



# The Anneslie Times

## Winter 2015 The President's Corner



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Although more bittersweet than I had imagined, I write this the morning after our January Board Meeting, where I was able to confidently pass the reins of the role of President of the Anneslie Community Association off to another very able Board member. Yes, after six years, I have stepped down and look forward to new opportunities, as I continue with the Board in a different role. The Board was supportive of my decision, as they always have, and I continue my great respect for the countless hours that they contribute. I posted this news first on the Facebook page and received lots of nice, supportive, and thoughtful comments. I sincerely appreciate them all. Our new President, Rick Kiegel, asked that I use this issue of the President's Corner as my farewell edition.

Holding this position for six consecutive years is not something that I had aspired to do when I first ran for a Board position, in the Fall of 2007. I only wanted to do something, however minor, to serve my community. As an Eagle Scout, the notion of community service has always resonated with me. It was at the end of 2008, when the President at the time announced, abruptly, that his family would be leaving Anneslie, and that someone else would need to step up. With no one else interested in the offer, I volunteered to take on the task for 2009.

It wasn't hard to find reasons to do this, year after year. We came to Anneslie in 2001, started a family, became part of the school community, and made friends with our neighbors and the parents of our sons' classmates. We always knew that the supportive spirit of the neighborhood

was something that we valued and wanted to nurture with our support. We've seen that spirit reinforced through times of economic "downturn", health issues, the creep of urban nuisance crimes, and recent tragic events affecting our neighbors, and have no doubt that it will continue to make the lives of Anneslie residents richer. The members of this community are not afraid to step in and assist.

I've always enjoyed the sense of accomplishment after a successful community event, the satisfaction in being able to guide a new resident to a resource or answer to a question, or the ability to help an elderly resident solve an issue that might seem minor to me, but paramount to them. There have been lots of little issues, brought to my attention via calls, or emails, or (sometimes) actual letters. There have been bigger issues, too (the last one of my term is discussed elsewhere in this newsletter) that have taken on more time and attention. But, they've all been important to someone, so I made them important to me.

Now I'll get to spend more time with my sons' Boy Scout troop, miss a Board meeting every now and again, and enjoy our community events as more of a participant than a facilitator. So, Sue and I (yes, it's often been a joint effort), are grateful for the opportunity and wish Rick (and Julie) much success. We'll be here to support him, too, and hope he finds as much fulfillment in this role as have I. Thanks!

For additional thoughts and commentary, visit us on Facebook, or email me at "[vicepresident@anneslie.org](mailto:vicepresident@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](mailto:rachel@rachelrockphotography.com) with block news.

## 700 Anneslie

The 700 Block of Anneslie had a bustling summer and fall with many good friends leaving the neighborhood and new ones joining us. Geri O'Donoghue and her daughters Emma and Audrey join us in their beautifully renovated space at 702. The Omrons of 708 moved a few blocks north into Stoneleigh and in their place came Anneslie native Gretchen Maneval, her husband Eric and their sons Sebastian and Spencer. We know that Gretchen mom's Kathy, who lives at 724 is thrilled for this! The Chestneys of 716 said good bye to the block and returned to Texas. From Rodgers Forge we welcome Scott and Jenna Chambers and their two children Carter and Bennett. Finally, we congratulate Colin and Jessica McCloskey on the birth of beautiful baby girl Keeley in December. Welcome and congratulations to everyone!

## 700 Dunkirk

Hats off to Vincent Mogilnicki (729) on his early decision acceptance into St. Mary's College. Though we are not surprised at this accomplishment, it is terrific news! Congratulations also to Holly and Clark Pool (701). Elizabeth, their daughter, is pregnant and due early this summer. This will be the first for Elizabeth and her husband, Tyler. Alice, Brad and Reid Jones (702) have a new addition as well- a springer spaniel puppy named Jenny. Finally, Warren Timlen (704) is expanding his art business and has been commissioned for custom work by many Anneslie neighbors. We hope his business continues to flourish.

## 700 Murdock

Tony and Linda Hollis (712) will celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 16th. Congratulations! In November, we welcomed new neighbors (709) Jason and Ali Smith and their sons, Jake (5yrs.) and Cooper (3yrs.) and their dog Izzy. Jason is a fire fighter in Montgomery County and Ali owns her own gym, True Balance Studio.

## 500 Windwood

Bryan and Meaghan Ackerman welcome their son Colby Jacob Ackerman's on December 4, 2014, 8 lbs 7 oz. and 21.5" long. Everyone is doing well.

