



THE PULSE OF THE HILL

AUGUST 2011

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



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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

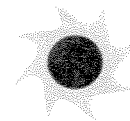
From the Division of Housing Inspection, City of Dayton—12-Point Checklist:

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 larvacide.
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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Sidewalk/Curb Repair 333-3858
Animal Control 898-4457
Rodent Control 333-3915
Abandoned Vehicles 333-1058
Vacant Lot/Weeds 333-4843
Street Cleaning 333-4808
Street Lights 333-3850
Traffic Signs 333-4075
Park Maintenance 333-5300
Police 333-COPS
District 1 333-1290
District 2 333-7440
Drug Hotline 333-7440
Truancy Hotline 542-3228
Weed & Seed Hotline 461-WEED
Water Distribution 333-4900

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OCTOBER 2011

President's Message

It never ceases to amaze me how many resources we have at our fingertips just by virtue of being neighbors. All the knowledge, expertise and opinions we gain from each other every day. Moving to this neighborhood we quickly become intimately familiar with the wants and needs – demands! – of a century-plus aged house. Whether we've undertaken a major rehab or just routine maintenance and repairs, we've all had experience searching for goods and services that meet historic district requirements. We've dealt with the Landmarks Commission, the permit department and the housing inspectors. We're usually happy to give advice on navigating the system, all we have to do is ask each other. By sending out one simple email message we can get advice on everything from what to do with a dead remote control to the best contractor and/or products for whatever work needs to be done. We can look in the Yellow Pages (yes, as of this writing they DO still exist), but with the help of neighbors we get not only the information but also an endorsement. By being connected to our neighbors we get first-hand, real-time information on suspicious characters, possible problems and recent incidents. We're instantly aware of fun events happening in our neighborhood and around the city. We have special access to the police department and the city commission. I love living in a place where when I ask for help my neighbors say "sure, I'll be right there" before it ever occurs to them to ask what, exactly, it is I need. And more than once I've benefitted from the advice of someone who is more experienced and skilled in a project I'm attempting. We have a network of neighbors – friends - who will stand behind us and help us speak up for what is right. All because we chose to get involved with St. Anne's Hill Historic Society.

Susan Gray, President
St. Anne's Hill Historic Society

Congratulations to Our Neighbors

Congratulations to not only Glenna Rogers, but also the investors for the St. Anne's Hill Pub who each won awards from Preservation Dayton, Inc. for 2011. Our local investors received the award for the amazing progress on the former American Saloon on Fifth Street this past year. Glenna received a "City Wide" award for her continued excellent work on restoration of the housing stock in SAH as well as other historic neighborhoods. This is her second city wide award. You all make us very proud—and appreciative!

John R. See

PS—Congratulations to Keith Klein for "leaping from tall buildings with a single bound" - it's true!! Ask him—brave!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

General Membership Meetings:

Tuesday, Oct. 4
Tuesday, Nov. 1
Tuesday, Dec. 6
7:00 p.m. at the

Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner
1400 E. Fifth Street

Neighborhood Socials: Monthly!

Watch for flyers with theme/time/location.



Christmas Tour Volunteers Needed!

The Dickens of a Christmas tour will be the weekend of December 9th-11th. Tour guides are needed during the following times:

Dec 9th 3:00 until 8:00
Dec 10th 11a until 7:00
Dec 11th 12p until 5:00

Tours will begin every 30 minutes during these times. Each tour will take approximately 3 hours of your time. Two tour guides are needed for each tour. Please let me know which time slot you want to sign up for. First come, first get the time slot(s) of their choice! Please email me at aeshimko@yahoo.com



St. Anne's Hill General Membership Meeting—Minutes 9/6/11

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Introductions: Introductions made.

Police Report: Officer Kenard of 2nd District read report. Officer of 1st District read report.

Guest Speaker:

Erin Dooley, principal, of Stivers School for the Arts presented highlights regarding the school's programs.

Attorney Brandt of Montgomery County Prosecutors presented on presence of prosecutors at the City of Dayton's Priority Boards. Question and answer session.

contact info provided: Daniel Brandt, 224-3741, brandtd@mcobio.org

President's Report

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve minutes made, motion seconded. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Newsletter will arrive to homes soon.

