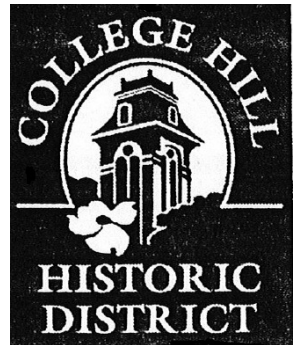


# College Hill Historic District

March/April 2013



## Meet Board Member: Ariane Schratter

### 1. How long have you been a part of the Historic College Hills Neighborhood Association (HCHNA)? What roles did you serve before becoming President?

My husband, Adam, and I attended the board meetings for a while before joining the board. Because we have a young child at home, we tag-teamed our involvement. He served as the Vice-President and President first and now, we've switched—I joined the board around 2010 and served as Vice-President before becoming President. Adam no longer serves on the board.

### 2. Why did you want to become part of the Historic Neighborhood Association?

I always feel so fortunate when I walk through our neighborhood—to be a few steps from woods, greenways, a park, a college, and interesting homes feels like a gift. As a family, we reap the benefits of living in a small community where we know so many people. Joining the board seems like one way to contribute to something from which I benefit daily.

### 3. Why do you believe it is important to have a Neighborhood Association for our district?

Most of us live very busy lives. It is easy to get caught up in our day-to-day schedules, without really connecting with those around us. The HCHNA is one mechanism to bring everyone together. And, the association gives us an organized voice to get things done together we couldn't easily do alone. A few years ago, the HCHNA met with the city to build the neighborhood park and was able to negotiate the various funds needed to build it. Something like that could not easily happen without an organized neighborhood group to support the effort.

### 4. What are your goals for the HCHNA this year?

The more people who attend the events the Association hosts, the more connections we make with our neighbors. So, I'm happy to see the increased numbers of people attending events. It will be nice to see our number of members keep growing since their generous support allows us to fund larger improvement projects for our neighborhood. For instance, with sufficient donations, we can consider expanding the neighborhood play equipment or meeting other needs that are brought to our attention. But, this kind of work also requires people's personal time and energy. So, I hope more people will consider joining the Board. The meetings are fun, meaningful, and informative. The more participation, the more we can improve our wonderful neighborhood.

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### Special points of interest:

- Help-A-Neighbor Day
- Homes for Sale
- Norris & Alice Counts
- Energy Savers
- Neighborhood Needs
- Mystery Gable
- Yard Sale Time

## Home Improvements: Thinking About adding an addition to your home or updating for curb appeal?

You will need to go before the **Historic Zoning Commission\*** to do this. This board is comprised of seven members appointed by City Council to administer regulations adopted for two historic districts. The Commission authorizes construction, repair, alterations, rehabilitation, relocation, and demolition of any structure

which is located or is proposed to be located within the boundaries of the historic districts: College Hill and Oak Park. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of Maryville Municipal Building. Please call John Jagger, Director of Development Services for the City of Maryville at

(865) 273-3520 to discuss your improvements.



**\*The College Hill Historic District has no affiliation with the Historic Zoning Commission. These are two separate organizations with the commonality being historic preservation. The CHHD does not make decisions for the board or consults with the board on any petition made. We are all subject to the Commission if we want to make any outward changes to our home. In addition, none of our current board members are serving on the Zoning Commission.**



We've noticed a lot of work being done on homes in the past several months and wanted to say **Keep Up the Good Work!** Your improvements keep your home preserved and neighborhood value up!

## Spotted! *Home Improvements*

### 310 Stanley

Steve and Rebecca Latham are replacing existing siding with cement board siding, extending the front porch, altering the roof pitch on the rear of the house, building a rear addition, and replacing the slate roof to dimensional shingles.

