

The Neighborhood Bridge September 2010

Tyler Park Neighborhood Association

Fall 2010 Newsletter

A Busy Fall in Tyler Park and You're Invited! Movie in September, Jazz and a Birthday Party in October, and Some New Furniture! Read All About It Inside!



Spring 2010
Garden
Tour a
Growing
Success!

The 2010 Garden Tour

was held on June 12th and was a great success with great weather, a good turn out, cheerful smiles, and, of course, beautiful Tyler Park gardens, many of which were planted with flowers and plants from our major sponsor,

Keith's Hardware. A special shout out and THANK YOU! to all of our garden tour homeowners, hosts, and all Tyler Park Garden Tour Volunteers! YOU! are the



folks who make this garden tour one of the best in Louisville! TPNA heard from several master gardeners who stated that the TPNA Garden Tour is the best tour in Louisville!

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Taphouse, Arts & Crafts Dental, Swanson Reed Gallery, and to Garden Tour cochairs Jeanette Westbrook and Terry Redden of Semonin Realtors.

Another special thanks to artist in residence, Dolita Dohrman for the highly acclaimed Annual Highlands Pottery Sale, coinciding with the TPNA Garden Tour.

For the 2011 TPNA Garden Tour, plans are underway to expand our geographical tour area to the upper area of Tyler Park Neighborhood. We hope to have a trolley to carry visitors to area gardens. TPNA is currently asking all area residents who wish to showcase their beautiful gardens to contact Garden Tour co-chair Terry Redden @ 454-5795 to express their interest in

participating in the 2011 tour. All proceeds from the Garden Tour benefit efforts to make the Tyler Park Master Plan a reality.





View from the Bridge

Some like it hot. Most of us – not so much. That's all I've got to say about that.

Anyway, summer is well on its way into the record books and Tyler Park has lots to look forward to this fall. Currently we have had repairs made to a leaking water line under the bridge and MSD did some work on the drains by the sprayground. In this issue look for an article about the installation of a new park furniture suite consisting of a bench, trash receptacle and tree. Sidewalk replacement work going on in parts of the neighborhood will continue for a few weeks.

Coming up on September 18, TPNA together with the Olmsted Conservancy will be hosting Movie in the Park, a (PG) family event which should be a lot of fun. Look for the article in this edition of The Bridge for details.



Also in this issue, on October 10th we are excited to announce that TPNA will host a free jazz concert presented by the Louisville Jazz Society. Neighbor Mike Tracy, director of the Jamey Aebersold Jazz Program at U of L, approached us with the idea and we immediately took him up on it. Hopefully this will become an annual series with possibly 2 to 4 concerts following the Willow Park concerts in Cherokee Triangle. Finally, in October TPNA holds its Annual Meeting at which we elect new officers for the coming year. This year we will be celebrating 100 years of Tyler Park and will have a presentation by Jack Trawick on the park's history and refreshments.

This marks my final column as president of TPNA. We will be electing a new president due to term limits (and fatigue.) It has been an eventful 4 years and I have made some wonderful friends on the board. I thank everyone for the hard work that they have given for the neighborhood. Without the few dedicated members of the board, our neighborhood would not be the great place to live that it is.

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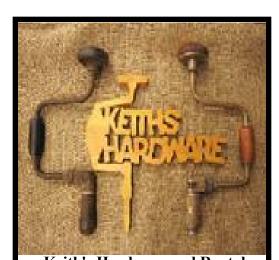
TPNA meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December) from 7 to 9 pm at the Highlands/Shelby Park branch of the Louisville Free Public Library inside the MidCity Mall. All neighborhood residents and business neighbors are welcome to attend.



TPNA's 100th Birthday Party and Open Meeting



Mark your calendars now to attend a celebration of the centennial anniversary of our beautiful Tyler Park at the TPNA's annual Open Meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 28th at 7pm in the Highlands-Shelby Park Library in the Mid-City Mall. Come share your favorite memories and photos of the park with your neighbors. Refreshments will be served (coffee donated by Highlands Coffee). Jack Trawick, executive director of the Center for Neighborhoods, will be our guest speaker and the election of the 2011 Board members will be held. The final printed Tyler Park Master Plan will be available for review. Please join us!



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Jazz Returns to Tyler Park This Fall!

