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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                                 |                    |
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| New Neighbor Party              | March 7, 2020      |
| Bowling Night                   | March 14, 2019     |
| Stream Cleanup                  | TBA                |
| Yard Sale                       | April 25, 2020     |
| Dumpster Day                    | May 2, 2020        |
| Cornhole Tournament (tentative) | June 1, 2020       |
| Anneslie Picnic                 | September 12, 2020 |
| Halloween Decorating Judging    | October 24, 2020   |
| Halloween Parade                | October 31, 2020   |
| Annual Meeting                  | November 18, 2020  |
| Santa's Visit                   | December 14, 2020  |
| Holiday Decorating Judging      | December 21, 2020  |

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700 Gail Vernick 410-377-2541  
Jesse Kaplin 410-377-5039

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500 Ellen/Jim Sheridan  
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600 Sue McGovern  
410-377-7948

700 Beth Stiles  
707-459-0475

## Murdock Road

500 Karen Buch  
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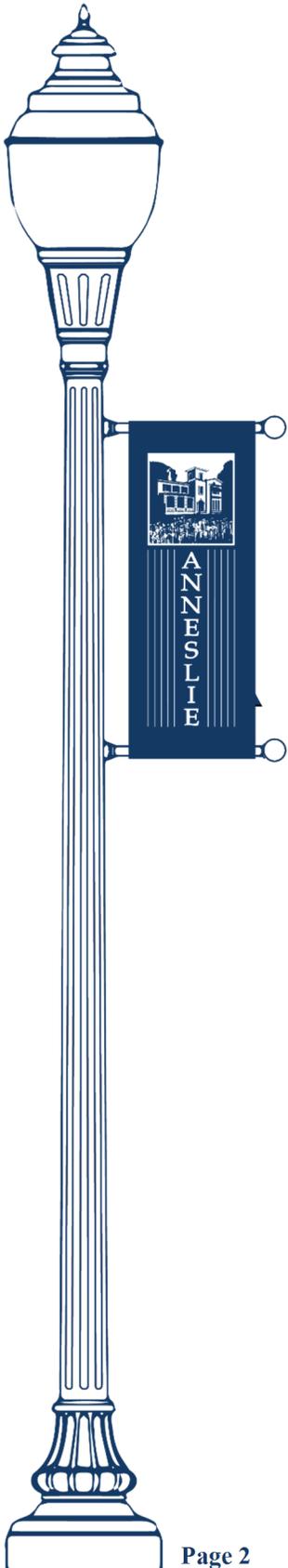
600 Mike Kahn  
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# The President's Corner

Robert Fisher

I'm excited to assume the role of President for the Anneslie Community Association. Back in 2011, Gigi and I were looking at houses in the area and described to our realtor what we were looking for in a home, but even more important... a community. We wanted great schools for our two children to attend, a neighborhood with older homes rich in character and a location not too far from our workplaces. Just as important, we also desired a neighborhood that had an inclusive vibe. The realtor mentioned a few other communities and then suggested Anneslie.

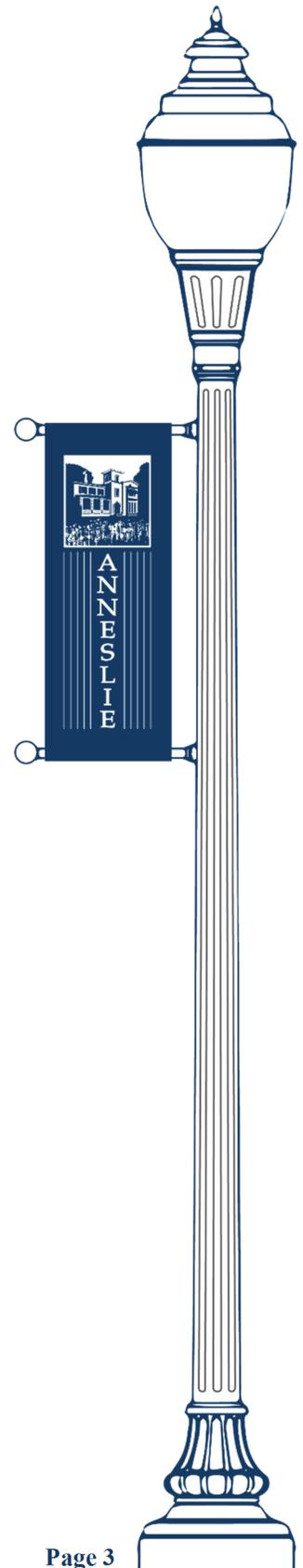
Neither of us are native Marylanders and had at the time only lived in the Old Line State for about three years. We had never heard of Anneslie but were openminded because it checked every box on our wish list. Nine years later, we couldn't be happier to say we live in Anneslie. I always tell people who aren't familiar with our neighborhood, it is the most inefficient community when you're trying to do any type of project or yard work in the front yard and I mean that in the most complementary way possible. What should normally take only 20-30 minutes to mow and edge the front lawn could easily take three times that long as dog walkers pass by and strike up a conversation about the latest Ravens win or a friend driving down the street pulls over to chat for a

few minutes about the latest brewery that just opened.

A little bit about us, the Fisher household consists of Gigi (think Anneslie Concert under the Stars), our fourteen-year-old son Noah, twelve-year-old Nia along with two dogs (Raven and Sparky) and two cats (Nittany and Hoth). Up until just a few weeks ago, we had three dogs, but sadly Wallace passed away after eighteen great years. We had adopted Wallace two years ago after our next door neighbor and unofficial Grandma to our kids, Sandy, passed away. As I often say, if we get a couple more canines or felines running around our home, we're gonna need a boarding license. Our home whether it's Noah shouting at his TV about Fortnite, Nia (ear pod immersed) singing away in her room, Gigi singing as she's painting yet another room or me yelling at the TV about my favorite Michigan based sports team's latest gaffe (too many to count) or the dogs keeping us safe from the menacing plastic bag rolling past the front window, 509 Dunkirk is literally quiet only during the wee hours of the night...and we wouldn't have it any other way.

When I first joined the Board in 2012, I did it as a means to interact with people within the community and get involved in festive events like bowling night, the cornhole tournament, crab feast, dumpster day,

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# Around Anneslie

## Citizen of the Year

In 2011, County Councilman David Marks established a Fifth District Citizen of the Year program to honor outstanding volunteers and leaders from Towson and Kingsville. This year, he recognized Scott McGovern, recent past President of the Anneslie Community Association. Scott has had a long and distinguished tenure serving the community having started on the ACA Board of Governors in 2008. He was elected President for the first time in 2009 and served in that role for six years. After a three-year term as Vice President, he returned to serve two additional years as President.