### 613 Court Street

Andy and Lisa Atkinson have had the roof replaced on their front porch due to water damage. During a visit to Charleston, SC they learned why so many southern porch ceilings are painted "haint" blue and decided to preserve the tradition. For more information, see page 4. In addition, they are excited about installing new ceiling fans on their porch. Sounds like a Porch Hop may be in order this spring!

## Homes for Sale

**Our neighbors are the best recruits, so spread the word!**

***More information is posted on the College Hill Website under Neighborhood News: For Sale***

- 318 Indiana Ave
- 111 Miller Ave
- 129 Miller Ave
- 708 Cate St
- 807 Court St
- 903 Court St.



- 1103 Court St
- 1107 Court St
- 563 N Clark St.

### Soon To Be

- 918 Hunter Ln

# Meet the Board Member cont. with Ariane Schratter

## 5. How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

We moved into the neighborhood 10 years ago. When we first met Boydson and Nancy Baird, who lived in the house before us, it was easy to see how much they loved the house. They raised their children here, had lots of stories to tell, and I learned that children throughout the neighborhood spent a lot of time in the house as well. This is partly what sold us on the house—it felt good.

## 6. Why did you choose to live in an older home?

We picked an old house for the same reasons probably many people do. We love that the house has a long history and has the unique character that is hard to find in newer homes. Also, my husband Adam, who grew up in New Orleans, felt strongly about living in an old house.

## 7. What is your profession?

I am an Associate Professor of Psychology at Maryville College. I teach classes focused on Child Development, Exceptional Children, and International Child Welfare. I feel lucky to have Maryville College as my front yard because my daughter has grown up playing on campus and in the college woods.

## 8. Describe your family

I’ve been married to Adam Weilbaeher for 14 years and we have an 8-year old daughter, Mila. We have a 3-year old basset hound, Bellamy, who has a terrible habit of swallowing objects whole (including stuffed toys, a leather keychain, tights and countless socks). We also have a 13-year old cat, Madeline, who is not a big fan of the basset hound.

## 9. What book are you currently reading or what is a recent movie you enjoyed?

I’m currently reading *We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed with Our Families*. Last year I traveled to Africa and found it to be very beautiful. But, I’m still working to understand Africa’s complicated history. This book is about the genocide in Rwanda. On a lighter note, I just finished reading *the namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri which was a lot of fun to read.

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# Winter Time Festivities

The Progressive Dinner, held February 18, was quite a success with 38 people in attendance. We started at the Luttrell’s home for appetizers then broke into groups going to either the Hasson home, Avery home, and King home for the main course. Afterwards we congregated at the Day house for delicious desserts made by pastry chefs, Ashley and Jonathan Day. Later we played games. Since then we have received several comments about how much people enjoyed the

event. **INTERVIEW HERE**

This is a perfect time to meet neighbors and make new friendships. If you did not get to join us this year, we hope you can next year!



# All About *Blue*

Blue porch ceilings are said to promote a cool, calming atmosphere. The tradition also has some superstition behind it— that blue ceilings ward off evil spirits as well as spiders and wasps, and that blue is a harbinger of good luck.

There are lots of folks from the South who believe blue ceilings scare evil spirits.

That can be credited to the Gullah/ Geechee culture, a mix of African tribes that made up a large part of the slave population once found in the Carolina Low Country (from Georgetown, SC

through the Georgia Sea Islands), says Leigh Handal, a director at the Historic Charleston Foundation.

There people brought many customs and myths with them to the United States, including the superstition that the color blue warded off evil spirits (“haints” or haunts). The Gullah people would paint the woodwork around their windows and doorways to ward of haints, Handal says. The practice spilled over onto porch ceilings because it looks like the sky during the day, not at night. Haints don’t come out during the day. Thus the color became known as “haint” blue.

But don't call the paint store to find out the exact color:

“There is no official haint blue color,” Handal says. “The Gullahs used whatever pigments of paint they could get their hands on. Haint blue is just blue.”

