



THE PULSE OF THE HILL

August 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

It's August already and time for our neighborhood to really shine. August is the busiest month of the year for our little corner of Dayton, as we welcome thousands of guests on consecutive weekends for two major free events: the Liederkrantz-Turner's Germanfest Picnic (August 14-16), which was amazing - so well attended and we're lucky to have this event in St. Anne's Hill, and Dayton Porchfest (August 22nd). Over the last several years many of our newer neighbors first discovered St. Anne's Hill when they attended one of these events and became entranced by the beauty and spirit of it. Be sure to welcome and chat with our guests, and keep your block as clean and safe as possible during this influx of people. Oh, and have a great time!

Just a reminder that school started again on August 11 at Stiver's on E. Fifth Street. Be mindful of bus stops, the school zone speed limits, and child pedestrians. Our alleys are especially tricky for pedestrians, as many kids forget to stop and look for cars there, and drivers have a hard time seeing people on the sidewalk until they are right upon them. The walkability of our urban neighborhood is one of its most desirable characteristics, so it's important to maintain the highest level of safety. If you see unsafe driving, remind them to slow down when you can, or call the non-emergency police line.

It has also been great to see such wonderful attendance over the last several months at our general membership meetings.

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General Membership Meetings:	Upcoming Events:
Tuesday, September 1, 2026 - 7:00pm	Garden Club Meeting - 6:00pm, Monday, 8/17 at the Gem City Catfe
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 - 7:00pm	Harvest on the Hill Garden To Table Ticketed Dinner - Wednesday, 9/9 at the Bossler Mansion
<i>Meetings are at the Liederkrantz-Turner Club at 1400 E. 5th Street</i>	Josie St. Tree Planting - 9:00am, Saturday, 9/12 at the corner of Josie & McReynolds Streets

	Josie St. Greenway Cleanup - 9:00am, Saturday, 9/26 on Josie Street Annual Chili Cookoff - 6:00pm, Saturday, 10/17 at 155 McClure Street
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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MINUTES (8.4.26)

Call to Order: 7:02pm

- I. Introductions
- II. Guest Speaker(S): Rose Lounsbury (Candidate for Ohio House, District 36) - District 36 includes St. Anne's Hill; SAHHS not endorsing any candidates - only providing opportunities to speak to the neighborhood.
- III. President's Report: It's a busy month in SAH; more details provided by committee chairs.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: We have \$37,500 in the Operating budget and \$2,700 in the Christmas Tour budget; if anyone has questions, please reach out to Doug Conrad.
- V. Approval of Minutes: July 2026 minutes unanimously approved.
- VI. Committee & Neighborhood Updates
 - A. Newsletter (Amy Lopez-Matthews): August is an electronic newsletter; the deadline is Monday, 8/10 (if you need additional time, please reach out to Amy).
 - B. Liederkrantz-Turner News (Debbie):
 - a. Saturday at 10am starts the load-in for Germanfest (a link will be emailed to the neighborhood for volunteers); 8/14-8/16, 5th Street is closed (Justine encouraged follow-up with Stivers - they start school on 8/11).
 - b. 8/22 is a Biergarten and Dayton Porch Fest food trucks in the LT parking lot.
 - C. Christmas Tour (Susan Gray):
 - a. This is our biggest fundraiser, and it's held every 2 years.
 - b. Susan will begin taking sign-ups for volunteers later this month.
 - c. One change in tour houses - 154 S. Dutoit (Michael & Kathleen) is now on the tour.
 - d. The gift shop is being re-evaluated, with mainly SAH merchandise (working on an ornament - big seller).
 - D. Sunshine (Heather Kardeen): One sympathy card last month.
 - E. Marketing (Dot Schnering): if you have something that's important to share with the neighborhood, email the listserve and submit to our Facebook private neighborhood group.
 - F. Membership (Allison Knight) :
 - a. The committee is reviewing some changes; they meet on 8/17 and will bring options to the membership.
 - b. If you received an email about past membership/PayPal and have questions, email membership@stanneshill.org.
 - G. Social (Susan Gray, Melissa Recht):
 - a. August is jam-packed with events taking place in the neighborhood, so there is no "official" SAH social in August.
 - b. Working on a PPD (Porch, Patio, and Deck party) for September.
 - c. The Chili Cookoff will be on 10/17 at Heather Kardeen's home on McClure.
 - d. The simplest way to keep up-to-date is to check the stanneshill.org website and click on the link for the [calendar](#) (you can also import this onto your google calendar).
 - H. PDI (Dot for Joe Dierkers): Dot sent an email with information about upcoming activities.
 - I. Parks & Greenway (Cal Callahan):
 - a. Thanks for the great turnout at Victorian Garden last month.
 - b. This weekend - cleanup at Terry St. park, starting at 9am (prep for 2 upcoming festivals).
 - c. A "friend of SAH" mulched - good people pitching in and helping us!
 - d. Discussion about an harborist, thanks for removing some limbs from Victorian park.