## Holiday Decorating Awards

Best Theme - 707 Dunkirk



# Holiday Decorating Awards (continued)

Most Traditional - 504 Overbrook



Most Commercial - 627 Murdock



Most Creative - 620 Overbrook



Most Illuminated - 600 Anneslie



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# ACA eNews - Are you in the Know?

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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](mailto:kfeiring@anneslie.org).

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## 2015 Events Calendar

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(dates may change as the year progresses)

<b>Bowling Night</b>	<b>April (date TBD)</b>
<b>Yard Sale</b>	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Dumpster Day</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Cornhole Tournament</b>	<b>July (date TBD)</b>
<b>Movie Night</b>	<b>August 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Anneslie Picnic</b>	<b>September 19<sup>th</sup> (rain date 20<sup>th</sup>)</b>
<b>Halloween Parade</b>	<b>October 31<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>November 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Santa's Visit</b>	<b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Holiday Decoration Judging</b>	<b>December 16<sup>th</sup></b>

# Remembering Anneslie Resident Tom Palermo

Robert reached out to me asking for a recommendation of a friend to write a short piece about Tom. I realized that, even if difficult, I wanted to do this myself. So I tried to think what Tom would like to be remembered for...especially since he was a somewhat quiet person.

Tom put his family first in all things.

He loved to hike and camp.

He loved to cook up great meals and serve them family-style.

He hated when he stepped on a My Little Pony crown on the floor of his daughter's room.

He was so excited to finally get to share his love of Star Wars with his kids this past August.

Tom loved Evolution's Lot #3 IPA. His other beer of choice was Dale's Pale Ale.

He loved my chocolate chip cookies.

He loved his friends.

Tom and I met while working for REI, the outdoor retailer in 2002. He liked to hear me tell people how I chased him down to date him. Pre-kids, he and I liked to travel. In 2003, we traveled to Belgium to watch the Spring Classics and to enjoy Belgium chocolate and beer. Tom took his bike and got to ride the cobbles of the Tour of Flanders.

Tom loved to mountain bike and road bike. He built custom frame steel lugged bikes. He knew how to listen to his customers and their needs and he would build them a bike of beauty that fit them perfectly. He showed his bikes at the North American Handmade Bike Show in 2008 and 2010. He had registered to go to the 2015 show this March. In the balance of life, though, his side business took a backseat to his time spent with his family and at his full-time job.

Tom graduated from University of Maryland with a degree in History but found his way into IT.

Early in his career, he was the lead developer for The Southeast Asia HIV/AIDS Resource Exchange portal website. In 2009, he was responsible for the development of the new Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) public website. Once he ended up securing a job as a Senior Software Engineer at Johns Hopkins Hospital, I realized the level of development he was currently working on was beyond my limited understanding.

Tom was an amazing problem solver and researcher. He was a self-taught frame builder and a self-taught IT developer.

He was the only son of his parents.

He was a loving father.

He was a kind man.

He was my best friend.

I want to say thank you to you all - our neighbors. Tom had recently told me that he knew we had made a good decision in choosing this neighborhood for our family.

Your cards, words of support, your gifts and thoughts are things I keep close to my heart.

-Rachel Rock Palermo



# CUB SCOUT PACK 352

## Strong finish to 2014

As the trees became barren, dozens of scouts from 352 flexed their muscles and worked extra hard raking leaves for residents of Anneslie and Stoneleigh who needed a helping hand. Scouts continued to celebrate the season, with a "Spooktacular" family camping weekend at Camp Oest and Halloween hike at Robert E. Lee Park. Teepee making, pinewood derby car workshops and learning about boy scout adventures were the highlights of the cold winter months.



## FUN, FUN, FUN planned for 2015

Full steam ahead for the big race. Scouts are revving their engines and finishing their race car designs, with the guidance and tools at a workshop sponsored by the generous folks at Home Depot. Determination and perseverance will be the cornerstone of this year's Blue and Gold Dinner in March, where scouts will advance to the next rank. New families and interested future scouts are welcome to join the pack for the annual end of year Family picnic and cookout. Contact [cubpack352@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack352@gmail.com) for details. Summer is right around the corner and preparations for day and overnight camps are underway.

**Fun.**      **Service** to the community.      **Connection** to Boy Scouts.

## Cub Scout Pack 352 Upcoming Events

**Pinewood Derby  
Race Day  
Idlewylde Hall  
February 7**

## Scouting for Food

Scouts will drop off donation bags at your door on **March 7**. Have your non-perishable food donation ready for pick up on **March 14**.