Terri Sapienza, Washington Post

Posted: Sunday, August 24, 2008



## Early Energy Savers

A portières is fancy name for door curtains which were a way to keep cold drafts out and warm air in. This is most certainly used in an era before central heat and air with tightly sealed windows and doors. Portières also offer a romantic, inviting transition by softening doorways. Most were made of fabric, but portières might also be made of beads, tassels,

and decorative cording, even sea-shells for your beach bungalow. The word portières comes from the French word, porte, which means door and were popular not only during the Victorian Era but into the early 20th century where they became popular in Arts and Craftsman homes.

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## *Magical Mystery Gable*

Guess the correct address to identify this gable then email your answer to [celtic-thyme@gmail.com](mailto:celtic-thyme@gmail.com). We will identify the address and winner in the next newsletter. In addition, the

winner gets bragging rights and high esteem from the College Hill Historic District! This idea comes from the 4th and Gill Historic District.



# Walkable Neighborhoods

by Alicia Luttrell

**We all know** that walking is good for one's health and before the days of the motorcar, people walked a lot. We are fortunate to live within a mile of schools, restaurants, produce markets, the Greenway, churches, the Courthouse, coffeehouse, Downtown, Maryville College Campus and trails, local shops, and the library. We have several kids who walk to school with their parents or on their own, but what about walking to other areas of town? Why are we more apt to drive, rather than walk? Time is a factor. Most people have busy schedules and walking takes more time to get there. Weather may be a factor, but a nice walk in a light rain could be refreshing. Clothing and hair - don't want to mess that up! Health factors and age may be another reason. However, if you are able to walk, give

it a try this spring. You will certainly see Maryville in a new perspective...through the eyes of a pedestrian rather than a driver. In addition, we are fortunate to have sidewalks in our neighborhood which lead us to other areas of town. Many neighborhoods do not have this luxury. Another way to travel for health is bicycling. Our neighborhood is a wonderful place for this as well as the Greenway trail which offers a variety of terrain along the way. It will even take you near the places I mentioned earlier. You might enjoy reading information about Walkable Neighborhoods at [www.walkscore.com](http://www.walkscore.com). Yet, more than likely you can think of several places in our vicinity.

## Maryville College Plug

It's Spring Break for Maryville City

Schools and you may be looking for a close place to take your kids. Perhaps a walk to Maryville College Campus would be a nice way to point out historic build-



ings. The grounds are lovely this time of year too. Also, the Silver Spoon Café is located on campus across from the Clayton Center. They offer a variety of soups, sandwiches, gourmet pizzas, and more. Also, be sure to visit the Blackberry Farms Art Gallery just inside.

## Neighborhood Needs

How can we utilize the money raised for our district? Please let us know by sending us an email or a phone call. In addition, anyone is welcome to attend the board meetings. Ideas are listed below:

### Playground Area:

- Park fence
- Park equipment

### Streets:

- Hire a service to keep sidewalks clean and trash picked up

### Beautification:

- Landscape areas of need



## Help-A-Neighbor Day

**When:** Saturday March 23

**Where:** 9 am College Hill Park

**What:** Bring gloves, water, garden tools

**Wear your CHHD shirts if you have one.**

**We will pick up trash regardless in addition to home help.**

Please let us know if you have some minor work to do around your house and we will see how can assist. Contact Jerry King @ [jerrykking@bellsouth.net](mailto:jerrykking@bellsouth.net) or 865-300-4414.

## Board Members:

After 48 years, Norris and Alice Counts will be selling their home at 903 Court Street. Alice had some health issues last year and they moved to live with their son and his family in Greenback. Alice says they had many wonderful memories and times in the Historic District and will certainly miss their neighbors. We wish the Counts all the best!

**College Hill Historic District**



## Generous Supporters: We want to thank those who support the Historic District. This is what makes our neighborhood so successful.

