



Highlights from the Hill

News and Information from the Bristol Federal Hill Association

Fall Edition 2004

New Members

A warm welcome goes out to our newest members: **Roy Gilley Designs, Elaine J. Picard, Pat Jakubiak, Jeff & Lindsey Sepa, Steven & Annette Champagne, William & Claudia Jones, and Mark & Keri Johnson.**

Heritage Festival

A huge “thank you” goes out to **Brenda Coscina, Sue Roesch, and all the volunteers** who helped man our booths at both St. Anthony’s Church and at the Boulevard! Your hard work is appreciated! Members are asked to think about whether or not we should participate again next year, as a vote will be taken at the next meeting, **Monday, October 25**. If it is decided to proceed for next year, volunteers will be needed to work and/or head planning committees.

Holiday Ornaments

This year’s pewter ornament depicts **Patterson School (now Patterson Place)**, a focal point of Federal Hill. They may be purchased at **House Calls (97 Maple St)** or **New Cambridge Furniture & Gifts (250 Terryville Ave/Rte 6)** at a cost of \$8 a piece. A special “thank you” goes out to B.F.H.A. member **Gary Eastman** for doing the original sketch for the ornament. For those who may be interested, there are a few ornaments left from past years available. For information, please call **Sue Roesch (589-0801)**.

Quota Club “Holiday House on the Hill” Tour

The Bristol Quota Club will hold their annual house tour on **Saturday, December 4 from 11-3pm**. Tickets may be purchased for \$15.00 at **C.V. Mason Insurance, The Window Shop (Plainville), The Chalk Board, and House Calls**. Proceeds will go towards scholarships and for helping disadvantaged women and children in Bristol. Houses on this year’s tour include: **Linda Hall (Queen Street), Jane Madigan (High Street), David & Susan Roesch (High Street), James & Jody MacArthur (Center Street), Michael Dagata (High Street), and perhaps a surprise “bonus” house.**

Children’s Parade

Once again, we will be participating in this annual event to be held on **Sunday, December 5**. If you would like to help distribute candy, please call **Scott Peterson (977-7319)**.

National Elections

As you are all well aware, **Tuesday, November 2** is Election Day. Let’s really make an effort this election to get out to the polls and to also encourage our friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers to do likewise. Remember, voting isn’t just a right, but also a *privilege*.

Local Historic Districts

Balloting is expected to take place this November/December. Please take this seriously and exercise your right to be heard by casting your votes and returning your ballots in a timely fashion. Whether or not you agree with the establishment of these districts, *please* vote! Your vote is your voice; tell City Hall what you want. Remember, a district will either pass or fail regardless of how many ballots are returned. Don't let "just a few" decide the fate of YOUR neighborhood!

Spring Street Block Party

A block party is planned for **Saturday, October 30 (Noon-5pm)**. There will be live music, activities for the children including a "Moon Walk", food provided by Vita's Restaurant, carriage rides, and more! The highlight of the afternoon will be a tower-raising at **38 Spring Street**. Get the family together and join your friends and neighbors at this special event! Tickets can be purchased at **House Calls** (children 12 and under FREE with accompanying adult, Teens/Seniors \$15, and everyone else \$20). For more information, please contact **Joe or Rebecca Morozuk (585-9884)**.

Canned Food Drive

Eagle Scout **Joe Miselis** will be hosting a canned food drive on **October 16 & 17** at the **Congregational Church from 10-2pm and 11-3pm respectively**. Please stop by with your donations in order to help make Joe's Eagle Scout project a success and to lend a helping hand to neighbors in need.

"Focus on Federal Hill" Feature

This is a new feature that many thought would be a great way to highlight our architectural (and historical) "gems" on the Hill and also our neighborhood businesses. In each newsletter edition, a different Federal Hill home/business will be showcased. Who knows, yours may be next! This edition features **The William A. Kimball House (209 Center Street)** and **House Calls (97 Maple Street)**. Enjoy!

The William A. Kimball House 209 Center Street



Built in 1902, this Center Street home is known as "**The William A. Kimball House**" despite the fact the Kimball family did not take ownership of it until the 1910s. Although the home's early history is questionable, one thing that's for certain is the beauty of the structure's architecture. With its large wrap-around porch, prominent turrets and gables, and steeply pitched slate roof, this gorgeous Federal Hill home is a classic study of the ever-popular Victorian Queen Anne style. The current owners say the

porch is a favorite “hot spot” for summer entertaining. In the wintertime, they enjoy listening to the sounds of accumulated snow rumbling down the slate roof and then shouting “Avalanche!”, a family tradition that spans a couple of generations. Those who have a slate roof know how noisy this wintertime occurrence can be!

House Calls 97 Maple Street



Carol Ann Laga is the proprietor of **House Calls**, located at 97 Maple Street here on Federal Hill. **House Calls** is a quaint decorator shop of the fashion one would find in Newport, RI. Visiting her shop is a visual treat. Every nook is filled with unusual items destined to become focal points of conversation in the home. From sofas, to watering cans, to crystal drops, to greeting cards and even dog banks, just about anything can be found here. Her shop is as unique as Carol Ann herself!

House Calls is not just a boutique, but also, as the name indicates, a professional who will visit your home for assistance in planning that perfect room. Carol Ann’s home evaluations begin with an interview. She wants to find out what the homeowner likes about the space, what he/she wants to change, and what would be changed if money were no object. She continues to probe deeper with questions about preferences, pets, and entertainment. Her goal is to match the space to the lifestyle and desires of the client. While such a consultation is not gratis, most will find the *benefits* of her expert eye and guidance a true value in and of themselves.

It is quite clear that Carol Ann loves Federal Hill and remembers its glory days many years ago. She has a desire to see the Hill return to what it once was. With a business such as hers, we cannot all but benefit. Carol Ann has a passion to help everyone who walks through her door in search of that perfect gift, decorator item, or that dream room in their mind’s eye. “**House Calls** is an attempt to address what is missing in Bristol,” says Carol Ann. To see what you are missing, stop by and visit for awhile!

Questions?

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