Marketing: Do not forget about the Facebook page.

Membership: There currently 179 members.

Social: The next social is Saturday, Sept. 17: "Tuscan Adventure," cost is \$10. Flyer to come.

PDI: Annual meeting and election on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at Longfellow School.

Capital Improvements Committee: Panagoleas to report to jail on Sept. 7.

Garden Tour: Still in preliminary planning stages.

Christmas Tour: Dec. 9-11, plans are coming along. Still in need of a couple of houses and many tour guides.

Liederkrantz-Turner: no report

Nominating Committee: Four executive positions and one board seat will be up for election.

Old Business: Work-in-Progress Tour this Saturday from 12-4. Tickets on sale now.

New Business: no new business

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting, meeting seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01.



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S.O.S. (Save Our Sidewalks)

Anyone who has taken a walk around our neighborhood would have had to notice the sad shape of many of our sidewalks. The degradation of our sidewalks is dangerous to us and our visitors. In fact, there have been quite a few falls resulting in injuries to neighbors and visitors, including a mail carrier. Many of us feel we should address this problem, and we have negotiated a blanket price for a minimum of 100 squares at a price that is about 60% the normal cost. The price is \$6.00 per square foot or \$150.00 for an average 5'x5' square of sidewalk. The price includes cutting out roots, etc. We have about 40 squares sold, so we need about 60 more to be able to take advantage of the group price. Please take advantage of this very reasonable offer if you have sidewalks in ill-repair. With the Christmas tour right around the corner, followed by our garden tour next spring, many visitors will be using our sidewalks. Please take advantage of this offer to save our sidewalks. The work will be completed by late October, assuming we can sell 100 squares. Contact Brian Young at 708-638-5614 or email (preferred) brian_young3@yahoo.com.

Homes for Sale

ADDRESS	PRICE	#SF	LOT SIZE	CONTACT
1623 E. Fifth Street	\$15,900	960	3,302	Keller Williams Adva
1509 E. Fifth Street	\$17,500			Prudential
1515 E. Fifth Street	\$17,500			Prudential
28 Potomac Street	\$35,000	572	2,905	Big Hill GMAC Real Estate
136-138 High Street	\$59,900	1,932	5,018	LeValley Realty
18 Potomac Street	\$89,900	1,712	3,202	Irongate
126-130 High Street	\$89,900	2,400	4,488	LeValley Realty
42 LaBelle Street	\$119,900	1,284	4,356	Keller Williams Home
1443 E. Fourth Street	\$119,900	2,482	4,251	Coldwell Banker
125 High Street	\$136,900	1,884	10,692	Irongate

Election News

St. Anne's Hill elections for next year's officers and board members will be held during the general membership meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2011. Nominations are now being accepted for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, (1) board seat and Preservation Dayton, Inc., representative. Nominations will be presented and accepted at the October 4 general membership meeting, and will be closed as of the end of that meeting.

If you want to be involved but haven't been contacted by the nominating committee you can get in touch with the chair, John Edinger, at johntedinger@gmail.com, or come to the October meeting where nominations will be accepted from the floor. You must be a member of St. Anne's Hill Historic Society to run for office and/or to vote. Nominees must be present to accept their nomination. St. Anne's Hill Historic Society general membership meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m., in the basement of the Liederkrantz Turner club haus at the corner of High and 5th Sts.

Marketing Update

Would you like to help promote our neighborhood and events like the Christmas Tour? Contact Keith Klein at dayswithoutend@hotmail.com or news@stanneshill.org to get involved with the marketing committee! It doesn't take much time and could be a great resume builder, too. We need people with technical skills like writers, graphic designers, and website developers. There are always opportunities to help pass out flyers and other little tasks as well. Maybe you can write an article for the blog, design a flyer, or help us update our Facebook page.