Sunday, October 10th from 4-6 pm featuring Mike Tracy and The Louisville All-Stars

The Louisville Jazz Society in conjunction with the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association and Eighth District Councilman, Tom Owen, announce the first of an annual series of free jazz concerts to be held in Tyler Park. Be sure to mark your calendars for what is sure to be an exciting return of LIVE JAZZ to Tyler Park. The first concert will be held Sunday, October 10th from 4-6 PM in the lower section of Tyler Park featuring the music of Mike Tracy and The Louisville All-Stars. Simply Grand Pianos will provide a fabulous grand piano for the concert and the sound system will be provided by Andy Westbrook. Be sure to bring your own beverage and seating for this first concert, as we get up to speed for next year's concerts when we hope to have all the amenities. This event is sure to be thrilling as Tyler Park serves as a natural amplifier for beautiful music, on a beautiful day, in a beautiful city park. See you there! (Please, for the safety of all, no dogs at this event)

For the 2011 Jazz Series, TPNA and sponsors (to-be-announced, maybe you?) hope to provide a series of at least four concerts in the fall of 2011. If you are an individual or a business looking for a great venue to advertise or wish to sponsor a community event with excellent visibility, this is the event for you. Or, if you are

interested in volunteering in TPNA's newest venture, we need you. Please contact Jeanette Westbrook at 451-8207 or Brian Caudill at 439-8030 for more information about becoming a sponsor or volunteer for the 2011 Jazz Concert series.

Tyler Park Clean-up on July 17 Help Next Time on November 20th

On Saturday, July 17th, the TPNA organized another clean-up of invasive weeds in the park near the playground / sprayground area. The weather was hot and humid, as usual, but a couple of us showed up to continue the work of removing the many bush honeysuckle plants growing in the park. It's incredible how much these plants shade and choke off the growth of any other plants. With the able help of Jimmy (sorry-I didn't get the last name) of the Olmsted Parks Conservancy, we cut the plants to ground level, cut them into short lengths to aid decomposition, and Jimmy sprayed the cut ends with a concentrated Roundup mixture to kill new growth. Many thanks to Ruth Spangler, who volunteered to help that day. We're having trouble getting volunteers for these efforts; our next clean-up is scheduled for November 20 (postponed from October 16) so please plan to join us from 9 to noon as we try to clean out those honeysuckle plants all the way along the sidewalk paralleling Tyler Park Drive.



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Tyler Park Master Plan Update

At the conclusion of the master plan process earlier this year, three small but high priority projects were identified.

> Address the water leak under the pavement within the Baxter Ave. tunnel.

- Reconstruct the deteriorated segments of asphalt curbing along Tyler Park Drive West.
- Add gravel to the rutted parking pull outs along Tyler Park Drive East.

Here is an update on these projects and an anticipated schedule for completion.

Water leak

The source of the water leak under the pavement of the Baxter Ave. tunnel has been determined. The broken water line ran from Tyler Park Drive East, under the tunnel walkway, to the restroom building. The line will be abandoned and the restroom will be connected to the water line servicing the spray pool. Work should be completed by August 13th.

Asphalt curb

Segments of asphalt curb along Tyler Park Drive West have deteriorated. As a result, rainwater flows downhill into the park instead of the storm drain at the base of Tyler Park Drive. This is causing soil erosion on the slopes within the park. Metro Parks will replace the damaged curb to correct this problem. Work should be completed by October 1st.

Gravel Parking areas

Additional gravel will be added to the parking pull outs along Tyler Park Drive East by October 1st.

These are interim projects intended to address specific immediate problems until long term solutions, suggested by the master plan, are funded and implemented.

New Tyler Park Suite

Look for the installation of a Master Plan "Suite" (bench, trash receptacle, and tree) overlooking the tennis courts in Tyler Park. The furniture is historical in nature and designated for Olmsted Parks. The bench and trash receptacle will be installed by September 18th. The tree, a red maple, will be planted in November. This first installation of the Tyler Park Master Plan is made possible by the funds raised at the Annual Garden Tour and Wine Tasting sponsored by Tyler Park Neighborhood Association



You may purchase a bench or tree in your name or a loved one's by calling Olmsted Parks Conservancy at 456-8125. You can donate to the Tyler Park Endowment Fund by sending a check with a note to TPNA, P.O. Box 4452, Louisville, KY 40204 or by contacting one of the board officers listed on page 2 who will

be glad to answer questions or come to you to collect your donation. Every dollar helps!

