

The Neighborhood Bridge January 2015

Tyler Park Neighborhood Association

Winter 2015 Newsletter

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Wine Tasting

French Wines and Hors d'oeuvres

Sunday, January 25th, 5 to 7 o'clock



The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Wine Tasting will be held on Sunday, January 25th, 2015, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Mid City Mall. There will be a French theme for the wine tasting, with French wines provided by The Wine Market and French cheeses and hors d'oeuvres by ValuMarket. Music will be provided by Better Days Records.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at The Wine Market, 1200 Bardstown

Road, or by emailing Joan Dubay (jdubay@gmail.com). There will also be a raffle featuring Kentucky wineries; raffle tickets will be available at the event. All proceeds benefit the implementation of the Tyler Park Master Plan.

Special thanks goes to the major sponsors of the Tyler Park Wine Tasting: The Wine Market; ValuMarket; Better Days Records; Mid City Mall; and Terry Redden of Semonin Realtors.

Escape the winter cold for a festive evening of French wines, hors d'oeuvres and music. Get your tickets and plan to attend the Tyler Park Wine Tasting on January 25th. -- *Ken Baker*

Jazz Perfection

The 5th Annual "Sundays in September" Jazz Fest was a resounding success! There were four jazz concerts, each on Sunday afternoons in Tyler Park, with fantastic weather and attendance. It was great to see regulars, newcomers, picnickers, dancers, bicyclists, kids playing, friends and neighbors mingling - all taking advantage of our beloved park while listening to beautiful live jazz. We started out with the legendary Jamey Aebersold Quartet, moved on to the fantastic Dick Sisto Trio and the Mike Tracey Brazilian Jazz Ensemble, and wrapped it up in style with the U of L Jazz Ensemble. ValuMarket was there every week with their grill. We also debuted our new Jazz Fest t-shirt (designed pro bono by Titan Design Solutions) which was a hit!

We depend on local support to keep the festival going and have been fortunate to have many local sponsorships every year. This year they included BC Plumbing, Cornerstone Group Realtors, Jamey Aebersold, The Back Door, Big Bar, Chill Bar, VCA Farleigh Animal Hospital, Yoga on Baxter and Jack Fry's. Many others contributed to our always-popular raffle. The singular goal of our fundraising efforts is always to keep the festival going. The Jazz



Fest Committee will start meeting again soon to plan for next year, so mark your calendars now for Jazz Fest 2015, Sundays in September, 4 - 6 p.m. in Tyler Park! -- *Kristen Millwood*

ValuMarket Gift Card Program Helps Tyler Park Master Plan

For a little more than a year, the ValuMarket Gift Program has contributed over \$2,000 to our Tyler Park Fund, a 501 (c) (3) charitable trust fund dedicated to the implementation of the 2012 Tyler Park Master Plan. The new walkway along the east side of Tyler Park Drive is one such project funded primarily by the trust fund. We have a TPNA committee comprised of TPNA board members and residents of Tyler Park dedicated solely to the advancement of the 2012 master plan. Joan Dubay, longtime resident and former board member, had a brilliant idea in 2013 – and the Tyler Park Fund ValuMarket gift card program was born!

Let me explain how it works. Purchase a preloaded \$5 gift card from Rosewood resident, Lary Saltzman. The next time one visits Valumarket, simply stop at the customer station and ask the friendly clerk to load \$50 or \$100 or any amount to your gift card. Remind them that the card is to benefit Tyler



Park. Use your card for payment at the register. ValuMarket donates four percent of every purchase paid with the gift card to the Tyler Park Trust Fund. Also, one can use a personal credit card when loading the gift card at the customer desk. This way one can still (continued on page 2)



View from the Bridge

I hope you and yours had a great holiday season!

As we start a new year it's always good to look back at our accomplishments of the past year. Your TPNA had a lot going on in

January: We released our updated membership brochure.

February: Our annual TPNA board planning retreat, a fantastic

meeting prioritizing for 2014.

March: St. Patrick's day participation

April: The BIG flood, Shakespeare's Hamlet and our annual Easter

Egg Hunt all happened in Tyler Park

May: Completion of the Tyler Park Walkway project!

