



The Pulse of the Hill



St. Anne's Hill Historic District News

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WOULD YOU PREFER TO LIVE 100 YEARS IN THE PAST OR FUTURE? SUSAN GRAY

Recently I posed the question to neighbors and city leaders "if you were to wake up tomorrow morning and be 100 years in the past or 100 years in the future, which would you choose?" Knowing what you know of the wars, sorrows, joys and experiences of the last century would you want to take a chance on living through them first hand? Or would you take a gamble on your fortunes in the next century? The responses received were varied and well thought out. The answers could not be predicted and categorized based on gender or age. One common theme rang true, we as a community prefer the past. That may come as no surprise, as most of us were drawn to this area first by the historic architecture and charm of yesteryear that we find in St. Anne's Hill.

Neighborhood Calendar

- April 6 GM Meeting
- April 24 Bowling Social
- May 4 GM Meeting
- June 1 GM Meeting
- June 19 Trash & Treasure
- June 26 Garden Tour

Here is a brief synopsis of some of the responses: Andy Heins chose the past, hoping to hobnob with the Wright Brothers and be a daredevil pilot in his own right. Greg Manger would use his insight to urge John Patterson to write a binding legal clause stating NCR will never be taken out of Dayton. John Edinger and Martha Chatfield both commented on the style of dress, modesty, manners and morality of early 20th century Daytonians. John added that people worked hard for what they had and seemed to appreciate it more. Rosemary Grant provided a short list of the pros and cons of going back 100 years. Sometimes comical (no mascara!) and sometimes very real (limited indoor plumbing).

Mayor Gary Leitzell added another interesting layer to the question. He believes he would be equally delighted to see the past or the future, if it was just a visit. If he was going to stay in one era or the other, he'd choose the past. Craig Matthews says the past would at least be somewhat familiar, and the mayor agrees, adding the future would be very disorienting not knowing how it came to be. He has a point. Imagine someone from 1910 showing up today. Not only would they not know what a television was, but computers, ipods and most of today's technology would boggle their mind.



Some cited lack of womens' rights and opportunities as a reason to go forward. Many thought a glimpse of the future might be interesting. Bobbie Puterbaugh would choose the future in the hopes that a cure for diabetes and other terrible diseases has been discovered. City commissioner Nan Whaley believes it would be fascinating to see what the future holds, even while admitting she'd prefer to stay right where she is, in the present. Chief Biehl would also choose the future, to see if we've learned anything from what we're going through today, and like Gabriela Pickett, hopes we've learned "that peace is the only promise for a better future."

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So many thoughts and ideas, things to consider. We idealize the past in many respects, but it certainly wasn't easy. A lot of modern conveniences would be missed. Ironically, the book "In His Steps," published in 1899, bemoaned the youth of the day, lamenting bad manners, rudeness and disrespect for their elders. Violence of the day was so concerning the author wept for our future. Some things never change.

What does the future hold? Not even Nostradamus knew. A new invention might be created next week that would change the course of history in ways we couldn't even imagine today. Will we be zooming around in hover crafts? Taking vacations to Mars? Preparing meals by merely thinking of them? Will we have alien co-workers, pet robots? And what will we go through to get there?

The best bet is one put forth by a number of neighbors: One foot firmly in the past, one foot firmly in the present, and looking determinedly to the future. The best of all worlds.

GARDEN TOUR SLATED FOR JUNE 26TH...VOLUNTEERS

Calling all gardeners!! Spring has arrived and that means Garden Tour!! St. Anne's annual Garden Tour will be held on Saturday June 26th 2010. The tour committee is currently seeking homeowners wishing to showcase their yards for this fabulous event. Please contact John See at 461- 1940 or Mary Jo DuPree at 830-2475 to volunteer.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

April is here and with it all the good city living can bring. Yards are being spruced up and flower beds all around the neighborhood are looking great. On any given evening you can catch the delicious scent coming from someone's barbecue. People linger outside and laughter and conversation can be heard long into the evening. Its a chance to catch up with neighbors you haven't seen since snow first fell in December. Denny and I are finally laying that brick patio we've been planning for years.

