

Newtown Historic District News

Summer 2016

Salisbury, MD

Newtown Association meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7 PM at Poplar Hill Mansion, and are open to all neighbors.

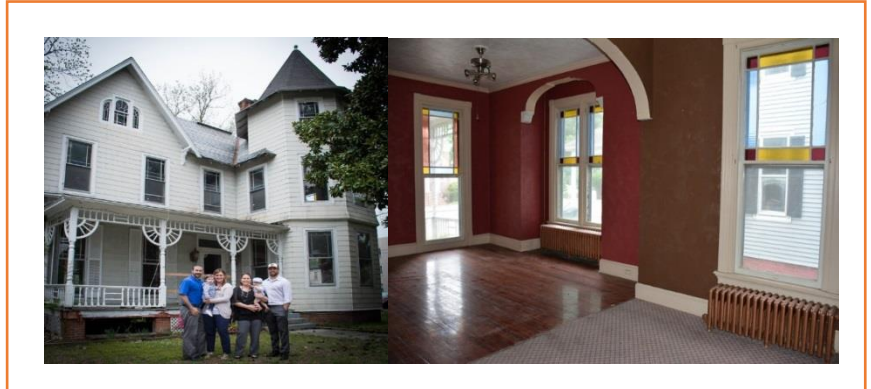
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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You will see in this newsletter that there is a lot going on!

- Come to the annual Newtown Picnic on June 4, 3-6pm on E. William St. and hang out with neighbors you haven't seen all winter!
- Newtown volunteers helped get the new neighborhood garden underway in the Boundless Playground. Spring vegetables are coming up in the raised beds and will be available for free this summer.
- The Newtown Association Board approved the revitalization committee's marketing plan at the April meeting, and work has begun on creating Newtown's website. Thanks go to Loudell Insley, Realtor, who is volunteering her perspective to our group. With the Salisbury Police Department we are looking into online crime statistics reports that give a false impression of Newtown and that we know scare prospective neighbors away.
- The volume and noise of traffic through Newtown is a growing concern. Marghi Barnes is heading up a committee to find remedies; let Marghi (divineplanet@icloud.com) or a board member know if you would like to participate. The Police Department will assign an officer to traffic problems in our neighborhood.
- Mark your calendar for our Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 4 and volunteer to help this year! We need docent-guides for the houses, organizers, and worker bees to make it a success. The tour is a great way to let people see our historic neighborhood and it takes a neighborhood to make it happen. Contact Barry Dressel (dresselbl@gmail.com) to sign up.

Thanks go to editor Judith Dressel, contributors, and Angie Hartley for formatting this newsletter. Angie also manages our Facebook page. Be sure to "like" [Newtown Historic District Salisbury Maryland 21801](#) and keep up with our news!



Fixer Upper to be Restored! 302 N. Division St.

302 N. Division Street was recently purchased for \$15,400 by Keith White and Bobby White—friends and colleagues (but not relatives), founders of family-owned and managed White & White Home Solutions LLC. The c.1890 Queen Anne-style house, once the Asbury Methodist Church parsonage, is located on the west side of North Division just south of the Crewmore Apartments and Hatfield Manor. While the house looks rough on the outside, most original features are intact and salvageable, including the many stained-glass bordered windows. With 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths in 3800 square feet on three floors, plus a basement, the house is larger on the inside that it looks from the street. The property also includes a detached garage. This is White & White's first purchase in Newtown, where they see much potential, and will be their first complete historic renovation. The partners, with backgrounds in the carpentry and HVAC trades, have been renovating houses in Salisbury for nearly 5 years. Their goal is to find a buyer for the house before renovation progresses so that the house may be customized to the new owner's specifications. Work will begin as soon as their work crews complete other projects currently underway. For more information, contact Keith White at randcinvestments@yahoo.com.

Good Neighbors...Good Food...Good Fun!

Saturday, June 4th, 3 to 6 pm

- All Newtown residents are cordially invited to the annual Newtown Picnic & Block Party!!
- Where: William St. between Gay and Poplar Hill
- Newtown Association will provide burgers and dogs, utensils, and drinks. Bring a dish for sharing and a chair if you need one.
- There will be stuff for the kids too. Games! City fire engine! K-9 police officer!
- Don't miss this great opportunity to get together with neighbors and have a bit of fun too.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Featured Home: 103 Elizabeth Street

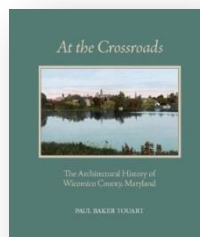
2884 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, \$195,000
MLS #495839

This spectacular historic home is in mint condition and includes original woodwork, hardwood floors, oak staircase, fretwork and pocket doors, 10 foot ceilings, and 4 fireplaces (2 with Italian tile surrounds). The baths and kitchen have been updated, and the kitchen has cherry cabinets and Bosch and Jenn-Air appliances. A spacious attic is not included in the square footage.