Scott has recently taken on some new leadership roles with the Boy Scouts of America and the American Institute of Architects which required that he give up his board position. Scott has stated that he's not going anywhere though and will continue to support the community from the sideline. As an example, Scott and his wife, Sue, are again hosting this year's New Neighbor Party.

The Board congratulates Scott for this recognition by County Councilman Marks. We thank him for his dedication to our community and wish him well in his new volunteer responsibilities.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!

## Anneslie Banner Fund

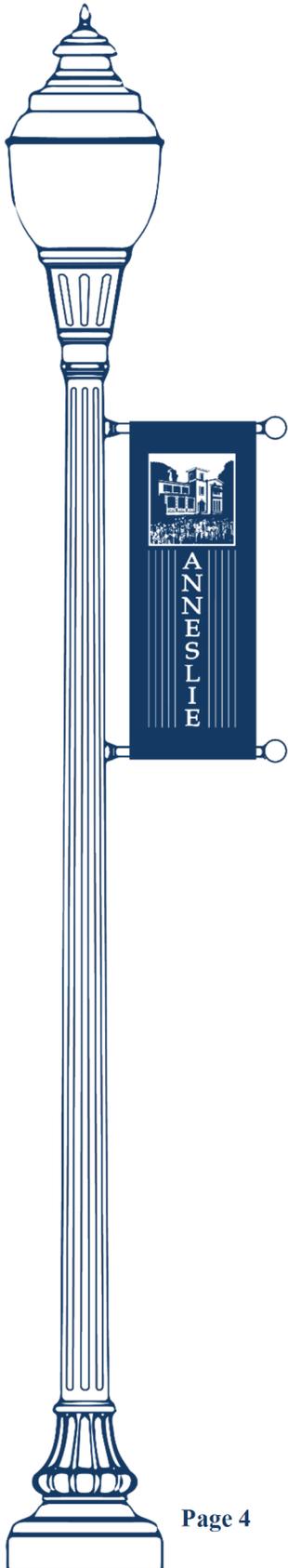
How much do you love the Anneslie banners hanging along Register Avenue, York Road and around the neighborhood? Do you see them and say to yourself:

**“Aah, it’s nice to be home!”**

Through your generous contributions to the banner fund over several years, we were able to get them designed, produced and installed. Since that time, the ACA Board has worked hard to ensure that they remain in place and damage free. However, like most everything, maintenance is an ongoing responsibility. Sometimes, the banners come loose and fly away or get damaged by the weather.

For these reasons, we need to keep up the fund raising to replace weathered, torn, or lost banners. If you would like to help with our banner fund, any contribution amount, large or small, will make a big difference!

Individuals and businesses are welcome to participate. You can add to your dues renewal or send in a check designated to the fund. A PayPal payment or a check sent to the P.O. box would be greatly appreciated.



# Around Anneslie

## Dues and Discount Card

### Join the Anneslie Community Association!

Last year you could bowl, clean a stream, sell at the yard sale, get rid of stuff on dumpster day, compete in cornhole, watch an outdoor movie, chat with neighbors at the picnic, dress up the family and join the Halloween parade, visit Santa and decorate your house for the holidays. That is a lot of activities!

### It can't happen without your dues.

They help to cover the costs of each event. We usually have about fourteen events scheduled throughout the year. That is more than one event a month. Unfortunately, our membership has declined over the past few years and the ACA Board cannot continue to support these events without **YOUR SUPPORT**. Our events are varied to appeal to young kids through to adult-only events. Please consider joining the ACA to support these events. When you join, your household will receive two ACA discount cards. This card gives you a discount to local vendors in our community.

Paying your dues is a WIN-WIN situation. You help the Anneslie community and you get a discount card to support local businesses. See you at the next event!!!

REMEMBER: Once you pay your 2020 dues...you will get the 2021 card in January of 2021.

## Anneslie Monthly Food Drive

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

- 627 Anneslie
- 625 Dunkirk
- 606 Murdock
- 607 Overbrook

Your donations help stock the ACTC food pantry.

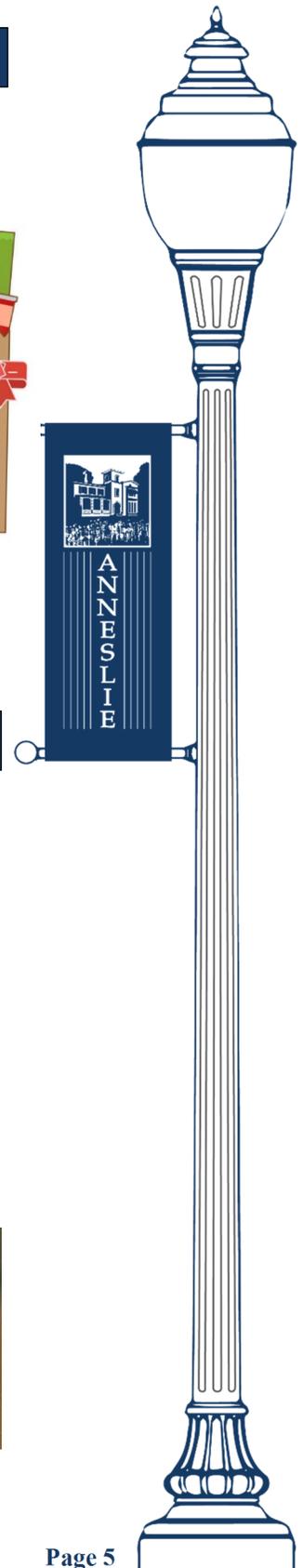
Thank you for helping your community!



## Community Directory

Our last directory was printed in 2014. We think it is time for a new one! The ACA Board is working hard to get one published THIS year. If you are interested in helping, please contact [newsletter@anneslie.org](mailto:newsletter@anneslie.org).

Please be on the lookout for an email from us confirming your contact information. Please return your information in a timely manner to keep us on schedule.



# Around Anneslie

## Stoneleigh Shoppes

By Scott McGovern, AIA

No doubt by now you've noticed some changes at the historic Stoneleigh Shoppes building at the northeast corner of York Road and Register Avenue. Uncle Wiggly's and The Lily Pad have both closed, the dry cleaners appear to be changing hands, and a leasing sign is present in front of the building. While some may be disappointed to see the departure of long-time community businesses, it's time to look forward to the evolution of this community icon.