Don't be a Mosquito Breeder

Has anyone noticed the increased number of vicious mosquitoes hanging around our neighborhood? They seem to be extra aggressive this year and some of us have been bitten more than a few times already. We are now into the peak mosquito season of August and September. The oppressive heat is more than enough to bear so let's not add to our misery by not recognizing the easy steps we can take to minimize the reproduction of these unwelcome pests. I think that most of us are aware of how mosquitoes reproduce. Yes, stagnant water is the almighty pre-requisite. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water where their larvae grow and mutate into adult mosquitoes. Their larval state is a mere 6 or 7 days so it does not take very long for that small puddle of rain water in a flower pot, roof gutter, down spout, etc to become the birthplace for thousands of mosquitoes. What can you do to help? Keep your eyes open for any stagnant water, maintain your gutters and gutter spouts clear so water flows freely and does not collect. Don't let any type of open container stay outside where rain water can collect. Inspect your surroundings after every rain storm and drain any puddles or pools of water that may form. Empty and replenish the water in the birdbath no less frequently than every 6 days. As a last resort you can purchase chlorine tablets at Keith's Hardware store and dump one or two tablets in places where you know water tends to pool and stagnate. Be a www.tylerpark.org good neighbor, not a mosquito breeder.

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Sidewalk Repair: The Final Update

The sidewalk repairs are for the most part complete. As reported in prior issues, in 2009 federal stimulus dollars were earmarked for repairs of existing sidewalks. Your neighborhood has been a big beneficiary, thanks to Tom Owen's office and the speedy response from the TPNA board.

In the spring of 2009, your board was asked to supply exact addresses with faulty sidewalks to Tom's office within 48 hours. We realize that not all needy sidewalks in Tyler Park were identified for repairs but given the very short notice and the limited number of board volunteers we were unable to survey the entire neighborhood in the time allotted.

In addition to federal stimulus moneys, our councilman, Tom Owen, has set aside funds from his district's discretionary funds for additional sidewalks in Tyler Park so you could say that 2010 should be called "The Sidewalk Year for Tyler Park." Let's enjoy our new sidewalks and do a little more walking. Not only is it healthy for you and the environment, but also good for our community spirit

Mark your calendar and plan to attend:

Grassroots Gala at TARC Atrium Saturday, September 11th from 12-4 pm

Movie Night in Tyler Park
Saturday, September 18th at 7:30 pm

Jazz in Tyler Park Sunday, October 10th from 4-6 pm

Tyler Park Birthday Party and Open Meeting Highland/Shelby Park Library in MidCity Mall Thursday, October 28th at 7 pm

Tyler Park Clean Up Saturday, November 20th from 9-noon

Annual Wine Tasting Event at the MidCity Mall Sunday, January 30th

TPNA Meeting, 4th Thursdays, 7-9 pm at the library in the Mid City Mall September 23rd, October 28th, November TBA

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The Tyler Park Neighborhood will again participate in The Grassroots Gala sponsored by The Center for Neighborhoods. This year the fund-raiser will be held on Saturday, September 11th at the Tarc Atrium at 10th and Broadway from noon to four o'clock. The Gala is a great opportunity for Louisville neighborhoods to share and celebrate together. The Tyler Park booth will feature the model of our Tyler Park Master Plan as well as photos of some of our highly successful past events. Among the offerings at the Gala are a "Taste of Neighborhoods", a BBC beer garden, musical entertainment, and a raffle of items donated by the neighborhood associations. The event is free to members of the Center for Neighborhoods (\$12) or \$25 at the door. For more info go to:

http://www.centerforneighborhoods.org/grassrootsgala.htm

WE NEED YOU! TPNA Membership Drive

The TPNA's Membership Committee's goal is to increase the number of Tyler Park residents who are dues-paying members of our neighborhood association and it's beginning to work! As of August 8th, TPNA had a total of 142 current members compared to 111 members in March. But, even with an increase to 142 members, TPNA can only produce 2 of our 4 newsletters a year without dipping into our savings.

It was decided to kickoff a membership drive on September 18th at the Movie in the Park. We will also be contacting current TPNA members and asking them to volunteer to distribute our new membership flyer on their block. We hope that personal contact will be the key to getting new members.

Beginning 2011, Individual and Family dues will increase to \$12 a year and Business dues will increase to \$25 a year. Save \$\$\$ and join now! All the information you need to join is on the back page of this newletter.

You can also contact Janet Dakan at 727-6856 or email her at <u>janetdakan@insightbb.com</u> if you have any questions about membership or would like to become active in membership issues.





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