June: Our annual Tyler Park Garden Tour

July: A very successful meeting with state and local representatives

regarding the future of our Tyler Park Bridge

September: The annual Tyler Park Jazz Festival and planning toward

the tree replacement project in Tyler Park

Ongoing: Our ValuMarket Card program with collections of over \$2000 since it's inception in 2013. Impellizzeri's Pizza Nights: \$825 in donations to the Tyler Park Fund.

We accomplished so much during 2014! Thanks to all that were a part of it.

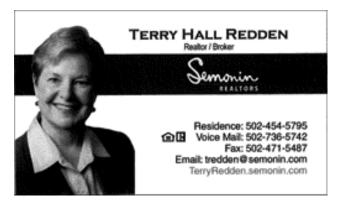
This was my last year as president of TPNA. It's been my pleasure to work with so many dynamic and creative people who care very much about their neighborhood. We are like a family. We may not agree at times but we all are very passionate about keeping the Tyler Park Neighborhood a safe, clean and interesting part of the Highlands! It's no wonder that we are considered one of the most active neighborhood associations in the metro!

I hope to see many of you during 2015, especially at our Tyler Park Wine Tasting on January 25th! Buy your tickets now at The Wine Market.

Brian Caudill--President, Tyler Park Neighborhood Association



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get whatever perks the personal credit card provides. I do this myself each and every time I load my gift card. Each time the gift card depletes its balance, I load it again and again.

If you are wondering about any connection between our TPNA gift card and ValuMarket's newly launched Xtra Valu rewards program, let me explain that also. The Xtra Valu card accumulates points that shoppers can use to lower the cost of specifically advertised items. What this means is that one uses both cards at the checkout, the Xtra Valu card is presented to the cashier before items are run and the TPNA gift card is used to pay at the end just like one would use a credit or debit card. The Xtra Valu program is new to Valumarket but the concept is not new and most grocery chains have similar programs.

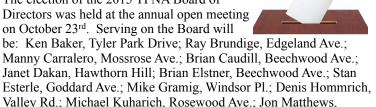
If **you** are not **YET** a TPNA gift card user, please become one. Call Lary Saltzman (456-1474) and get your card. It is a pain free way to help our beautiful park become even better. Every cent raised goes to our Park. -- Manny Carralero

Impellizzeri's

Thank you to Impellizzeri's Pizza who donated 10% of their income at Tyler Park Night in October. We made \$209.60 for the Tyler Park Fund. Thank you to the forty plus Tyler Park families who stopped by for dinner. Impellizzeri's has held four Tyler Park Nights in the past year, donating \$824.60 to the implementation of the Tyler Park Master Plan. -- Joan Dubay

TPNA Elects 2015 Board of Directors

The election of the 2015 TPNA Board of Directors was held at the annual open meeting on October 23rd. Serving on the Board will



Manny Carralero, Mossrose Ave.; Brian Caudill, Beechwood Ave.; Janet Dakan, Hawthorn Hill; Brian Elstner, Beechwood Ave.; Stan Esterle, Goddard Ave.; Mike Gramig, Windsor Pl.; Denis Hommrich, Valley Rd.; Michael Kuharich, Rosewood Ave.; Jon Matthews, Edenside Ave.; JoAnn Mosier, Rosewood Ave.; Chip Nold, Tyler Pkwy.; Kathey Schickli, Tyler Pkwy.; Jo Shipley, Tyler Pkwy.; Doug Thrasher, Rosewood Ave.; Rebecca Watson, Rosewood Ave.; Andy Westbrook, Edenside Ave.; and Jeanette Westbrook, Edenside Ave.

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TPNA meetings are held 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 Mid City Mall. All neighborhood residents and business neighbors are welcome to attend.

In addition to the officers, Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Board Members are Ken Baker, Ray Brundige, Drew Duncan, Brian Elstner, Mike Gramig, Denis Hommrich, Mike Kuharich, Jon Matthews, JoAnn Mosier, Chip Nold, Kathey Schickli, Jo Shipley, Doug Thrasher, Rebecca Watson, Andy Westbrook, and Jeanette Westbrook.

