



THE PULSE OF THE HILL

SEPTEMBER 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

It's that time of year again! It's fall and that means St. Anne's Hill elections are right around the corner. You've been around the neighborhood for awhile, now's your chance! If you like the way things are being run and want to be a part of it, step up and run for office. If you don't like the way things are run, run for office and put your ideas to work. All four executive officer positions are up for reelection. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These are all one year posts. There is one board member seat open this year. This is a two year post.

In addition to the general membership meeting on the first Tuesday of every month, you'll be expected to attend a monthly board meeting, which takes place on the last Tuesday of the month. As a neighborhood leader you'll be asked to attend as many neighborhood functions as you can, and volunteer for projects as you're able. No, you don't have to participate in everything, but leading by example is a powerful message.

You may be contacted by the nominating committee soon; please consider your answer carefully when called. If you are not contacted but want to run for office, you can and SHOULD! Just because the committee hasn't called yet doesn't mean you're not qualified. It just means you're not on our radar yet. It is perfectly fine to nominate yourself. If you're shy about that, enlist a neighbor or friend to contact us with your name and info. We'll contact you to verify your interest. You can also be nominated in person at the next general membership meeting in October.

The slate of nominees will be presented at the October 4 general membership meeting. Nominees must be present at that meeting to accept the nomination. At the end of that meeting nominations will be closed. The election will be held at the November 1 general membership meeting. As was the case last year, absentee voting will be permitted. More on that later.

If you are interested but want to know more about the positions before committing, contact me or any current board member for more information. Remember, we were all new at this once. We took a chance, got involved, and learned as we went. We still learn every day. It's a pleasure and an honor to lead your community. Join us or replace us. Your call!

Susan Gray

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UPCOMING EVENTS

General Membership Meetings:

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 - 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 - 7:00pm

Meetings are at the Liederkrantz-Turner Club at 1400 E. 5th Street
(unless otherwise communicated)



NEIGHBORHOOD FLAGS

FLAGS ARE HERE! If you have noticed all the sweet SAH flags festooning your neighbors' porches and have been wondering where you can get one - now is your chance! Flags are \$30 each, with all proceeds benefiting the St. Anne's Hill Historic Society. Text or email Allison Knight to arrange pickup - 937.469.5430 / mrs.allison.knight@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS TOUR

A Dickens of a Christmas in St. Anne's Hill holiday home tour is happening this December 9, 10 and 11! The tour, in its present form, has been conducted every other year since 1989, and is a big deal. It draws people from all over the Miami Valley, and as far away as Columbus, Cincinnati and Ft. Wayne. The tour is St. Anne's Hill's biggest fundraising event. The thousands of dollars raised keeps us going for two years, and goes toward repair and maintenance of our neighborhood-owned parks, improvement projects such as the mural along the 35-Keowee exit ramp, and social events. Repeat guests have made it a must-do event in their holiday itinerary. New guests have found their way here and enjoyed the tour so much some have bought homes and become neighbors. It is a great way to show off our neighborhood and, while it's a lot of work, everyone has a great time doing it.



The tour, guided by costumed guides, begins at the High Street Gallery, home of the Dayton Society of Artists. Guests tour a number of our beautiful homes, and get a treat at the end. This year's tour will end on Fourth Street, at the home of Jason and Adam, who are hard at work transforming their property into a beautiful WinterGarden where guests will be treated to a snack and warm cider. Also back this year is the gift shop, which will be set up in the old violin shop/tart shop building at the corner of LaBelle and Fifth Streets.

We need YOU to make this tour a success. We need tour guides, ticket takers at the gallery, shop helpers and snack servers. As well as people to be on stand-by if we need snow removal that weekend. Guides are loaned a costume and given a script, and get to see all the homes on the tour for free. There are two guides per tour, a lead and a "herder". You can sign up with a friend or we can pair you with an experienced neighbor so you can learn how it goes. Don't be intimidated! Guiding is a great way to learn more about the neighborhood, see all the decorations and meet and talk to the nicest, most interesting people in the area. It's roughly a 3 hour commitment. If an indoor or semi-indoor job is more to your liking, we have plenty of those, too!

You can sign up for a volunteer shift (or several!) [at this link](#). If you have any difficulties with this, or any questions about the tour, don't hesitate to email, call, or text (937-305-8062). Together, we can make this tour the best one yet!

