

# **ACT Board 2021 Annual Report**

## **Annandale Area Community Team (ACT)**

There were three ACT Board Meetings in 2021: April 15, July 8, and October 14, all convened at 6:30 p.m. by Marlene. The January meeting was via Zoom and the other two were at City Hall and also online via Zoom.

Officers for the ACT Board remained the same as last year: Judy Grabham as Vice-Chair, Jill Bishop as Secretary, and Marlene Young as Treasurer. Kelly Hinnenkamp served as Coordinating Chair in the absence of anyone stepping up to be Chair. Other Board members are Field to Feast Team lead Sandy Holthaus, AFM Manager Corry Bregendahl, Arts Team lead Emily Schwarzkopf, Grants Specialist Renee Cardarelle, Laura Hood Beckman, and Patti VanDorp. Three members resigned from the Board; Judy Seaberg, Linda Kelso, and Casey Weber; leaving 10 members at year end.

There are currently three active Teams: Field to Feast, Arts, and Discover Downtown (Clock Tower Park and Farmers Market).

**FIELD TO FEAST** - The annual Field to Feast event was canceled once again due to covid uncertainties and the necessity for considerable advance planning.

**ARTS TEAM** - Summer Concerts in the Park started being organized by the Community Education Director, Tiffany Grube, with funding provided primarily from the ACT Arts Team. The Petals and Palates Garden Tour was July 24<sup>th</sup> with 5 gardens toured. Five Adirondack chairs were auctioned off to raise funds for the Arts Team.

**CLOCK TOWER PARK** - The four pavers ordered in the fall for Clock Tower Park did not arrive in time to be installed due to supply chain issues. ACT paid the Improvement Club \$25/pot during the summer to plant the five pots in Clock Tower Park. The 8<sup>th</sup> New Year's Eve Ball Drop in Clock Tower Park was canceled due to bitter cold.

**FARMERS MARKET** – The Market was extremely successful this year with more vendors than ever before, 28 total vendors, 10 full time. It ran 16 weeks, June 12<sup>th</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup>. The POP program raised and spent \$10,000 at the market. A new feature was added, a booth in the middle of market for a non-profit, no fee.

The covid-19 pandemic continued to impact ACT in many ways such including hybrid ACT Board meetings held both in person and via Zoom, supply chain issues preventing the annual installation of pavers ordered in Clock Tower Park, and the second cancellation of the Field to Feast Event.

This ACT Annual Report and others since 2016 appear on the ACT website [www.annandaleonline.com/ACT](http://www.annandaleonline.com/ACT) but without the financial information.

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