

The Neighborhood Bridge

June 2010

Tyler Park Neighborhood Association

Summer 2010 Newsletter

Sixth Annual Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Garden Tour & Pottery Sale Saturday, June 12th - 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Plan on attending the city's BEST Garden Tour and experience the treasures that Tyler Park Neighborhood has waiting for your viewing pleasure. Find unique and innovative ways to plan or improve your own garden!

The tour of ten gardens plus a pottery sale is set for Saturday, June 12, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and will showcase unique city gardens, water features, garden sculptures, koi ponds, vegetables, annuals, perennials, evergreens, and rare plants!

A pottery sale is also included on the walking tour, which includes the artisans on site showcasing their fabulous works of art! Be sure to not miss this unique opportunity.





Start the Garden Tour at Mid-City Mall where you can purchase tickets, receive a map to all the gardens, free bottled water, and register for beautiful door prizes.

Advance Tickets are \$10 – Tickets Day of Tour are \$12 Tickets can be purchased in advance at Keith's Hardware and at ValuMarket, both major sponsors of the TPNA Garden Tour. Be sure to thank



them both for their sponsorship!

For further information, contact Terry Redden at 454-5795 or Jeanette Westbrook at 451-8207.



View from the Bridge

Spring has arrived in Tyler Park. The Derby and all of its hoopla has come and passed and we may all navigate the neighborhood unimpeded once again! Speaking of spring, you may have noticed the beautiful, small red-flowering tree that is close to the shelter/bathrooms. It is a red horse chestnut.

Other things are flowering in the park again. Graffiti is blooming once again on the shelter. The park benches and picnic tables are virtually covered with wit, philosophy and pornography. Parks workers have already repainted the shelter. When you see park property being defaced, please report it to the police at 574-7111 as soon as possible. Although we have security cameras in the park, it helps them identify the responsible persons who are photographed. Maintaining the neighborhood's quality of life is a task requiring eternal vigilance.

One of the areas that bear constant monitoring is permits, licensing and zoning. The neighborhood has several cases that it is following. Our neighbors on Beechwood Avenue have two. The first is a problem with noise, etc. at The Back Door in Mid City Mall. They are trying to get the owners of the bar and Mid City Mall management to adhere to binding elements established in the 1990's regarding this very issue.

A second issue facing Beechwood residents is the plan for the redevelopment of the old Mimosa/Egg Roll Machine property that burned. The proposal for the property is for a restaurant on the first floor and two condos/apartments on the second floor. This is a change from the original proposal for one condo on the second floor and changes the development density of the project. Related to this issue is the unresolved parking question. The other issue related to this project has to do with the placement of the dumpster for the restaurant. The developer is proposing that the dumpster be placed at the rear of the property at the alley. Normally this would be reasonable, but in this case the dumpster would be feet away from the rear of the home on Beechwood adjacent to the alley. This would effectively make the residents'

rear porch/deck untenable in warm weather. We'll keep you informed.

A final safety note: please be careful with security of your homes. There has been another daytime home burglary in the neighborhood. Although these incidents are not the norm, it is still important to do everything possible to minimize your risks. Be watchful of your neighbors' properties. One excellent way to increase security is to establish an active Block Watch. For more information you may call Metro police or one of the TPNA Board members.

On a more pleasant note, please see Rebecca Watson's articles on TPNA's participation in the St. Paddy's Day parade and our annual Easter Egg Hunt. In a reversal from the usual scenarios, the weather was great for the parade, but came perilously close to disrupting the hunt. Only minutes before the hunt, TPNA volunteers and the Easter Bunny were hunkered down under the bridge as a storm squall blew through. Miraculously, the skies parted and the sun came out just in time for the bunny to hide the eggs. Another successful memorable event snatched from the jaws of inclement weather! A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks, Rebecca.

Upcoming in the neighborhood is the Tyler Park Garden Tour to be held on Saturday, June 12. For more info check Jeanette Westbrook's article in this issue of The Bridge.

Mike Gramig, PresidentTyler Park Neighborhood Association

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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.



Thanks to Operation Brightside, the Olmsted Conservancy, and TPNA board members Joan Dubay, Mike Gramig, Doug Thrasher, and Julie and John French for their efforts. Our next cleanup is scheduled for July 17, in cooperation with The Olmsted Conservancy. Please join us to help out. You will help the park and learn invasive plant identification.

Park News

We are proud to have one of Olmsted's jewels, Tyler Park, as the

landmark for our neighborhood. In order to give high priority to the park, the TPNA Board has reestablished the Tyler Park Endowment Fund. The proceeds of the TPNA Wine Tastings and of the Garden Tours have been committed to the fund. An initial project has been proposed and will be approved at this month's board meeting. What has been proposed by the Park Committee is installing two groupings of park furniture that has been approved by Olmsted Parks, a bench and trash receptacle, one on either side of the bridge.

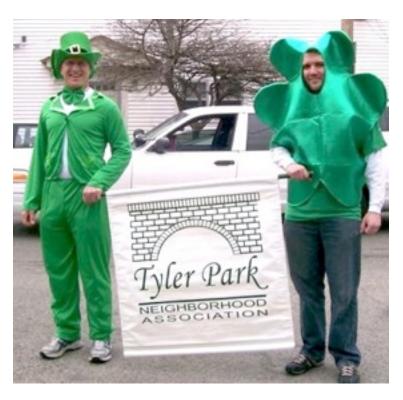
These types of fixtures will be what are used in executing the new Tyler Park Master Plan. The Olmsted Conservancy has a list of park fixtures that are approved for Olmsted parks. These are substantial pieces that will cost in the range of \$6,000 installed. Planned for each grouping will be trees and other plantings demonstrating possibilities for the reforestation of the park. It is hoped that neighborhood park benefactors may wish to fund such park amenities. Olmsted Conservancy has a program through which this may be done. You may contact any TPNA board member or the Olmsted Conservancy regarding this program. While you're at it, you may want to consider joining the Conservancy to help preserve our beautiful park system.

