



# THE PULSE OF THE HILL

November 2012

## *President's Message*

This year's St. Anne's Hill elections held a bit more excitement than usual. There were actually choices to be made for the offices of president, vice president and board member. It's good to have a healthy competition, and extremely good to see the interest in leading this neighborhood. Everyone running, whether incumbent or challenger, had much to offer. With no further ado, we present the officer and board of trustees roster for 2013:

John Edinger will fill the role of President next year. John most recently served the neighborhood as Vice President in 2011. He has served as newsletter editor and been active in many ways over the years. Ruth Slone will return as Vice President, and add a new role as our Southeast Priority Board Representative. She will also continue as chair of the Fifth Street Improvements committee, pushing ahead to revitalize our main thoroughfare. Mary Jo Dupree will step into a two year position on the board of trustees. Mary Jo is one of those quiet individuals that just goes to work and doesn't make much fuss about it. She has served the neighborhood in many ways over the years, but her two most notable jobs in recent years are as chair of the social committee, and as the planning committee chair for the very successful 2010 and 2012 Garden Tours. Returning next year are Walt Colvin, treasurer, Mark Shimko, secretary, and Jim Venys and Gearld Strickland, board members. Susan Gray, 2012 President, will occupy the board seat specifically designated for the past president. One board seat, currently occupied by Keith Klein, will be appointed by the new President in January.

Thanks to outgoing board member, Steve Kardeen, for his years of service on the board. No doubt he will continue to work and support St. Anne's Hill through his greenway section, neighborhood watch efforts, and other ventures. Thanks, also, to Eric Aielli, who accepted an appointment to the board last year, sitting in the vacant past-president seat. He, too, has great ideas to move us forward, and we'll be hearing from him again in the future.

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

## *Open House Announcement*

The Ahiska Turkish American Community Center, located at the "former Bomberger Center" 1306 E. Fifth Street, Dayton, OH is having an official Grand Opening November 30, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The Ahiska Turkish American Community Center (ATACC Dayton) is an ethnic and faith-based non-profit community organization serving refugees, immigrants and underserved communities in Montgomery County, Ohio.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **General Membership Meetings:**

Tuesday, December 4  
7:00 p.m. at the  
Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner  
1400 E. Fifth Street  
ALL ARE WELCOME!



### *ST. ANNE'S HILL HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE COCKTAIL PARTY AND DECEMBER SOCIAL*

Saturday,  
December 15, 2012  
at 7:00 p.m.  
Hors D'oeuvres, cock-  
tails, and dessert  
\$20 per person  
Call 937-830-2475  
or email  
mdupree41@gmail.com  
for reservations.



*Also— watch your  
mailbox for  
St. Anne's Hill  
Historic Society  
membership renewal  
forms for 2013.  
Questions? Contact  
Fred Chatfield,  
478-9208.*



## *Neighborhood Meeting Minutes 11.6.12*

**Call to Order:** 7:08pm

**Police Report:** Spoke about East 3<sup>rd</sup> robberies & prostitution issues

**Prosecutor's Report:** Potomac search warrant, drugs found, person arrested: Was person released? Just to Butler County. Some individuals investigated re: 3<sup>rd</sup> Street robberies: officers didn't find evidence; investigation continues. One person was arrested & released. They need one or more people who can ID the suspects in a photo layout.

**President's Report:** December Board Meeting moved January 2, 2013' January General Membership Meeting moved to January 9, 2013; Voted to raise membership dues to \$10/year; Ryan – AMBUCS Chili Cookoff fundraiser on 11/17 : they would like to have the SAH Champion to come to the Cookoff (needs to bring 5 gallons of chili).

**Treasurer's Report:** Money was raised for Terry St. Park by Keith Klein. Biggest expense was Southern Ornamental Iron. Money left from last year's sidewalk project – contact Brian Young to schedule work

**Committee Reports:**

Newsletter: November newsletter online. Delayed so that it will contain election results.

Marketing: Online fundraising for Terry St Park raised \$303; Eric and Carolyn have taken on challenge of updating SAH web-site

Membership: 2013 renewal forms going out in a week; Eric suggested online option

Social: Chili cookoff at Kardeen's house, 7pm 11/10; Progressive cocktail party in December. One stop would be Lee's. Needs 2 more houses. Email/Call MJ.

PDI: working diligently to get control of Gem City Ice Cream building on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Used to be Wright Brother's manufacturing facility. Want to get it to usable/leasable state.

Parks & Greenways: Jack shut water off at Victoria Park.

Housing Liaison: A number of residents attended Landmarks Commission meeting 2 weeks ago re: house on McLain St that had fire to get it torn down.; Housing inspector says house stable. Forcing owner to do something about the house.; Issue tabled until neighborhood comes back with valuation vs repair cost to prove too costly to fix; Owners delinquent on taxes; A number houses in neighborhood going on tax sale (2+ years delinquent).