**Sign up for fun!  
Have a son entering  
1<sup>st</sup> grade next year?**

NEED MORE INFO? Email  
[cubpack352@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack352@gmail.com)

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  
Gina Young with  
any questions  
about the food  
drive.

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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](http://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.*

# ***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 [www.marylandbookbank.org](http://www.marylandbookbank.org).

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*

# Update on Drumcastle

It has long been known that parking conditions and capacity at the County's Drumcastle Center office building have been deteriorating. The parking garage that exists behind the former department store is in a state of disrepair, as well as being inefficiently designed by contemporary standards. Additionally, the Drumcastle portion of the building only has access to a certain number of spaces in the overall Anneslie Shopping Center parking lot, in accordance with leases. As employees and clients to the County agencies there have struggled to find parking, on-street spaces along Windwood have become prime targets.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, I met with Councilman David Marks and the County Executive's liaison, Ms. Nancy Surosky, at Councilman Marks' request, to discuss a County plan to address overflow parking issues at Drumcastle. He has always been supportive of Anneslie, and wanted to let us know what the County was planning. I attended this first meeting with Rick Kiegel and Board Member Kris Strong (she lives on Windwood, nearest the site). At this meeting, we were informed that the County had been in negotiations with the Kingdom Worship Center (KWC) to purchase their property. KWC has outgrown their current facility and finds it necessary to either sell the property and relocate, or expand their current footprint to better serve their community and mission. The KWC was exploring the option to relocate to a new facility near BWI. The KWC currently leases some of their property that they own behind the Mobil station, to the County for parking.

The plan was presented to us involved the demolition of the church and to construct an elevated parking structure in the block bound by York Road, Windwood, and Overbrook. They were then going to demolish the current parking structure and develop a surface lot behind Drumcastle. This plan, while saddling Anneslie with a parking garage at two very visible entrances to our community, would have resulted in an actual net LOSS of a few spaces for Drumcastle Center. Our immediate reaction was to strongly question the reasoning behind such a scenario and to question other solutions. Ms. Surosky had few answers to the myriad questions and concerns that Rick, Kris, and I raised.

I followed up that meeting with an extensive email to Councilman Marks, so that he could provide our concerns to a larger audience at the county government. An excerpt from that email follows:

*"Nancy and David,*

*Kris, Rick, and I appreciated your taking the time to discuss the proposed parking improvements to the Drumcastle Center. While we understand that the plan presented to us (Option 6.2) is still very much in the early stages, it brings to mind several questions and concerns, some of which we discussed yesterday. I've added the content of Kris' earlier email for the sake of having all of these initial issues in a single document:*

*1. When traveling eastbound on Windwood Road, it is difficult to see oncoming westbound traffic due to different elevations at the ends of the 500 block. Parked cars on both sides of Windwood leave eastbound drivers with no way to steer out of another driver's path and avoid a collision.*

*2. Windwood Road already handles quite a few westbound vehicles headed for existing weekday parking at the western end of the street. These cars often turn onto eastbound Walker Avenue from northbound York Road, cut through the Drumcastle Apartments onto Holly Lane, and turn west on Windwood. This route allows drivers to avoid delays at the traffic light on York Road at the Drumcastle complex.*

*3. York Road has two lanes north- and southbound, with a left-turn lane in the center of the thoroughfare. This lane is already difficult to negotiate around 8:00 AM and again around 3:00 PM, which are drop-off and pick-up times at St. Pius X School, located across York Road from the proposed garage and lot. Morning arrivals could find it a challenge to turn left into the garage/lot from southbound York Road.*

*4. There is great concern with adding the amount of proposed parking in a location flanked by two of our residential streets, which would become convenient entrance and egress routes from the proposed garage. (continued on next page)*

As stated above, making left turns out of, or into, this lot will be difficult and dangerous to both vehicles and pedestrians. Drivers will quickly find that cutting back through Anneslie (by way of Windwood and/or Overbrook Roads) will allow them to access the traffic signals at Dunkirk or Drumcastle Center, and vice versa. This is a condition that we would not at all welcome.

5. The size and scale of such a proposed structure is not at all compatible at the entrance to an Historic community of small residences, no matter how nicely designed the façade. As a gateway into Towson from the south, the placement of a parking garage along York Road is counter to most prevailing urban planning logic.

