



The Pulse of the Hill

St. Anne's Hill Historic District News

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ST. ANNE'S HILL HOLIDAY TOUR DEC. 11-13TH...

SUSAN GRAY

When you read this the tour will be only a few days off. Just about everything will be in place and ready to go. I'm hoping we get a dusting of snow to make everything beautiful, but not so much that people can't make it out. All of you volunteers will be busy with last minute preparations and the scent of bread pudding will be emanating from the Bossler Mansion.

I have an update on the situation I wrote about in last month's newsletter. I stated that parking would be restricted along the west side of Henry St. from 5th St. north to the middle of the block. THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN. We have worked out an alternative so we don't have to inconvenience anyone. Thank you for being willing to be inconvenienced, though!

The tour committee is asking everyone along the tour route to put candles in your windows, and hang garland on your front fence if you have one. This is not required, only requested. But if most houses along the route do this it will look really impressive to our guests. If you live on High (00-99 block, and up to 106), McLain (from Potomac to LaBelle, LaBelle, Dutoit, Henry (00 to 99 block) or 4th (1400 block), you're on the tour! In addition, many guests will drive through the neighborhood before or after their tour, hoping to see more of our beautiful homes and their decorations. Please keep this in mind and give our guests a delight!

New this year we will be holding a raffle for some of the tour decorations. A wreath, a centerpiece and a decorated tree have been donated. These items will be featured in some of the tour homes, and the tickets will be sold at the Victoria's Parlor Gift Shop at the end of the tour. Tickets for the wreath or centerpiece are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets for a chance to win the tree are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. Don't forget to drop into the gift shop to buy your chance to win one of these beautiful decorations, and contribute to St. Anne's Hill.

Last but not least, the December social will be the after-tour party held at the Bossler. It will begin approximately 1/2 hour after the last tour group leaves the mansion on Sunday, December 13. You don't have to bring a dish or pay a fee, all that is required for entrance to the party is that you worked on the tour. No matter what your part, or how long you work, your volunteered time qualifies you to attend. No job is too big or too small, everyone is invited. This party is so much fun - getting to talk to everyone about their tour experiences and rehashing the whole thing - you really don't want to miss it! Not to mention the great food (mmm - bread pudding) and drink you'll enjoy along with all your friends. If you still haven't decided how you want to help, call me at 222-4381 and we'll get you connected with an opportunity.

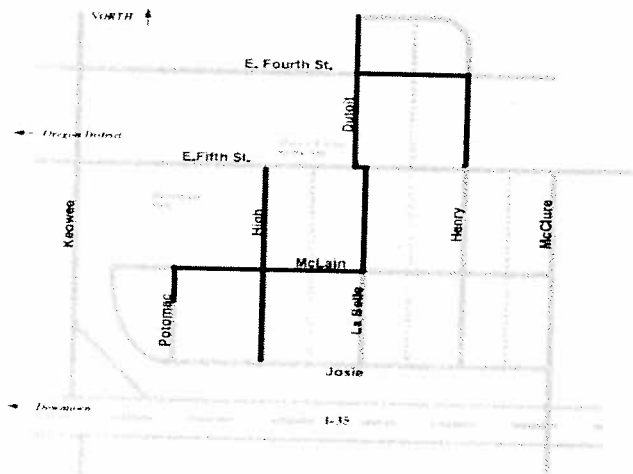
I'll see you along the route - take care everyone and have a happy holiday.

Neighborhood Calendar

- Dec. 1 GM Meeting
- Dec. 11-13 Christmas Tour
- Dec. 19 Cookie Exchange
- Jan. 4 GM Meeting

Liederkrantz Events

- Dec. 5 Christmas Carolling
- Dec. 12 Annual Christmas Concert, 7 pm



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

GREG MANGER

Thank you to everyone that has made living in St. Anne's Hill one of my life's greatest experiences. Hope I get a chance to say goodbye personally to each of you prior to us leaving.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Gregory S Manger, Past President

MOSAIC PROJECT HELP

Monday and Tuesday evenings from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, the K12 Gallery is working on our Fifth Street mural panels and would love extra help. Since the weather has gotten cooler the panels are now in K12 (in the Cannery, 510 E Third St.). Volunteers will work primarily on the background so you don't need to worry about not being "artistic" or "messing up"; the only talents required are free time and the ability to glue. Jessica MacMillan, the artist who created the panels, will be on hand to assist and offer support. Drop in and lend a hand for as little or much time as you can spare. Just show up and for as little or as much time as you can spare. All help is greatly appreciated (as a bonus, you can always reward your hard work with a glass of wine from the wine bar just a few doors down). Check our website, www.stanneshill.org and see the link about the mural project (many thanks to Keith Klein for posting it). Don't forget that kids can help, too!



