



HILLBROOK HILITES

Hillbrook Tall Oaks Civic Association News Letter

May 2016

Ice Cream Social/Annual Election

Sunday, June 12, 2016

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Location: 4901 Kingston Drive (Helen Winter's Home)

Come meet your neighbors and enjoy some ice cream! We will hold the annual elections during this meeting, so be prepared and get to know your potential Board members by reading the rest of this newsletter and get ready to rock the vote!

For more information, please email the interim board at hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com

Stay in the Know

Both new neighbors and old are requested to provide the following contact information so we can better communicate with you regarding events and other important neighborhood events:

- ◆ Name
- ◆ Address
- ◆ Phone
- ◆ Email

Please note, that future Newsletters will be distributed by email and on our website. So please be sure to send us those details!

Please send this information to us at : hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com.

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HTOCA Residents Enjoying "Art in the Yard" on May 15, 2016

"I love this neighborhood—it's a hidden gem! You would never know you're inside the beltway tucked away with the trees and wildlife." - Paige Schlanger, Kingston Drive



Membership Dues

HTOCA membership runs from July 1 to June 30th each year.

****Annual dues are \$25/household****

Dues for the 2016-2017 can be paid in the following ways:

- 1) Check made out to HTOCA mailed to

HTOCA
 PO Box 1112
 Annandale, VA
 22003-9112

- 1) Credit card* online at www.htoca22003.org
- 2) Cash, Check or Credit* at the Ice Cream Social.

*Payment by credit or debt card are subject to a \$1 processing fee.

**Remember only members who are current will be allowed to vote. So if you have not yet paid your 2015-2016 dues please do so.

Officer and Director Candidates

Co-Presidents

Ashley Grubor: Ashley is a native of Wisconsin. She moved to the Washington DC area in 2001 to attend college. Ashley holds a B.A. in International Relations and German studies from American University and an M.B.A. from George Washington University. After college, she served as a paralegal at the World Bank and currently coordinates strategy and marketing efforts at King & Spalding, an international law firm.

Kurt Diercksmeier: Kurt is a native of Wisconsin, who moved to VA in 2012. Prior to the relocation, Kurt studied at the University of Minnesota and holds a degree in Information Technology. Prior to moving to the DC area, he worked in the IT division of a medical device manufacturer in Milwaukee. Presently, he serves as an IT Branch Chief at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in NE D.C.

Kurt and Ashley were married in May of 2015 in Leesburg, VA, and moved into their first home together on Kingston Drive in December. Outside of work, the couple enjoy traveling, and outdoor activities such as hiking. They are excited to be a part of such a close-knit and active community.

Vice President

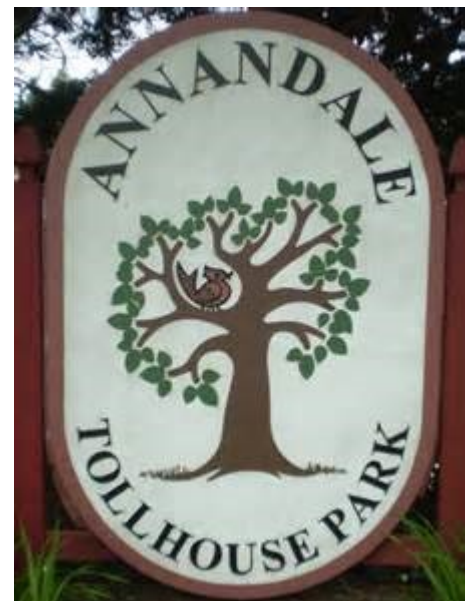
Gina Fishman: Gina Fishman has lived in the neighborhood for 32 years and raised two boys here. She has served on the Board in the past in various positions and is happy to serve once again. She currently resides, and has resided, as the President of the HTOCA Garden Club for the past 6 years. You will see her frequently in her yard on Kingston digging in the dirt. She walks the neighborhood each morning with her sidekick Bella and enjoys all the neighborhood has to offer.

Secretary

Paige Schlanger: Paige is a graduate of Virginia Tech and moved to the area after college in 2002. Her husband, Kevin, also moved here after graduation and they purchased their first home together on Kingston Drive two years ago after outgrowing a condo in Kingstowne. Paige works at Fannie Mae and is a Senior Project Manager in the Enterprise IT department. Paige wants to ensure the neighborhood remains safe, friendly, and active for those who call HTO home.

