



Historic Newtown Neighborhood News

Winter 2017

Salisbury, Maryland

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

Annual Report from the President delivered at the October 11, 2017 Annual Meeting

- We recognize and thank all who have contributed time and talent to our neighborhood this year with special thanks to Neill Carey (2016 President) and Madeleine Adams (retiring Treasurer) for their years of service to Newtown.
- Newtown's message: Newtown is a livable, lovable historic neighborhood near downtown Salisbury. Our goal is to stabilize real estate values and increase homeownership in Newtown.
- Promotion of Newtown as a great downtown neighborhood is ongoing. Our new website received a Maryland Historic Trust Preservation Award in April 2017, and our new marketing brochure, supported by Mayor Jake Day, is being distributed to area realtors, tourism centers, the Greater Salisbury Committee, and the Chamber.
- Being good neighbors: Newtown Association supports Poplar Hill Mansion, Boundless Community Garden, Charles Chipman Center, Joseph House food drive, Downtown 3rd Fridays and Wicomico County Fair.
- The newsletter, *Historic Newtown Neighborhood News*, is now produced quarterly and distributed by email only. If you know a neighbor without internet access who needs a printed copy, let me know.
- The Traffic Committee: Barry Dressel continues to work with City to manage traffic through Newtown; the City has installed new stop and truck signs and conducted a traffic study in 2017.

Priorities for 2018

- Plan for December 2018 Holiday House Tour
- Continue to promote Newtown throughout the region
- Encourage greater neighborhood involvement and expand membership
- Increase the number of residents who volunteer for the neighborhood

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REMINDER – Like Newtown on Facebook and keep up to date with our news – **Newtown Historic District Salisbury Maryland 21801** and at www.newtownhistoricdistrict.org

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*also serves on the Salisbury Historic District Commission

Your neighbors *are* the Newtown Association!
Contact any member with news to share issues of concern, or suggestions to better our neighborhood.

Welcome New Neighbors!

After several years of living part-time in Newtown and renting a room during the school term from Dave Scheid, Danielle Cumming is pleased to join the neighborhood full time, in 313 Gay St. The mustard-colored house, originally part of the magnificent Perry-Cooper mansard which faces William Street, underwent extensive exterior work recently, before it was purchased by Skeeter Scheid, sister of Dave next door.



Skeeter and her husband Jim are looking forward to retiring near Dave; in the meantime, Danielle enjoys being their tenant. The big windows mean the house is full of light even on dark days, and as she practices guitar (she is the guitar professor at SU) she enjoys seeing neighbors going by. She says "It was a pleasure to meet many of you at the Newtown house-concert of my guitar students from Germany last year, and I look forward to more occasions to meet my neighbors."



Did you know...

Newtown is Salisbury's only neighborhood in which a B&B is allowed to operate per the City ordinance adopted in January 2015. A permit from the City is required and off-street parking must be available for guests.

Trinity Methodist Church has handsome new signs!



The brick Colonial at 504 Park Avenue is home to a family new to Salisbury, Justin and Addy Rummel, who moved in just before the holidays with their two girls, Nora and Louisa. Before moving to the area, Addy and Justin spent the last 12 years in the Greater Washington DC area and most recently moved from Montclair, VA. Justin and Addy are both originally from Central Pennsylvania. Justin became the Director of Financial Aid at Salisbury University in

November. Addy is currently staying home with their two daughters; previously she was a political fundraiser for more than 10 years. They were drawn to the home on Park Avenue by its 1930s charm and the proximity to beautiful downtown Salisbury. They enjoy walking to parks and exploring as much as they can by foot.



