



THE PULSE OF THE HILL

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President's Message

I'm excited to be writing the first President's message in months. Our popular newsletter went on hiatus while our editor, John Edinger, took a new job and found himself too busy to keep up with the demands of publishing. A willing and highly capable volunteer has stepped forward and we look forward to her vision and energy to keep up the tradition.

You may wonder why we bother. It's not terribly hard work, but it is time consuming. And the expense of printing and mailing has gone up over the years, as has the aggravation of getting it to your mailbox. Some argue that with the prevalence of electronic devices in today's homes we could save so much—time, energy, money—by simply posting it on our website and/or emailing it to members.

Our newsletter is a form of outreach as well as a vehicle to convey information. It is mailed to every residence within St. Anne's Hill's boundaries, whether the occupants are members or not. Keeping new and older residents informed is a priority. For those members who don't have email or regular access to a computer, getting the newsletter keeps them informed of what's happening. Many new neighbors may not realize the extent of our activities until they see it in writing. To make the information in our newsletter harder to get automatically excludes a segment of our population, and we're about inclusion, not exclusion.

All we can do is offer an opportunity, we can't make people take it! And will reading about an upcoming event in the newsletter make someone decide to get involved? Maybe, but maybe not. But here's the chance, and we welcome all new and continuing neighbors to get as involved as they are able by keeping them informed of what's happening in the community they live in.

Susan Gray, President

St. Anne's Hill Historic Society

Save the Date(s)

The weekend after Labor Day will see the first "Work in Progress" in St. Anne's Hill. Ten properties will be open for inspection to the public for the low price of \$6 for adults & \$5 for seniors (65 & up) and children under 15 (kids under 5 are free). The owners will be there to answer questions; or perhaps to ask you questions if there are problems eluding solution. Some project properties are just beginning and a few are almost done. Eight are homes and two are commercial buildings. The tour will begin at 1600 E. Fifth Street ("The Tavern") where you can pick up the map. It will be a self-guided tour. All proceeds go toward 5th Street improvement projects. A generous neighbor, The Boulevard Haus Restaurant, is donating one coupon for a free appetizer or dessert (with the purchase of a meal) to everyone purchasing a ticket to the tour. Also, bottled water will be available for only \$.50 each at several of the locations. Restrooms will be available at 2 of the properties.

We could use some volunteers to help host the properties for times when the owners have to be elsewhere, so if you have an hour or two sometime during that weekend, please let us know. The contacts are Joe Dierkers 414-0313 or Gearld (Thor) Strickland 751-0169.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

General Membership Meetings:
Tuesday, August 2
Tuesday, Sept. 6
Tuesday, Oct. 4
Tuesday, Nov. 8
7:00 p.m.
Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner
1400 E. Fifth Street

Neighborhood Socials:
Watch for flyers with date/
time/location!



MAGAZINE EXCHANGE

Are you a magazine reader? If so, you may be interested in participating in the SAH magazine exchange. It's easy! Stick an address label on the back of your magazine and leave it in a basket or box on your front porch. Your address lets us know who has read the magazine and who has not. Someone will come by every week or so and replace your magazines with new ones.

Some, but not all of the magazines currently circulating are: Vogue, Good Housekeeping, Sierra, Entertainment Weekly, Food Network, and Southern Living. Please notify Heather Kardeen via email oceanluna@sbcglobal.net or phone 277-2784 if you are interested in participating. It's a great way to read more than one magazine for the cost of your subscription.



St. Anne's Hill General Membership Meeting—Minutes 7/5/2011

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:02

Introductions: Introductions made.

Police Report: Office Kennard of 2nd District read report.

Guest Speaker: Bill Pace spoke regarding the graffiti in East Corridor. There will be a meeting at Third Street Peace Fellowship Church on July, 11 2011.

President's Report: Sculpture is up on Third St. House on McClure St. will air on A&E's program Hoarders. She is under contract for six months with A&E and city will be checking resident's progress. We will be issuing 7-Day notifications as soon as it is ready.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report read. Committee chairs may ask Walt about where their committee budget stands.

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve, motion seconded and so moved.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Need submissions by July 20th.

Marketing: Facebook group page is active.

Membership: 160 members, 88% of last year's total.

Social: Around 50 people at last month's social.

Parks & Greenways: damage done to traffic circle on Josie and McClure due to fireworks.

Housing Liaison: upholstered furniture is not permitted to sit on exterior of house

Capital Improvements Committee: 20 pots placed on E. Fifth St. Additional pots added on July 4th. Panagoulous (sp.) has lost two properties to foreclosure. Will renew effort to get violations issued for E. Fifth St. properties.

Alley Sweep: Alley Sweep on July 9, begins with breakfast at the Bossler Mansion.

Trash & Treasure: T & T was a success, around 40 sales, extra money for advertising and new banners for next year.

Christmas Tour: Tour dates are December 9, 10 and 11. Many volunteers needed. Houses needed as well.

Old Business: Houses for sale in neighborhood, very motivated sellers. Work in Progress Tour on September 10-11, proceeds go to Capital Improvements.

New Business: no new business

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, motion seconded

Meeting adjourned at 7:58



NEWSLETTER:

Would you like to correct/update the mailing label on the newsletter you received? Email the newsletter editor at amy.lopez.matthews@gmail.com and corrections/updates will be made for an upcoming issue. Also, if you received duplicate copies, please let me know!

