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Anneslie residents celebrate neighborhood's march into history

Anneslie offers small-town charm blocks from the city line



Underrated neighborhoods



The President's Corner

As leaves begin to change to orange, yellow, and red, and fall from the trees, it's time to consider the effect these trees have upon Anneslie. We're fortunate to live in a bucolic community, with many of our streets lined with healthy mature trees. They buffer street noise, reduce glare from streetlights, clean our air, and provide habitat for the small animals and birds that give life to the community. Visit any suburban development built in the last 20 years and you gain a renewed appreciation for our mature tree canopy.

Unfortunately, many of these trees are in decline, have already died, or are being removed for other reasons. The trees planted in the narrow strip between the sidewalk and the street are considered "street trees" and are, by County code, existing in a cooperative agreement between the County and the property owner. The code recognizes the aforementioned benefits of street trees for the greater good of the community as a whole and contains certain provisions for their care, maintenance and removal if necessary.

The code, County guidelines, and utility company policies have, in recent years, changed in such a manner that new trees may not be planted in that zone between the sidewalk and street. Clearances from utilities, distances from intersections, the minimum dimension of the planting strip, and distance between trees have a cumulative effect of completely restricting new street trees from being planted in Anneslie. Which brings me to my point – we must, to the greatest extent we can, keep the existing trees that we have healthy and intact along our streets. Imagine the streets without them.

One significant issue that often results in the removal of a tree is sidewalk upheaval. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the sidewalk along their property frontage and to ensure that it is a safe and durable surface. Roots from trees planted in the narrow strip are the main culprits of heaved sidewalks, as the roots struggle to reach needed water and nutrients. Raised edges of sidewalks can be ground down or filled to ease abrupt transitions, but in many cases, sidewalk sections must be replaced.

It is the first reaction of many residents to contact Baltimore County DPW to replace sidewalks. After all, they do offer to do it for a cost slightly below private contractors, and add the cost over a few years of tax bills. However, it is County policy to first remove ANY tree adjacent to the sidewalk, no matter how small the root impact is upon the sidewalk, the health of the tree, or the potential ability to safely re-route the sidewalk to avoid a tree. They will only install the sidewalk completely straight, with no regard for methods that could otherwise correct the sidewalk while saving a tree.

This has resulted in the removal of dozens of otherwise healthy mature trees for the sake of a new straight sidewalk. So, we implore you to PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, NOT contact DPW to correct sidewalks. There are many highly qualified private contractors that can be hired to replace sidewalks, using methods that can provide for safe sidewalks and continued tree cover. Just ask them – the internet is full of great resources for proper techniques. It could be as simple as curving the sidewalk in towards the yard to provide breathing room for a trees trunk and roots. Many trees in Stoneleigh are beneficiaries of such simple measures and ours should be so lucky as well.

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

- Scott A. McGovern, AIA
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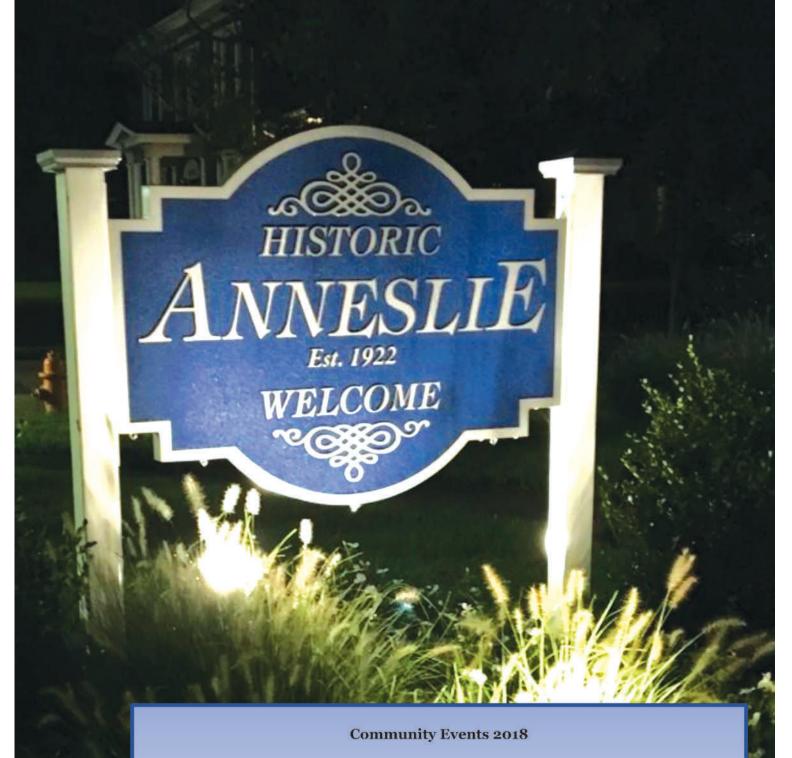
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Annual Meeting November 14 7:30 PM, Idlewylde Hall 6301 Sherwood Road

Fall Tree Pruning (Murdock Road) November 17

Holiday Neighborhood Decorating December 2 (volunteers welcome!)