Open Meeting Notes

The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association held its annual meeting Thursday, October 23rd at the Highlands-Shelby Library at Mid City Mall. Approximately twenty five people attended. Brandon Coan discussed Brightside Cleanup issues in District 8 as well as an overview of the grant that was secured for planting new trees in Tyler Park. Outgoing President Brian Caudill gave the following month by month report of the accomplishments of the TPNA for 2014: January-completed the revised membership brochure; February-held a strategic planning meeting to address streamlining board communication; March-participated in the St Patrick's Day Parade; April-held the Easter Egg Hunt at Tyler Park and dealt with the water main break that caused flooding into the park; Maydonated \$10,565 from the general fund to Olmstead Parks for completion of the Tyler Park walkway project which is part of the Tyler Park Master Plan; June-hosted the TPNA Garden Tour; Julyhosted Shakespeare in Tyler Park and participated in a meeting with local and state officials about bridge inspections and the need to remove several old trees from Baxter Avenue above the bridge for damage prevention to the bridge; August-completion of the tree removal, September-hosted the TPNA free jazz concerts and the TPNA yard sale; October-held the TPNA annual meeting with guest speaker Councilman Tom Owen.

Kathey Schickli and Brian Caudill presented plans for the creation of a new pocket park on Beechwood Avenue on the site where several homes were demolished in the mid 1970's. This project will not be done under the auspices of TPNA. A separate 501-C3 entity known as "Friends of Beechwood Avenue" will be created to oversee the project.

Rebecca Watson gave the Nominating Committee report for election of new officers in January 2015. She welcomed new member John Matthews and bid farewell to outgoing board member Joan Dubay. Joan will continue to work on the Tyler Park Master Plan Committee and other special projects.

Joan Dubay announced that the TPNA Wine Tasting fund raising event will return January 25th to the Mid City Mall from 5 to 7 pm. The theme will be "An Evening in Paris" with music by Better Days.

Stan Esterle announced that Tom Owen's Metro Council office would fund Shakespeare in Tyler Park scheduled for March of 2015. The play will be Macbeth.

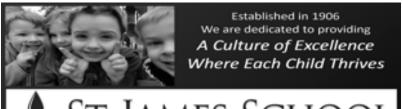
Ray Brundige reported on the TPNA canoe trip with guide David Wicks on Bear Grass Creek to learn about the ongoing issues with cleanup and other impending issues surrounding the creek. Approximately 15 members and guests made the trip.

Our guest speaker, Tom Owen, spoke about the Archives, the



Photographic Archives and Special Collections at the Ekstrom Library at University of Louisville and what valuable historic documents are available in print and now on line. Tom then spoke about the Tyler Park Neighborhood and its roots in development that followed the trolley lines up Baxter Avenue and Bardstown Road from the

late 1800's through the 1940's. Tom highlighted several of the oldest residences in the neighborhood as well as numerous business and other structures such as the German Protestant Orphan's Home which is the site where the Mid City Mall sits today. The Archives have several videos available of walking tours that highlight the history of these street car neighborhoods. Here are a few of the interesting facts that Tom spoke about:



& MONSIGNOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT Open House

Sunday, January 25th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Unable to attend our Open House? Please call us to schedule a tour at your convenience!

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In 1873 there were some subdivisions but most acreage in the area was still farmland

From about 1880-1910 multiple streets were developed and this was the greatest time of development and construction

The William Preston House is probably the oldest residence in Tyler Park; it is near Winter and Rufer Avenues. The land was a 1000 acre military land grant. Preston built the pioneer house with his wife in 1815.

William Preston Johnson secured as part of a land grant property south of Baxter Ave; it was sub-divided and plots were sold off until late in the 1800's. His home at 1505 Rosewood Avenue was confiscated to be used as a hospital. It was later sold to Edward Goddard.

We would not have the neighborhood that we know today if it had not been for streetcars. It cost five cents to ride five miles. Two turnpikes came to Tyler Park. The Bardstown Road Turnpike dates to at least 1819. The tollhouses advanced further out from Baxter Hill where volley ball courts were located, then in the 1870's to Church of the Advent, then to Eastern Parkway and then on to Speed Avenue. The early 1900's saw the creation of the Newburg Turnpike. It traveled along Castlewood Avenue up to Newburg Road, then on to the community at Newburg near Poplar Level and Old Shepherdsville Road. Cemeteries were located in this area because they were easily accessed by the trolley cars.

