he always had a story about the house. His grandmother lived with them.

What did he talk about/memories of the neighborhood and changes in it - My dad delivered newspapers for Anneslie and Rodgers Forge. He knew the name of everyone on the street. He talked about when the building that currently houses CHAT used to be the doctor's office, when the dentist was across Dunkirk, a few houses in from York Road. He remembers when one of the houses in the neighborhood was a nursery school and when the Birckhead's owned Villa Anneslie and the time before the other houses were built around it. The house next door to his -728 Dunkirk- wasn't built until the 40's. Edgewood, between Register and Dunkirk, was the hill to go sledding on. The neighborhood was filled with kids.

What did your dad do for a living? What were his hobbies and/or passions? My dad was a union electrician. His passion was steam engines. He also enjoyed collecting stamps.

Where did he like to visit? Since my grandmother was from Ocean City -that is where we vacationed every summer. As a kid, I wanted to be on the beach playing and by the afternoon we were visiting my dad's aunts and uncles that we only saw once a year there.

#### Is there anything you would like people to know about your dad?

My dad was a one in a million -not because he was my father -but because he was truly a kind person. If someone needed help, he was the first one in line to help. My dad had the best sense of humor. It was dry, but funny. He thought it was always better to laugh than cry and to try and fail than never try at all. My parents were married 54 years. My mom passed away in 2012 and he missed her terribly. Exactly 36 hours after my dad passed away, his great-granddaughter, Charlotte Mae, was born.

#### On the Anneslie Community Facebook page, neighbors shared their memories of Mr. Dreyer.

Amy Norris Voeltner: Anneslie lost a wonderful neighbor...I have known Mr. Dreyer and his family since my family moved to Anneslie (across the street) when I was three. I am now forty-five and have loved living across the street from him once again since 2009. He is loved and respected by many and will be sorely missed...[he and his wife] I considered family.

Denny Bob Powers: I have known Mr. Dreyer since 1966 or '67 when I met his kids out front. I was 6 and lived across the street. I will miss that dry, Dreyer sense of humor!

Beth Snader Marshall: So sad to have lost our dear next door neighbors -- Mrs. Dreyer two years ago and now Mr. Dreyer.

Helen Linhard Aberle: He was a very kind man. He did our first electrical work on our house when we moved here 20 years ago.

## Anneslie Book Donations Now Benefit The Maryland Book Bank

Over the last several years neighbors have come to know the porch at 505 Murdock as a place where they can drop-off books for donation to a good cause. We think this is fantastic!!! In the past, these books were taken to the Baltimore Reads Book Bank to be given to families and schools that don't have books of their own.

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Book Bank began operating under a new non-profit called **The Maryland Book Bank** under the leadership of Executive Director, Mark Feiring, who was previously the Book Bank Director at Baltimore Reads. This new organization will continue the good work of providing books to those in need and helping children *Learn to Read* and *Read to Learn*.

Research shows that children in low income homes have between 0-2 age-appropriate books in the home, while children from middle income homes have an average of 54 age-appropriate books. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, middle income children have been read to for an average of 1,000 hours, while lower income students have only been read to for an average of 100 hours. The result for these children is lower proficiency by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and a 16% higher school drop-out rate when they reach high school.\*

One of The Maryland Book Bank's key programs aimed to narrow this achievement gap is the Home Library Program, which is currently targeted to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in certain Baltimore City schools. The children who participate in the program are given five age and gender appropriate books per month from the Book Bank to take home and keep. They finish the school year with as many books at home as their middle income counterparts. This enables them to be better equipped throughout the school year and beyond, bringing them one step closer to reading proficiency by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The long term results are increased time spent reading, better reading skills, and a much greater chance of graduating from high school.

The Maryland Book Bank gladly accepts monetary gifts, book donations, and volunteers to help grow and expand their programs for the benefit of Maryland children.

For more information, you can visit <a href="https://www.marylandbookbank.org">www.marylandbookbank.org</a>.

Please help spread the word and keep your book donations coming!

\*Statistics from Ensuring Success for Young Children: Early Childhood Literacy- Association of Small Foundations

## **Anneslie Yard Sale**

We enjoyed sunny weather this year f or the annual neighborhood yard sale. Walking around Anneslie it was evident there were numerous great deals made, both big and small. A few sightings from the day....











Special thanks to longtime Anneslie resident Sandy Houck for the great pictures!