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Newsletter of the Friends of Old Annville
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Welcome Matt Woolson as Treasurer • Free Library's Next Chapter • 32nd Historic Old Annville Day Sat. Aug. 14 • Quittie Nature Park News

President's Message, by Michael Schroeder

As reported in the last issue of *The Landmark*, Megan Ball, our beloved former Treasurer, and her husband Matt have relocated to Savannah, GA. Two months later we can officially say, as we'd predicted: we miss you, Megan!

Meantime, for the past few years, Mary & Matt Woolson have served as active and hardworking members of the Quittie Creek Nature Park Committee, ever since moving to Annville from Manheim Township in Lancaster County in late 2017. Each brings special skills & talents to the table. A gifted photographer, Mary routinely posts on social media the best of the enchanting photos she takes on her walks through the Nature Park.

Matt, among his other contributions, was among the bidders for the 2-acre parcel recently sold by Annville Township on the south bank of Quittie Creek just west of Spruce St., pledging that if he won the bid, he would turn around and give the parcel to the Township on the condition it be added to the Nature Park (alas, his was not the winning bid; see the story on p. 5).

Given both Matt and Mary's clear devotion to the Nature Park and commitment to the larger Annville community, I was delighted when Matt emailed me after reading the May/June issue of *The Landmark* to volunteer to serve as FOOA Treasurer.

"While it has been many years since I was on a non-profit board," he explained, "I have served on three in the past: the American Cancer Society of Broome County; the Binghamton Zoo; and First Night Binghamton, where I also served as Treasurer for three years. In addition, I worked in banking and finance for more than 10 years and have an MBA from Binghamton University." Matt also worked in marketing in the medical device and pharmaceutical industries for more than 20 years before retiring late last year.

Thrilled at Matt's offer to serve as Treasurer and



Matt Woolson and Joerg Meindl

impressed with his long experience and commitment to the community, the FOOA Board voted unanimously to accept. David Palanzo will continue to serve as Interim Treasurer through Historic Old Annville Day and pass the Treasurer's baton to Matt in early September.

Welcome aboard, Matt!

In another welcome change on the FOOA Board, Joerg Meindl has generously agreed to serve as Secretary in the wake of Melissa Barlow's recent departure.

Dankeschön, Joerg!

We now have our full complement of four officers (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) and seven of a possible eight members-at-large — which means there's still an open slot for one member-at-large on the FOOA Board, with our annual elections coming up at our Annual Dinner on Saturday, October 2!

Please be in touch if you or someone you know might be interested in serving on the FOOA Board and helping to shape and guide Annville's leading civic organization.

Writing the Next Chapter for the Annville Free Library

By Marty Brandt, President, Annville Free Library

The Steering Team for the Library Expansion Project has been busy making detailed plans and diagrams, updating cost estimates, meeting with utility companies, reading engineering reports, preparing for a Keystone Grant submission and doing fundraising.

We have learned much while doing this work, including the following key items: The price of lumber has skyrocketed and may now be on the decline. We need to tap into the 12-inch water main under Main St. to meet the sprinkler system requirements for pressure and volume as well as build an underground water meter pit in the front of the library. Met-Ed will provide new service from Cumberland St. so we can remove the pole in front of the library to improve the sight lines. Picking colors and flooring materials can lead to lots of opinions. HARB has given approval in principle for the design, and land development plans were recently submitted to start that approval process.

Our booths at Historic Old Annville Day will feature poster boards showing the Main Floor with new study rooms; an enlarged Youth Library area; a patron services area; ADA bathrooms; "Lillie's Place" for informal meetings and activities; a new wider and brighter stairway to the Lower Level, dedicated to children; and the new Creativity Center. Also see various artistic renderings of the building exterior highlighting the walkup entrance from Main St. The new parking lot entrance has a patio for outdoor seating and a rain garden for stormwater management. The neighboring duplex will be adaptively re-used for a community room with a new wraparound porch.

Bring children of all ages to our booths to participate in the Writing the Next Chapter activities for your Annville Free Library. Take a look at the posters, talk to the Steering Team Members, talk to the Library Staff, enjoy Old Annville Day and help us Write the Next Chapter!



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Save the Date!

