

College Hill Historic District Newsletter

First Quarter, January—March 2018

Summary from HCHNA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held at the Maryville Corner Market on January 20.

Much progress was made at the annual meeting of the Historic College Hill Neighborhood Association. Held at the Maryville Corner Market on Saturday, January 20 at 9:00 am, the meeting provided a time and place to gather the neighborhood together to discuss plans for the new year. One of the agenda items was to solicit ideas for using current funds for the neighborhood; suggestions generated at the meeting included adding a slide to the park, the purchasing and installation of a dog water fountain in the park, buying and planting trees in the park, having Street Captain shirts created with the neighborhood logo and updating the neighborhood directory. Board members were asked to research the cost associated with each idea and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss costs and make some decisions on how to best spend association money to improve the neighborhood and community. If you have any additional ideas on things that should be prioritized this year, please let a Board member know.

Additionally, a representative from the City was available to discuss current issues related to safety and projects that impact the neighborhood. The discussion started with an update on road work surrounding the district; Montvale Road will be expanded to include a turning lane and sidewalks on the side of the road bordering the Historic College Hills District. This should improve traffic flow around the area and reduce the need for vehicles to cut through the neighborhood.

One of the most discussed topics was how to stop cars cutting through the neighborhood on their way to Court, Lamar Alexander or Montvale, especially those that speed. The road improvements mentioned above should help to alleviate the need for the neighborhood to be used as a cut through; however, these improvements will not be completed for some time still. The issue was tabled until the Neighborhood Watch Meeting in February.

Thank you to all who attended; there was participation from both current and new residents. Also, a huge shout out to the Maryville Corner Market for hosting the meeting and providing food and drinks to attending guests.



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“We can begin by doing small things at the local level, like planting community gardens or looking out for our neighbors. That is how change takes place in living systems, not from above but from within, from many local actions occurring simultaneously”.

— Grace Lee Boggs

Our Neighborhood Trees

by Chris Hackler



Every year we experience the tease of spring with sporadic warm spells that make us more than ready for winter to end. As we see the Daffodils jump up out of the ground and the Forsythia and Bradford Pears begin to bloom we all know it is time to start thinking about our yards and the work that

will need to be done to keep things looking nice.

Sometimes I wonder if spending so much time working on what is at our feet causes us to forget about what is above our heads. Our neighborhood trees add beauty, shade, and a nice bird habitat. Oh and of course the squirrels live in them, as well. Some of the larger trees in our neighborhood are Hemlocks, Maples, American Holly, Southern Magnolia, Pecan, Black Walnut, Elm, Pine and Hackberry; moreover, The best way to improve our neighborhood trees is to properly trim them. When it comes to trimmed trees in the neighborhood there are properly trimmed ones and others that have been mutilated! There is nothing that makes our neighborhood landscape look uglier than a tree that has been mutilated for the sake of the power lines. Improper pruning will weaken a tree, shorten its life, and reduce its aesthetic value.

Some of the trees that are along power lines should simply be cut down, and in the long run; this will save you money. Best solution for planting along power lines is to

plant something that will not grow higher than the lowest power lines. As for proper trimming, I suggest contacting an Arborist. There are several that are licensed professionals that do work in this area. For more detailed information check out these websites: www.arborday.org/trees/tips/ & extension.tennessee.edu/Pages/default.aspx



Neighborly Welcome

Let's take a moment to welcome all of our new neighbors to the Historic College Hill District!

The Hansen's **1015 South Court Street**

Zach, Lindsay, and Sydney Hansen (2 1/2) are excited to live in this beautiful neighborhood on the corner of Waller Avenue and Court Street. The Hansen's moved here from Ithaca, NY in November for Zach's position at UT. He's an Assistant Professor and Specialty Crops Extension Specialist in the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology. Lindsay still serves as the Director of Residential and New Student Programs at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, and hopes to be working locally this spring or summer. Sydney loves school and riding her scooter in the neighborhood. They are native New Yorkers but big Clemson fans (Zach's Alma mater), so you'll see their flag flying on game days. They chose their home and the HCH community because of its proximity to Knoxville and the mountains, friendly neighbors, and walking access to the college and its trails, downtown, and perhaps most importantly these days, playgrounds. Please say hello when you see them outside playing, walking, or running with their dog Molly. They are excited to meet you!



The Hall's **132 Wilson Avenue**

Autumn and Mark Hall found themselves in Maryville in 2001, after Mark took a job as the chair for the Division of Fine Arts at Maryville College. They lived in the county until after Mark's retirement when they downsized into the College Hill District in April of 2017. But they have experience with historic homes. Previously in Indianapolis they restored a 4-Square Victorian from 1900 in the downtown Woodruff Place neighborhood. They are delighted to return to historic home living and looking forward to putting their efforts toward restoring the home in the future. Both enjoy cooking. Autumn is active in the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and assists her 101-year-old mother who lives near by. Popeye their senior dog often takes her for a stroll along Wilson Avenue. Mark is writing on the history of art and creating drawings and prints.