Recent Tyler Park Clean-Up Operations

Some of your TPNA board members were busy recently with cleaning up Tyler Park. On March 27 we participated in the community-wide Operation Brightside Clean-Up. Because two other organizations had already visited the park that morning before we got there, we were able to focus on removing some of the larger trash, picking up pieces of broken glass near the tot lot and bridge, and shoveling mud from the walkway in the lower park area.

On April 17 we participated in an invasive plant removal operation with the help of the Olmsted Conservancy. We cut down and then sliced up mostly the bush honeysuckle plant, a very aggressive invasive that is the first to leaf out and last to drop its leaves, shading out native plant species. Studies in Cherokee Park have shown that the native plants will re-establish themselves even in areas long-held by the invasive provided the unwanted plants have been removed and are kept at bay. A delicate native plant called coral berry was found on a hillside in Tyler Park gamely competing with the honeysuckle; now it has a good chance to thrive.

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TPNA Salutes St. Paddy

On March 13 the TPNA made the association's eighth appearance in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. Board members Brian Caudill, Mike McDonald, Jeanette Westbrook, Manny Carralero, and Rebecca Watson, Tyler Park resident Robbie Snawder, accompanied by the Leprechauns of Tyler Park Jena Ansert, Cindy Albers, and Beth Faulkenburg, marched the route from Broadway to Rosewood Avenue before hundreds of spectators. Mike and Brian led the way carrying the TPNA banner just ahead of Jeanette driving her vintage white VW bus (appropriately bedecked with giant shamrocks). The leprechauns followed, handing out candy and prizes to the children lined along Baxter Avenue. 2010 marked the 37th year of the event. The



parade theme was "Hooley in the Highlands".











April 3 dawned bringing heavy rains, cold temperatures, and gusting winds. TPNA Board members Mike Gramig, Rebecca Watson, Manny Carralero, Joan Dubay, and John and Julie French huddled under the bridge in Tyler Park pondering the fate of the annual TPNA Easter Egg Hunt. Miraculously, just minutes before the hunt was due to begin, the rain ended, warm sun and blue skies appeared, and the Easter bunny roared into Tyler Park in a shiny, red fire engine driven by the Louisville Fire fighters from the 4th District Headquarters at Rubel and Winter Avenues. Ninety excited children, aged toddler through twelve years, raced through the park to find the 700 candy-filled eggs. Two eggs in each age group were designated for special prizes. Winners of the prizes included Nicholas Waters, Santiago Hernandez, Ava Berry, Ciaran Brown, Madeline Linehan, Jackson Elstner, and Kate Johnson. Cheyenne York was the winner of the

drawing for the grand prize, a giant fuzzy duck. Even the adults had a chance to join in the fun. Dozens of freshly laid eggs, courtesy of Manny (and his famous hens), were provided for a raffle. Proceeds from the raffle, as well as many generous donations by the parents helped to offset expenses. Thanks to the firefighters, TPNA Board members, The Metro Parks



Department, and all who participated in the event for making this year's hunt one of the best ever!











Keith's Hardware and Rental 1201 Bardstown Road Open 7 days a week: 8:00 am to 6:30 pm, Mon. thru Sat. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday.

Side Walk Repair Update

You may have noticed that the sidewalks slated for renovation with federal stimulus dollars have been freshly delineated with new white paint. The harsh winter had taken its toll on the original markers making most of them almost imperceptible. The good news is that the fresh paint is a sure sign that the time for new sidewalks is drawing near. Large stretches of Rosewood Avenue from Baxter Avenue to Bardstown Road will be completely renovated making it a joy to walk on. We hope to be showing pictures of the new sidewalks in our next newsletter.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend: Annual Tyler Park Garden Tour Saturday, June 12th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Tyler Park Clean Up July 17th

Membership Committee Meeting June 2nd @ 10am

TPNA Meeting, 4th Thursdays, 7-9 pm at the library in the Mid City Mall June 24th, July 22nd, August 26th

Keep up-to-date with your neighborhood!

Check out www.tylerpark.org regularly!

Report from the Membership Committee

The Membership Committee meets every month for about an hour. We will meet on June 2nd at 10AM at Mike Gramig's house. As of April 30th, TPNA had 125 dues paying members. Given May Board approval, Board members and neighbors will begin a membership drive by distributing a flyer which details what TPNA does for residents.



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Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter Advertising Form

The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association is offering you the opportunity to advertise in its quarterly publication The Neighborhood Bridge, with a circulation of over 1,300 households, businesses and interested parties primarily in the Tyler Park neighborhood (see map below.) This is a wonderful and cost-effective way to let area residents know about the products and services that you offer.

You may place an ad for a single issue or pay a discounted price for a year (4 issues). We prefer ads that are camera ready and to size. The publication is delivered by the U.S. Postal Service at first class bulk rate.

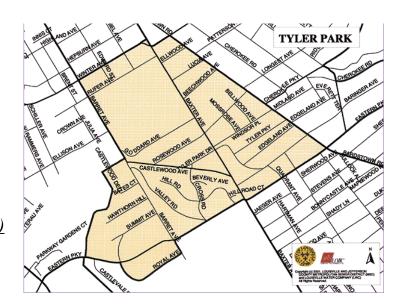
Results show that advertising in neighborhood publications in the Highlands is an effective way to attract and keep customers. Most area residents read their neighborhood newsletters and are eager to support the neighborhood businesses that help make the area so desirable.

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