Sat. Oct. 2

Friends of Old Annville

Annual Dinner

**Starting at 5:00 p.m., Church of the Brethren Pavilion,
739 Church Road, Annville, PA (South Annville Twp.)**





Saturday, Aug. 14th, 9 AM - 2 PM
Downtown Annville on Rt. 422

PROGRAM OF EVENTS & ATTRACTIONS

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MUSIC: CELTIC • BAGPIPES • POP • ROCK • CHILDREN'S

BANDSTAND

9:15 • Washington Band
10:00 • Quittapahilla Highlanders
10:30 • Mockingbird - pop, rock, originals
11:30 • Life After Work - acoustic rock
12:15 • Nearly York - alt, pop, originals

ROTUNDA BROS. STAGE

10:00 • Jim Rule - children & family music
11:00 • Keith n' Sonya - acoustic roadshow
12:00 • Abigail's Garden - Celtic, bluegrass
1:00 • Matt Miskie - folk, pop, originals

Note: Vendor lists are subject to change and accurate as of July 11.

VENDORS: HANDCRAFTS & HOME DÉCOR

Dr. Bob's Woodturning - wood craft
Bright Beginnings Preschool - art project
Lila Rose by Stephanie - hair jewelry
17 Pines Soap Shoppe - soap
Michael-Angel-o's Crafts - purses & bags
LA Concessions - flags, toys & more
Cindy's Crafts - knitting & dolls
Paul's Sports Collectibles
1st Floor Attic - antiques
Colonial Craft Kitchens - cabinetry
Stewart's Gift Peddlers - gifts
Health Bands - health promoting jewelry
It Is What It Is - woodcrafts
Puppet Place - puppets
The Smithy - wrought iron
Old Annville Custom Cabinetry - woodworking
Signature Home Styles - home decor
Butcher Block Antiques - antiques
Dale's Artworks - paintings and prints
Freckled Robin - handmade cards
Summit Valley Arts - leather and wood craft
Butcher Block Antiques - antiques

Adam Goss CNC Woodcraft
Annville-Cleona School District
Annville Youth Soccer League
Color Street - dry nail-polish
Dezigns by JJ - wine-stoppers
Girl Crush - bath and body products
Grow Wild - locally grown flowers
Happy Barkers Bandanas - dog bandanas
Healthy Suds - soap
Hershey Area Art Association - paintings
LexaKnits/LexaLites - scarves, necklaces
Martin's Deer, Elk and Ag - antler lamps
Mill Road Maple - maple products
One Good Turn - wood turner
Posh up Your Life with Melissa - skin creams
Red Gate Farm - jewelry
Stardust and Love - candles, bath products
The Fashion Bus - boutique fashion
The Flower Garden - flower arrangements
Thirty-One Gifts - purses and totes
Wingle's Homemade Crafts - woodcrafts

VENDORS: SERVICES, EXHIBITS & INFORMATION

Ricker Sweigert and Associates – financial services
Thrivent Financial – financial services
Groomer Training Center – pet grooming
Renewal by Anderson – windows & doors
PA Nonbelievers – atheists, agnostics, nonbelievers
Law Office of Tucker R. Hull, LLC – attorney
Lebanon Pipeline Awareness – environmental action
Annville-Cleona Alumni Association – networking
Washington Band of Annville – music
Quittapahilla Watershed Association – environmental action
Quittie Creek Nature Park – park stewardship
Annville Free Library – games & information
Lebanon County Democratic Committee – political party
Friends of Old Annville – event information, books, maps, cards, lost & found & more
New Cumberland FCU – banking services
CT Security – home & business security systems
Annville Church of the Brethren – neighbor signs & information

Annville American Legion Riders
Union Hose Fire Company – public service
Palmyra Kung Fu Center/Yoga
Cornwell Door Service – garage doors
Quittie Rod and Gun Club – outdoor recreation
Fulton Bank – banking services
Edward Jones – financial services
Family Practice Center, P.C. – health & wellness
Furnace Hills Camping Association – camping
Imani Salon – hair & nails & personal grooming
Marine Corps League – US Marines
Wertz Orthodontics – oral health
Unity Palmyra Church – inclusive worship
5 Stones Fight Club – mixed martial arts
717 Outlaws – trucks & truck shows
Hospice for All Seasons – hospice care
Rainbow Cleaning Systems – home cleaning
Lebanon County NAACP – civil rights
Lebanon Valley Presbyterian Church – face painting
Side by Side – Together We Can
The Wellness Point – wellness education

VENDORS: FOOD

Ice Cream Express – soft-serve ice cream
Annville UM Church – baked goods
Annville Am Legion Auxiliary – sandwiches & hot dogs
Hansen's Foods – fresh squeezed lemonade
Lazzaro's Italian Bistro – Italian food
Annville-Cleona Kiwanis – lemonade
Ted's Annville Grille – food & drink
Shorty's Funnel Cakes – funnel cakes
Christ Church UCC – snow cones
National Multiple Sclerosis Society – pies

Pappy's Kettle Corn – popcorn
Rotunda Brewing Company – Bier Garten
Scoop O Dough – cookie dough
Snitz Creek Brewery – craft brew
SomethinDifferent – cookies, pies, cakes
Swatara Coffee Company – coffee, baked goods
Tastefully Simple – cake mixes & spices
Wich Way Sandwiches – paninis
St. Anthony Coptic Church – Egyptian food

With special thanks to Annville Township Public Works & Police Department!