Property Environmental Violations and the New Pre-Notification System

St. Anne's Hill's board of trustees has been discussing initiating a program in this community that has been used by other historic districts and neighborhoods in Dayton with success. It is a pre-notification system to help homeowners identify and fix housing violations before the city takes notice and gives them an official citation. The message will notify the owner of the violation and request it be taken care of within 7 business days (sometimes longer, depending on the violation). If the message is ignored and the problem remains, the housing inspector will be notified to begin taking official steps. The information accompanying this article (at the top of page 3) comes from a pamphlet provided by the city as a guide and will be the basis for the board's decision to send a notification to a neighbor. Please look over the information and make sure your property is up to code. If you need assistance you are urged to contact any board member; the numbers to reach them are on the back of this newsletter. They can put you in touch with a business or service that can help.

It is important to understand: These notifications will come from the board of trustees. They will not go out unless numerous complaints have been received by board members and/or our housing liaison, Craig Matthews. They will not be issued lightly. This system is intended to *help* neighbors before the city gets involved and is not to be used punitively. Misuse will not be tolerated. More information will be available as the details of the system are hammered out and put into use.

Neighborhood Standards—Common Violations

From the Division of Housing Inspection, City of Dayton—12-Point Checklist:

1. Trash, debris and broken glass not picked up on the premises (includes to the midpoint of the alley). Waste for City removal placed for pick up earlier than one day before scheduled pick up date.
2. Bushes, hedges, vines, weeds and/or trees growing into right of way or obstructing view of traffic.
3. Inoperative/junked and (or) unlicensed vehicle stored outside or vehicle parked on the lawn. No auto parts or outdoor storage of other inappropriate materials.
4. Rodents in the yard—call Rodent Control Services at 333-3977 for free outdoor baiting. Dog/animal feces not picked up daily. Pet food left out provides food for rodents.
5. Overgrown grass—not neatly cut and trimmed (mulch or compost after cutting). City will not remove grass. Ground cover required throughout yard and dog run areas.
6. Bulk items (stoves, refrigerators, TVs, furniture and other items for special pick up) are not to be placed for pick up earlier than day before scheduled pick up date. Schedule pick up date by calling 333-4833.
7. Over stuffed/indoor furniture stored or used outdoors.
8. Motor vehicle (including motorcycles) parked on lawn or yard walk.
9. Containers holding stagnant water provide mosquito breeding habitat. Remove or treat with larvicide.
10. Trim trees away from house and garage. Remove/trim dead limbs from tree. Remove dead trees from yard.
11. Commercial and business equipment stored on residential property, no trucks rated over one ton.
12. Waste container stored where offensive to occupants of adjacent properties and/or offensive waste in container.

PLEASE NOTE: Uncorrected Neighborhood Yard Standard violations may result in a Minor Misdemeanor Citation (costing \$100.00 or more) and/or legal notice being issued.

Spreading Sunshine on the Hill

If you know of a SAH neighbor who is in need of some cheer (sickness, surgery, death in the family, etc.) or in need of a congrats (new baby, retirement, wedding, etc.) please notify Sunshine Chair, Heather Kardeen, via email oceanluna@sbcglobal.net or phone 277-2784.



How Christmas and the Holiday Season Keeps St. Anne's Hill Going

No one in this community is paid for the work they do, we're all volunteers. But it takes money to do just about everything. Money for planting, maintenance and repairs in our gardens and neighborhood-owned parks (yes, we own Victorian Park, Alice's Park and Terry St. Park), to have our socials, for the improvement projects being planned and carried out, even to have clean up events like this spring's 5th St. clean up (we paid the dump to take the litter, weeds and assorted waste). Some of our projects are funded by grants, and some of those grants require matching funds. The board of trustees doesn't spend money lightly, but looks for the best way to use our money to benefit the entire neighborhood.

So, how do we get the money we need? Well, the "*A Dickens of a Christmas in St. Anne's Hill*" holiday home tour is our neighborhood's main fund raiser, and for a long time was our only fundraiser. For the past 28 years this tour has funded everything we do, and allowed us to keep a small cushion "just in case". Like every enterprise, it started out small but has grown into a big production. It has changed some over the years, as times and tastes change, but the core attraction, our beautiful homes and the hospitality of our residents, keeps guests returning, and piques the interest of new guests every year.

But money isn't the only reason why this tour is important to St. Anne's Hill. It is a tremendous marketing opportunity. Our name gets out there in the community and people are interested to learn more. The tour brings many suburbanites to our area, who wonder what kind of people would live in the city and how they do it. More than one neighbor has purchased a home here after taking one of our tours. A higher profile also helps us in our dealings with the city. When we ask for help or apply for grants, we don't have to waste time explaining who we are—we can get right down to the business at hand.

This tour is anticipated by both neighbors and the community at large. We need everyone's help to put on a great "show" and have a successful tour. There is something for everyone to do. Some take just minutes, others take much more time, but no job is more important than any other. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, from creating quality items for our gift shop, to serving desserts, to guiding tours, even shoveling snow. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the opportunities, come to a general membership meeting, held the first Tuesday of every month at the Liederkrantz-Turner Club Haus at 7:00 p.m. Get involved!

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