ALSO, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5th from 10am - 1pm for a CREATE party at K12 Gallery. The neighborhood is invited to work on the project as a group and garner publicity for our project and the upcoming Christmas Tour. I'm working on food and beverages (b/c St. Anne's always rewards its volunteers. It's also important to note that you can hold a glass or bottle while you work). Watch for upcoming information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me. Leah Turnbull, 227-1388 or leah@stanneshill.org



Do you want to try something new? Do you like to travel? Do you have an unfilled goal? Then learn to speak Spanish with your neighbors in a supportive and relaxed environment!

Contact Information	Class Fee	
Instructor: Christopher Sidner Phone: (937) 369-9762 Email: csidner@woh.rr.com Website: csidner@webs.com	1 hour group	\$7/person (4 or more)
	1/2 hour private:	\$7/person (3-4 people) \$10/person (2 people) \$15/person (individual)
*When possible please pre-register for a class. There is a minimum enrollment of 4 people.	*\$2 of every fee is for materials	
Classes will be held on Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Location for 2010 TBD. Private lessons are by appointment.	*Bring someone new and receive a \$2 discount.	

ADD LIGHTING TO REDUCE CRIME AND BECOME SAFER

JACK MILLIFF

Most people – including police officers and insurance people – know that good outdoor lighting reduces crime. Though crime can happen during the day, most criminals prefer darkness so they will not be seen, and will usually pick a poorly lit area instead of a well-lighted one when they are up to no good.

My wife and I live on a corner and are fortunate enough to have a city street light across the street in front of the house as well as one at the intersection of the street and alley behind the house. Additionally, we have lights actuated by timers at each entrance to the house and the garage, as well as three motion-actuated lights in the alley and at the back yard. Previously light sensors actuated our outdoor lighting, but we have found timers to be more reliable. The timers replace regular wall switches inside the house and cost about \$18 apiece and can be found at Home Depot.

We have recently patrolled the neighborhood streets and noted streetlights that were burned out, flickering or otherwise not working right. We reported the burned out lights to the city, and find they will be repaired within about three days. So far about eight lights are now working that were not before. As a result of these contacts I have learned several things.

The streetlights are owned and maintained by the city, but they were previously the responsibility of DP&L. Lights in the alleys are maintained by DP&L and are paid for by homeowners. Additionally, there are lights at the parking lots at Liederkrantz, Bomberger, and Stivers that are the responsibility of the parking lot owner. Also there are lights along US 35 and the exit ramp to Keowee Street.

The city or DP&L determined the locations of city streetlights at different times in our history. There is no consistent guideline on the spacing, but they were originally placed so there were at least two foot-candles of light at all places along the street. The amount of light may now be less as trees have grown up around the lights or as the fixtures have become dirty. All streetlights are a “cobra head” design and look to me like parking meters facing downward. There are two primary types of bulbs, depending upon when the light fixtures were originally installed. High-pressure sodium lights give off a so-called “yellow” light, but they appear pinker to me. Mercury vapor lights are much more white. The two types require different fixtures and the bulbs are not interchangeable.

Also there are many Nightguard lights in the neighborhood that are owned and maintained by DP&L. In St. Anne’s Hill they are typically behind the houses in the alleys, but they can be installed in your yard as well. These lights are on wood poles and have a vase-like globe with round openings at the bottom. All of them use mercury vapor bulbs.

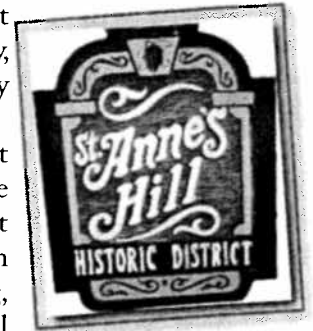
You can get a 175-watt residential Nightguard light installed by DP&L on your property. There is no cost for installation, and the added cost to your monthly bill will be typically \$10.36 for the use of the fixture, pole, wiring, and electricity. The feasibility of doing this where you want depends upon DP&L being able to get a machine in to dig a hole, location of the nearest power line, trees in the way, and other things. Residents may also get a 400-watt Nightguard light for \$18.30 a month, again no installation cost.

To report a burned out, flickering, or otherwise non-functioning city streetlight, call the city at 333-3850, and leave a message. You will be asked who you are, the address where the light is, and for a five-digit number on the light pole that is in black numbers, running up and down. If you are aware of a problem with a lot light in a public parking lot or along US 35, I suggest you call this number also and give as much information as you can.

To report a Nightguard light that has a problem call DP&L at 331-3900. You do not have to be the homeowner to report a Nightguard light that is not working.

To get a Nightguard overhead light installed on your property, go online to DPandL.com/customer-service/construction/night-light-form. There will be a form to print and fill out, and mail to DP&L.

Everybody should consider adding more lighting to your house and yard. Not only will this make you safer and less vulnerable to crime, but it will help the neighborhood as well.



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