“Stairway to the Stars” quilt, pieced and quilted by Sue Kreamer, measuring 6 ft. by 6 ft., to be raffled as the fourth prize in our Historic Old Annville Day Raffle at 1:00 p.m. on the bandstand stage. First prize is \$500, second prize \$250, and third prize \$100.

Quittie Creek Nature Park News & Updates

A commemorative tree planting celebrating the five-year wedding anniversary of a happily married couple. The township's sale of a two-acre parcel across the creek to the adjacent property owner. The forthcoming installation of two handsome, permanently anchored, plasticized wood benches with memorial inscriptions. Four sturdy donated former Hershey Park benches repaired by an Eagle Scout candidate. Multiple acts of wanton vandalism and pricey repairs. Fresh gravel in the parking area. Successful mitigation of poison hemlock. A forthcoming wedding. An updated trifold brochure. And much more besides.

Quittie Creek Nature Park has seen a lot of action in the past few months, most of it good, some of it not. Perhaps most consequentially, Annville Township recently sold the two-acre parcel of land on the south bank of the creek just downstream of S. Spruce St. to the adjacent property owners, Larry and Tonya Mayes, who've pledged to plant and maintain a riparian buffer of native trees & shrubs and maintain open public access for anglers and hikers. (The parcel was part of the property once owned by former Township Commissioner Kyle Smith, acquired by Annville Township in its FEMA-supported Hazard Mitigation Program in the wake of the Tropical Storm Lee flood of 2011.)

Surely the most joyous occasion was the planting of a catalpa tree sapling by Catherine Stetler & Scott Mailen this past June. In Catherine's words, "my husband and I got engaged by the Quittie and are celebrating our fifth wedding anniversary in June. For a different take on the traditional wood gift, I thought it would be fun to surprise him and plant a tree together in the area we got engaged." May the Nature Park's newest catalpa sapling grow tall & strong!

Meantime, Eagle Scout candidate Tyler Konan refurbished four of the hefty park benches donated to the Nature Park some years ago by the Hershey Company that've been squirreled away in the rear of the Quarry Pond area, their wooden slats rotting but their slotted concrete ends still very much intact. The Nature Park Committee thanks Tyler for his labors, and plans to work with Township Public Works to find the most suitable sites for them.

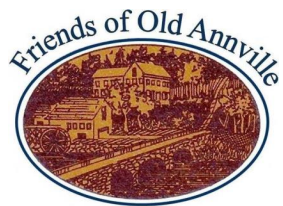


*Scott Mailen and Catherine Stetler
after planting their commemorative catalpa sapling.*

The Park Committee also gratefully acknowledges the donations of two inscribed park benches to be installed in the coming months—one by Lee & Sally Smedley of Annville with the inscription, "Dedicated to Those Who've Made Annville Home," and another by Susan Land in memory of her parents, Henry Wise Miller, Jr., and Betty Miller of Annville. More on H. W. Miller, Jr. in a forthcoming issue of *The Landmark*.

On the distressing side of the ledger, the Park Committee laments several recent acts of vandalism to the park's map-signs—one at the East High St. entrance to the Fred & Tanya Richter Trail, and two at the Bachman Rd. trailhead—their plexiglass covers smashed with some kind of blunt instrument. Annville Police have been alerted, and sturdier and more expensive Lexan® installed to replace the busted-up plexiglass (\$50 for each of the three 2x3-ft. map-signs).

On a more positive note, early this past spring, Park Committee members flagged more than 300 young poison hemlock plants so Township Public Works could zap them with herbicide, effectively eliminating most of this noxious invasive species from the park, for 2021 anyway, even as it flourishes on the creek's south bank and along roads & fields across South Central PA. For Les Powell and his crew in Public Works, that's just a sample of the work they've undertaken. We are grateful to be working with such a stellar crew in helping to steward this local treasure of a Nature Park, and gratified that so many visitors from near and far drink in its beauty every day.



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Benefactor \$ 100.00 § Founder \$ 250 ❖

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