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The President's Corner Winter 2008 Update



A message from Scott McGovern, Incoming President of the Anneslie Community Association

I first want to Thank You, the Community, for this opportunity to serve as the new President of the Anneslie Community Association. I also want to thank the rest of the Board of Governors for their continued support, and past-President Luke Harlan for his years of service and guidance. The existence of a strong Community Association is the hallmark of a vibrant neighborhood. It is this strong sense of community that was an important factor in our decision to live in Anneslie in the first place. My wife Sue and I bought our 1926 bungalow on Register Avenue in December 2001, without kids, but with the idea it would someday be a great place to raise a family. We replaced the kitchen and added a bath and created a long “future projects” list. The following year, we also added our twins, Ian and Colin, who have made our house a home and given us lots to do, besides fiddle with the house. As an architect, I tend to see my own home as a constant work-in-progress, which doesn't always mesh with the fiscal responsibility of my CPA better half. But it's worked out pretty well so far, as we've completed a bunch of projects on that list, even as we (and fate) have added to it. The boys aren't bad painters, either.

Now we're in the midst of another major addition project, doing our part to help the economy. I've promised Sue it's the last, at least for now. But we look forward to its completion, and continuing to live in Anneslie for the long-haul. We see this community as a good investment with lots to offer, especially in this fast-paced and, often, impersonal world. We enjoy that our sons have playmates that can be accessed through a gate in our fence, that we know that our mail won't pile up on the porch when we're away, that food and comfort will arrive at our doorstep when someone falls ill. Sure, there's some minor crime, traffic races down my street, and our great schools are getting more crowded. But it's that sense of place, that spirit of community connection that still makes it all worthwhile. As we look forward to the new year, do so with a renewed sense of belonging, to something other than your own family. Seek out opportunities to help your neighbors, your community, your school, or your church. We can get through a lot worse than we have this last year, if we all work through it together and do our part. Thanks again, and look forward to a safe and prosperous 2009! - Scott McGovern

E-mail Scott with questions, concerns or feedback—president@anneslie.org

Santa to Visit Anneslie!

Jolly Ol' Saint Nick will be coming down the streets of Anneslie to visit good boys and girls on a borrowed bright red sleigh from the Lutherville Fire Dept., courtesy of Realtor Nancy Hofmann. Starting at 6p.m. on Wednesday December 17, Santa will wind through the neighborhood north to south, stopping at the following intersections: Holly & Overbrook, Holly & Anneslie, Holly & Dunkirk, Holly & Murdock, Edgewood & Murdock, and Edgewood & Anneslie. Map at www.anneslie.org. **BE SAFE ON DEC. 17—DRIVE EXTRA SLOWLY AND KEEP KIDS ON THE SIDEWALK!**

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Annual Meeting Recap



The Annual meeting was quite a success. We had great participation from neighbors and look forward to a strong 2009.

Election Highlights: President Luke Harlan stepped down after a three year term (thanks for your leadership Luke!). He was succeeded by Board Member Scott McGovern. Ted Hull of Regester Avenue not only was elected to the Board but volunteered to take over as head of Citizens On Patrol (COP). We elected three additional Board Members: Michele Cline, Mark Lewandowski and Emma Pyle.

Association cornerstone and icon Jim Dobson stepped down from the Board after putting in over 30 years of service, most recently as Chair of COP. We thank him for his tremendous contribution and wish him some rest.

The Association is always in need of committee chairs, members and volunteers for the events and services it provides the neighborhood. Please send an e-mail to president@anneslie.org if you can help.

A special thanks to Paul McLemore, Jr., a consultant with Greentree Mortgage Corp. for outlining the changes in the home finance market and the current lending options available. For a no obligation purchase/refinance analysis OR for more information, contact Paul at 443-471-4331 or via e-mail paul@gtmortgage.com

Also, please go to www.anneslie.org to learn all about how you can help slow down traffic on our streets and protect our children with some great initiatives championed by Treasurer Rick Kiegel.

Finally, thanks to Jim Dobson for important tips on how not to expose ourselves to crimes of opportunity: keep home exteriors well lit, keep cars, homes & garage doors secured, keep valuables out of sight in vehicles, have a neighbor pickup OR stop mail/newspapers when you are away from home. Please report any unusual activity immediately to 911. The BCPD would rather hear from us and prevent a crime than have to investigate a crime. Let's let criminals know they are not welcome in Anneslie!

Annual Picnic Recap



On Sunday Sept. 7 (moved from Sat. due to rain), residents attended the Annual Picnic held on the 500 block Dunkirk. Entertainment included a clown with balloon animals, a moonbounce and a magic show. Residents grilled their favorite BBQ food and enjoyed drinks provided by the Association. A special thanks to all who spread word of the date change and helped make the event a success!

For the first time this year's picnic was sponsored by Midstate Federal Savings bank at 6810 York Rd. Bank President Nancy Gerling talked with Wayne Schmidt about the bank and its services. Learn more at www.midstatefed.com.

...As an Anneslie resident, what are the advantages of having an account at Midstate Federal? Well, obviously our location is very convenient. We have been your neighbor since 1979. Midstate is one of the few true community associations left. Until the '80's, Baltimore had many neighborhood savings and loan associations. Many are gone today - we're in the age of "mega-banks". Midstate prides itself on knowing customers by name and giving personal service.

...Does Midstate Federal offer the same services as the large commercial banks? We offer savings, money markets, CD's and IRA's - one difference is ours are passbook accounts, so you can see the activity immediately instead of waiting for a statement. We have mortgage loans on both principal residences and investment properties. There are several types of checking accounts available with many free services. We also offer a variety of other services.

