

# College Hill Historic District Newsletter

Second Quarter, April—June 2018

## *Newsletters...to continue print-*

During the monthly HCHNA meetings recently, the Board has been debating about whether to continue printing out hardcopy newsletters for the entire neighborhood. While there are people who do not have access to internet and need a paper copy, most people receive and probably enjoy the newsletter through the quarterly email received or by looking at it on the HCHNA website.

Printing out hardcopy newsletters for the neighborhood is expensive; plus, what happens to all the paper generated after they are read? While some people probably recycle the newsletter, more often than not you can find at least one in the landscaping of an apartment building or flying down any street in the neighborhood in a brisk wind. So the question remains...should the association move to distributing the newsletter electronically?

If you are still interested in receiving the newsletter as a hardcopy delivered to your home address, please let Chrissy know either by email ([Chrissy.mcanughton@gmail.com](mailto:Chrissy.mcanughton@gmail.com)), phone/text (919-949-6075) or good ole snail mail (103 Stanley Avenue). The association will continue to print out hard copy newsletters for those that prefer, but everyone else will only receive an email with the newsletter.

Not only will those who receive the newsletter electronically be



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on Facebook, so everyone (whether inside or outside the neighborhood) will see the same streamlined information.

If you have any ideas,

In an effort to get information out across the Association in real time, a media group was recently formed to begin looking at redesigning the website. The goal is to streamline communications across all media (i.e., website, email and Facebook). The website will now be the repository for monthly meeting agendas and minutes, upcoming activities/functions, budget reports, newsletters and eventually the updated directory. Additionally, updates on the website will align with those posted

# Community Yard Sale

The community yard sale was held on Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th throughout the historic district. Over 14 homes participated and the turnout was pretty good (although the weather often did not cooperate). In between rain both days, people stopped by, shopped and often took home goodies.

The sale to benefit the association was also successful, with over \$200 in donated items being sold. This money will be deposited into the account for the association and will be used in the community! Thank you to everyone who donated items (or profits from their sales) to the association and a big thank you to the Hackler's and the McNaughton's for manning the association sale!



## Join Us for the Freedom

The annual Freedom picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, June 30th at 4:00 pm at the College Hill Park on the corner of Cates and Miller. The Association will have hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings.

Residents with last names beginning with the letters A through L are asked to bring their favorite dessert while residents with last names starting with the letters M through Z are asked to bring their favorite side dish to share. Everyone is welcome! There will be water balloons, a water feature for the kids and the annual homemade ice cream contest! Start bringing those ice cream makers out of the pantry and experimenting with new flavors before the picnic. Remember, the winner will receive a dedication brick in the park!

Please bring any portable or collapsible chairs and umbrellas you have down to the park as it is hot and humid this time of year and

Just a friendly reminder that the City of Maryville is now using a new automated garbage collection system which will improve efficiency and the time it takes for garbage collection. While this is a great benefit to the residents of the city, there are some important instructions for ensuring the automated trucks can access your garbage can on pick-up days.

Additionally, please remember that the city collects bulk waste each month on the week of the 15th. By ordinance, you are only permitted

## Changes to Garbage Collection and Bulk

### Neighborhood Spring Cleanup

The semi-annual cleanup occurred on Saturday, April 28th throughout the neighborhood; however, there was a low turnout resulting in only a couple of streets being cleaned. Trash was removed from Court



Street, Indiana Avenue and Stanley Avenue as well as the alleys connecting Stanley and Miller.

If you missed out on the April opportunity, no worries, as there will be another clean-up scheduled for later this year (i.e., September/October timeframe). Remember, the neighborhood is a reflection of the people

### Calling all Street Captains

Street captains are still needed throughout the neighborhood. In this role, you will be asked to meet the residents of your street, hand out association-related information, assist in setting up the street for various holidays (i.e., flags on the Fourth of July and luminaries at Christmas/New Years) and alerting the Welcome Chair (Brianna Ross) when new neighbors move on your street.

As a thank you for your assistance and efforts, the association will provide you with a Street Captain T-shirt with the official logo for the Historic College Hill District on it. You

# Making your Home "Vacation Ready"



Your vacation should be relaxing and worry-free. It is a good idea to prepare your home before you leave on any long trip. The list below is a few items to consider before you head off on your journey.

## **Make your house look lived-in**

An empty home is like an open invitation to burglars. To keep your home looking occupied:

- Stop the newspaper and mail – or ask a trusted neighbor to pick them up,
- Park your car inside the garage, if you have one,
- Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway occasionally so there's activity at your house,
- Put at least one light in your home on a timer,
- Install a motion-activated sensor on an outdoor floodlight,
- Make sure your lawn stays trimmed,
- Ask a friend or neighbor to water your plants or invest in self-watering plant stakes.
- If you have a house sitter, provide them with information and instructions on your home including emergency contacts.

## **Take the necessary plumbing and electrical precautions**

Running appliances while you're away is not only a needless expense; it could also lead to costly problems. To avoid the possibility of an appliance breakdown while you're away:

- Unplug small appliances and electronic devices,
- Put the water heater in "vacation" mode,
- Turn off water valves to the dishwasher, washing machine and all sinks,
- Set your thermostat to a temperature closer to outside temperatures but which still protects your plants, pets and furniture,
- Run your garbage disposal with a half-cup of vinegar and some water,
- Ready your pets - Give the pet sitter or boarding facility detailed care instructions.

## **General home preparation**

Other things to consider doing before your vacation:

- Notify your credit card company, bank, and home security company (if you have one) that you'll be out of town,



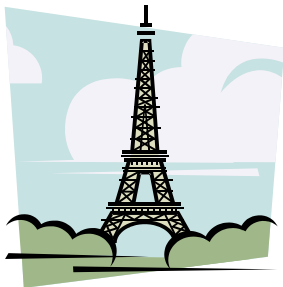
## ***"Vacation Ready" (cont'd)***

### **Prepare for Your Return (yes, you have to eventually return)**

To ensure there isn't additional items to address when you come home and start unpacking and facing reality again:

- Plan for your first meal home - Before you leave, stock your kitchen with items so your first meal back will be hassle free.
- Change the sheets - Make up beds with fresh sheets for a welcoming first night.
- Tidy the home - Clean the home so you can focus on unpacking.
- Tackle the laundry - Wash and put away laundry before you leave.

Additionally, if you know your neighbor is going away or will be out of town for a period of time, watch their house for any suspicious activity and be sure to know how to contact them while



**Does your summer include a**

If the answer is yes, then we want to hear from you!

In an effort to get to know our neighbors better, we are interested in hearing all about your summer shenanigans! When you get back from a short trip or vacation, feel free to send along some pictures and a short description of where you went, how long you were there and the favorite things (i.e., activities, restaurants, places) you went while you were there.

Send any vacation fun to Chrissy ([chrissy.mcnaughton@gmail.com](mailto:chrissy.mcnaughton@gmail.com)) so she can in-





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## Upcoming HCHNA Activities

- **Fourth of July flags distributed throughout the neighborhood, Saturday, June 30 - Thursday, July 5**
- **Freedom Picnic- Saturday, June 30, 2018 @ 4:00 pm**
- **August HCHNA Board Meeting– Monday,**

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](mailto:chrissy.mcnaughton@gmail.com)