Tyler Park was named for Henry S. Tyler, who was mayor of Louisville, and died in 1896. As the city annexed territory, it built the fire house in 1896, the police station in 1910. The bridge was built from 1906-1910.

Other important structures were Zehnder's Beer Garden in the small triangle where the KFC Eleven Restaurant is today. It was a tavern and beer garden owned and operated by Swiss immigrants.

In 1886, Cherokee Triangle created its own township called Enterprise, KY in order to keep their taxes low and to keep taverns out of their area. The township built a two room school house where the BB&T is at the corner of Bardstown and Cherokee Roads today. In 1886 the Lucia Avenue Public School was built and later renamed in 1925 for I. N. Bloom, a venerable physician who served as chairman of the Board of Public Education The little Enterprise School was eventually annexed by the old Louisville School System and became an annex of Bloom Elementary.

Thanks to Tom for his enlightening talk, to Highland Coffee for donating the beverages and www.tylerpark.org to all who attended the meeting. -- Kathey Schickli

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Master Plan Quarterly Meeting

Tyler Park Master Plan Quarterly Meeting was held September 24, 2014 at Highlands-Shelby Park Library. In attendance were Mimi Zinniel (Olmsted Conservancy), Martha Berner (Metro Parks Landscape Architect), Liz Thrasher, Brian Caudill, Mike Gramig, Mary Beth Zickel, Andrea McElderry, Ray Brundige, Joan Dubay.

Mike Gramig gave a brief history of the development of the Tyler Park Master Plan from 2009 until its approval in 2010. Joan Dubay summarized the history of the implementation of the Tyler Park Master Plan. Mimi Zinniel of the Olmsted Conservancy commented on the unique involvement that Tyler Park Neighborhood Association has in the implementation of the Tyler Park Master Plan. Mimi applauded the partnership between Metro Parks, Olmsted, and TPNA as an ideal scenario of working together to accomplish implementation goals.

The Olmsted Conservancy hopes in conjunction with Metro Parks to find money to implement Phase One of the Master Plan. Phase One includes: relocating the playground and sprayground, relocating the restroom, improving the four tennis courts, and construction of a large bio-filtration basin near the tennis courts. The estimated cost of Phase One is \$840,000. For more information on the Phase Process, read pages 35-37* of the Master Plan. The dates of implementation will be sometime after July 2015 when Metro Parks receives their budget and Capital Campaign Money from Olmsted is firm.

Martha Berner, Landscape Architect for Metro Parks, at the request of TPNA Master Plan Committee prepared a short list of smaller projects that TPNA could consider now that we have completed the Northeast Walkway Project. We examined each project, weighing the pros and cons to offer a suggested plan of action to TPNA Board of Directors.

The committee chose to focus on the Edgeland entrance as this project could happen simultaneously with Phase One Implementation of the Master Plan and would be a continuation of the Northeast Walkway Project, already implemented by TPNA.

Hilltop Path Edgeland to Tyler Pkwy \$18,700

This project would connect the Northeast Walkway to the entrance at Edgeland along Tyler Park Drive extending the walkway loop and address a safety issue. Pedestrians walk in the street as there is no direct sidewalk from Edgeland to Tyler Parkway.

Edgeland Intersection/Entrance \$56,700

This project includes traffic calming (two additional stop signs), safety (striping and signage), and connecting the entrance to an existing pathway. School bus stops are presently located in the park at Edgeland. Students from St. James could cross at Norris and walk down the Edenside sidewalk to Tyler Park Drive sidewalk and cross safely into the park. Perhaps the city could get involved with the development/repair of sidewalks opposite the park.



The TPNA Board of Directors approved of this plan at the September Board Meeting. Next steps include grant writing and continuation of fund raising efforts to refurbish money in the Tyler Park Fund. Our next fundraiser for the Tyler Park Fund will be The Wine Tasting, January 25, 2015. An ongoing way to help is by using a specially designated ValuMarket Card. Four percent of your purchases are donated to the Tyler Park Fund by

* You may familiarize yourself with The Tyler Park Master Plan http://www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks/planninganddesign/projects/tylerparkplanning.htm OR browse a paper copy available at the Highlands Shelby Park Library. -- Joan Dubay

Tyler Park Infrastructure and Maintenance

It has been a very routine fall in the park.