The building was purchased last fall by Reba Holdings, LLC, whose president is Mr. Jeremy Landsman. Reba is responsible for several successful Hampden developments, including the Hampden outpost of The Charmery and The Food Market.

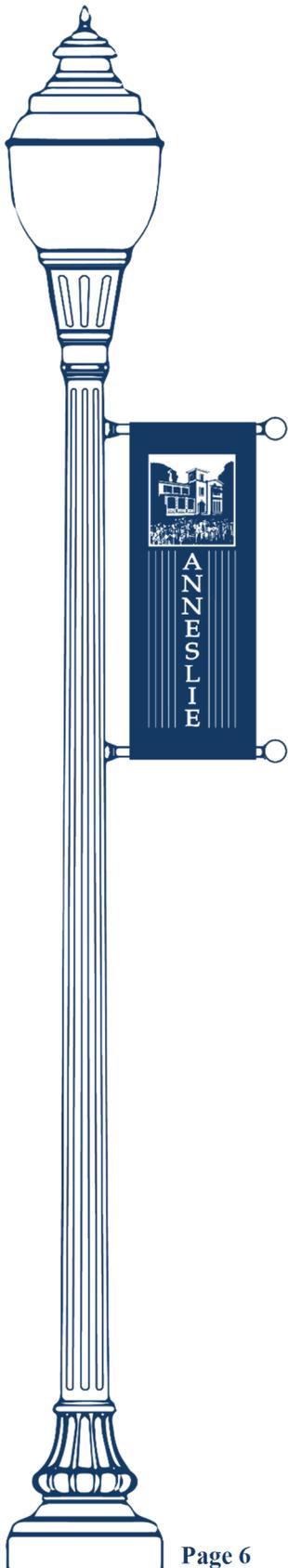
Last November, several leaders of Anneslie, Stoneleigh, and Rodgers Forge met with Jeremy to discuss his plans for the center. Included in the



meeting was myself (as outgoing President of the ACA), the President of the Stoneleigh CA, the outgoing VP of the Rodgers Forge CA, immediate neighbor to the property, Nick Hoover, and Councilman David Marks.

We discussed the communities' desires to keep the tenants of the center as local as possible and that they should be businesses that can be patronized by local residents. He agreed with that vision and hopes to find the right tenants, not necessarily the first ones that show interest in the space. We asked about the possibility of an independent bistro or wine bar as an option, acknowledging the State and County liquor regulations that prohibit liquor licenses within 300' of a church or school. This law has prevented similar options in the past, allowing only BYOB establishments. Jeremy noted that there is precedent for this regulation to be relaxed if the community and nearby church (in this case, First & St. Stephens) agree. Again, he noted that he's pursuing ALL possibilities and is interested in community input.

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As for the building itself and its current and former tenants, there is both good and bad news. For the good, the building is a designated Baltimore County Landmark property and cannot be demolished or altered in its exterior appearance. Zoning additionally restricts the types of businesses and uses that can be accommodated here. Jeremy has noted that he does NOT intend to challenge this and understands the inherent historic value that property holds to the community. As for the bad, the building had been suffering from deferred maintenance and neglect by the previous owner for many years and has some significant issues. These issues were so severe that rent for the tenants had been kept below market rates for some time. With the new purchase and need to repair the building, Reba needed to assess new higher rents for the tenants, some of whom have been unable to absorb, resulting in the closure of Uncle Wiggly's and The Lily Pad. They were valued businesses and we wish their owners the best of luck as they move to other opportunities.

## Column Requests

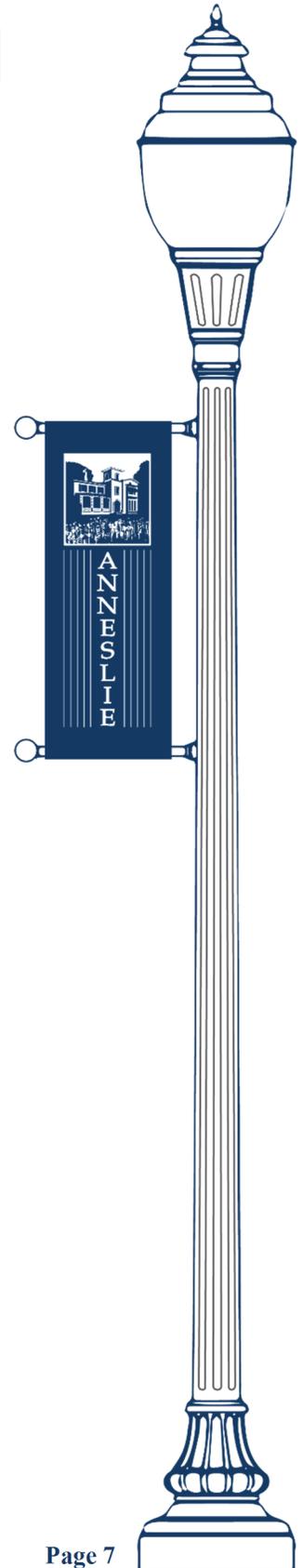
Do you have a hobby, interest in a particular field, or a story that you'd like to share? Are you willing to write an occasional article for The Anneslie Times? As the newsletter editor, I'm looking to add more stories of community interest. Please submit your story ideas to [newsletter@anneslie.org](mailto:newsletter@anneslie.org) for consideration. Thank you.

*President's Corner*

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summer concert and of course our annual picnic. Soon after joining the Board I was asked to be editor of the critically acclaimed Anneslie Times, (still waiting for my Pulitzer). I enjoyed that for about two years before assuming the Treasurer role.

Late last year, Scott McGovern informed the ACA Board that he needed to step down in order to devote more time to his other volunteer duties, especially Boy Scouts. Scott has been a great President over the years and we're very appreciative of his guidance. While I have some big shoes to fill, I'm proud to say we have an amazingly dedicated group of ACA Board members who keep things running smoothly and bring wide ranging viewpoints and personalities to the table making our monthly ACA Board meetings equal parts business and entertainment. That said, we're always seeking new members and have a few open spots should anyone be interested. I'm looking forward to an amazing 2020. Should you have a question or concern, I can be reached at [president@anneslie.org](mailto:president@anneslie.org).



## Rats in the neighborhood?

### **RATS...what to do.**

It is extremely difficult to eliminate rodent infestations within the community by extermination efforts alone. Rats are prolific breeders so control measures must include the elimination of food, water and harborage necessary for them to carry on the breeding process.

