## College Hill Historic District Newsletter

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# How'd the College Hill Park get so pretty? Thank a neighbor!

If you have walked passed or through the College Hill Park recently, you may have said to yourself, "the park looks different...what has changed?"

On a cool Saturday morning in October, many of the residents of the HCHNA came together and worked to make the park look fantastic! The plants in the front beds were taken out, the soil tilled and replaced and replanted with beautiful flowers. The sign was cleaned of all the algal build-up, the benches were bleached and the ivy cut back from the sidewalk. The trees and bushes were trimmed and plants were thinned out.

To reward all the hard work and volunteerism, the Board purchased pizza for all workers, complete with cookies and drinks. It was a nice way to spend a cool Saturday morning and a BIG shout out to everyone who participated in the clean-up.









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#### Resident Shout Out-Robin Hall, Earth Out



Recycled Textile Designs

As we get to know our neighbors, I wanted to highlight a cool business that has roots in the historic district. Robin has created a business repurposing recycled sweaters into chic ponchos, scarves, hats, vests and skirts. Not only is she helping the environment by reducing waste, she is making some really cute apparel. If interested in learning more about her or to see her current items, please reach out to her.



Earth Out Recycled Textile Designs Robin L. Hall (865) 415-9490; robinsnewdesigns@gmail.com

### **HCHNA New Neighbors**

Another new neighbor has moved into the Historic District recently; welcome Ryan Smith, who moved into the newly renovated house on Court Street. Here is a little information about Ryan and how he came to live in the Historic District. Please join in welcoming him to the neighborhood and providing him any assistance as he settles into historic living!

If you know of a new neighbor or are new to the neighborhood, please send a bio with a picture to Chrissy McNaughton at chrissy.mcnaughton@gmail.com to be included in the next newsletter.



### **HCHNA** New Neighbors (cont'd)

#### Ryan Smith, 807 Court Street

Born in Knoxville, Ryan and his family moved around a lot before he attended high school. He went to Gallatin High School just outside of Nashville, but constantly visited Knoxville and Johnson City as both sets of grandparents remained in those areas. His grandparents had a large farm in Friendsville, run by his small but mighty grandmother, while his grandfather worked for KUB. Known as White House Farm, it was sold in the mid-80s when his grandparents decided to retire from farming and move to Farragut so they could travel the world. The house has been completely restored as of 2016, much to the delight of his grandmother. Ryan's great aunt has living in Maryville since the 1970s, just off of Court Street.



Ryan attended Carson-Newman College, getting his BA in History, Political Science and International Relations. He then left and taught English in China for a year, returned to London for four years where he pursued and was awarded a Masters in Imperialism and Post-Colonial Societies, worked for a study abroad program and played polo for the University of London and Royal Holloway.

He then returned to the US, worked in both DC and Nashville for a Congressman, and eventually moved to Savannah, GA where he worked as the inventory manager for Paula Deen Enterprises. Managing her store and her brother's store as well as the Harrah's casinos in the area. He came up and opened the store in Pigeon Forge, then promptly stayed in Maryville, wanting to be back home.

By this time, his father finally decided to retire to Maryville, where his parents bought a home now on Wilkinson Pike. Ryan moved home to be closer to his parents and sister who is a graduate of UT Veterinary School and currently has her own practice in Xenia, OH. She is married to an orthodontist and they have three children.

About the house: (directly from Ryan)

Having seen 807 Court St many times in passing, I looked into purchasing it 5 years ago, saw it before it was renovated, but was a little slow in getting my offer together and it sold. After the previous owner fixed it up and put it on the market, I decided to go for broke and make my move. July 2018 it closed. I am in real estate and currently work all the time, I am the top producing agent for Coldwell Banker, Wallace and Wallace, company wide and my office is located in Alcoa. Love old homes and this neighborhood! I have 3 horses I keep at Hartbrook Farm in New Market and you might see my parents black lab, Beau on occasion when he is bunking up with me!