5<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Committee: Took flowers out of pots; Seasonal banners ordered; Stivers students will decorate 5<sup>th</sup> Street pots for Christmas; Revisiting 1987 plan; Working on getting citations for houses with violations

Leiderkranz-Turner: Annual Christmas Concert and Kris Kindie mart 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December

**Old Business:** Archway & fence at Terry Park are completed; 130 man-hours put into fence work by neighbors

**New Business:** Ruth is having a garage sale on 11/10, 8am – 4pm. You can drop off your stuff if to sell. Flowers from pots will be available, too. Eric offered to post announcement on Facebook.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

## *Homes for Sale in St. Anne's Hill*

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>SQ. FT.</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>
212 S. Dutoit St.	\$249,000	2,670	Coldwell Banker	A "Frame-off" restoration
125 High St.	\$124,999	1,884	Irongate	The only attached garage in SAH
122 LaBelle St.	\$104,900	1,452	Coldwell Banker	
236 Henry	\$92,900	1,650	Kamila & Co.	Finished bsmt; 2 car detached garage
24 Henry	\$79,900	2,400	LeValley Realty	2 car detached garage
126-130 High St.	\$89,900	2,400	LeValley Realty	2 bldgs. w/4 units total
160 Henry	\$84,900	928	Kamila & Co.	Being sold to settle estate
1630 E. 5th St.	\$84,900	3,422	Irongate	Commercial Bldg; currently a church
24 Henry	\$79,900	1,112	Kamila & Co.	2 car detached garage
107 LaBelle St.	\$54,900	1,834	ReMax One	Sale fell through; back on market
136-138 High St.	\$59,900	1,932	LeValley Realty	2 houses
1613-15 E. 5th St.	\$9,000	2,082	Sheriff Sale July 13	2nd house on rear of lot

## *It all started with a short letter we received in late June last year...*

“Dear Sir,

My name is Kevin Dutoit & I live in a suburb just outside of Kansas City, Missouri. A few years ago my wife did a genealogy search on my relatives and found that my Great, Great, Great Grandfather was the Swiss immigrant (Eugene Dutoit) that built the house where you live & owned property there. We are going to be driving thru Dayton on the 2nd of July & would like to come by and take pictures of the street & house. If by chance you are home, & if you don't mind, I would love to see the inside of the house, too. I know this may seem forward, but would love the opportunity to see where my ancestors started out in America. Even if you don't want us inside the house, I would like to take pictures of the outside of the house. Thank you for your time.”

The envelope was addressed to “Mr. Charles Wagner”, but Wags, being the procrastinating communicator that he is passed on to me the task of replying to this message. The second of July was looming close, but Kevin had included an email address so it was easy to make contact and let him know that we would be delighted to have them here for a visit and to see the house. At this point I got to thinking about how much we love this place and how blessed we feel to call it home. When we moved here in January of 1987, we referred to the house as “the mansion on the hill”. We never, ever thought we would own a place so gorgeous. My mom came over to see it and snapped a photo from the sidewalk during her visit. Later when she gave me the print I noticed that the overcast skies that afternoon and the angle of the shot made the place look more like the Bates Motel than our beautiful house. Nevertheless, I framed the picture and it hangs in our dining room to this day. Since the weather was typical gray, cold January, we didn't venture outdoors much. Besides, there was a lot of work to do in order to make the house our home—endless unpacking and organizing, arranging furniture, and all the tasks that are equally joyous and exhausting. In the evenings we found it quite helpful to put a crackling fire in the living room to warm our spirits and give us motivation. The excitement of our new surroundings along with the pleasure of “feathering our nest” filled the time and several months passed.

Once the weather became milder we began venturing out for some strolls in the area. We loved the range of architecture and were equally impressed by places that had been rehabbed and the potential of properties that needed attention. One day we were walking back from one of these excursions and encountered an elderly couple in front of our house. They introduced themselves as the Hermans and pointed to the cottage that was their home. In chatting about the neighborhood Mr. Herman told us that he lived his whole life in the little house on Dutoit Street; in fact, he was born there. As we were talking a little girl rode up on a bicycle. She had enormous dark eyes and a beautiful olive complexion. Mrs. Herman introduced her as Rachel, one of the children of our neighbor Fred, who lived in the brick house with the turret down toward Fourth Street. As Rachel rode off down the sidewalk, Mr. Herman handed us a bulging manila envelope. He said that a previous owner had done extensive research on our house and the Dutoit family and that, when he was getting ready to move, he entrusted the Hermans with the information so they could pass it along to the next owners. I felt like someone had handed me a gold ingot—what a gift! There was all sorts of research—even communication with people in Switzerland—documenting the story of the immigrant who was the first inhabitant of what is now St. Anne's Hill. Over the years, others have also been kind enough to pass along their contributions to the Dutoit legacy and the history of this house, which we continually add to our collection.