The following steps provide the basis for effective residential rodent control:

- Inspect your property regularly for signs of rodent activity.
- Be neat. Keep your yard free of trash, debris, high grass or accumulations of building supplies.
- Don't feed the rats. Pet food, pet manure, open garbage cans or cans without tight lids or bags of garbage, bird seed or other food scraps left outside are an open invitation for rats.
- Never put household garbage or food scraps in compost piles.
- Cut off their water supply. Dump pails, unused flowerpots, toys or equipment where water accumulates.
- Protect your home. Close any holes in the foundation of your house, eliminate cavities under steps or porches.
- Clean up any outside eating areas.
- Utilize construction methods that minimize/eliminate crawl spaces under decks or sheds. (rats can slip through spaces of one half an inch and are energetic diggers).
- Fight the Rat. Act immediately. Use bait station or trap products.

- Contact a certified professional pest control operator.
- Communicate. Talk to your family and your neighbors. They may not realize that a problem exists.

Rodent infestations must be addressed by everyone if they are to be successfully controlled or eliminated.

### **RAT Facts:**

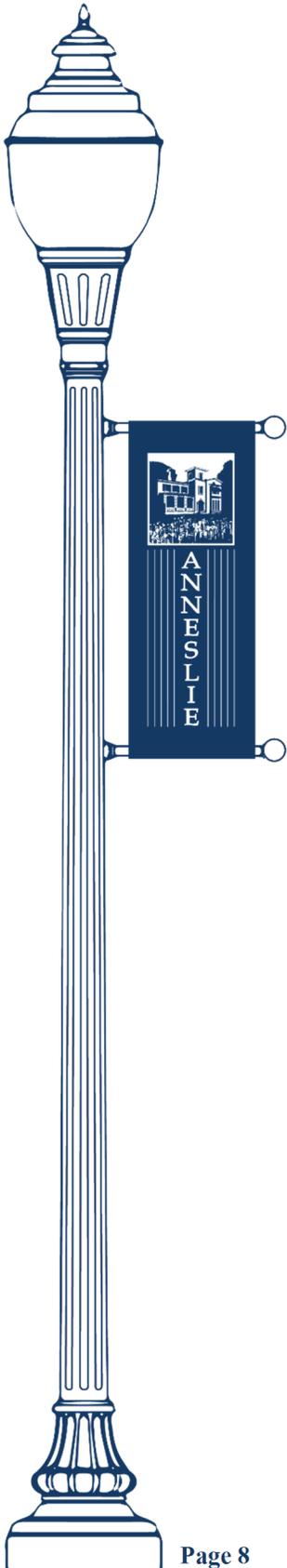
- Most common rat is the Norway Rat
- Live underground in burrows
- Adult Norway rats are 12" to 18" inches long with a 5"-8" tail
- Feces are capsule shaped and up to three fourths of an inch
- Typically live about one year
- Females may have four to seven litters (6-12 per litter) per year
- Rats will travel up to 150' to find food
- They tend to grow in population in direct relation to the available food supply

How does this affect the public?

- They destroy or contaminate food supplies
- Rodent feces and urine are a source of gastrointestinal diseases

Baltimore County residents may call in complaints or request information using the Code Enforcement telephone number, 410-887-3351, or file complaint online at [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/ratattack/ratcomplaints.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/ratattack/ratcomplaints.html)

This information was taken from the Baltimore County website.



# Block News

## 500 Anneslie

Warm welcomes to our newest neighbors! Leigh Ann and her sweet boy, Levi, moved from Federal Hill. She grew up nearby and loves raising him near her old haunts.

Both Nick Monaco and his wife Melanie DeFazio and Christine, Connor, and Evan Durand moved from Canton to Anneslie Road. Not only did they both move from Canton, they ended up next door to one another at 532 and 534 respectively.

We welcome Briana Shirey, Chad Engers, Abbey and Sadie Littleton who made 515 their new home this November.

## 600 Anneslie

We are sad to see our neighbors Jim Jarrett and Teresa McCoy (637) move from our block after 15+ years of being wonderful neighbors. Those who know them will miss their friendship, generosity and T's southern caviar at our neighborhood parties. Jim and T are now settling in Columbus, Ohio as T found her dream job with The Ohio State University. Halloween will never be the same on this block but we'll look forward to visits and staying in touch.

## 500 Murdock

After years of begging for a dog, Charlotte Feiss (514), age 13, finally welcomed little pup, Louie to their family.

Climb Zone, owned by Kristan Joice (518), offers 20% off with the Anneslie Discount Card.

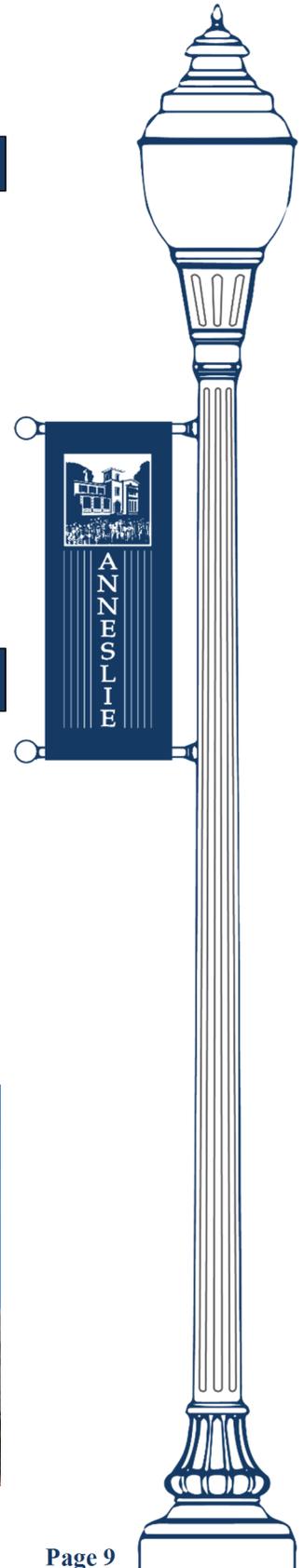
## 600 Overbrook

New Neighbors Gerrit, Margaret, Henry (first grade at SES), and Lily (pre-K at Redeemer Parish) joined us in October. Welcome! They moved after living in Patterson Park for 12 years. You can find them playing ice hockey and t-ball, participating in neighbor greening and tree planting, or with Cub Scout Troop 352 at SES. They are happy to be in the neighborhood and look forward to getting to know you all better.