# Don't Forget...HCHNA Annual Membership Dues are due for the 2019 year.

Dues are \$35 per household and the funding is used, in part, to host many of the yearly annual activities (i.e., Progressive Dinner, Summer and Fall Gathering, Luminary set up, etc.).



Dues can be brought to the Annual Meeting in January or given directly to Jennifer Hackler; Jennifer can be reached at Jennifer\_hackler@yahoo.com.

#### **LUMINARY ASSEMBLY**

This year's luminary assembly occurred on Sunday, December 16th. While the time was spent preparing the luminaries and sorting them into



streets in preparation for display, only 5 people assisted with assembly and not all luminaries were assembled; therefore, we are planning a second assembly day on Saturday, December 22nd @ 2:00 pm in the Carriage House of the Hasson's (216 Indiana Avenue). Please plan to join and assist if you can. Many hands make light work!

We are scheduled to put out the luminaries on Christmas Eve and are hopeful the weather cooperates this year. If you can assist with a lighting the luminaries, please let a board member know!

#### It's Time Again for the HCHNA Annual Meeting

With the turn of the calendar year, it is again time for the neighborhood to host its annual meeting. This meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Maryville Corner Market (at the corner of Indiana and Montvale). The meeting will start at 11:00 am and will feature a summary from the Board, a discussion of upcoming activities for the year, a ballot, and a guest speaker. Aaron Killian, the President of the Maryville Downtown Association, will be speaking about the Association and their plans to meet their mission of advocating, educating and collaborating for the revitalization and enhancement of downtown Maryville.

The Corner Market will be providing a light brunch and will provide a great setting for you to meet your neighbors and join in on the great activities planned for 2019. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please reach out to a Board member; Board Members are listed on the back page of the newsletter.

#### **Next up, the Progressive Dinner!**

The annual Progressive Dinner is currently scheduled for Saturday, February 23rd. All are invited! If you have never been to a progressive dinner, it is a dinner where the neighborhood gathers at one house for appetizers, splits into groups for dinner at various homes throughout the neighborhood and then comes back together for dessert at another home. It provides a platform for you to get to know your neighbors as well as tour their homes!

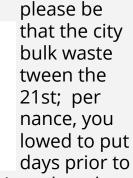
This year, the Board is hoping to change things up a bit by soliciting people to either host dinner in their home OR cook dinner to be hosted in another neighbor's home. This allows people who don't want to cook but are happy to host be paired with people who love to cook but don't want to open their house for dinner.

This year's theme is Red, White and You! If you are interested in either hosting or cooking, please let Laura Hasson know; (laura@substancesolutions.com).

## Just a Friendly Bulk Trash Pickup Reminder!

As new people move into the neighbor-

hood, advised collects monthly be-15th and city ordiare only altrash out 3



bulk pickup. This can be viewed on the city's website:

http://www.maryvillegov.com/sanitation.html.

Please refrain from moving bulk items out to the street until the week of the

bulk pickup; this ensures the safety of our neighborhood and keeps pests and pickers out of our community.



## Fall Gathering

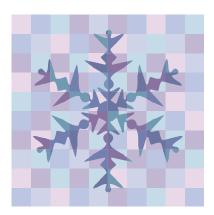
This year, the fall gathering was picture perfect—the weather was fantastic, the food was great and, as always, the Hasson's hospitality and hosting were spectacular!

Jennifer Hackler once again won the chili cook-off and will have her win memorialized with a brick in the park.

Thanks to everyone who attended and participated by bringing food, desserts and fun!











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#### **Upcoming HCHNA Activities**

- Luminary Assembly- Sunday, December 22, 2018 @ Hasson's (216 Indiana Avenue); 2:00 pm
- Distributing luminaries across Historic
   District- Monday, December 24; set up and light between 3:00-4:00 pm (if weather is bad, makeup day on New Years Eve)
- HCHNA Annual Meeting- Saturday, January 12, 2019; Maryville Corner Market; 11:00 am
- February HCHNA Board Meeting- Monday, February 4, 2019 @ 7:00 pm; TBA
- **Progressive Dinner-** Saturday, February 23, 2019; more information to come

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