



2009 Tyler Park Garden Tour

"The Gardens and Pools of Tyler Park"



Important!! Please Note!! The Tyler Park Garden Tour date has been moved to give home owners more time to prepare their beautiful gardens and pools after the storms this past winter. The new date is: **Sat. June 27.**

TPNA is proud to present the 4th Annual Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Garden Tour featuring the spectacular gardens and pools of our beautiful neighborhood. On the walking tour, you will see unique city gardens, swimming pools, native plantings, annuals, perennials, roses, fountains, vegetables, and sculptures!

Please plan to attend the city's BEST Garden Tour and be sure tell your family and friends to purchase tickets early!

The date of this year's tour has been changed to Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. We are planning to exhibit 10 -12 gardens as well as including at no extra charge, the **Fourth Annual Highlands Pottery Sale** located at 1811 Edenside Avenue. In addition to this year's tour, a **fashion show of Vintage Swimsuits** will be held at one of

the pools with lovely models and swim ware provided by 'The Queen of Rags' vintage clothing store located in the heart of the business district of Tyler Park.

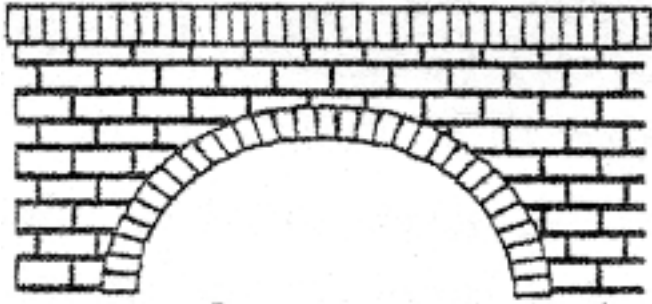
The tour begins at Mid-City Mall with a map of all the gardens and registration for a beautiful door prize to be provided by a local business. All ticket sales will benefit the upcoming revitalization of Tyler Park. A special thanks to our major sponsors, **Keith's Hardware and ValuMarket, for their ongoing community support!**

Ticket Prices are \$12 in advance at Keith's Hardware and Value Market and a \$2 day-of tour discount for senior citizens and Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Members to be given at Mid-City Mall.

We need volunteers to assist the homeowners who are exhibiting their gardens by sitting in one of the gardens on the tour. Please contact Joan Dubay @ jdubay@gmail.com to volunteer. For further information or volunteering, contact Jeanette Westbrook at 451-8207 or e-mail Westbrookj@aol.com.

Pools, vintage swim wear, pottery and gardens! Wow! Don't miss the TPNA Garden Tour! Saturday, June 27th from 9 am to 4 pm





The View from the Bridge

Warm weather at last!!

We had a beautiful day for the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. As usual, our bunny (a.k.a. Rebecca Watson) arrived on the hook & ladder with the help of the firefighters of the Louisville Urban Rescue Team, Truck 7, up at my old station, the 4th District Fire Headquarters at Rubel and Winter. A great day was had by all. We would be remiss if we didn't mention all the hard work that Metro Parks did to clean up the storm damage and make the park safe for the kids.

Metro Parks and the consultants continue their work on the new **Master Plan for Tyler Park**. By the time you read this, we will have had a 2nd public meeting on May 21st to present the preliminary results of historical research and the results of surveys conducted by the planners. There will be several more meetings to present initial concepts for the plan and gather feedback from the neighborhood. Then a final plan will be presented to the public. We urge all who are concerned about the park and its future to **respond to the surveys and attend these meetings**. Your input on how you use Tyler Park and what you would like to see in the future is needed. Stay tuned for the announcement of dates for future meetings which are held at the Louisville Free Public Library up at Mid City Mall.

Security is being beefed up in the park to try to prevent the **vandalism** that has been occurring. Councilman Tom Owens office, Metro Parks and Metro Police have all been contributing funding and personnel resources to stem the tide of graffiti. It is a continuing and frustrating fight that requires all of us

to confront and report perpetrators. Parks has already painted the bathroom shelter twice this spring.

Coming up we have the annual **Tyler Park Garden Tour** chaired by Jeanette Westbrook. Please note that there has been a change of date. It will be held a little later than usual on Saturday, June 27. Get the particulars in an article on the Garden Tour in this issue.

As always, we invite any and all neighbors to **join the Association, attend our monthly meetings** on the 4th Thursday at 7 PM in the meeting room of the Library in Mid City Mall. We are always interested in new members for the Board to join us in making this great neighborhood even nicer.