Treasurer

Mary Jane Balicki: Mary Jane has lived in the neighborhood for 21 years, raising three daughters with her husband, Joe. Her mother-in-law, Marge, and her Westie are the newest additions to their household. Mary Jane has volunteered with the Girl Scouts of America and schools for several years. Mary Jane would like everyone to know she lives in the house on Dodson Drive with the hippo in the front yard!



Annandale Tollhouse Park

What Does your HTO Civic Association Do for You?

HTOCA advocates for our residents by serving as a key liaison to, and facilitates open lines of communication with, Fairfax County government and local businesses. Examples of this include leaf pickup, neighborhood watch, and dealing with increased car traffic. It's not all business however, as the Association also holds several exciting events each year to encourage social interaction among residents, and foster a strong sense of community.

"HTOCA makes our neighborhood unique. Where else do they have so many neighborhood events—the Block Party, the Oktoberfest/Parade, the new Art in the Yard & Hillbrook Hootinanny, the Ice Cream Social? And through HTOCA we participate in Fairfax governance. Our annual dues go a long way!"

- Vicki O'Keefe, Interim HTOCA President

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

-Anthony J. D'Angelo



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Candidates (continued)

Director Candidates (listed in alphabetical order by last name)

Doug Birnie: Doug has been a resident of Kingston Drive since 1980. Doug retired from the U.S. Department of Transportation after a career lasting over 40 years. At the Federal Transit Administration, Doug was involved policy development and program oversight dealing with the needs of people with disabilities, older adults, low income persons, as well as leading an effort to coordinate over 80 programs sponsored by different Federal departments that provide special transportation services. Doug currently serves on Fairfax County's Mobility and Transportation Committee and the County's Long Term Care Committee. Doug's major interest in serving on the HTOCA Board is connecting with the County and other civic associations in formulating and advocating for policies addressing community and neighborhood goals and needs.

Mark Crawford: Mark and his family are long-time residents of HTO as they have lived on Monterey Drive since 1988. Mark has been engaged in affairs affecting the neighborhood for several years, as he previously served as the President, Vice-President, and Director of the neighborhood civic association. Mark is interested in serving on the Board again to increase neighborhood awareness of issues affecting the neighborhood and the Annandale community — and to improve HTOCA's communications with residents.

Carol Mooney: Carol is a long-time resident as she moved here in 1963 with her parents. After college, she married, traveled the world as a military wife, and in 1989, they returned and purchased her parents' home. She previously served for several years on the HTOCA Board and on PTSA Boards, School Advisory Councils, and was appointed to a Fairfax County Task Force established to deal with gang-related issues, and served on other community governing boards. She worked at Poe Middle School and Annandale High School, and also worked at George Mason University in the Office of Student Involvement. Carol believes that residents who are involved in their community and neighborhood have a vested interest in keeping the area a viable and pleasurable place to live and that membership in the civic association is a key component.

Vicki O'Keefe: Vicki and her family have lived on Kingston Drive since 1995 and she served as Secretary of HTOCA in the late '90's and again as a HTOCA Director in 2015. When Spence Limbocker moved away in 2015, she graciously served as acting President of the Association. She and her husband have two adult children.

Al Sample: Al has been a resident of HTOCA since 1990. He and his wife Dory raised their two daughters here, both of whom attended Columbia, Poe, and Annandale High School. Al is a forester by profession, recently retired as President of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation. Al is a graduate of the University of Montana and Yale University.

Get Involved!

Your Civic Association is only as good as you want it to be. We have had significant turnover in the last year due to neighborhood departures. Get involved and help us help reorganize! We will be looking for volunteers to join a number of committees following the June 12th Election such as the:

- Community Outreach Committee
- Events Committee
- Membership Committee
- Neighborhood Communications Committee

If you are interested reach out to us at hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com or let us know at the Ice Cream Social!

Upcoming Events

June 12: Ice Cream Social 3-5 PM

June 22: Hillbrook Tall Oaks Night Out 7– 9 PM

Fall 2016: Oktoberfest and Fall Celebration—Stay tuned for more information

Contact Us

Questions? Want to Get Involved? Reach out to HTOCA using the information below:

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