## Photographs Wanted

### Attention Community Photographers – Experts and Novices!

The Newsletter Editor is looking for general-use photographs to place in the newsletter. If you have photos that represent the Anneslie community and would like to see them in print, please send them to [newsletter@anneslie.org](mailto:newsletter@anneslie.org).



# Neighborhood Events

## Halloween Decorating/Judging

Ghouls clung to tree branches, pumpkins happy and horrid flickered on stoops and porches, and light displays in shades of purple, orange, and black haunted the neighborhood on Halloween. Congratulations to this year's winners of the Halloween decorating contest and thanks to all who got into the spooky spirit.



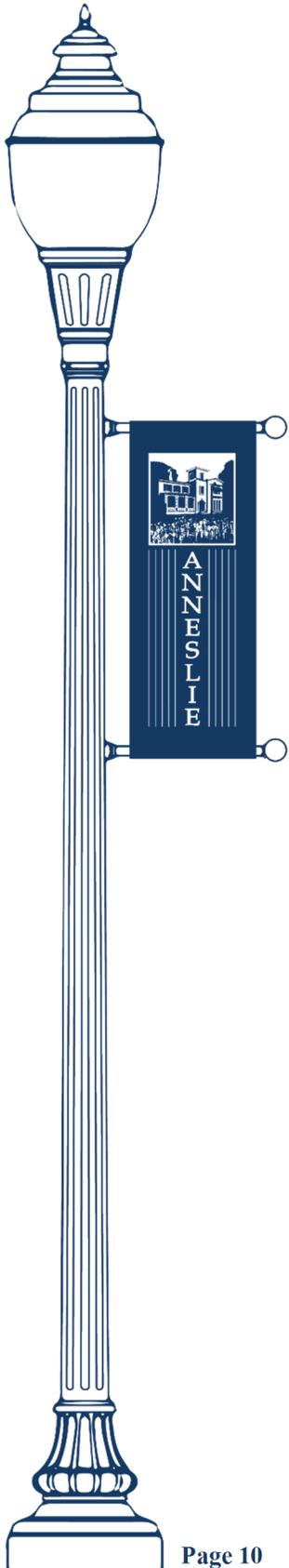
721 Anneslie – Best in Show



719 Anneslie – Best Use of Pumpkins



607 Overbrook – Scariest



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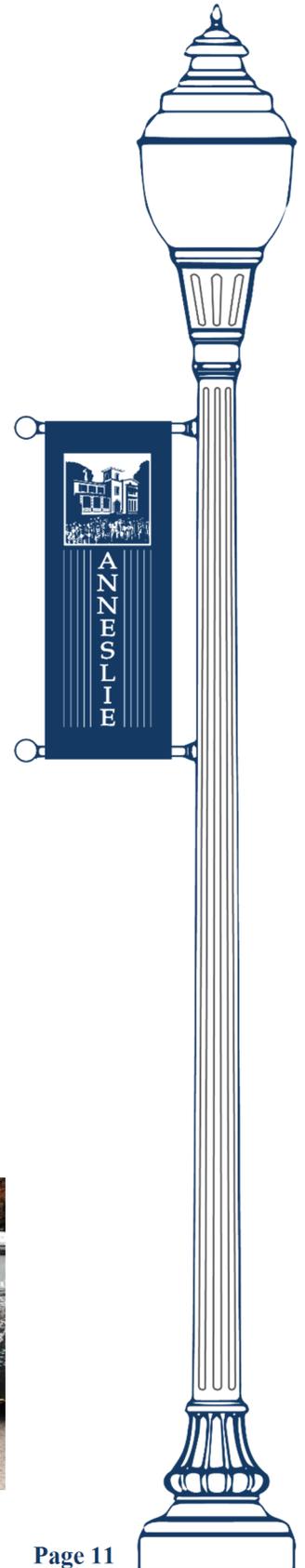


***Start planning your costumes for this fall (that means you too, adults!) – Halloween 2020 is on a Saturday!***

## Halloween Parade

As October 31 dawned, the wind and the Facebook messages were flying! Tornado warnings and weather-report worrying seemed to put trick-or-treating in peril. However, the Fates smiled on Anneslie and our party and parade progressed under sunny skies. Residents came out for pizza, BYOC (bring your own cup) cider, snacks, and more.

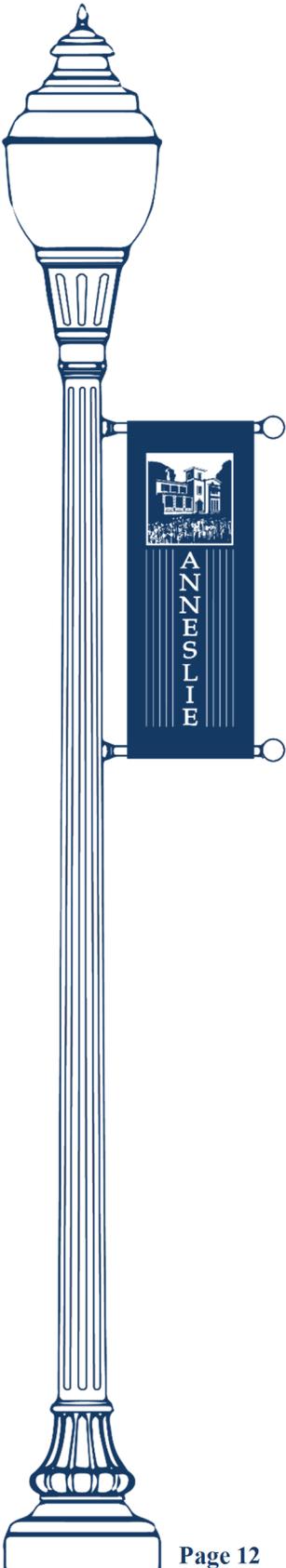
After many memorable years on the 700 block of Dunkirk, the festivities moved up to the 500 block this year and neighbors did not miss a beat. Music, merriment, and a creepy chalk-painted hearse filled with skeletons made the party complete. A parade of characters, creatures, superheroes, ghosts, and more took off down the block at the end of the party to kick off the candy collection. Warm temperatures prevailed and prompted the mid trick-or-treat shedding of helmets and other heat-inducing accessories (several inflatable dinosaurs did not make it through the night!). Thanks to all who helped with the party and parade, gave out candy and other treats, and kept porch lights on to welcome neighbors and visitors.



