

ACT Board 2024 Annual Report

Annandale Area Community Team (ACT)

There were four ACT Board Meetings in 2024: January 11, April 11, July 11, and November 13. All were held at City Hall. Conveners were Marlene Young and Laura Hood Beckman.

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 Arts Team lead Jane Willman, Feast Team of Friends lead Sandy Holthaus, Laura Hood Beckman, and Patti VanDorp for a total of eight board members.

There are currently Four active Teams:

Feast of Friends, Arts, Discover Downtown (Clock Tower Park), and Farmers Market.

FEAST OF FRIENDS

The annual Feast of Friends was held Saturday and Sunday, August 24th and 25th, 4 to 8 pm, at the Boathouse at 'Tween Lakes for the third year. Meals were again catered by Hannah Groth of Any Thyme Catering. Music was by Hick with A Pick.

New features included a seating chart for all guests and a Bouquet Bar for guests to make their own arrangements. Both were successful and will be repeated in 2025. A raffle for a VRBO vacation getaway was donated once again, and there were also three cash prizes. Other revenues were a Silent Auction, drink sales, participants' meals, and 22 sponsors. Excess revenues from the 2023 Feast of Friends enabled the Team to donate to the Farmers Market and Concerts in the Park in 2024.

ARTS TEAM

Jane worked with the City to bring the mural that was installed on the north side of the Snap Fitness building. She also worked on the Summer Concerts in the Park with Community Ed Director Tiffany Grube. Tiffany organizes the concerts with ACT providing some of the funding. The Arts Team also pays for the music at the Farmers Market.

CLOCK TOWER PARK

There were six pavers installed in Clock Tower Park in 2024. The park was lit during the holidays with uplighting on the bronze statue and the tower, and a holiday tree was formed with descending strings of lights on a flag pole. The 9th New Year's Eve Ball Drop in Clock Tower Park was held at 9 p.m. in pleasant weather with music and live streaming.

FARMERS MARKET

The first year of the transition from Corry as Market Manager to Joe Rand as on-site Manager with Dan Seaberg as alternate went very well. It was financially successful. The partnership with the City worked well as did the simplified PoP procedure.

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Jill Bishop
ACT Secretary