The bold octagonal tower with conical roof and protruding front bay is covered with fish scale shingles. Fish scales are also found on the gables of the steeply pitched slate roof. Paired Tuscan columns are supported by high brick plinths. The wraparound porch ties the asymmetrical design together.

This magnificently painted and designed Queen Anne home was built around 1904 for B. Frank Kennerly, who was mayor from 1912 until his death in 1914. Mrs. Kennerly sold the property 6 years later to the Methodist Episcopal Church as the residence for the Salisbury District supervisor. It served other church uses until it was sold in the late 1950s.

Source: Paul Baker Touart, *At the Crossroads: The Architectural History of Wicomico County, Maryland* (2008), (\$25, available at Poplar Hill Mansion)



Update on T's Market and Newtown

On April 19, 2016, T's Market appeared before the Wicomico County Liquor Licensing Board to show cause for selling alcohol to a minor. Testimony was heard from a Maryland State Police Cadet who stated that he was able to purchase beer from T's Market without proper identification. The attorney for T's Market presented testimony that the owner of T's Market had recently had his employees trained on sales of alcoholic beverages and the clerk who sold beer to the under-age cadet had been fired.

Fourteen Newtown residents signed a petition requesting the Liquor Licensing Board revoke approval for T's Market's to sell alcoholic beverages. These reasons were presented to the board:

1. T's Market was cited in less than 6 months of receiving its license for selling beer to a minor.
2. Continued littering and problem behavior by the store's patrons.
3. No one in the Newtown neighborhood signed in support of T's Market application, which was approved by the board in November 2015.
4. The store's close proximity to the Chipman Cultural Center and Boundless Playground.
5. Four other establishments within 10 blocks on North Salisbury Boulevard selling beer and wine do not affect residential neighborhoods.

Each year, all businesses selling beer and wine in Salisbury and Wicomico County are to be re-certified. Only those businesses opposed by the public are brought before the Liquor Licensing Board for review. T's Market's review was the only business that was opposed that night.

How did the Liquor Board Respond?

Newtown was told to seek remedy with the littering and patrons' behavior through the Salisbury City Police. The Liquor Licensing Board refuses to recognize that T's Market's sale of alcoholic beverages has a negative effect on the Newtown neighborhood.

Each year in late January, the Wicomico County Liquor Board posts its annual review of businesses cited for selling alcoholic beverages to minors in the *Daily Times*.

What Newtown Residents Can Do

Check the *Daily Times* regularly and follow up with a call to the Liquor Licensing Board to register your complaint.

If you observe public drinking near the Boundless Playground & Garden, call the Salisbury Police at 410-548-3165.

Welcome New Neighbors!



On Walnut Street – Celine Carayon and Chris Vilmar are both faculty members at Salisbury University. Chris is originally from Florida and is professor of English. Celine is originally from the south of France and in the History department teaches courses in Native American history, colonial America, and the American Revolution. Chris's young daughter lives with them, they both love and play music, and they greatly enjoy their new home and neighborhood. "We chose to move here because we fell in love with this old house, and we were particularly excited to be able to walk downtown, for instance for Third Friday or to the flea market and the downtown park, or to grab a coffee at Main Roots coffee shop. But since we moved we discovered even more advantages to this neighborhood. This place has so much character and the people we have met are so friendly and welcoming; we love the small playgrounds, and now, the community garden!"



At the corner of N. Division and Elizabeth Street – Todd & Katie Glasser lived and worked in San Diego, California before retiring to South Dakota and Palm Springs. After 40 years in California, Katie decided she had enough of west coast living and wanted to return home to the east coast where she had lived in Annapolis. She chose the Eastern Shore's Salisbury for its slower pace for her retirement. Todd splits his retirement between South Dakota and Salisbury, and this makes everyone very happy.

New this Summer! The Boundless Garden at Georgetown-Newtown



Behind the Charles Chipman Cultural Center and the Boundless Playground is Salisbury's second community garden. Cooperating and contributing funding and labor were Newtown neighbors, City government, and area churches.

Dr. Manav Ratti, professor of English at Salisbury University since 2011, received a grant from the Fulbright Canada-RBC Eco-Leadership Program that was used to provide essential equipment, supplies, and infrastructure. Collaboration occurred among Mayor Jake Day's Office, GreenSBY, area churches, and the Newtown Historic neighborhood. The first harvest will be this summer.

Volunteers from the Newtown and Georgetown neighborhoods; from churches St. Francis de Sales, Bethesda, and Trinity Methodist; and from Bennett High School and Catholic Campus Ministry made the garden come alive in early April. Lumber for raised beds was delivered, cut to size, and assembled by volunteers who brought and shared their tools. Soil was delivered and trundled to more than a dozen beds. Rain

barrels were donated, and irrigation lines were set up. The city of Salisbury is donating the water.