- e. All neighbors - please take care of your property in preparation for upcoming festivals; walk the neighborhood, help neighbors spruce up if you can.
 - f. Bomberger Park will also need some help.
- J. Neighborhood Watch (Matt Kelly/Elijah Stephens/Louis DeGruy/Mark Shimko): Elijah reminded people if there's an issue worth putting on FaceBook and the listserve, please notify the police as well.
- K. DSA Gallery (Kathleen, Archivist):
 - a. Current exhibit closing Friday (<https://daytondsa.org/exhibitions>).
 - b. Book Club and Painting events coming up soon.
 - c. DSA is partnering with other arts groups.
- L. Garden Tour/Garden Club (Mary Jo Dupree):
 - a. Monthly meetings include discussions about plants, projects, focus on stewardship, soil, pollinators, etc.
 - b. The Garden Tour will be next summer, around June 15; that focus will be different).
 - c. Garden to Table event coming up on Wednesday, 9/9; a 6-course dinner at The Bossler with wine pairings from Joui (\$275 per person, tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harvest-on-the-hill-a-garden-to-table-dinner-at-the-bossler-mansion-tickets-1995246514034?aff=oddtcreator>).
- M. Stivers School for the Arts Liaison (Justine Kelly):
 - a. Dot greeted incoming freshmen on 7/27 at Bomberger Park, and talked about the neighborhood - it was a lovely experience.
 - b. School is starting on 8/11, and Justine will continue to update the neighborhood about school events - lots of talent there!

VIII. Old Business

- A. Update on property next to the Fifth Street Brewpub: the couple living on the first floor has moved out; others still living upstairs. Owner is not a good landlord - he owns 33 properties around the area and the city/police/housing are aware of the problems (22 out of the 33 properties are behind in taxes - he owes close to \$500,000 in back taxes); Justine is working on a process for those who want to work on these properties and move them into foreclosure.

IX. New Business

- A. Merchandise Tent Volunteers Needed (Alex): Alex is recruiting volunteers to help sell neighborhood merchandise at the Germanfest and Porch Fest.
- B. Porchfest (Dot): Mike Squire from the City will have a table to answer questions about Revive 35 (SR 35 from Steve Whalen to Gettysburg); the City received a \$2 million grant to research this; more information may be shared at the October or January Presidents' forum.
- C. Property Value Updates from Karl Keith, County Auditor: People have added helpful information to the listserve; there is a public forum tomorrow night in Oakwood at the Wright Memorial Library - there will likely be more opportunities for information/questions (Megan Cooper is in the process of an informal appeal; a formal appeal will happen in September); the letter you received from the auditor has information about these processes.
- D. Historic Neighborhoods: Justine shared that the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is trying to change restrictions on changing historic monuments - this would affect our neighborhood.
 - a. It is appropriate for us living in an historic neighborhood to comment against this; could make SAH like any other neighborhood.
 - b. Feds would no longer have to tell a state that something is being done/changed to a historic structure.
 - c. Dot has reached out to PDI about putting together a document about how you can use your voice to share your thoughts on this (there will be a 30-day period for public comment).
 - d. This also affects federal land (including tribal lands).
 - e. Justine will share a powerpoint she found on savingplaces.org (<https://savingplaces.org/section106>) that explains this.
 - f. Historic sites bring in tourism dollars, so this may be an angle to consider.
 - g. The Local 937 is now serving ice cream, hot dogs, soup and more - to go.

Adjourned at 8:18pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 7:00 pm
at the Liederkrantz-Turner German Club

ABOUT ST. ANNE'S HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

St. Anne's Hill Historic District is located between the Oregon and Huffman historic districts, east of the central business district of Dayton, Ohio. While primarily residential in character, St. Anne's Hill Historic District has a vibrant business corridor along East Fifth Street. The majority of the buildings in the neighborhood were built in the 1800s and feature architectural styles such as Romanesque, Queen Anne, Second Empire, Folk Victorian, and American Foursquare. St. Anne's Hill was designated a historic district in 1974, gaining a place on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.

General membership meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Dayton Liederkrantz-Turner building located at 1400 E. Fifth St. Visit www.stanneshill.org for the most up-to-date information on upcoming meetings and events or to join the St. Anne's Hill Historic Society and become part of the neighborhood listserve.



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REPORT A PROBLEM



Dayton Delivers is the City of Dayton customer services program, featuring a mobile app, call center (937.333.4800), and a variety of activities occurring in neighborhoods and locations throughout the community.

Using Dayton Delivers - Using Dayton Delivers is easy! Get started by [submitting a service request](#). Once a request is submitted, City personnel will be notified and assigned accordingly.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Abandoned Vehicles 937-333-1058
 Animal Control 937-898-4457
 Bulk Waste Pickup 937-333-4800
 City of Dayton Planning Department,
 Tony Kroeger 937-333-3673
 Housing Inspection 937-333-4800
 Landmarks Committee 937-333-3635
 Holly Hornbeak
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 (for Certificates Of Appropriateness/COA)
 Park Maintenance 937-333-5300
 Police 937-333-COPS/937-333-2677
 Police District 1 937-333-1290

Police District 2 937-333-7440
 Drug Hotline 937-333-7440
 Truancy Hotline 937-542-3228
 Rodent Control 937-333-3915
 S.E. Zoning 937-333-3887
 Sewer Maintenance 937-333-4915
 Sidewalk/Curb Repair 937-333-3858
 Street Cleaning 937-333-4808
 Street Lights 937-333-3850
 Traffic Signs 937-333-4075
 Vacant Lot/Weeds 937-333-4800
 Water Billing 937-333-3550
 Water Distribution 937-333-4900