No floods.

No forest fires.

No earthquakes or hurricanes.

Booooring!

The good news is that we haven't had much vandalism either. There has been some important maintenance work completed and, as noted elsewhere in the newsletter, some projects initiated.

In September, the Kentucky Department of Transportation (Baxter Avenue is a state highway) removed the trees from the top of the bridge. Normally we try to preserve our tree canopy, but their removal was necessary preventive maintenance to stabilize the bridge's structural integrity. In recent years it has developed water leaks through the limestone arch. This had begun to cause deterioration of the limestone arch and retaining walls. The trees and their roots contributed to this deterioration of the limestone and mortared joints. Many of the trees were already missing due to disease and damage over the years. KY DOT has conducted assessments of the bridge's condition and believes it to be sound at this time.

In addition, Metro Forestry workers were in the park this fall cutting trees. There were many that had been seriously damaged by severe weather in recent years and were succumbing to disease. These were a hazard to neighbors in the park and had to be removed. The TPNA Board is committed to maintaining the neighborhood tree canopy that is so much a part of Tyler Park Neighborhood and is actively pursuing opportunities to replace trees that have been removed.

-- Mike Gramig

Help in the Olmsted Parks!

You may enjoy walking your dog in one of our beautiful Olmsted Parks, or playing tennis or reading a book there, but have you ever thought of becoming a Park Steward of one of the Olmsted Parks? A Park Steward is a volunteer leader who receives in-depth training by Olmsted Parks Conservancy staff in order to help with park projects, volunteer events and/or community outreach. The training program covers plant identification, best practices for invasive plant removal, proper planting techniques, the history of the Olmsted Parks, and more.

January 20, 2015 is the start of our next Park Steward training. Register online at www.olmstedparks.org/events, or call 456-8125.

Preserving Our Tree Canopy

Tyler Park was commended in the Olmsted Parks website. Ten damaged trees were removed this year in our park. Tree planting for the replacement project was planned for December. Not only will we replace the ten trees, we also donated ten trees to be planted in Boone



Park in the Portland neighborhood. Read all about it at http://www.olmstedparks.org/2014/11/going-the-extra-mile-or-in-this-case-digging-the-extra-hole/
www.tylerpark.org

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Nearly New Shop

The Nearly New Shop has been in its present location for almost 26 years. It operates from the lower level of Mid-City Mall. It is a non-profit resale store operated by the National Council of Jewish Women, (NCJW), Louisville section, a grassroots volunteer organization whose mission is to improve the lives of women, children and families. All items are donated from the community at large, as well as members of the Council. All profits are "paid forward" to various organizations within the community such as: Keystone Learning Academy, Chavurat Shalom, Community Coordinated Child Care, Court Watch, ElderServe, Gilda's Club of Louisville, Jewish Family and Career Service, Jewish Resource Center, Maryhurst, and Student Loan Assistance.

Nearly New first began as a very small operation in 1956. Members stored goods in basements and garages until the Fashion Encore sales. In 1975, NCJW held its first Fashion Encore sale on the second floor of the Shelbyville Road Mall. In 1981 it moved to a donated building at 815 E. Market Street where goods could be stored more easily. In later years, Fashion Encore was moved to the Fairgrounds. The Council used vans to transport all the goods. The big ticket item in those days were the furs: coats, stoles, etc. In November, 1988, as sales increased, the store was moved to Mid-City Mall. There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony, in which the thenmayor, Jerry Abramson, did the honors. The shop's first Spring Fling was held in 1989. I learned that there are shoppers with ties to the Louisville area who have come from Tennessee, the Carolinas, and Atlanta, Georgia for the bargains, and still do.

If you are of a certain vintage, you may remember that Nearly New now occupies the space that was Champs Roller Rink. Thus, there **are ramps** going down to the lower level, as well as a ramp out to the north exit of the **mall**. Curiously, until recently, there was bright green and red shag carpeting on all the walls and posts. (It matched the ceiling tiles.) The Fire Marshall required that it be removed. The mirrored posts still remain, as do the ceiling tiles. **Astoundingly, the shop now occupies 24,000 sq. ft.**

The store sells and accepts all types of clothing, furniture, accessories, books, collectables, household items, etc. The only items it does not sell or accept, are large appliances and old box-style televisions. Sometimes they receive very unusual items, such as an Ektar. No one knew what it was until Jerene Nash, the store manager, asked her son, a musician, to identify it. It is a one string Indian musical instrument, used as a drone. (See picture.)