# Neighborhood Events

## Santa's Visit

The holidays are over. It's always bittersweet to see the decorations gone. Santa visited Anneslie on December 9, 2019. He had many young visitors who patiently waited to sit on his lap to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Santa listened and received many handwritten lists with creative pictures describing what they wanted. As always, a fun evening to kick off the holidays. A huge thank you to Santa for stopping by during the start of his very busy season!



# Neighborhood Events

## Holiday Decorations

A small group of ACA Board members braved a cold and rainy December night to drive through the neighborhood judging the most creative/best theme, the most illuminated/commercial and the most traditional home decorations. We take our job seriously as we debate every house and then drive through again to confirm our choices. This year, we found a fourth house that we just couldn't place in our three categories. We agreed to give it an Honorable Mention award. We also held a People's Choice Award. That winner was also the most illuminated/commercial winner. All the winners received a gift card to Villagios restaurant.

There are about ten months to start thinking about your 2020 decorations. We are looking forward to next year's contest.



**Thank you to the ACA Board members who braved the cold to decorate the street poles and our Anneslie sign!**



624 Anneslie – Most Creative/Best Theme



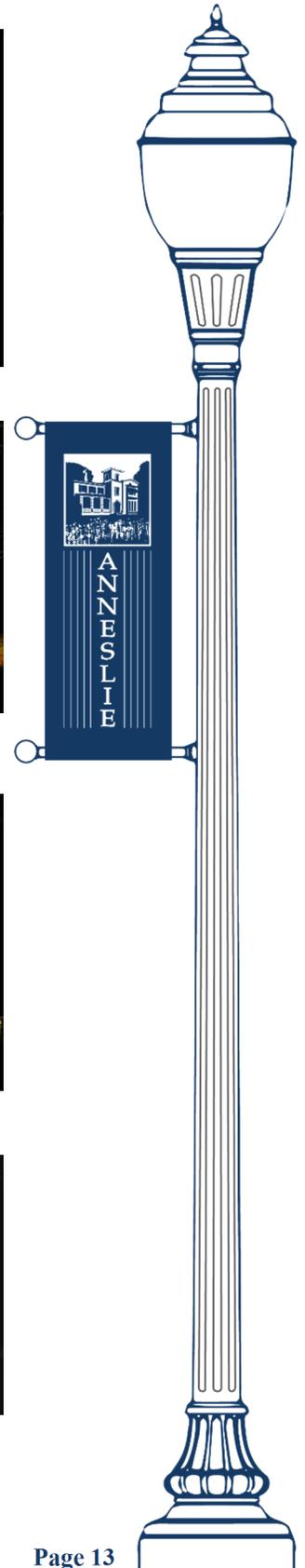
622 Overbrook – People's Choice and Most Illuminated/Commercial



530 Overbrook – Most Traditional



715 Overbrook – Honorable Mention



# Neighborhood Events

## Annual Meeting

The Anneslie Annual Meeting was held in the Idlewyld Hall on November 20, 2019.

Anneslie's representative to the County Council, David Marks, outlined his current top priorities. David is concerned about speeding on Regester Avenue; a speed camera has been placed and has helped. Current efforts to encourage the use of public transportation in Towson hinge on the proposed Towson Circulator, a free bus that would shuttle users along York Road between neighborhoods such as Anneslie, and the center of Towson. David is also concerned about zoning and is working on reducing the zoning level on York Road near Anneslie. He would like to see more green space in Towson; a new park is planned.

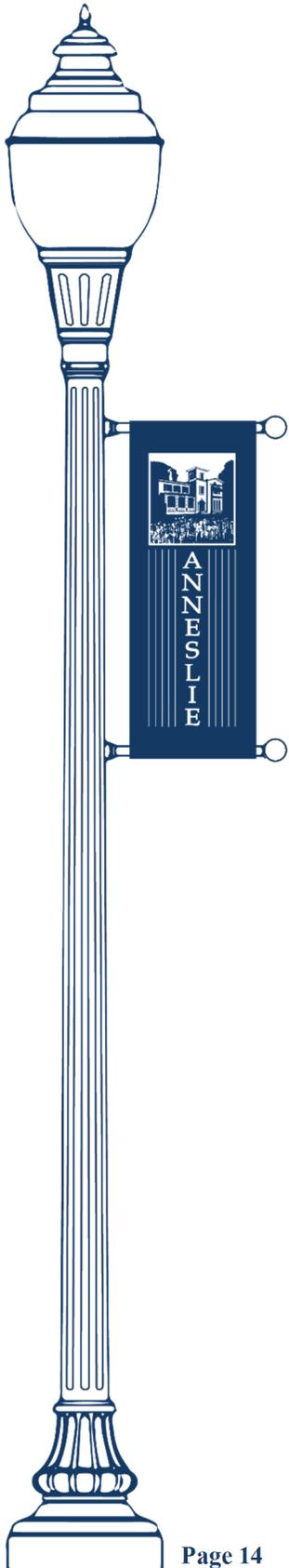
Cathi Forbes, new member of the Maryland House of Delegates, looks forward to serving the citizens of Anneslie. She is particularly interested in alleviating overcrowding at Towson High School.

Chris West, a new member of the Maryland House of Delegates, is also concerned about conditions in local schools.

Treasurer Robert Fisher reminded attendees of the importance of paying dues. Not only do dues support many activities throughout the year, dues payers receive a discount

card that can be used at local businesses. Dues can be paid by check or through PayPal. In addition, there is a special fund to keep our street banners looking fresh - visit [Anneslie.org](http://Anneslie.org) to pay dues or donate to the Banner Booster.

ACA Board member elections were held to replace outgoing members. Kristen McGuire will join the ACA Board in 2020. Thank you to the existing and outgoing ACA Board members for your service to the community! Anyone interested in joining the ACA Board can send an email to [president@anneslie.org](mailto:president@anneslie.org).



