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Springtime in Annville!

President's Message, by Michael Schroeder

As the huge piles of snow from our massive mid-March snowstorm slowly melt into the warming earth, we pause to share a potpourri of noteworthy happenings in our small dynamo of a town & township:

- ☞ **New Zoning Ordinances.** After nearly three years of painstaking labor, on December 5, 2016, Annville Township formally adopted a major revision of its zoning ordinances, the first since 1983 (see the interview with Township Commissioner Jim Scott in the May/June 2015 edition of *The Landmark*). Bountiful thanks are owed to the six hardworking members of the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee: Jim Scott, Rex Moore, Nick Yingst, Marty Brandt, Fred Richter, and Millie Kish. The complete revision is available via the Township's website and this direct link: www.codepublishing.com/PA/AnnvilleTownship/
- ☞ **Volunteer Street Tree Program.** At the January 3 meeting of the Township Commissioners, Annville resident and Arborist for the City of Harrisburg Erik Josephson shared his vision for a volunteer street tree program in Annville, with three parts: (1) a one-day training course he would teach to volunteers on the proper planting and pruning of trees, (2) a one-day work session when volunteers would prune street trees in the downtown area for which the Township is responsible, and (3) a one-day tree planting session. The Commissioners appeared to be in general agreement that the proposed program seemed sensible, with a provisional target date of July for the initial volunteer pruning event, and are seriously considering what seems to me an excellent proposal that builds on our town's long tradition of productive citizen engagement in the community.
- ☞ **The Old Fink's Bakery** at 25-33 and 35 Rear East Main Street, a key property in the downtown district, will once again go up for public auction, this time at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 12. The winning bidder from the November 30, 2016 auction did not settle within the required timeframe, compelling the township to authorize this second auction. We are hopeful that April 12th's winning bidder will follow through to develop the property in ways that preserve as much of the historic structure and character as possible while contributing to the downtown district's economic vitality.
- ☞ **Just Wing It Controversy.** Speaking of downtown businesses, readers are doubtless aware of the unfortunate, racially-tinged events at Just Wing It restaurant at 18 East Main Street this past January 22. In response to the ensuing media uproar, Annville Township Commissioners issued a formal statement condemning "acts of prejudice" and promoting "the values of civility, compassion,



fairness and equality,” excerpts of which are reproduced in the box at the bottom of this page. My own view is that prejudice and racism are not the same thing; that racism needs to be named and denounced whenever and wherever it rears its ugly head; and, that the Commissioners are right to associate Annville with these humane, life-affirming values.

- ☞ **Destination Annville’s 1st Annual Spring Fling** is slated for Saturday, April 8, 1-3 PM at Quittie Creek Nature Park off Bachman Road in Annville. Join us for games, a scavenger hunt, a rubber duck race down the Quittie (a fundraiser for the Annville Memorial Day Parade) and lots more. If you want to set up a table and provide an activity for that day, please call Becky Gacono at 717.269.8586. Help us spread the word and mark your calendar for this fun community event. See the flier on Destination Annville’s Facebook page!
- ☞ **Annville Free Library’s “Margaritaville Oldies Dance & Auction”** to benefit our local treasure of a Free Library is slated for Friday, April 28, 6:00–10:00 p.m. in St Paul’s Catholic Church Social Hall, featuring “Dance to the oldies” with Mickey Santora and catered by the Batdorf Restaurant & Sweet Sensations. BYOB, sodas & beer provided. Tickets \$30 per person or \$240 for a table for eight. Tickets are available at the Free Library. For more information call 717.867.1802.
- ☞ **Upcoming Events!** See inside for more details on FOOA’s 2017 Spring Program, featuring a “Progressive Dessert” of Grandma’s Recipes on **Sunday, April 23** and this year’s 29th annual Historic Old Annville Day on **Saturday, June 10!**



STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ANNVILLE TOWNSHIP, JANUARY 27, 2017.