Pricing guidelines were established many years ago by the National Council members. Jerene reports that each employee has their area of expertise regarding pricing. If they cannot decide, they check on E-Bay.

I think we are fortunate to have this facility in our neighborhood. As the Council members say, when you purchase items, you are helping the community as well. Let's give the store our support!! -- *Phyllis Costello*

Louisville Metro Police Department Crime Prevention College

The Crime Prevention College occurred on November 8, 2014 at the Jefferson Community and Technical College. Homeowners, business owners, neighborhood associations, etc. were all welcome to attend. Another is planned for next year. One could attend three of six scheduled topics. I selected the following which I will report on: Drug Awareness, Neighborhood Watch and Distracted Driver.

Drug Awareness

- More young Americans die from drugs than suicides, firearms or school violence.
- The use of illicit drugs, the non-medical use of prescription drugs, directly led to the death of 38,000 Americans in 2006, nearly as many who die in car accidents.
- The only disease that affects more people than substance abuse in America today is heart disease.
- Substance abuse is the single largest contributor to crime in the U. S.
- In the latest year measured, the direct cost of drug abuse was estimated at \$52 billion, with indirect costs at \$128 billion.

Do not flush, burn or dump drugs. Each patrol division is in the process of getting drug disposal units.

Neighborhood Watch

The majority of the session was used in describing Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). CPTED is the proper design and effective use of buildings and the surrounding environment that leads to a reduction in crime. When most people think about crime prevention, they think of law enforcement, lighting, security officers, alarms and locks. There are some simple, common sense and less expensive things that you can do to help prevent crime.

Natural Access Control: Use doors, fences, shrubbery, paths and gateways to guide visitors to desired entrances. Planting of landscape material should allow for an open line of sight and limit hiding spaces. Keep trees and shrubs trimmed back from windows, doors and walkways. Lower limbs on trees should be trimmed up to 8 feet in height and bushes should be below the window line.

Lighting: Make sure exterior lights are mounted out of reach, so a burglar can't easily unscrew bulbs. Consider installing dusk to dawn sensors or motion lights. Remove graffiti within 24 hours.

Distracted Driver

Texting and driving is a growing trend and a national epidemic. It is quickly becoming one of the country's top killers. You are 6 times more likely to cause an accident while texting than a drunk driver. Your eyes are taken off the road for an average of 5 seconds to look at a text. At 55 MPH you will drive the length of a football field. 21% of all drivers under 20 involved in a fatal crash were reported to have been distracted at the time of the crash by texting.

Forty-six states, including Kentucky, currently have laws against texting while driving – every state has a different maximum penalty on fully licensed drivers for a first-time offense. In Kentucky it is \$25, up to \$10,000 in Alaska. Louisville Metro Police has increased its awareness of the law since its enactment in June of 2011 and actually wrote 1/3 of all citations written state-wide for this violation.

If you want more information about Crime Prevention College or want to learn more of the tips that Janet learned, contact her at janetdakan@gmail.com.

-- Janet Dakan



New Programs in the Teen Outpost starting January 2015

Monday Party: **Games and Anime Club**, Every Monday, 3-6 PM Tuesday **Hands-on Humanities**, Every Tuesday, 3-6 PM Wednesday **Math/Science Lab**, Every Wednesday, 3-6 PM *The Library – at the crossroads of knowledge and know-how. Visit www.LFPL.org to learn more.*

Talk with Tom

Tom Owen, our Metro Council Member, asks you to please mark your calendars in advance for 2015 "Talks with Tom" from 9am-11am at your local coffee houses!