...What does Midstate Federal have to offer to small business owners? Midstate offers two types of commercial checking for small businesses - our fee structure compares favorably with larger institutions. We also do loans on small commercial properties. Midstate offers loans to LLC's—many institutions do not.

...Besides sponsoring the Anneslie Picnic in 2008, how else is Midstate Federal involved in the larger community? We support many local organizations. For example, several organizations have used our parking lot for car washes. We have sponsored the Rodgers Forge Run; donated prizes for the St. Pius Fair and Alley Animals (in Knollwood); let a local Girl Scout troop sell cookies in our lobby and a local garden club use our office for their meetings. Midstate is always open to new ways to help our community.

...What else should residents know about Midstate Federal? We're small, we're friendly and customer relations is our #1 priority. I know everyone says that these days, but we hope your community will give us a chance to prove it. Another priority is safety. The financial industry is so volatile, everyone is concerned about their money. Midstate has been in business since 1884; we are FDIC insured; our conservative philosophy and management has earned us consistently high ratings and no foreclosures in recent years. For people concerned about their retirement fund, a Midstate IRA offers competitive rates and is FDIC insured.

Midstate Federal has a Holiday Open House every year; this year's will be on

Friday, December 19, 9am -7pm. Stop by for a cup of cheer!

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Block Captains/Block News

Block Captains stay in touch with happenings on their block for the Times and webpage, and distribute flyers and newsletters. Feel free to contact them with news and questions.

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623 Claudine Jones, 377-9422
718 Leslie & Len Lewandowski, 377-5008

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530 Jim & Michele Cline 377-9244 NEW
632 Tom Aberle 377-9268
723 Gail Vernick, 377-2541

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623 Lori Terceira, 377-3069
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713 Wendy Faraone, 377-0296

Windwood Road

518 Mary Carol & Bob Venanzi, 377-4918
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Block News Winter Update

A warm welcome to Michael and Jean Smith, who together with their dachshund Frank, now reside at 501 Dunkirk. Although they are coming from Florida, Mike and Jean are both originally from the Baltimore and are happy to be home.

Thillman Benham of 703 Anneslie was accepted to Ithaca College School of Music. He's studying the cello. Thillman graduated from the Md School for the Arts.

Neighbors on Anneslie regret the passing of resident Alfred (Al) Jankalski, father of Dottie Metzger, on Nov. 22. The Metzger family also live on the 700 block.

John Kromkowski of Anneslie Road was the subject of a feature article in a recent issue of the Daily Record, Baltimore's newspaper for the legal community.

Board Member Elena Varipatis-Baker has earned a few minutes of fame—she and daughter Stella have been featured on local news reports warning parents about toxic toys.

Welcome new block captains Jim and Michele Cline, 500 block Dunkirk!

Do you have news? Share it with your Block Captain, or send to the Times at:

newsletter@anneslie.org
Julie Kromkowski, ed.

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Announcements



??? Are you an insurance agent, and a resident of Anneslie? The Anneslie Community Association would like to hear from you. Contact Treasurer Rick Kiegel at 410-372-0258 ???

Toys For Kids

Each year I get used stuffed animals and toys in excellent condition to give to Baltimore County Social Services to give to poor children at Christmas. Unfortunately, I can't drive any more. If you have toys leftover from the Yard Sale, I can buy them at a reasonable price. Please call Wm. Hurley, 709 Murdock, 410-377-6376. Thanks for helping every child in Baltimore to have a great holiday!

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only from Anneslie residents.
Send to Julie Kromkowski,
editor, at
newsletter@anneslie.org

BUILDING A CARING COMMUNITY

Nonprofit begins to assist local families

A group of Idlewylde and Anneslie moms have banded together to form the nonprofit, **A Shoulder to Lean On** to honor and support families in the Towson community who have a family member battling cancer or other serious illness. After losing two local young mothers in their neighborhood, these Towson area moms decided to organize and make a difference. The group collects donations through the website: <http://ashouldertoleanon.org> and has planned a number of fund raising events. Two families have experienced the loss of their mother. The third is struggling to make ends meet with the loss of one income and the loss of work-sponsored health insurance, while the mother of the family battles cancer. Funds raised will go directly to help three families. The group hopes to continue to raise funds and assist more families each year. Local neighborhood associations have joined in to help spread the word and some have pledged to match donated funds. The Idlewylde Community Association has donated its Hall for the organization's fundraising dance and silent auction on December 12. The need for your support doesn't end there.

For information, contact Kim Deinlein at Kim@ashouldertoleanon.org

THE ANNESLIE HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST!

It's time to put your Holiday decorating skills to the test! On December 22 the Judging Committee will traverse the neighborhood in their mukluks, judging your fine creations. Newcomers, bring your "A" game as we have many seasoned and serious veterans. Since we have had a tremendous increase in those who go the extra mile that wanted more formal contest rules we have provided judging categories in an effort to include everyone. The categories are:

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS: Best use of traditional items (wreaths, candles, ribbons, Nativity scenes, white lights, holly...

COMMERCIALIZED HOLIDAY: Best use of inflatables, home/lawn/tree/roof ornaments & decorations etc.

MOST ILLUMINATED: Most lights used (formerly the BG&E Christmas)

BEST THEME (we've had Patriotic, Country, Peanuts, Southwestern, Gingerbread, Candyland & Winter, and more)

MOST ORIGINAL: Here's your chance to wow or possibly worry us.

If one home excels in more than one category, the contest committee judges reserve the right to award the next best home in one of those categories in order to spread the joy. Remember, it is the season of giving. An Anneslie Decorating Contest Winner sign will be placed in your yard at the end of the judging. We'll pick it up after the New Year.