The Township . . . disagrees with any suggestions that the incident as reported indicates a larger issue of deep-rooted prejudice endemic to Annville. Annville is a nurturing, caring community, with a long history of neighbors helping neighbors and providing a warm welcome to visitors and college students. The Township condemns acts of prejudice and believes that the values of civility, compassion, fairness and equality in dealing with each other, represent our Township community at large. We acknowledge that conflict involving prejudice can erupt anywhere and believe our society must be vigilant in addressing such occurrences. . . . The Township disagrees with any assertion that the occurrence of a single incident of prejudice in the community should reflect badly on its government, its officials, or all those who live here or work here. . . . We believe graciousness and decency to be defining characteristics of Annville. The Township has a long history of cooperation among residents, property owners, businesses, institutions, and government officials—often holding a wide range of views and opinions—and looks forward to continuing that cooperation amidst diversity in the years ahead. In that light, the Township wishes to reaffirm its opposition to prejudice, its support for fairness and equality, and calls upon all individuals in our community and beyond to respond with kindness and sensitivity to those who have been offended by stories and events involving prejudice.

FRIENDS OF OLD ANNVILLE

Progressive Dessert to feature *Grandma's Recipes*

☞ ☞ SUNDAY, APRIL 23 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. ☞ ☞

Members of the local community are invited to prepare baked goods from Annville's historic cookbook for a "Progressive Dessert" scheduled for **Sunday, April 23 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** along Main Street in Annville. Locations within Annville's historic district along Main Street are also sought for the event.

Grandma's Recipes is a compilation of recipes and memories written by and for cooks of Annville by Linnea Travis Miller in 2001. A full text of the cookbook is available as a PDF download or as an attachment by contacting bpfullmer@gmail.com.

Three awards will be granted following the event:

- (1) best historic dessert,
- (2) best presentation of historic dessert, and
- (3) best location for hosting historic dessert display.

To register to participate as a cook or a host for the event, complete the following form and mail it to Jim Gill at 320 E. Main Street or e-mail the information to jimgill67@comcast.net by April 12.



Thank you for considering participation in this deliciously historic event!

PROGRESSIVE DESSERT PARTICIPATION FORM

I'm planning to join the Friends of Old Annville on Sunday, April 23 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

- as a participant. I will be notified of my starting point along Main Street by e-mail or phone.
- by providing 48 or more bite-sized servings of a dessert from *Grandma's Recipes*,
- by providing a location along Main Street where event participants may visit.

NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

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**BY APRIL 12 MAIL THIS FORM TO: FOOA PROGRESSIVE DESSERT, 320 E. MAIN STREET, ANNVILLE PA 17003,
OR SEND THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE VIA E-MAIL TO [JIMGILL67@COMCAST.NET](mailto:jimgill67@comcast.net).**

Join Us Saturday, June 10 for the 29th Annual Historic Old Annville Day!

By Douglas L. Nyce, HOAD 2017 Coordinator

The Board of the Friends of Old Annville cordially invites your attendance & participation in Historic Old Annville Day (HOAD), to be held Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This year will be the 29th annual celebration to take place in historic downtown Annville! The history of this event goes back nearly a century to Annville Days at Hershey Park, when members of the community would travel by train and trolley to the Park for a day of picnicking, rides, swimming and other sports. Nowadays, in the second decade of the 21st century, we close Main Street (Route 422) for the day and create a massive street fair with 150-some vendors, a great variety of food, and three stages of music performances. Please plan on