Visit with Santa, December 10, 6-8 PM, 519 Anneslie Road

Holiday Decorations Judging, Evening of December 17

ANNESLIE SUMMER CONCERT UNDER THE STARS

This year, Gigi added a horn section!

We had a fun and energetic concert on a comfortable evening in September. The music and weather couldn't have been more perfect. John Kromkowski (Anneslie resident) and his band, Loose Can(n)on, started the evening around 7:30 pm with some smooth jazz while neighbors arrived and set up their chairs. Gigi Allen (Anneslie resident) and her band, One Love, started around 8:30 pm. With one short break, they performed until almost 11:30 pm. About 105 people attended the concert, most of whom stayed through to the end. Attendees got to hear songs by Aretha Franklin, Donna Summer and Stevie Wonder. Her seven piece band included a backup singer, bass, guitar, keyboards, drums and the new addition of a trumpet and a trombone. This new horn section added a new level of energy to the band's sound that could be heard throughout the neighborhood.

It was a wonderful evening and we're all looking forward to the next concert. What will she surprise us with next year?

A special thank you to Marty Devaney for delivering, lending and picking up his audio equipment. Without it, there would be no concert.



ANNESLIE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Family vs. family, neighbor vs. neighbor!

The Fourth Annual Anneslie Cornhole Tournament took place Saturday, August 18th. A total of ten teams participated in the hotly contested round robin event, with the finals pitting the father/son team of Tom and Bryce Vanik against the husband/wife team of Seth and Heather Berkowitz. The Vanik's prevailed and were crowned the 2018 Champs! Special thanks to Anneslie resident and baker Chuck Marquette for donating bakery fresh hot dog and hamburger buns and also Jim Craig of Allstate (6609 York Road) for donating the trophy and sponsoring the event. Lastly, thank you to Mark Lewandowski for hosting the event.

- Story by Robert Fisher





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ANNESLIE PICNIC

Break in the Weather Means Fun for Neighbors!

Another Success! The amazing annual Anneslie Picnic was held on a beautiful September afternoon. This year we were on the 600 Block of Murdock. Thank you to the neighbors from the block who made it a great experience for the whole neighborhood. A special thank you to Matt Zoll for the music; Chuck Marquette for the hotdog rolls; Gigi Fisher for the beans, and our friendly neighbors for such a wide variety of tasty side dishes and desserts. Thank you to the Board for another wonderful year.



Keeping an eye on the neighborhood

If you are an Anneslie resident and would like to volunteer with our COP Program, please send an email to cop@anneslie.org in order to:

- Add your name as a COP Volunteer
- ·Sign up for one or more shifts
- ·Request a copy of our COP Schedule
- ·Find out more information

Our COP Coordinator will contact you and get you started.

Anneslie Monthly Food Drive

Bring your non-perishable food donations to one of these locations during the last weekend of the month.

> 627 Anneslie 625 Dunkirk 606 Murdock 607 Overbrook

Your donations help stock the ACTC food pantry. Thank you for helping your community!

n Sale Now! \$8.00 each Winter is coming! Go to our website Anneslie.org to order your mugs! Orders will be hand-delivered to Anneslie residents.

Shipping costs apply for out-of-area orders.

E-CYCLING IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

The Queen of Green simply must know: have you pre-ordered your new I-Phone XR? Looks and price tag fit for royalty, indubitably. What about your last phone though? Where did it go? Some, I'm sure, know that old phones or CPUs or other electronical devices can be disposed of thoughtfully at the Baltimore County Central Acceptance Facility (aka the CAF aka the landfill). Jeeves, the Queen's butler, tells us that Target and Staples also take small electronics.

But how lovely would it be to recycle your technological castoffs in your own backyard? Convenient? Quick? Yes, yes it was! Thirty or so of your fellow Annesliens/Anneslie-ites found out just how speedy it was Sept. 15. at the neighborhood's first E-Cycling Event.

The e-cycling—o-rama took place in the back parking lot of the Kingdom Worship Hall. Beth Miller, John McKusick, and other doers of Green Good collected trunkfuls of e-junk. More than old cellular devices, but the gamut—burnt out Christmas lights, dead DVD players, CDs galore.

Then the Queen herself schlepped the pile over to the Stoneleigh Pool parking lot, where we added it to the e-normous e-heap. You see, Anneslie cleverly and joyfully horned in on the Stoneleigh Neighborhood Association's Dumpster Day, which included e-cycling collection. A hearty thanks go to Carol Newell and Paddy Watson, who lead that impressive effort and let us share.

Before her Majesty retires for tea, though, why bother with special disposal? The earth, silly! Electronic gadgetry contains lots of materials that can be made into more stuff, electronics, of course, but other stuff too. The aluminum gleaned from an old computer might end up in an airplane, or the steel in a car. Electronics also contain precious metals, like gold, silver and platinum—the Queen especially frowns upon gold and platinum going into the dustbin.

Then the nasties: lead and mercury. Lead can be recycled into batteries, so that's good. But no one wants these poisonous elements leaching into our water or soil. They need proper disposal to help protect people, animals and plants.