Emily Anderson, Tom & Chris Arnette, Emily Astor, Andy & Lisa Atkinson, Jessica Avery, Brenda Bell, Callie Brown, Ken & Kim Brown, David Cartledge, Michael Cole, John Constable, Norris & Alice Counts, Jon & Ashlee Day, John & Michele DiDiego, Lou & Glenda Drinka, Roger & Lynn Franklin, John & Pat Gallagher, Ron & Kerstin Godfrey, Carl Gombert & Anita Blatnik, Alida Graves, Mark & Debbie Green, Christian Halloy & Ingrid Haun, Todd &

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If you have paid your dues but your name is not on this list please contact Carrie Talley at

carrie.talley@gmail.com

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## Connect With Us

**Email:** if you are not getting info from us chances are we do not have your email. Please let us know by contacting alicialuttrell74@gmail.com



### Get Involved!

**We welcome neighbors to our meetings:**

**April 8:** Ariane Schratter 919 Court St.

**May 13:** Shirley Rupert 2624 Woodland

**June 10:** Carrie Talley 109 W. Goddard

**July:** no meeting

**August 12:** Chris Arnette 209 W Goddard Ave.

**September 9:** Jerry King 133 W Goddard Ave.

## Upcoming Events



**March 23, Saturday:** Help-A –Neighbor Clean Up Day. See page 5 for more info!

### April 5: Newsletter Deadline Submission

Anyone who is a Historic District supporter (see list above) may submit an article to us which may be used for upcoming newsletters. Please email: alicialuttrell74@gmail.com

### April 20, Saturday:

#### Neighborhood Yard Sale!

Start saving your things. Drop off at Jerry Terry King's home @ 133 W. Goddard between April 13-19 and bring to their carport around back.

For pick up assistance call:

Bobby Luttrell at : 865-405-1902

Jerry King at 865-300-414

**May:** Wine Tasting

More details to come!

# Support Form 2013

**Please make checks payable to HCHNA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Carrie Talley  
109 W. Goddard Avenue  
Maryville, TN 37803

Your generous support allows us to fund the following: neighborhood wide Fourth of July and Fall Gatherings; cakes for new neighbors and new babies; poinsettias for our seniors during Christmas; newsletter; neighborhood directory; luminaries on Christmas Eve; website; street banners; park equipment.

The board has also raised financial support through the following events: Historic Home Tours, wine tastings, memorial bricks, Progressive Dinner, and yard sales. The fact remains, though, that we also need the support of our members to continue.

Your yearly support of \$35.00 or more per household is greatly needed and appreciated. This is open to home owners and renters because we all benefit from living in this Historic community.



This year's project is to create a **Celebration Wall** on the base of the existing concrete bridge wall that was left from the overpass of the railroad. Orders are being taken for bricks that will be placed along the top of the wall. Contributors will have an opportunity to pay tribute to a family member, a home, or a business in the historic district. Many homes and families are purchasing bricks that acknowledge a relative who once lived in the neighborhood or city. Family members, children and grandchildren can enjoy visiting this site and seeing their name on the Celebration Wall. The cost of the bricks are \$50 with proceeds going to future projects in the neighborhood. Look on the park wall for examples.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**

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## INFORMATION ON BRICK:




### **Board Members:**

**President:** Ariane Schratter

**Vice President:** Bobby Luttrell

**Secretary:** Shirley Rupert

**Treasurer:** Jerry King

**Membership:** Carrie Talley

**Social Chair:** Terry King & Ashlee Day

**Newsletter/Website:** Alicia Luttrell

**Historian:** John Constable

**Members-At-Large:** Jonathan Day & Bob Proffitt

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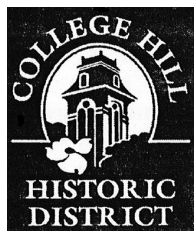
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The College Hill Historic District and the surrounding areas are home to many businesses. While ads or articles may occasionally appear in the newsletter about these businesses, the College Hill Historic Association does not officially endorse them.

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