6. Lights on the interior and on the upper deck(s) would be imposing to the adjoining neighbors. The permanent presence of such a structure will greatly diminish the quality of life and property values of the adjacent homeowners.

7. This proposed structure is over two blocks from the main entrance to the Drumcastle Center. Has anyone considered whether the employees or visitors to this building would really utilize such remote parking? The most utilized parking is always that which is immediately adjacent to the intended destination of the drivers.

8. We would like to know the reasoning behind eliminating any option to build this structure on the site of the current garage, perhaps expanded further to the south or increased in height. It would appear that a more efficient structure could be developed here, actually providing a net INCREASE in parking, as opposed to the proposed net LOSS. Although it would result in a temporary loss of the garage parking, there might be some temporary measures that could mitigate the inconvenience. Parking in the southernmost portion of the Anneslie Shopping Center lot (which is frequently empty), or running shuttles from another County-owned location would be more desirable alternatives.

9. Has it been considered how to address stormwater management with this proposed structure? The community of Anneslie already has our share of issues and cannot handle anymore quantity of water being discharged into the existing systems throughout our community.

10. On a related note, the condition of the EXISTING York Road lot in front of Drumcastle Center should also be addressed as part of ANY project here. The lack of any tree islands, stormwater management or bioswales, or system of pedestrian or vehicular separation in this lot leave it as a barren and trash-strewn expanse of asphalt at all hours other than 9am-4pm weekdays.

12. And a final question - Did Kingdom Worship Center approach the County about selling this property, or did the County make an unsolicited offer to the Church? Either way, it appears that a sale was discussed, agreed to, and closed (with the very intention of doing SOMETHING on the property) without the input of the adjoining Anneslie Community. Although we're being apprised now of the plans, the fact that we were not alerted at the time that this was being contemplated is most disturbing.

We have, at your request NOT shared this information or plan with anyone, including our fellow Board members. These initial thoughts are ours alone at this point. We will, however, be discussing this at our next scheduled Board meeting in January, where we hope to elicit feedback from the larger group of our Board. Prior to that meeting (on January 21<sup>st</sup>), we would like to hear some responses to the issues included so far. While we applaud the desire to increase parking for the employees and visitors to Drumcastle Center, and to minimize the overflow parking into Anneslie, we do not believe that this proposed plan is at all the solution and needs additional public input before going ANY further.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

Councilman Marks forwarded this email to several others with County government who arranged another follow-up meeting with us on December 29<sup>th</sup>. At that time, only Rick and I could attend, where we heard many explanations as to why this option was the only viable one being considered.

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Concerns regarding the relocation of employee parking during construction on the current garage site, cost, return-on-investment related to the KWC purchase, and scheduling were all raised as issues by the County representatives and the shopping center Owner. Following that meeting, we felt it important to inform the most immediate neighbors to the proposed site of the plan, our opinions on the subject, and the County's position. We met with these four neighbors on January 11<sup>th</sup>, after which I sent the following email to Councilman Marks:

"David,

*This afternoon, Rick, Kris, and I met with four of the most adjacent neighbors to the proposed garage on the current site of the Kingdom Worship Center. We explained to them the goals of the project, the reasoning for the proposed location as explained to us by County officials at our two meetings, and the concerns that we had previously expressed. They were all adamantly opposed to a garage being constructed on the church site. The scale of the building (as it would fill the entire lot, without the setbacks that the church currently has), the traffic in and out of it, lowered property values, lights, and noise (car alarms already create problems for some) were all mentioned as issues that they felt would arise with this development.*

*During our two-hour meeting, we arrived at three potential scenarios. Two of those scenarios envisioned the garage on a site either behind, or in front of Drumcastle Center, where it would provide the desired density of parking, in immediate proximity to the employee and client base of those offices. It could even be connected to the building, thereby providing the best condition and access for those users. The third scenario, the garage on the church site, is something that we do not want to contemplate, and would continue to oppose, should it be the only one considered to be viable by the County.*

*We would NOT be opposed to a surface lot on the church site, as a component of temporary parking during construction. This lot could then be developed into a permanent lot, with appropriate landscaping, rainwater bio-retention, cut-off lighting fixtures, and access control. We could even accept a temporary increase in on-street parking during construction. Under such a surface lot solution, we would request a design that completely prevents traffic entering and leaving the lot from using Windwood Road.*

*Should the County find that a surface lot here would have no long-term use, nor provide the best economic return on the investment of buying the church, we would be supportive of that site being sold to private developers. It should then developed as small-scale office or retail use, with the 6500 block of York Road as a model.*