If you missed this year's e-cycle-o-rama, you can look forward to next year's. If you can't wait, and who can, really? the CAF takes all that stuff too—mostly for free. Best Buy will recycle your TV for \$25 and the Apple Store might even buy that decrepit IPhone X when you upgrade. For more info:

https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/solid_waste/trashandrecyclingfacilities.html

- Story by Anneslie's Queen of Green





BETH BONE MILLER TALKS TOWSON TREES (AND MORE)

On October 18, Beth Miller, Registered Architect and head of Anneslie's Greening Committee, gave a talk at the Towson Library to a very appreciative audience. Her topic was the many ways Towson's landscape is not green (boo), and ways to add healthful and sustainable elements of green architecture and landscape design to our urban environment (yay!). You've read our President's plea for Anneslie trees – here's a graphic that describes many ways trees can benefit us.

Learn more at

https://www.facebook.com/GreenTowsonAlliance/

500 Anneslie Block News

We are happy to report a new member of our neighborhood at 517 Anneslie Rd. A warm welcome goes to Ashley Hoover, who bought the house and moved in over the summer!

600 Anneslie - We look forward to meeting our neighbor at 606 Anneslie!

500 Dunkirk - Congratulations! Lots of babies and new neighbors!

- Greg and Lori Guenther, along with big sister Eliza, welcomed a new baby girl Callie
- Drew and Kelly Montgomery recently moved to 511 Dunkirk from Loch Raven Village
- * with their daughter Charlotte, 5, and son Teddy, 10 months
- Emily and Greg Herwig welcomed a baby girl this spring
- We also welcomed new neighbors at 539 Dunkirk, Jessica and Jong Jiang, Angelina 4 and Justin 6
- Joel Fink and Chantelle Terrillion (537 Dunkirk) are excited to announce their son, Samson Gabriel Fink, was born on June 23. Big sister Aubrielle is 2!

700 Dunkirk

- Congrats to Juli and Joe Hopkins (717) both Clay and Emily graduated from their academic programs this past May. Clay graduated from James Madison University and is currently working in Arlington VA as an IT consultant for Deft Consulting. Emily graduated from Asbury University and is teaching special education at Jessamine County High School in Kentucky. She is engaged to be married this summer to Julian Telles. Such great news we are so happy for them!
- We have two new very adorable babies on the block:
 - Congrats to Ted, Erin and Eve (719) on their new family member, Elijah Bowie Harrison Fehskens. Elijah was born on June 30 and is doing great, as are his wonderful mom, dad and big sister. And we love how Elijah's middle names are a nod to his parents' musical loves.
 - Congrats also to the ever-expanding Thierer family (721) new granddaughter Annabelle was born on July 31. Sarah, John and big brother Gabriel are all doing well! Congratulations also to Jay Thierer and Mary Bolgiano on their Oct. 20 wedding celebration!
- Finally, we were sad to say goodbye to Stacey Franklin (720) and her lovely family. They moved to Stoneleigh in August. Glad they are still close by!
- We look forward to welcoming the new neighbors when they arrive.

600 Murdock

- Welcome to our new neighbors Elizabeth and Tom Adolph who just moved in at 604 Murdock; a belated welcome to Rashelle Musci and Eric Morrison who moved in at 614 Murdock earlier this year with their sweet daughter Luca and dog Steve.
- We already miss Abbott Bolte and John Connolly who moved from 600 Murdock. They've moved to Otterbein in Baltimore and gave a lovely party to say good bye to their neighbors. We all look forward to meeting the new owners of their home.
- Congratulations to John Finegan of 619 Murdock who completed the Baltimore Marathon on October 20th. John has run 19 marathons including all 18 of the Baltimore marathons. I saw John the very next day as he was running down Murdock!!!!! What an athlete!

700 Murdock - We are looking forward to meeting our new neighbors at 727 Murdock!

600 Overbrook

We welcome our new neighbors Gina, Ricky, Emmy, and Diego to their new home at 623! Couldn't be happier to have them be a part of our block!

600 Regester

A special thank you to our 600 block of Regester Avenue neighbors Samia Gatgens, Beth Abraham, Denise Donovan, Angie McAllister, and Therese Canares who organized the Regester Avenue Block party on October 13, 2018. Combining forces with our neighbors across the street, they were able to host a true block party on Wardman bringing together Regester Avenue neighbors from many blocks for good food, games, music and fire pit conversations. Wardman Road was closed from Kingston down to Regester and provided a perfect venue for the event. Neighbors from both communities, and even Idlewylde, met, mingled and had a great pot luck. We're hoping to do it again next year. A great time was had by all.

700 Regester

We'd like to thank Wendy so much for her many years of block captain service. She is passing the torch to Beth Stiles for the 700 block of Regester. Thank you, Wendy!

500 Windwood

We have a new family in the 500 block of Windwood Road. Brandon and Nell King and children Oscar and Greta moved in this summer.



Thank you, Block Captains and Rachel, for giving time and energy to your community!