SAHHS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS AND GOOGLE GROUP

Annual Memberships are only \$10 per person and help cover the cost of community events, neighborhood promotion, and the maintenance of our parks. The SAH website for registering: <http://www.stanneshill.org/membership>. You can easily stay up-to-date by paying with PayPal on the site. Auto renewal is an option! Just be sure to select the second option as you scroll down the membership page: <http://www.stanneshill.org/membership/>. If you want to pay by cash or check or aren't part of the St. Anne's email group (no membership required for email) and would like to be, contact Dot Schnering at dschnering@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MINUTES (9.6.22)

- I. **Police Report:** Officer Christopher White
 - East Patrol Operations Division:
 - o New dept organization structure - higher presence on street & higher availability; we will have a different, permanent officer in the near future
 - o We have low crime rate overall
 - o Keep doors locked (house, fence, car, garage, shed); get a camera for your property if you can afford to do so; open car doors are what thieves are looking for;

- o Kia/Hyundai car theft - TikTok challenge; due to design vulnerability it is very easy to steal certain model years - Kia/Hyundai are not the only make with this vulnerability; they have recently arrested some youths in the act of stealing one of these cars

II. **Guest Speaker: Julie Bruns (running for Judge)**

- Currently a Magistrate with the Juvenile Court
- Attorney for 26 years
- Became Magistrate 3 years ago
- She believes that it is very important to have a strong Juvenile Court
- Helped create current Juvenile Competency Laws in Ohio
- Came up with framework to deal with sexting instead of it being a federal crime
- Are families part of juvenile rehabilitation programs? New programs are encompassing the juvenile's family
- What does a Magistrate do? Very similar to a judge, but appointed instead of elected, work at the purview of the judge; she is a civil custody magistrate and hears custody and child support cases for individuals who aren't married but have children
- Why are Judges elected and Magistrates appointed? It is the structure set up in Ohio
- Has found that juveniles that are encouraged to do well and have a good support structure can turn their lives around - some have even become employees of the Juvenile Courts
- She left some brochures, etc. at the meeting for those interested

III. **Guest Speaker: Christopher Mackey (Big Brothers & Sisters)**

- Non-profit mentoring organization
- They had pickle signs in the neighborhood recently
- Create 1:1 mentorship - they match mentors (Big) with a youth (Little)
- They want youths to be able to reach their full potential
- Youth ages range usually 6-14, but can be a max of 18 years old
- Youth safety is a priority for their program
- They ask mentors & youths to stay with the program for a year - gives them time to form a relationship and for the Big to have an impact on their Little's life
- Youths (34 currently) sometimes have to wait on a waiting list for 1-2 years for a Big
- If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Big Brothers & Little Sisters
- He gave a detailed explanation of how they match Bigs with Littles
- They do provide training and assistance to the Bigs

IV. **President's Report:**

- Went to president's forum and was informed that Dayton Delivers has a section for houses that have been sited that users can view

V. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Amanda had her report available and reviewed it
- \$24,910.52 main account; \$36,467.55 playground account

VI. **Minutes Approval:**

- Minutes for May, June, July, and August were available for review
 - o Yea: All members present approved
 - o Nay: None

- o Abstain: None

VII. **Committee & Neighborhood Reports:**

A. **Newsletter:**

- Articles are due the Monday after General Membership meeting

B. **Social:**

- This coming Saturday after Trash & Treasure - pie contest; fliers and email coming soon
- October 22 - Chili cookoff: start working on your recipe!!
- Looking for other members to help plan socials for 2023 - contact Mary Jo Dupree if interested

C. **PDI:**

- Minnie Project Sept 17 - WIP tour of the house across McLain from the Steamboat house; see the PDI website for more info; after the last tour Joe Dierkers will do a talk at the brewpub with other former board members about how they went from demo to a functional space

D. **North East Land Use Committee:**

- Meeting last week, mainly dealing with Old North Dayton and Dayton Children's parcels

E. **Sunshine:**

- July- Get well card to Josie Card; Sympathy card to Rosemary Grant's family on her passing
- August- Sympathy card to Pat Dewese on the passing of her husband, Jim; Sympathy card to Bob Mott's family on his passing; Sympathy card to Jen & Chip Williamson on the passing of their son
- Franklin & Carla had their baby - a boy!
- Susan Frain, first house on Henry past M&R - moved to live with her daughter

F. **DSA Gallery:** Ruthie Baker

- New exhibit at September First Friday
- Trash & Treasure will be a fundraiser for them
- Sept 11 free performance
- Sept 17 - figure drawing, spots going fast; weaving class
- See their website for more events and info: <https://daytondsa.org>

G. **Housing Liaison:**

- 1620 E 5th St - new paint job on the front as well as a new door
- Potomac/Josie house sold recently - family has moved in

H. **Neighborhood Watch:**

- Make sure doors, etc. locked as Officer White said
- Getting darker earlier so make sure you are turning your porch & alley lights on earlier

I. **Liederkrantz-Turner:** Debbie Venys

- Thanks to SAH neighbors for putting up with the Germanfest Picnic and all the vehicle (deliveries and attendees) and people traffic it generated
- The Germanfest Picnic has been nominated for Dayton's Best Festival
- Biergarten 2nd & 4th Saturday - they will also have trivia on the 24th
- Had over 100 people reply to surveys re: Germanfest Picnic - no results yet
- Need a volunteer coordinator
- Thanks for M&R and owner of the St Anne's the Tart building for use of their lots