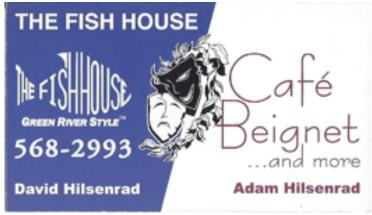
January 24th Heine Brothers Coffee Shop, 3060 Bardstown Road, (Gardiner Lane Shopping Center)

February 28th Heine Brothers Coffee Shop, 2200 Bardstown Road, (Douglass Loop)

March 28th, Java Brewing Company, 1707 Bardstown Road April 25th, Comfy Cow, 1449 Bardstown Road May 30th, Day's Coffee and Espresso Bar, 1420 Bardstown Road June 27th, Panera Bread, 1534 Bardstown Road July 25th, Heine Brothers Coffee Shop, Longest Avenue August 29th, Dunkin Doughnuts, 1250 Bardstown Road September 26th, Highland Coffee, 1140 Bardstown Road

October 31st, Starbucks, 972 Baxter Avenue

November 28th, Quill's Coffee, 930 Baxter Avenue





In the Name of Politics

This particular piece is for my friends on the street now known as Tyler Parkway. It wasn't always so, and therein lies the tale.

The tale belongs to a more colorful period of Louisville's history. Political machines ran our elections and firearms sometimes decided public affairs. It was the era when a Covington banker shot at a State Senator to protest articles that linked the banker to bribery, embezzlement, and a social disease. The Senator returned fire and was a better shot, but was himself assassinated in another political argument six years later.¹

The prologue to our tale started four years later with the election of 1905. Reformers from both parties calling themselves Fusionists tried to oust the Democratic machine but rampant voting fraud prevailed. The Fusionists took the matter to court and the election was eventually thrown out, forcing the Mayor and 42 city officials from office. In June of 1907 the Governor appointed replacements to serve until the new elections in the fall. Those temporary officeholders are the main characters in our little story.

They convened at the Board of Councilmen meeting on September



3, 1907 and had what the next day's paper called a "heated discussion" about Herp Avenue. In its previous meeting the Board had voted against a motion to change the name of the street; the residents did not like that.

Their champion was Martin P. Moran, a neighbor described as "a young man engaged in the grocery business on Edenside avenue". After the Board had considered some routine matters he rose and called for attention by "thumping his fists on his desk with some force". He wanted the vote reconsidered.²

Unfortunately, he began by remarking that "I want to leave a clean, honest record behind me, and therefore I move that the vote killing the motion to change the name of Herp avenue should be reconsidered."

The allusion to a "clean, honest record" was not very politic. Some of the Board members, including the Chair, were among the few who had been removed from office then re-appointed to finish their terms. Others had not held office before their appointments but were expected to run in the fall. The remarks struck a nerve.

The Chair asked (and I can hear the soft and silky question) if Moran had been present at the time of the previous vote? No? Since he had not, the motion was out of order. The Chair then allowed another member, who had been present, to reintroduce the motion.

One of the presumed fall candidates took the floor and piously observed "he had not received a cent of graft" for his vote in the prior meeting. Then, with the official denial of wrong-doing on the record, the considerations began.

One of Moran's neighbors told why fourteen of the sixteen residents of the new street wanted a change. "Herp avenue is a very peculiar name for a street" he said, "and bore no significance". Their chosen

Mark your calendar and plan to attend:

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January 25th, 5 to 7pm at Mid City Mall

TPNA Meetings, 4th Thursdays, 7-9 pm
Highlands-Shelby Park Library in the Mid City Mall I
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name, Archway, was "euphonious" and had significance because they "intended to erect an archway at [the street's] entrance".

Somehow the argument failed to carry the day. A well-known lawyer spoke in favor of keeping the current name. His essential point was that Mary Herp had chosen it in memory of her husband when she donated the right of way to the city, and "it would pain her very much to have the name changed".

Looking back over the years the arguments look about equal. Most of the residents wanted the change. The person who had developed the properties considered the name a memorial.

Apparently the Chair was still irked, though, and Mr. Moran seems to have been oblivious. He rose to offer a rebuttal to the lawyer – and the Chair immediately ruled that Moran "was out of order and would not be allowed to say a word more". The motion failed, and Herp Avenue did not become Archway.

The name did change, of course, four years later. A new section of roadway between what is now 1365 and 1379 Tyler Park Drive connected the park's boundary road, Tyler Park Drive, to Bardstown Road by way of Herp Avenue. The new section was named Tyler Parkway and the Board was able to adopt that name for the whole street, giving all of the properties a connection to the park. And with this happy ending, thus endeth our tale.

