

Newsletter



Annesdale Snowden Historic District

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Annesdale Snowden

Spring Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 2 9 AM to noon

Meet at Lipinski Field, Lamar and Snowden Circle East. Bring gloves, rakes, litter lances, or whatever you have to work with. Trash bags will be provided.

Garden Club Meeting At Steven Hoover's

By Beverly Seaton

April 18 was a rainy Saturday with sunshine right on cue for the backyard tour.

The food was tasty; the door prizes numerous and useful; the setting serene, refreshing and inspiring; and the company unsurpassed!

Steven, with a little help from Peanut (royal canine in residence,) highlighted two amazing plants: Rhipidophyllum or needle palm and Trifoliate Orange or hardy orange. They recommend both plants as lovely and interesting additions to any Annesdale Snowden garden.

The needle palm is native to the southeast, and it is one of the most cold-hardy palms in the world. One thrives as far north as Washington, D.C. in the National Botanic Garden. Its sharp, needle-like spines protect the stem growing point from browsing animals and can make short work of clumsy gardeners, too.

For this reason, it is sometimes called "porcupine palm." It is a fan palm bearing flowers

in dense, short clusters at the top of the stems, and can make a stunning addition to your yard.

The hardy orange has seeds that fall and sprout. Over time, these sprouts can form a thorny hedge that is hard to penetrate. Steven likened this process to a "grow your own fence"—one that will keep out intruders. To control unwanted sprouts, gardening expert, Wolfgang, at Gardens Oy Vey (gardensoyvey.com) near Arlington, suggested that Steven keep his hardy orange in a pot.

The hardy orange is a decorative plant with white flowers, shiny leaves and the silent threat of a thorn-prick for those who like a little excitement in the garden. This slightly menacing plant bears a bitter fruit that is best used for marmalades or for drying and shredding as a culinary ingredient.

These two plants that look perfectly happy in Steven's garden are proof that Steven is a fearless and sure-footed Master Gardener.

But beware--one should not wander around his backyard uninvited with these two natural booby traps. Oops—make that three—I forgot about Peanut!





Easter was a very soggy day,

But some brave souls made it to the hunt. **Katy Turnage** chaired the event and welcomed Mr. & Mrs. E. Bunny and some rain-coated and umbrella-totin' hunters. Some hunters racked up pretty well especially when finding eggs donated by **Miki Brugge**, neighbor on Central, who generously placed \$1 in a couple of dozen plastic eggs. Thanks to **Katy** and her colleagues **LaRue Smith, Everet Turnage, and Barry Lincoln**.

Left – Mr. and Mrs. Bunny try to keep Molly Clarke, neighbor on Sledge, dry.



Mrs. Bunny gives a special hug to Soleil Smith Turnage



Letter from Ian Randolph

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to encourage you to take a drive/walk thru University Place. The rehabilitation of this neighborhood has already begun to enhance our neighborhood. There are several parks, with some being accessible by "pedestrian" traffic. Central Avenue has been curved to run through University Place. The Asphalt Plant Trucks no longer have access to Central Ave and will be diverted to Agnes or back behind University Place. There is a wonderful walking path around the "lakes & fountain" on Lamar Ave. There is a street that runs through University Place called Annesdale. Lastly, the place is beautiful, especially compared to the Lamar Terrace housing project that previously occupied the spot. I look forward to the addition of the real park and community center. If you haven't gone through University Place, I encourage you to do so.

See you around the neighborhood,

Ian L. Randolph

Friend & Neighbor

Commissioner, Memphis Housing Authority



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Treasurer, **Linda Lipinski**, reports that Neighborhood Association dues, the best bargain anywhere at \$25 per year per household, continue to come in. Apparently there are quite a few folks who love living in the greatest neighborhood in Memphis and want to support its projects. The list grows:

Thanks to everyone who has sent in dues for Jan-Dec. 2009.

If I have omitted anyone, please email JoAnne with the information.

Linda Lipinski, treasurer

Dues Jan-Dec. 2009

- 1. Katie and Barry Lincoln**
- 2. John and Sheri Hiltonsmith**
- 3. DeRayne Boykins**
- 4. M. Drawdy and T. Roden**
- 5. Diana Bell and Steve Haley**
- 6. Carla Proctor**
- 7. David Case and George Freeman**
- 8. Daphne Thomas**
- 9. Timothy Prudhomme and Lori Aime**
- 10. Kent Fisher and Don Anderson**
- 11. Derek and Gloria Dobbs**
- 12. Linda and Richard Clements**
- 13. Pattie and Bill Reed**

- 14. Joe and Ramona Pipkin**
- 15. David Brown and Steven Hoover**
- 16. Carl and Kay Edney**
- 17. Ann Sabin**
- 18. Fannie Smith**
- 19. Libby and Margaret**
- 20. David Lusk and Carissa Hussong**
- 21. Peggy and Irwin Sheft**
- 22. Valentine Leonard**
- 23. Tina and Darrell Byard**
- 24. James and Tiffany Kee**
- 25. Marty and Linda Lipinski**
- 26. JoAnne Turnage**
- 27. Tom Sutton**



A Plea to Parents- Several neighbors have experienced close calls when driving, encountering **children playing in the street**. One was very nearly hit just days ago. It is no longer possible to feel safe throwing a ball or riding a bike in the street as it might have been in bygone days of fewer vehicles on the streets. Please be extremely alert to your little ones. Even a dead end street can be dangerous.

Issues on Agnes and Sledge addressed

On Tuesday, April 14, **Maria Furhmann, Katie Lincoln, and JoAnne Turnage** attended a meeting at City Hall to discuss the problems with blight on Agnes Place and Sledge Avenue. **Mary L. Baker**, Deputy Director, Memphis and Shelby County Office of Planning and Development, facilitated.

Some of the action steps recorded from that meeting are as follows:

1. Burk Renner of OPD will sketch an appropriate planting screen along the frontage of the paper recycling plant on Agnes Street and make it available to the Annesdale Snowden Neighborhood Association.
2. The neighborhood will contact the company to discuss their cooperation in keeping their property clean of litter (and address litter that has blown off site).
3. The neighborhood will request cooperation by the company in installing a screen to hide plant activities and baffle noise that currently negatively affects residential properties which face into the plant (negative impacts bleed onto other streets such as Sledge Avenue)
4. The neighborhood will regularly monitor Sledge and Agnes Avenues west of Bellevue and report excessive litter, abandoned tires, improper parking of trucks on the city streets etc. and report the problems to the Mayor's Citizen Action Office. (precise locations and photographs will be attached to the complaints.)
5. The Community Enhancement Division will work in partnership with the Annesdale Snowden Neighborhood Association to assist in getting problems addressed as they are reported by neighborhood residents
6. The Community Enhancement Division will arrange for a litter clean up and clean up of old tires along Agnes and Central Avenues.
7. The Community Enhancement Division will contact code enforcement to resolve the status of an unfinished building on Sledge.
8. The Community Enhancement office will contact the Memphis Area Board of Realtors and ask them to distribute their brochure on the most common code violations to home buyers.
9. The neighborhood will keep a spreadsheet of all complaints and responses.