Visit Poplar Hill Mansion Events This Winter

- Saturday, January 27, from 1:00: Card Party. Come to the Mansion and join in a table of bridge, gin, hearts, and/or whist played throughout the historic first floor rooms. Poplar Hill Mansion will provide cards and tea. This event is free, but RSVP is strongly encouraged.
 - Sunday, February 11, 1:00: Music at the Mansion. Canzona Diversa plays music from the Mansion's Federal period (1780-1830), including pieces on the historic Joshua Thurston pianoforte. Free.
 - Sunday, March 11, 1:00: Celtic Music with Mickey Justice and Mike O'Laughlin to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Free.
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Join Your Newtown Neighbors on April 14th in Ocean City for the 7th Annual Komen Maryland Race for the Cure

Walk or run the recreational 5K or 1-mile route on the Ocean City boardwalk with the ocean by your side to put an end to breast cancer.

The Race Village in the inlet parking lot features food, music, kids' activities, a survivor tent, and a post-race beer garden. Race Village opens at 7:30 am, and the race begins at 9 am. Funds raised benefit local breast health programs and national research. ***Komen Maryland has invested \$5 million in programs that serve Eastern Shore residents!***

For those interested in joining us on race day and/or to make a monetary contribution to the **BEACH GIRLS** team, please click on the following link [BEACH GIRLS](#). For more information, contact Susan Rall at s.rall0311@gmail.com.

Nearby historic Parsons Cemetery, in partnership with Operation We Care, participated in the Wreaths Across America wreath-laying event on Saturday December 16th. More than 600 wreaths were laid on the graves of veterans in the cemetery.



Newtown was featured at the Wicomico County Fair by volunteer Lisa Gingrich.



Will we see even more snow in Newtown this winter?!



Halloween saw lots of creepy crawly yards.



January is Newtown Membership Month!

What is the Newtown Neighborhood Association and what does it do for me? The Newtown Neighborhood Association is a volunteer group of your neighbors – home owners and renters –who want to keep Newtown a safe and stable neighborhood. The historic homes that are the heart of Newtown make it a special place to live. Whether you are buying or renting, you know that keeping our homes and children safe comes first. And you can ensure that safety by knowing your neighbors and keeping an eye on the neighborhood. By maintaining our homes, we also maintain the value of our properties and improve the perception of Newtown as a great place to live.

How does the Neighborhood Association help? The Association is our voice to Salisbury’s Mayor and the police and public works departments for help on issues such as potholes, suspicious activity, and traffic in the neighborhood.

How can you help?

- Come to monthly meetings at Poplar Hill Mansion, 7-8 pm, on the second Wednesday of the month. Meet your neighbors and share your concerns.
- Contribute to the Association with your annual membership.
- Read the newsletter and know what’s going on in the neighborhood.
- Volunteer to help with neighborhood projects.
- Spread the word to your friends and neighbors that Newtown is a great place to live!

How does the Neighborhood Association use Membership dues?

- To create and maintain our website www.newtownhistoricdistrict.org.
- To host the summer block party.
- To advertise neighborhood events, such as the Historic House Tour.
- To support Poplar Hill Mansion and Chipman Center, among others.

A big **THANK YOU** to all 23 lifetime members who have invested in Newtown and its Association!! Still resident in Newtown are Madeleine & Steve Adams, R. Neill & Nancy Carey, Linda Cockey, Michael Day, Jim & Kay Gibson, Lisa Gingrich, Kathleen & Todd Glasser, Dorothy Matthews, Michael & Sheri Moore, John Phillips, Josephine Smith, Ellen & Harry Suber, Nancy & John Watson, and Iryna & Neal White.

From the May 1982 Newtown newsletter: “In 1975, the Newtown area was fast on its way to becoming a slum. The 1974 Historic District ordinance has been largely responsible for the improved quality of life that is enjoyed in Newtown today. Newtown today is a vital, alive community. Its residents are concerned about their neighborhood, as a place to live as well as its outward appearance. The Newtown Association works toward the improvement of the area in a wide variety of ways.”

Newtown Association Membership and Dues

Dues are due in January! Newtown Association membership runs for the calendar year, so plan on contributing to your neighborhood association in January 2018. Together we can make a difference.

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 Susan Rall, newtowntreasurer@gmail.com)

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