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- ⁱ The shootout was on the streets of Covington, April 11, 1895. Banker John L. Sanford died at the scene, shot by State Senator William Goebel. Six years later Goebel was shot while approaching the Statehouse in Frankfort for a session that would declare him the winner in a hotly contested election. He lived long enough to be sworn in as Governor, but died February 4, 1901. Refer to the front pages of the *Courier-Journal* for April 12, 1895 and the issues from January 31 through February 4, 1901.
- ⁱⁱ The description of Moran is from the July 26, 1907 *Courier* article announcing the appointments of the replacement office holders. The description of the events in the September 3 meeting appeared in the *Courier* on September 4, 1907 (page 2).







House Calls Will Be Started Again

I worry why membership renewals remain low in spite of repeated postcards to the same people, even for residents who have been members for several years. Please drop me a note if you are selling your house and no longer want to be a member. In the meantime, I will be bringing the membership committee back together again in January and we will start making calls to all 44 outstanding renewals. If you are interested in being part of the new venture in membership renewal process, please contact me at janetdakan@gmail.com.

Thanks to 11 new individual/family members who joined were: Pat & Gary Bettag, Holly Abshire, Anne Fuller, Jonathan H Matthews, Karen & Tim Fuller, Katherine Moberly, Elizabeth & Daniel Fauxpoint, Dennis & Michelle Hallman, Michelle G Ward, Danatta & David Levine, McCarthy Family. This gives TPNA a total of 355 individual/family members and a total of 377 overall. 51 individual/family members who renewed were: Jim & Randi Grissom, Gloria Cheever, David & Susan Newman, Laura & Charles Sellers, Patricia & Forrest Land, Esther Lee, Jean C Thomas, Rosanne DiCioccio, Mike Miller & Carolynn Foster, Lina Woolsey, Joe & Selena Ballatine, Laurel Sedgwick, Stuart & Caroline Lau, Carol Crismon, Rob Bultman family, Ken & Chris Durham, Mark Robinson & Kathy Kotcamp, Ray & Beverly Dant, Eileen Ordover & Mike Sary, Chuck & Mary Radway, Greg & Beverly Jones, Emily Renda & David Buren, Karen & Bill Dean, Jean W Myers, Linda & Leo Klarer, Dr & Mrs A Lynn Womack, Mr & Mrs Payton Ritchie, Gary & Stephanie Lee, Arch & Pat Heady, Sarah Jane Schaaf, Stewart Hoertz & Sean Allen, Manny Carralero & Rob Snawder. Dan Koger, Hao & Jennifer Le, Sherry Newhouse, Tracy & John Fischer, Gary Petiprin & Dorothy Carpenter, Florence & Lary Saltzman, resident on Rosewood, Ken Cooper & Beverly Frederick, Jim & Debbie Wayne, Ted Mussler & Louisa Henson, Jennifer Adam & Jason Thompson, Jeffrey Scheurich, Carole Kolb, Jo Shipley, Raymond Abbott, Ellen & Kelly McKnight, Peg Catlett, Mike Tracy, Rose Koerber.

TPNA still has 22 business members because no new business joined this quarter. The six businesses that renewed were Arts & Craft Dental, Heine Brothers' Coffee, Inc, El Camino, Kizito Inc, St James Catholic Church, Louisville Jazz Society. Recurring members are: Highland Coffee Company, The Jewel Box, Highland Morning, Edenside Gallery, Dragon Kings Daughter, Keith's Hardwarem VCA Fairleigh Animal Hospital, Garbor S Vargo DMD PSC, The Back Door, Philip W Barber, Lou Federation of Musicians 11-637, Barret Liquors, Sandy Metts / Mid City Mall, Rick Hill, Almy Law Office, Charles William Design.

Karen & Bill Dean, Dr & Mrs A Lynn Womack and Jennifer and Jason Thompson who each contributed \$38 above the cost of

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the renewal dues. Also to Peg Catlett who contributed \$13 above the cost of the renewal dues.

Karen & Tim Fuller for making a donation to the Tyler Park Fund.

-- Janet Dakan



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