Mike Gramig, President
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TPNA meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December) from 7 to 9 pm at the Highlands/Shelby Park branch of the Louisville Free Public Library inside the MidCity Mall. All neighborhood residents and business neighbors are welcome to attend.

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EASTER BUNNY VISITS TYLER PARK

On April 11th the Easter bunny roared into Tyler Park in a shiny, red hook and ladder truck driven by the Louisville fire fighters from the 4th District Headquarters at Rubel and Winter Avenues.

Sixty-one excited children, aged toddler through twelve years, raced through the park to find the 650 candy-filled eggs. Two eggs in each age group were designated for special prizes. Winners of the prizes included Alyson Carpenter, Harper Hawkins, Allie Floden, Willow Thompson, Jillian Moody, and Elli Singleton.

A drawing was held for the winner of a giant fuzzy rabbit. Even the adults had a chance to join in the fun. Two dozen eggs, freshly laid by the famed hens of Mossrose Avenue, were donated by Manny Carralero for a raffle.

Proceeds from the raffle, as well as many generous donations, went to the TPNA fund for park restoration. Thanks to the firefighters, TPNA Board members, the Metro Parks Department, Windsor Avenue resident Sarah Carpenter, and all who participated in the event for making this year's egg hunt one of the best ever!





Neighborhood Conservation District

By Doug Magee

On March 19, proposed revisions to the Landmarks Ordinance were introduced at the regular meeting of the Louisville Metro Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission. The revisions would allow a new category called the Neighborhood Conservation District which would be similar to the Historic Preservation District and the process for both districts would be similar. Some in the community have designated this concept as “historic preservation lite” as it is not as strict as current historic preservation districts.

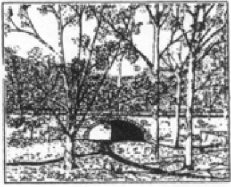
This proposed ordinance revision is enabling legislation for the concept. The proposed general district guidelines are currently being drafted by Charles Cash and Richard Jett, staff at the Landmarks Commission. Once these general guidelines are reviewed and approved by the Commission, the proposed ordinance would go to Metro Council for consideration.

Conservation zoning is a planning tool to protect the architectural character and historic fabric of the neighborhood having this designation by managing growth and change. This category would be similar to an overlay zoning district. Each neighborhood, through its residents, would have to determine their interest in this district and each district would be created after extensive public input and approval by ordinance for each district designation.

Since no details exist at this time, the following are general concepts pertaining to conservation districts. This designation protects from the loss of architecturally or historically important buildings, new construction not in character with the neighborhood, and additions to buildings that would decrease their architectural importance. Plans would be required for demolition, new construction, additions and relocation and reviewed by an architectural review process and the Commission staff. These reviews would be based on the design guidelines approved by the neighborhood prior to the designation of a district. The exact process and guidelines are being determined and the community will have an opportunity to be involved and comment at a scheduled public hearing.

The idea of this district is not new and is in place in various communities throughout the country. Nashville has had such a designation since 1978. The Phoenix Hill neighborhood, after losing one historic building after another, began looking for a possible solution less strict than the historic preservation designation. Once learning about this possibility, the neighborhood association approached David Tandy for assistance. The Office of the County Attorney drafted the ordinance and the Landmarks Commission has had its first reading. If you are interested in reading the proposed revisions to the ordinance and following the legislative process, please go to <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/PlanningDesign/>.





Center for Neighborhoods

On May 13th, four TPNA board members attended a picnic in Tyler Park sponsored by the Center for Neighborhoods. This group, sponsored by Metro United Way, holds regular Neighborhood Institute Sessions aimed at networking among neighborhood groups, leadership education, organizing, consensus-building, and conflict resolution. Membership is \$12 yearly for individuals and \$24 for groups.