The summer's harvest of produce will be shared on a first-come, first-served basis. According to Nicole Long, Garden Coordinator, "mercy and love of neighbor take the form of our produce, and we will give it freely."

Note to gardeners: if you have perennials that need dividing, bring your extras to the Boundless Garden; especially wanted are plants attractive for pollinators, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Donations are always welcome to extend the irrigation necessary in our long, hot Eastern Shore summer!

Come out and share some time with neighbors and friends, meet new friends, and enjoy the fruits of your labor! For more on the garden's story, and to keep up to date with its progress, see Boundless Garden on Facebook and the website www.growboundless.com

As Head Gardener Greg Zaczekiewicz says, "We're growing not vegetables, but community."

① Contractors We Have Known

Below we share contractors who Newtown neighbors have found to be knowledgeable and reliable to work on our historic-era homes. We will update this list from time to time.

***Disclaimer:** Placement on this list does not constitute an endorsement of any individual, corporation, or institution by the Newtown Association. Neither does the Association guarantee the competence of any individual or firm; nor is there any guarantee, implicit or implied, that any work produced by those on this list will necessarily meet Salisbury Historic District Commission requirements. We strongly recommend that you contact at least three consultants when making your selection and request references from previous clients.*

Home Improvement Contractors

- Creekside Builders (Ryan Dize) 410 251 3001
- KPG Builder (Kevin Griswold) 410 546 5742
- Art Twilley 443 614 0902
- Phippings Renovations 410 749 7438
- Ruark Builders 410 543 1369

Historic Restoration

- Harper & Sons 410 820 2000
- Howard and Dean 410 885 5176

Electricians

- Mast Electrical 410 219 2677
- Tim Brown Electrical 410 251 9721
- McIntyre Electric 410 546 8043

Fence Contractors

- Dickerson Fence Co. 302 846 2227
- Anderson Fence Co. 410 572 5810
- Grasso Fence Co. 410 860 2146

Handyman Services

- Don Moyer 410 835 8584
- Bill Matthews 443 885 5176

Heating & HVAC

- Hebrew Insulation 443 497 2531
- Eastern Shore Heating & Air (Mike Bartemy) 443 210 2816
- SR Pete & Sons 410 896 2773

- Wicomico Heating & Air 410 202 2307
- HVAC Unlimited 410 546 1557
- HP Services & Sons 410-726-0270

Locksmith

- C&L Locksmith 410 749 3741

Masonry Contractors

- Jimmy Stringer 443 783 3648
- Roland Morris 410 726 627
- B.J. Cantwell 443 235 2563
- Walt Tawes 443 880 7682

Painting Contractors

- Pro Coat 410 749 7491
- Father & Sons Unlimited 410 860 4687
- Sargent & Dennis 410 546 1867
- Dean McNeila (does murals) 443 783 4640

Plumbers

- T. Douglas Foxwell 410 749 4689
- Gannon Plumbing 410 742 9251
- Fisher Plumbing 410 651 0101
- JR Tubbs 410 422 4410

Roofing

- Peninsula Roofing (slate) 410 742 6163

Chimney

- PTL Chimney 410-896-4707

ALSO! New Energy-efficient Technology & Products some Newtowners have installed

- **Tankless water heater:** gas, high-efficiency boiler, automatic on only when hot water is needed. Vendors include Rinnai, A.O. Smith Corporation, Bosch, Bradford White Corporation, Noritz Corporation, and Rheem Manufacturing.
- **Heatsaver wall underlining:** installs as any wall paper. Heatsaver Polystyrene Veneer Insulation by Saarpur is an economical way to provide a basic layer of insulation for walls and ceilings. It will help keep your home warm and also reduce sound transference between walls. It covers minor cracks and wall imperfections. (www.gowallpaper.co.uk)
- **Ductless air conditioning/heating:** Mitsubishi Mr. Slim maintains steady level of temp (electric). Quiet, energy efficient, filters air, installed per room, remote controlled.

Newtown Association Membership and Dues

2016 dues are now payable (the membership year runs January 1–December 31). If you haven't already paid in 2016, please send this form with your dues check to Newtown Association, PO Box 543, Salisbury, MD 21803. (If you have questions, send an e-mail to Madeleine Adams, newtowntreasurer@gmail.com)

Resident: \$15	Name: _____
Non-Resident: \$20	Address: _____
Family: \$35	Address: _____
Lifetime: \$200	Phone _____ Cell: _____
Enclosed: \$ _____	E-mail: _____

Thank you for your support! Membership supports the Newtown Historic District community.