If you see Autumn, Mark and Popeye out, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the neighborhood!



A Night for "Top Hats and Tiaras"



While Saturday, February 10 was a rainy day and night, the rain did not stop the fun had by residents of the HCHN during the annual Progressive Dinner. The theme for the night was "Top Hats and Tiaras" and all that attended dressed to the nines.

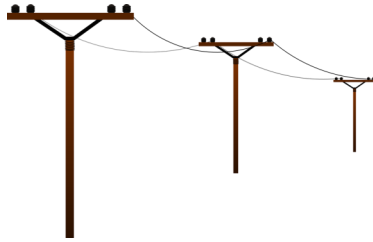
The night started off at Bobby and Alicia Luttrell's home for appetizers; next, guests were split up into groups for dinner at three houses (the King's on Goddard, the Taylor's on Indiana and the McNaughton's on Stanley). Finally, everyone came back together at the Hasson's for dessert.

There was a great turnout this year, with many people participating for the first time (or again after an absence). It was nice to mingle and catch up with people you may not have seen in a while.

Thank you to the hosts of the evening for opening up your homes to participants and for a great night!

And a special thanks to Laura Hasson for all her planning to ensure the night was a success and a fun time was had by all!





Neighborhood Watch Update

On Tuesday, February 27, residents of Waller held a neighborhood watch meeting. Community Policing Officer Donnie Carroll of the Maryville Police Department stressed the importance of getting to know our neighbors so that we can look out for one another. To assist with this, he suggested one block captain per block (the HCHNA is already soliciting for street captains). People would report any concerns to the block captains who then report concerns to him. It was stressed that an 85% participation rate is typically needed for a program of this magnitude to be effective and successful. That means each resident of the HCHNA will need to play an active role.

Speeding on Waller as well as other streets is a major concern for residents. Two strategies were discussed: prevention, including installation of speed bumps and narrowing the streetscape by parking cars on either side of the road. The second was punishment leading to compliance. Punishment includes having speed traps and cameras. However, many of these solutions would cost a considerable amount of money to implement and we want to be sure anything we implemented would be effective. There was agreement that 30 mph was too fast for residential streets and that many cars are traveling faster than that down roads like Cates, Indiana, Waller and Miller.



Community Yard Sale Update

Don't forget the Community Yard Sale is scheduled for May 18-19. If you have items you would like to donate to the HCHNA Association, please take them over to the McNaughton's (103 Stanley Avenue);. If you are interested in hosting a yard sale, please let either Chrissy McNaughton or Jennifer Hackler know in April so we can add your address to the maps to be handed out to buyers the day of the sale. See the email from Chrissy on Friday, 3/9 for more information!

Underground Utilities Update

On Wednesday, February 21, residents interested in underground utilities for the Historic District met with city officials at the Maryville Corner Market. The objective was to determine if it is possible to bury the utilities, as they are unsightly and obstruct the views of the neighborhood. Representatives from the city provided information about cost estimates, benefits and challenges of a project of this size. Additionally, there are specific roads within the historic district that cannot be buried (i.e., Miller and S. Court) as they are main lines that run from the hospital.

While the Board is researching potential grants that may help offset some of the costs associated with the project, homeowners interested in having their utility lines buried would have to incur some of the cost; therefore, the more residents close to each other that are interested, the less costly burying the lines will be.

Shortly, the Board will be developing a survey via surveymonkey to solicit interest in underground utilities. So start talking to your neighbors and seeing if buried utilities is something you are interested in pursuing. If so, please let a Board member know or wait for the survey to be sent out.



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Upcoming HCHNA Activities

- April HCHNA Board Meeting– Monday, April 2, 2018 @ 7:00 pm; McNaughton's (103 Stanley Avenue)
- Spring Neighborhood Cleanup– Saturday, April 28, 2018 @ 10:00 am
- May HCHNA Board Meeting– Monday, May 7, 2018 @ 7 pm; Schratter/Weilbaeher (919 S. Court Street)
- Community Yard Sale– Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, 2018 (time TBA)

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.

The Neighborhood Newsletter is a quarterly newsletter compiled by the College Hill Historic District. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or submissions for either the newsletter or the website, please contact Chrissy McNaughton at chrissy.mcnaughton@gmail.com



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Answers from the last newsletters' (Fall 2017) word scramble:

WARM COAT	EAR MUFFS
COZY FIRE	JACK FROST
SNOWMAN	SNOW ANGELS
MITTENS	BLANKETS
HOT CHOCOLATE	SLEIGH RIDES