The TPNA will discuss membership in the group at our next regular meeting. The Center for Neighborhoods can be contacted at 610 South 4th Street, Suite 701, 40202, www.centerforneighborhoods.org, and at 589-0343. The group had the Kyene Drum Ensemble providing music. Ironically, this group first performed at Tyler Park. They added some interesting and inspiring music and dance to the picnic.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend:
Tyler Park Garden Tour
starting at Mid City Mall
Sat. June 27th @ 9:30-4:00,
Tyler Park Neighborhood Meetings
at the library in the Mid City Mall from 7 - 9 pm
Thursday, June 25th
Thursday, July 23rd
Thursday, August 27th
**Keep up-to-date with your neighborhood.
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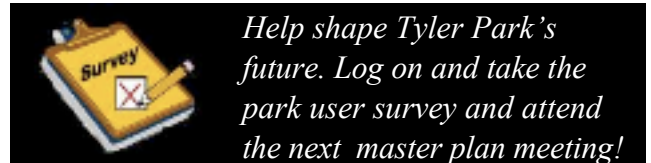
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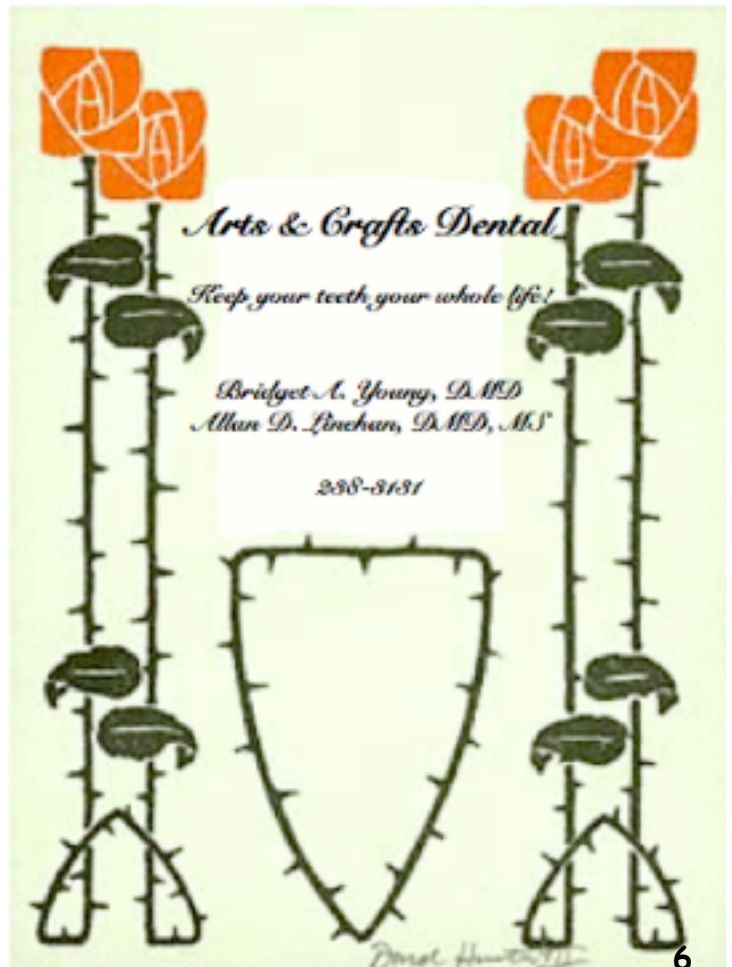


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On March 14 the TPNA made the association's seventh appearance in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. Despite the cold and rainy weather, Board members John French, Jeanette Westbrook, Manny Carralero, and Rebecca Watson, accompanied by the Leprechauns of Tyler Park Kim Westfall, Cindy Albers, and Beth Faulkenburg, marched the route from Broadway to Rosewood Avenue before hundreds of spectators. 2009 marked the 36th year of the event. The parade theme was "My Wild Irish Rose".



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A reminder . . . TPNA board members have combined our mailing list with the membership list. Please look at

the mailing label on this newsletter. Members who have paid within the past year will have their name listed on the label with a date showing when we received your membership payment. Businesses should look for the date beside their names to show that they have joined.

If your name is not on the label, **please , please, please join your neighborhood organization!** Details for joining are on the back of the newsletter.

Of course, there is always the chance that we missed your payment. If that is the case, let us know and we will gladly include your information on the mailing list!

Side Walk Repairs



Councilman Tom Owen's administrative assistant notified the TPNA board that there were funds available from the Federal Stimulus bill to

repair existing sidewalks. Only existing sidewalks are eligible. A few board members walked the neighborhood to identify and collect addresses that appeared in need of sidewalk repair. The addresses were then turned over to Terra Long, Councilman Owen's administrative assistant. Shortly after, inspectors surveyed the addresses submitted and subsequently painted those sidewalks deemed in direst need of repair with white marks. No word yet on when the repairs will be made, but our understanding is that they will be done before year end.

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