We also manage our St. Anne's Hill email group on Google. Are you signed up? If you are only reading this newsletter, you are missing out on a lot of information about life in our community. The newsletter is for the public, but the email group is for dues-paying members only. We currently have over 150 members who are discussing all the breaking news in the neighborhood. If you meet any new neighbors please ask if they would like to join the conversation! Please contact Keith for more information.

Work in Progress Tour Update

Nine neighbors opened their homes/businesses for the tour. Several other neighbors pitched in—like Charlene and Steve providing plants for the Tavern, and Fred B. mowing the grass, etc. Over 100 people purchased tickets, many from out of the area. Several people went out of their way to go back to the Tavern and told Brian how much they enjoyed the tour. Net after expenses to go toward E. Fifth Street improvements was \$510. Thanks to all those who helped and those who bought tickets!

Joe Dierkers



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Anyone who reads what I write for this space every month is used to my cheerleading for the neighborhood. What can I say? I'm an optimist by nature! Its not that bad things never happen here, it's just that dwelling on the negative never helps anything. It's better to think about the positive and build on that. And sometimes, in the midst of the bad, we need to be reminded of the good.

This month, my cheerleading is all about thanks. 'Tis the season, right? I'm reminded every day to be thankful for what I have in this community. A hard working, supportive board of trustees. Equally hard working, and really committed, committee chairs. And all you neighbors who see a need and step up to fill it without being asked. I know who you are, and I thank you! Please go out this month and thank everyone you see. Start by taking a look at the back of this newsletter for a list people to thank. Realize that every phone number listed for city offices and services represent a number of people to be thankful for. Yes, I'm serious. As aggravating as city government can sometimes be, they provide services and protections we can't do without it.

But don't stop there. Thank your neighbor for looking out for your house and property. Thank them for caring for their own property. Thank them for just being them. All of us have our quirks and eccentricities, yes, ALL of us, and that's part of what makes it so fun and interesting to live here! Thank you, neighbors, friends and family. And have a really Happy Thanksgiving!

Susan Gray, President
St. Anne's Hill Historic Society

Christmas Tour Tickets

Please encourage your friends, family, and co-workers to join us for our biennial holiday walking tour of the St. Anne's Hill Historic District. The tour will include 8 unique homes along our charming neighborhood streets, and is the longest continuously operating home tour in the Dayton region. All proceeds go toward preserving the character and integrity of our neighborhood. Tickets can be purchased at:

<http://stanneshill2011.eventbrite.com/>

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Tuesday, Dec. 6
7:00 p.m. at the
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DECEMBER SOCIAL:

Most of our monthly socials are open to all. All you have to do is bring a dish to share, or pay a small fee to offset the host's costs. In December the social is still open to all; all you have to do is volunteer to help with the Dickens of a Christmas Tour! Any contribution you make, or have made, over this year that has helped to ready the neighborhood for the tour counts. If you've been a part of the planning committee or opened your home for tours, that counts. If you've stuffed envelopes or made phone calls on the tour's behalf, that counts. If you'll be guiding tours, working in the gift shop, lighting lanterns, that counts. If you're sending good thoughts our way, that counts. Get the idea? Join us for the After Tour Party, Dec. 11 at approx. 8 pm or as soon as the last tour clears the Bossler!

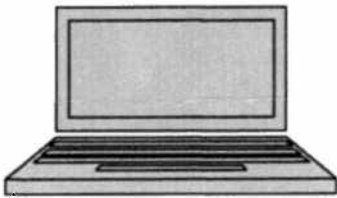


Marketing Update

Last month we mentioned the St. Anne's Hill email group. So here are some more details about that program, which is a service we provide for our dues-paying members. We currently have over 150 members of our neighborhood association in the email group, including several local businesses and former residents. The email group, powered by GoogleGroups, makes it easy to communicate news, questions, concerns, and suggestions with your neighbors. By sending an email to the group, it instantly gets "blasted" out to all the members. Unlike the early days of email, there is no moderator to review the messages, so your ideas are unfiltered and uncensored for all to see! As you can imagine, there are some very lively conversations sometimes.