- Oktoberfest coming up - October 8, 5pm-11pm
- J. Christmas Tour:
 - Dec 9-11
 - Some changes from previous years
 - Still starting at the DSA Gallery, but this year ending at a Winter Garden at Jason & Adam Coatney-Schuler's house which is also on the tour
 - Most likely no bread pudding due to need of large or commercial grade kitchen (aka the Bossler), but some sort of dessert will be available
 - Call for volunteers will be going out soon - this is a guided tour that needs many hands to make it a success; if you don't want to be a guide (and wear a costume!!) there are other opportunities available (Winter Garden, check-in table, etc.)
- K. Trash & Treasure:
 - September 10 - maps were available at the meeting and will be available at the various sales as well
 - Reminder: September social will be at Bomberger at 6pm to celebrate the day
- L. Nominating Committee: Susan Gray
 - Elections happen at the November meeting - nominations happen at the October meeting to set the slate for the elections; you can nominate yourself at the meeting if you are motivated to serve and have not been contacted by the committee
 - 4 Officer position, 1 2-year at-large position up for election
 - Mary Jo Dupree is stepping down as president
 - If you are interested, contact Susan Gray
 - Susan gave a brief description of what, in general, a board member does (some positions are more active than others) - as a leader of the neighborhood you are strongly encouraged to participate in as many events as you can
- VIII. Old Business:
 - Porchfest: Peter Benkendorf
 - o Thanks to all who hosted and helped out to make the weekend a success
 - o See you next year - August 19, 2023!
 - o Nominated for Best of Dayton: Best Festival
 - o People Mary Jo talked to at Porchfest said they will be coming back for other events in SAH (Trash & Treasure, Christmas Tour, etc.)
 - Bomberger Playground - request for proposals closed Sept 1; waiting to hear results
 - 24 McClure - purchased by Rachel Gannon (Home Expert Realty on 5th); previous owner passed away recently; her daughter does know she has to move; Justine Kelly has been in communication Miami Valley Opportunities in an attempt to get the daughter assistance; daughter has 6 dogs so might have trouble finding housing - she says she can afford \$900/mo; concern that cats in the house might not do well if left in the house - supposedly they will be taken care of once the daughter vacates the property;
- IX. New Business:
 - If you are not on the T&T map, can you still participate in the event? Yes, there will be a lot of foot traffic so you will still get some visitors
 - SAH Merch - Allison Knight had SAH Porch Flags available at the meeting; some are already hanging in the neighborhood

- Art Studio at 1591 5th St - green storefront; any idea what it is? Pottery studio for all skill levels, workshops, etc.
 - Groundhog problem in the neighborhood - please deal with them ethically if you are trying to get rid of them; suggestion to send email to the Google Group with tips or request help
- X. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

IMPORTANT PHONE #S: (or use the “DaytonDelivers” App!) Abandoned Vehicles 333-1058 Animal Control 898-4457 Bulk Waste Pickup 333-4800 City of Dayton Planning Department, Brian Inderrieden 333-3679 Housing Inspection 333-4800 Landmarks Committee 333-3635 Holly Hornbeak Holly.Hornbeak@daytonohio.gov (for Certificates Of Appropriateness/COA)	ST. ANNE’S HILL HISTORIC SOCIETY OFFICERS: Mary Jo Dupree, President 937- 830-2475 Justine Kelly, Vice President justinekelly@gmail.com Amanda Duritsch, Treasurer aduritsch@gmail.com Mark Shimko, Secretary 937-361-3463 BOARD MEMBERS: Tracey Obenour traceyann72@gmail.com Susan Gray sgray65@live.com Allison Knight 937-469-5430 Bryan Kinch bryankinch52@gmail.com Don Groff 937-823-9123 COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Alley Cleanup: Fred Bremer 937- 586-0268 Archives Committee: Susan Gray sgray65@live.com Christmas Tour: Susan Gray sgray65@live.com Fifth Street Improvements: Rob Olsen hofnernorthamerica@gmail.com Garden Tour: Mary Jo Dupree 937-830-2475 Grants Committee: Leah Turnbull 937-546-1290	COMMITTEE CHAIRS, CONT.: Housing Inspection/Liaison: Matt Kelly kellymas@gmail.com Marketing (Open) Membership: Dot Schnering 815-575-4100 Neighborhood Watch: Elijah Stephens 937-336-3712 NELUC (NE Land Use Committee): Matt Kelly kellymas@gmail.com New Neighbor: Val & Mike Beerbower val.beerbower@gmail.com Newsletter: Amy Lopez-Matthews amy.lopez.matthews@gmail.com Parks & Greenway: Henry Rosca 937-522-0936 PDI (Preservation Dayton Inc) Rep: Mary Jo Dupree 937-830-2475 Social: (Open) Stivers School for the Arts Liaison: Cindy Spangler 937- 689-6840 Sunshine: Heather Kardeen oceanluna@twc.com
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