***We are going to remain steadfast in our position that the best place for this garage is on the site of the existing garage, or in front of Drumcastle Center, but NOT in historic Anneslie. The temporary inconveniences of county employees who may need to be shuffled from other locations do not outweigh the PERMANENT damage that this could do to our community.***

*Our Board meets next on Wednesday, January 21st. We would invite you, David, to attend this meeting and address the Board as a group if you would like. You have continually proven to be an ally for Anneslie and we would hope that you would continue to prioritize the needs of our long-term homeowner neighbors and advocate for our suggestions above the short-term inconvenience of the Drumcastle Center employees. By copy of this email, I am informing the entire Board of this development and will provide them additional information as requested. We have NOT posted details on this proposal on our social media or email sites, and will not do so at this point.*

*Thank you for your support."*

*Again, these concerns were relayed to the attendees of the last County meeting. By 5pm the next day, I received an email from Councilman Marks indicating that the County had **dropped** the proposed purchase of KWC and the entire garage construction plan on that site. Apparently, issues related to the deal with KWC, as well as our continued opposition to this plan, caused them to reconsider. Had this dialogue continued, I would have then informed the community of the plan, while input was still valuable.*

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On January 20<sup>th</sup>, I was asked by representatives of KWC to attend a meeting to discuss *“some time sensitive and pertinent information regarding the future plans of Kingdom Worship Center; and the impact these plans will have on the Anneslie Community.”* At this meeting, on January 27<sup>th</sup>, Rick, Kris, Pedro Sales, and I met with representatives at KWC to discuss their goals and options for expanding their facilities. We discussed the fact that most of the current KWC property is zoned BLR (Business Local Restricted), which allows for many types of community-oriented services and businesses, and that selling the property would need to make the most of this valuable asset. Among the permitted uses in this zone are fast-food restaurants and drive-thru banks. Such a potential development would need to go through a County planning review process, with public and community input, and could be approved if in compliance with the regulations set forth in the zoning code.

The KWC, which has been at this former grocery store site since 1996, is very interested in remaining here. They provide services, including counseling, education, and employment assistance, to many of the patrons of the Social Services offices in Drumcastle. Pastor Dennis illustrated the point that many patrons drawn to Social Services can be helped by this church, as opposed to continuing further north to seek other opportunities for enrichment within our neighborhoods. That being said, the KWC had previously requested zoning variances to expand in 2006, which were opposed by the Anneslie Community Association.

Since that time, they have improved the appearance of their structure, aggressively controlled their Sunday traffic and parking (to restrict convenient parking on Windwood and direct congregants to use the Drumcastle lot), and have reached out to the communities surrounding them. It has not been a perfect relationship (trash, an unsightly fence around their Windwood parking lot, car alarms, etc.), but they are extremely interested in improving the communication between themselves and Anneslie and want to be seen as a part of our community and not a nuisance. If they can find a way to expand their facilities, they would like to remain vested in this site.

We discussed the need for some community input at this time, to get an idea of concerns regarding such a potential expansion, versus the potential unknown of a completely new development at this site. The status quo will likely not remain, so we will take the time necessary to suggest and guide the best use of this site for the greater good of our community. As we seek to gather your input, we request that dialogue remain civil, respectful and helpful to the cause.

Scott A. McGovern, AIA  
Vice-President  
Anneslie Community Association

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## Board Member Transitions

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This past November's Annual Meeting welcomed the addition of Rob Hardesty to the Anneslie Community Association's Board of Governors. It also saw the end of terms for three of our valued members.

Lori Terceira had served on the Board for three years. While an active member, she assisted with many of our events. Thanks, Lori, for all of your service to your community!

Rebecca Klein had also served on the Board for three years. The Annual Community Picnic was her event of choice and she did an outstanding job with it each year that she chaired that committee.

And finally, Wendy Mundis completed two Board terms, assisting with the Concert Under the Stars, Bowling Night, and Dumpster Day. We appreciate greatly her service to the community.

Following the Annual Meeting, the first meeting of the year always brings change among the newly-formulated Board as officers are elected. The key change, with Rick Kiegel and Scott McGovern switching roles as President and Vice-President has been addressed in the President's Corner. Additionally, we've re-assigned the role of Treasurer to Robert Fisher, while Kate Fiering and Kris Strong will co-chair our ever-increasing social media and communications endeavors. Julie Kromkowski continues to keep us in order as Secretary.