Unfortunately warm weather also brings some bad. Prostitutes, petty thieves, drug dealers and even arsonists are moving freely about our neighborhood, too. No matter how vigilant you or your neighbors are, it seems these people get away with crimes extremely easily. Its tempting to give in to feelings of hopelessness and isolation. I have heard from a number of people recently who have put up with minor crimes or other issues and thought they were alone in their struggle. Believe me, no one is alone here. I encourage everyone to contact the proper authorities to report problems, then contact me or another board member to follow up. In some cases a quick phone call can solve the problem. In other cases it takes more work. The old adage, the squeaky wheel gets the grease is so true. If only one person complains, or if its always the same person, its easy to write that person off. If many people call about the same problem officials sit up and take notice.

If you're not sure who to contact, look at the back of your newsletter, which lists city department phone numbers as well as St. Anne's Hill board members and committee chairs. Some phone numbers to always have on hand:



- 333-COPS (2677) - Police dispatch for non-emergency
- 333-DRUG (3784) - to report drug activity
- 333-VICE (8423) - to report prostitute activity
- 461-WEED (9333) - Weed & Seed. This doesn't take the place of the other numbers, but your call is logged, investigated and followed up on.

Also, consider joining the neighborhood watch patrol. You can participate as you have the time and help make a difference in our community.

Stay safe, and enjoy the weather.

APRIL SOCIAL--JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF BOWLING!

Ready, Set...BOWL!

- What: St. Anne's Hill April Social Event
- When: Saturday, April 24th, 6:30 PM
- Where: Capri Bowling Lanes
2727 S. Dixie Highway
- Cost: \$9.50/person for shoe rental and 2 games



Come and join your neighbors for a fun night at the bowling alley. Let them know you are from St. Anne's Hill when you arrive. Food and beverages will be your responsibility, but the entertainment will be free! See you all at Capri Lanes!

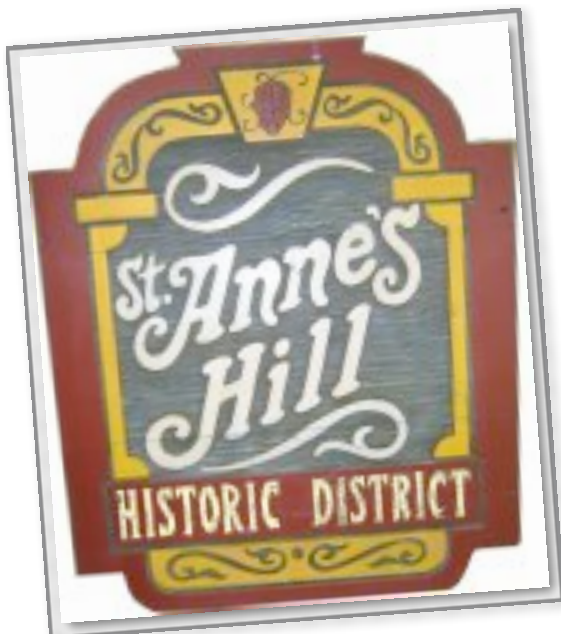
DSPS ANNOUNCES SPRING SHOW

The Annual Juried Spring Art show will be at the 48 High Street Gallery April 11-25, 2010. Gallery Hours limited to Saturdays and Sundays 1-5 pm for this show. On view will be art work selected by art judge Julia May, Assistant Professor of Art and Curator of Earlham College Art Collection at Richmand, Indiana, from works entered by artist form the entire Dayton region.



48 High Street, from an oil painting by Gerald Page, DSPS president 1973-75, DSPS collection

All St. Anne's Hills neighbors are invited to view the free exhibition and to the Opening Reception on April 11 from 1 to 5pm.



**CALL ST. ANNE'S HILL HOME...
ESTATE FOR SALE**

133 High St.	\$98,500
143 Henry St.	\$27,000
28 Potomac St.	\$36,000
241 Henry St.	\$99,700
18 Potomac St.	\$129,900
1623 E. Fifth St.	\$49,900
1443 E. Fourth St.	\$132,500
148 La Belle St.	\$106,000
140 La Belle St.	\$19,900
124 McClure St.	\$64,000

Won't you be our neighbor?

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Sewer Maintenance	333-4915
Water Billing	333-3550
Bulk Waste Pickup	333-4833
Sidewalk/Curb Repair	333-3853
Animal Control (vicious dogs)	898-4457
Rodent Control	333-3915
Abandoned Vehicles	333-1085
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Street Cleaning	333-4808
Street Lights	333-3850
Traffic Signs	333-4075
Park Maintenance	333-5300
Police	333-COPS
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