## Queen of Green

By Sara Van Tiem

The queen doesn't like to think about plastic. She'd rather contemplate important questions like: has Taylor Swift found true love at last? And, whatever will Meghan and Harry *do* in Canada? But sometimes the queen ponders plastic. Some recent cogitations:

- Did you know that you Yankees buy *50 billion* water bottles every year? Billion. With a B! That's about 13 plastic bottles per month per thirsty person.
- The Perrier, Evian, and Aquafina make up only a smidge of the 234 pounds of plastic waste we generate annually. Takeout containers, yogurt cups, coffee pods—oh my!
- The Queen knows you recycle. But two problems, my friends. First: not everyone does. In the U.S., only about eight percent of plastic gets recycled. That

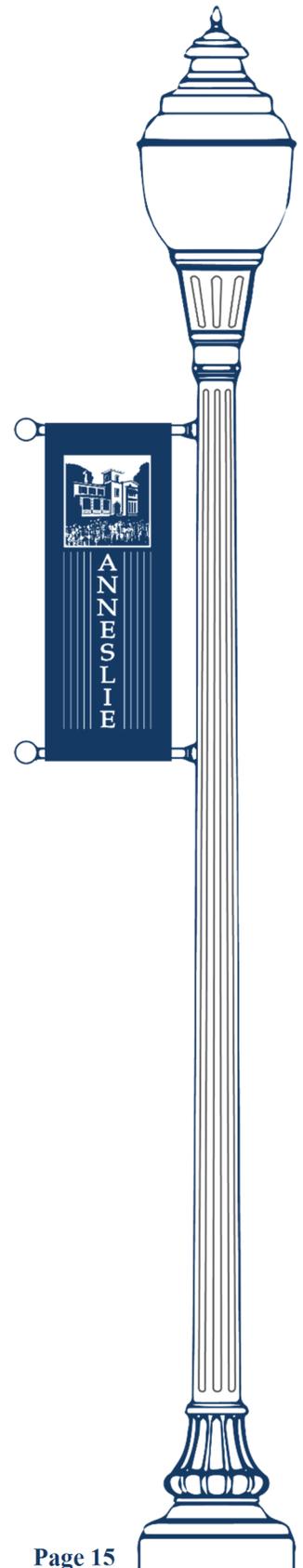


leaves over 200 pounds of plastic trash with which each of us further mucks up the world. Second, China no longer imports any of our capitalist detritus for processing. That means boatloads of recyclables go straight to the landfill or languishes in storage until someone smart untangles the mess.

These facts are enough to depress even royalty. Nonetheless, keep your heads up. Seize the power available to change your little bit of the world. First, if thirsty folk everywhere start carrying refillable water bottles, every year each one could replace hundreds of the wretched pre-filled versions. In fact, avoiding plastics or other single use products is the best way to help out the planet. Reduce and reuse—you know the drill. This concept extends to non-plastics too of course: reusable hot beverage containers, reusable grocery bags and so forth.

Also important is to provide manufacturers a reason to buy and use the plastic we recycle. If we fail to demonstrate a desire for goods made with recycled materials, there's no motivation for companies to make them. The Queen regrets that the choices are somewhat limited for now, but we can help create more demand for recycled-content products. Buy them! Ask for them! Please remember

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that these products will cost more than those made with brand-spanking new petroleum. The planet will appreciate your choice. Consider these:

Preserve® toothbrushes, razors, storage containers, and more aesthetically pleasing, conscience-easing domestic goods. Made from recycled yogurt cups! MOM's Organic Market and Whole Foods stock them, plus other planet-loving products like recycled-content paper products.

Toter® garbage and recycling bins. Made from 50% recycled plastic. Sturdy as all get out. MMM...nothing smells like clean quite as much as pink grapefruit.

Method® brand cleaners come in bottles made from post-consumer recycled plastic.

It's a little early to contemplate decks but if you are, TREX® uses recycled wood and plastic film in its products. The average 500-square-foot deck contains about 14,000 plastic bags.

The Queen reminds you that it takes extra effort to locate products that use post-consumer recycled materials. But they're out there. Meanwhile, here's some varied, interesting reading about the plastic menace, recycled products, and plastic-free living:

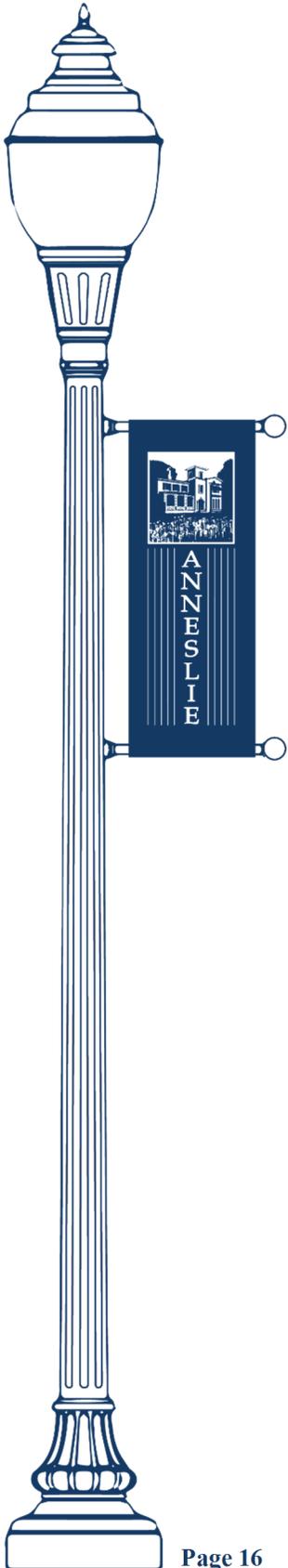
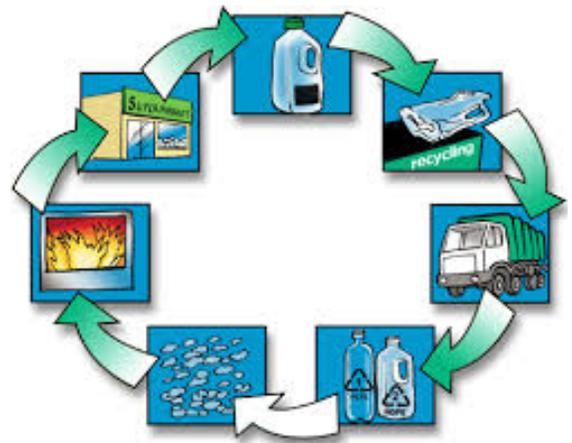
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<https://www.wsj.com/articles/recycling-rethink-what-to-do-with-trash-now-china-wont-take-it-11576776536>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/16/style/plastic-how-to-use-less.html>

<https://recyclemoreplastic.org/buyrecycled>



## Your yard can make a difference!

Reports about an “insect Armageddon” and the decline of bird population in North America are alarming. Choices you make in your yard can make a huge impact on our local ecosystem. Here are some things you can do in your own back yard:

**1. Plant native.** Plants that co-evolved with insects in North America attract and feed the caterpillars of our local pollinators. Our insects do not recognize plants that are imported from other continents as food. Some animals can even be poisoned by exotic plants. Manicured turf lawns and Asian ornamental trees like Japanese Maples, Crepe Myrtles and Bradford Pear provide nearly nothing in the way of habitat to our local fauna. Worse yet, these exotic imports can escape cultivation in our gardens and become invasive species - outcompete native plants in our forests and destroy huge swaths of habitat. Native plants also have much deeper roots than exotics and therefore are more drought resistant. They are adapted for our local soil so no need for fertilizers that run-off into our streams and contribute to algae blooms in the Chesapeake Bay! The Audubon Society has a great website that helps you select plants for birds:

<https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds>

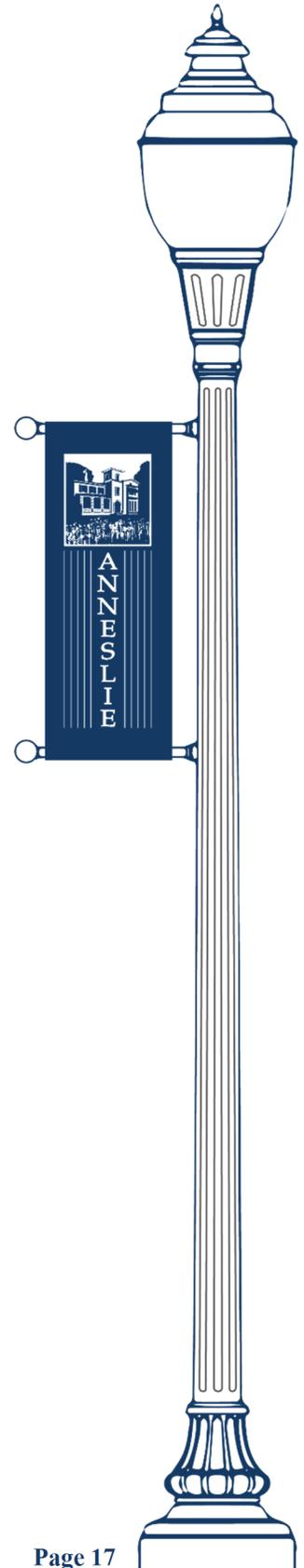
**2. Care for your trees.** Native trees are a tremendous source of food and shelter for insects and birds.

To care for your trees:

- Keep mulch to a minimum so you don't smother the tree's roots and damage the bark at the base of the tree. Use the 3-3-3 rule: keep ALL mulch 3 inches away from the base of the tree, mulch a ring 3 feet in diameter around the trunk and mulch to a depth that is a maximum of 3 inches (2 inches is better, but 3-3-3 is easier to remember).
- Prune branches that compete with the main trunk, are too low or rub against each other in winter. Cut limbs at the growth collar near the trunk, don't lop them off mid-branch.
- Newly planted trees need 25 gallons of water per week between May and September for the first three years. You can sign up for a watering reminder from Casey Trees. Remove stakes after one year.
- Remove English ivy from your trees. It is an invasive species that not only harbor mosquitoes and rats, it will kill your tree.

**3. Limit or eliminate the use of pesticides on your lawn.** A perfect lawn achieved through the application of pesticides can introduce toxins into the food web. There are ways to ensure a healthy lawn without the use of pesticides. Leaving your grass

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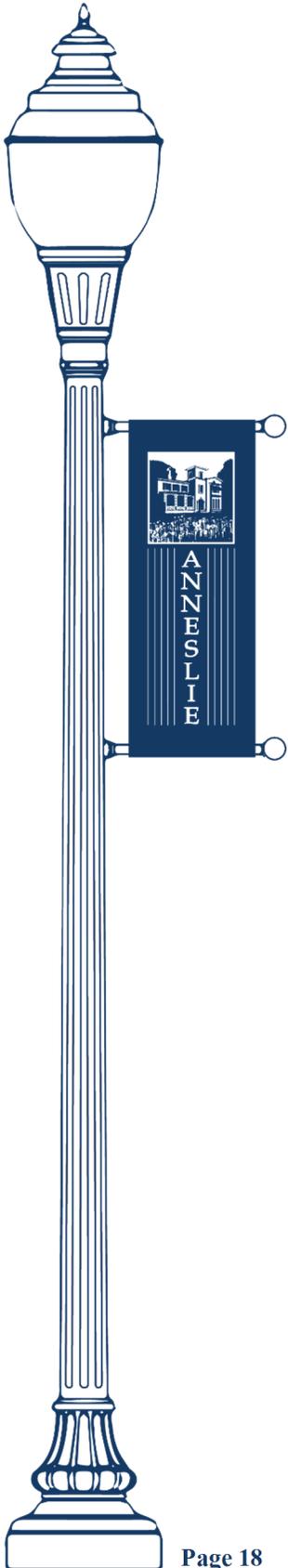
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clippings on the lawn can provide the equivalent of about one application of fertilizer per year. Mowing your grass to a height of 2 ½ or 3 inches is the single most important thing you can do to improve the health of your lawn. By keeping your grass longer, the roots grow deeper and can reach more water during dry periods. Longer grass also helps shade the soil surface, making it harder for weeds to get established.

Anneslie gets 7 new yard trees and 18 new street trees!

Thanks to a lot of hard-working residents, we have seven new yard trees and 18 new street trees in Anneslie. For several years we were not allowed to plant street trees due to new guidelines from Baltimore County that declared our planting strips too small. But a more recent change allows mid-story street trees (+/- 50 feet tall) if a root barrier is installed to protect the sidewalk from damage. Several residents installed their own root barriers while others asked for assistance. We now have 10 Swamp white oaks, 3 Black gums and a Bald cypress growing along our tree-lined streets.

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# Green News

## Anneslie Tree Pruning Continues: Limbing Up, Cleaning Up, and Shaping Up!

On Saturday, December 7, we were rained out. But the next day, Boy Scout Troop #102 joined the Greening Committee to prune the street trees on the 500 and 600 blocks of Anneslie Road. Because the trees are holding their leaves later into the season, we encountered trees with Christmas lights that we could not prune for the first time. Beth Miller may come knocking on your door later in the winter to ask permission to prune trees we missed the first time.

We had several truck owners pick-up branches and take them to the County landfill. Thanks to Jim Miller, Jerry Jurick, Jim Craig of Allstate Insurance on York Road and Ian McGovern.



**Our next tree pruning will be March 8 from 10am-1pm. Join us!**