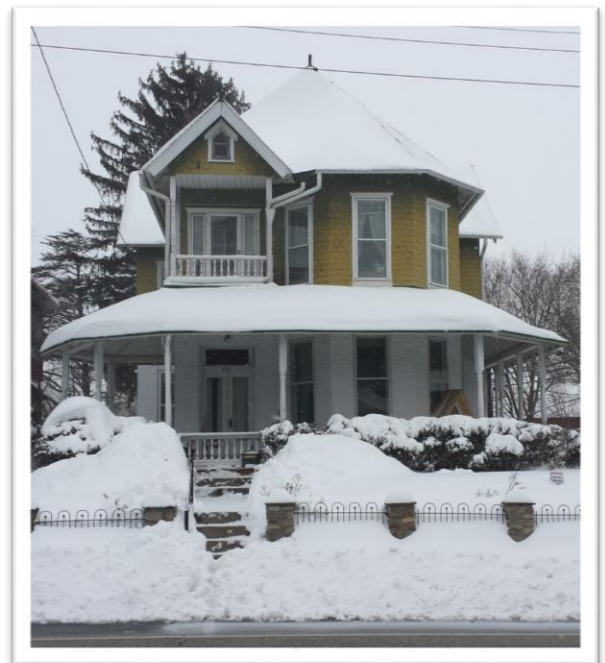


participating and making this our most successful year yet. If you have a business or are involved with a non-profit, consider renting a stall at HOAD and sharing products or information from your organization. Applications are available on the Friends website (linked from the homepage, at www.fooa.org) and on the Annville Township website (also linked from the homepage, at www.annvilletwp.com). Hope to see you there!

The Friends of Old Annville, Inc., an all-volunteer, non-profit corporation with over 400 members, offers annual memberships at the ridiculously low price of \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$25 for businesses — a great yet affordable way to become involved in your local community. Gift memberships can be a wonderful way to welcome your new neighbors, demonstrate pride in your community, or show you remember an old friend. Membership fees support our Façade Grant, seasonal programs, and other initiatives.

Erratum: Home of Rich & Susan Raiders, 321 East Main Street

In the last issue of *The Landmark*, we erroneously identified the house of Rich & Susan Raiders, recipients of a 2016 Façade Grant. The house pictured was 337 East Main St., not the Raiders' actual residence at 321 East Main St., pictured at right in a photograph taken the day after the mid-March snowstorm that opens this issue of *The Landmark*. We regret the error, but are glad to have an opportunity to tuck in visual evidence of why we called this snowstorm "massive."



“WORK AND LEARNING” (Katie Loy)

In this issue we publish our second installment of the poem, “Work and Learning,” from Porches: An Introduction to the Citizens of Annville, published in 1985 by Phil Billings, with sketches by Dan Massad.

Here Katie talks about school, factory work, domestic labor, her marriage, and the hardships of making ends meet. Phil Billings writes:



Part II.

Double pneumonia, typhoid fever, anything that came down the pike,
I got it when I was a kid.
That set me back a year to start school. 1910.
Pappy Shirk was my first teacher,
in a one-room school down here where Citgo is now.
Then I got him another time in sixth grade.
But Miss Loose in seventh— she was the best. Anna Loose.
I was so afraid of her I studied that time.
Then I quit school.
My dad said if I did that I had to go to work,
I couldn't just run around town like some.
So I went to work at the shoe factory, like a dummy, for 39 years.

Paul and I got married in 1925
and set up housekeeping across the street there.
Then we soon had Ruth.
Then when Pop's business went down so bad we moved home.
So I had to do most of my mother's work, then our work, then the factory's work.
I took care of all of them.
I remember making grape juice till two in the morning once,
then having to get up at five to pack lunches.
What are you going to do?
It was there, it had to be done.
I just wonder how you did it.

Paul would stop off on the way home from Hershey with his pay check
and buy the groceries. Eagle Brand Milk first,
then anything else you could.
Bologna was 28¢ a pound, we ate a lot of that let me tell you.
Rent was \$14½ a month.
My mother would take care of Ruth for me,
and when she had something left over from dinner
she would ask if we wanted it for supper.
She was good to me in her way.
You know what I mean.
Harvey's ice cream wagon and his shop out back brought in a little.
Daddy would help with the coal bill, of course,
let us pay it off by the month.
Paul and me were never ones to go out much.
Finally we could pay off the mortgage
so nobody had to go to the poorhouse like Pop was always afraid of.
This is how you did.



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Benefactor \$ 100.00 \$ Founder \$ 250 ❖

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