So if you did the math, you know we celebrated the silver anniversary of our move to 222 S. Dutoit Street January, 2012. When we purchased the property we ought it simply because we loved the house, having no idea that it came with this unique and incredible network of neighbors. One of my favorite examples of this is about a man I used to work with who was skeptical about the authenticity of some of the stories I would tell about the fun we had around the Hill. So I invited him and his wife to attend the next social, which was going to be at our house. They accepted, and it was a hoot! The theme was the Caribbean, so even though it was a chilly April evening, people showed up in dreadlock wigs, flowered shirts, and other warm weather regalia. Someone brought reggae music that we popped into the stereo. Someone else fired up our grill and began cooking marinated ribs. Wags was kept busy making pitchers of margaritas. My colleague was taking all this in when the door opened and in walked a couple in “parrot head” headdresses so tall they had to bow at the waist to get them in the door. A few minutes later, two guys who had been attending a formal event downtown showed up in tuxes. Larry's eyes widened and he turned to me and said, “You're really not making this stuff up, are you?” But I digress. We did meet with the Dutoits and had a pleasant visit. I got a bunch of my information photocopies and mailed off to Missouri so Kevin and Kerry can enjoy learning more about their ancestors. Now I know a little about how the Hermans must have felt, presenting us with that fat manila envelope all those years ago. Oh, and there's one last thing. We took our cue from the Hermans that we lived on DOO-toit Street. Not long after we were chastised by others for not pronouncing the name correctly, the proper pronunciation being, Doo-TWAH. So, Doo-TWAH it became. Or did it? On July 2nd when we answered the door and saw the affable young couple from Missouri on the front porch, the man stuck out his hand and said, “Hi, I'm Kevin DOO-toit.” So what do you make of that?

Donna Wagner, 222 S. Dutoit Street

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Abandoned Vehicles	333-1058
Animal Control	898-4457
Bulk Waste Pickup	333-4833
City of Dayton Planning Department, Brian Inderrieden	333-3679
Housing Inspection Supervisor, Jim Tredinnick	333-3921 333-3918
Landmarks Committee	333-3683
Park Maintenance	333-5300
Police	333-COPS
District 1	333-1290
District 2	333-7440
Drug Hotline	333-7440
Truancy Hotline	542-3228
Rodent Control	333-3915
S.E. Priority Board	333-7373
S.E. Zoning	333-3887
Sewer Maintenance	333-4915
Sidewalk/Curb Repair	333-3858
Street Cleaning	333-4808
Street Lights	333-3850
Traffic Signs	333-4075
Vacant Lot/Weeds	333-4843
Water Billing	333-3550
Water Distribution	333-4900

#### ST. ANNE'S HILL HISTORIC SOCIETY

##### OFFICERS:

<b>Susan Gray, President</b> srgay65@live.com	222-4381
<b>Ruth Slone, Vice President</b>	222-9687
<b>Walt Colvin, Treasurer</b>	222-7928
<b>Mark Shimko, Secretary</b>	361-3463

##### BOARD MEMBERS:

<b>Steve Kardeen</b>	277-2784
<b>Keith Klein</b>	223-5818
<b>Gearld Strickland</b>	751-0169
<b>Jim Venys</b>	223-9013
<b>Eric Aielli</b>	486-4233

##### Newsletter:

Amy Lopez-Matthews  
228-8217  
amy.lopez.matthews@gmail.com

##### Newsletter Deadline:

20th of each month

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

<b>Alley Cleanup:</b> Fred Bremer	586-0268
<b>Archives Committee:</b> Susan Gray	222-4381
<b>Christmas Tour:</b> Susan Gray	222-4381
<b>Fifth Street Improvements:</b> Ruth Slone	222-9687
<b>Garden Tour:</b> Mary Jo Dupree	830-2475
<b>Grants Committee:</b> Leah Turnbull	252-5061
<b>Housing Inspection/Liaison:</b> Craig Matthews	228-8217
<b>Marketing:</b> Keith Klein	223-5818
<b>Membership:</b> Fred Chatfield	478-9208
<b>Neighborhood Watch:</b> Steve Kardeen	277-2784
<b>Parks &amp; Greenway:</b> Joe Dierkers (Greenway) Allison Shimko (Parks)	
<b>PDI (Preservation Dayton Inc.) Represent.:</b> Joe Dierkers	414-0313
<b>SEPB (South East Priority Board):</b> Barry Fought	586-0916
<b>Social:</b> Mary Jo Dupree	830-2475
<b>Sunshine:</b> Heather Kardeen	277-2784