If you're worried about getting too many emails, or you don't use your personal accounts very often, there is also an option to receive a condensed email. This provides one email to your inbox that contains all the messages sent that day. The association also adopted a list of email guidelines, which help keep things orderly. If you'd like to sign up, simply contact Keith at dayswithoutend@hotmail.com with your email address. He will add you to the GoogleGroup, and you will receive a confirmation message to complete the process. Please make sure you let us know if you have changed your email address as well. It's a great way to stay in touch with your neighbors in St. Anne's Hill.

Keith Klein



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Recipe Corner

I made up a big pot of this hearty soup just before the 2009 Christmas tour. It sat warming in a crockpot all weekend, ready whenever I was able to stop in for warm, nutritious food between tours and my other tour chores over the weekend. This recipe came from a friend in North Carolina. He says there's nothing better than a bowl of warm beans after a day of surfing in the cold water. I'll say there's nothing better than a bowl of warm beans during an historic home tour!

Kevin's Mixed Bean Soup

2 cups mixed dried beans (or use canned beans and skip the overnight soak)

Kevin suggests black, red, pinto and navy. Use whatever combination you like best. If using canned, one can of each variety works well.

1 quart vegetable stock or chicken broth

1 quart water

2 cups diced smoked ham or sliced Carolina smoked sausage

1 28-oz can of chopped tomatoes OR 6 fresh ones, chopped, deseeded, and skinned

1 onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, chopped fine

2 tablespoons fresh cilantro

2 tablespoons fresh parsley

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1 teaspoon chili powder

1 teaspoon crushed fennel seed

1 teaspoon oregano

1 hot pepper, chopped (optional)

Salt and pepper

Rinse the dried beans and allow them to soak overnight in water. Drain. If using canned beans, drain and rinse. Place the beans, stock, and water into a large pot. Simmer slowly for about 2 hours and then add all the remaining ingredients. Simmer another 45 minutes making sure the beans are soft. Adjust with salt and pepper to taste.

Christmas Tour News

The houses are lined up, the route has been set, and soon you'll be sniffing the lovely aroma of bread pudding in the air. Tour planning is zipping along, and its a good thing, because December will be here before we know it. We still need a few tour guides, so if you've been debating volunteering for this, now's the time to contact Allison Shimko and sign up.

We're encouraging everyone in St. Anne's Hill to do some outdoor decorating. Even if you or your street aren't on the tour, many of our guests drive down our streets before and after their tour just to see the homes and decorations. A simple evergreen roping with bows along your fence, and a single candle in each window is beautiful and period appropriate. So remember that even if your house isn't featured on the tour, if you live along the route your property will be "on" the tour. Please take some time to make sure your sidewalks are clear of low hanging limbs, encroaching bushes and weeds. If you have a branch or other problem you can't take care of yourself, please contact me and we'll get someone from the tour's Nuts & Bolts committee (our grounds crew) to help you. The tour will be traveling along the following roads during the tour. Information in parentheses is the side they'll actually be walking on.

High Street between 5th and McLain (both sides)

McLain Street from Potomac to Henry

(both sides between High and Potomac; south side between High and Henry)

Henry Street from McLain to 4th (west side)

4th Street from Henry to Dutoit (south side)

Dutoit St. (both sides)

Guests will be guided on the east side between 212 and 136, but will be returning to their vehicles parked near the High Street Gallery, so they will see all the homes and businesses along Dutoit.

Another loss...

Our neighborhood has certainly been hit hard with the passages of good neighbors and special friends in recent months and now it has happened again. Kay Kern was a vital and very active member of our neighborhood for many years. She and her husband Donald moved into SAH in 1991 and restored their home on LaBelle Street. The first year she was here she was elected to our Board of Directors, serving for two years then she was elected Treasurer. She and Don opened their home twice for our Dickens of a Christmas Tour, she hosted PPD's, performed in the musicale, served on the Greenway committee, and she fulfilled countless other volunteer jobs. But more than that...she was a very good friend to all, and always quite giving. Though she was known for her feistiness and strong opinions, she was a totally special person and will be missed by many and very much so by me. She was one of a kind.

John See

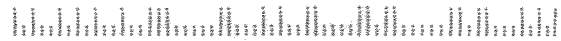


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