



Easter Bunny to Appear in Tyler Park Saturday, April 3rd at Noon



All residents are welcome to attend the annual Tyler Park Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will be held Saturday, April 3 at 12 noon. One area of the park east of the bridge will be designated for each of the following age groups:

Toddlers (under 3 years)
Three to five year olds
Six to eight year olds
Nine to twelve year olds

Each child should bring a basket or bag for collecting the eggs and line up with the appropriate age group until the start of the hunt is announced.

Special prizes to the lucky finders of the “golden eggs” will be awarded. Be sure to stop at the TPNA table to register for the grand prize drawing.

Please join your neighbors and greet the Easter Bunny at this fun-filled Tyler Park event.





View from the Bridge

Dare we hope that spring has really arrived? The ground hog was proved right again – six more weeks of winter! February is history and that means that Tyler Park is preparing for spring, hell or high water - uh, maybe I should rephrase that – Tyler Park is ready for spring, weather nice or not!

The January Wine Tasting event was a huge success thanks to Joan Dubay's wonderful leadership and the hard work of her Wine Tasting team (I tried to volunteer to pre-taste wine but she never got back to me.)

Models of the park reflecting the new master plan, and renderings of the park and proposed new shelter were on display. Now that the master plan is substantially complete, the Planning Committee continues to work on a priority list of projects in the plan so that timing of the projects can be coordinated with infrastructure needs as funding is budgeted toward the plan's implementation. The models and architectural drawings are on display in the library in Mid City Mall.

In this issue of the Bridge, also find an article by Doug Magee reporting on a proposed Metro ordinance that would create a new neighborhood designation - "Neighborhood Conservation District." This is an interesting concept that is not quite as restrictive as the designation "Historic Preservation District." Please read about it. The TPNA Board will be investigating its pros and cons.

By the time this newsletter arrives in your mailboxes, TPNA will once again have participated in the St. Paddy's Parade led by our TPNA leprechaun (and Easter Bunny), Rebecca Watson.

Fast on the heels of St. Patrick's Day is the annual Tyler Park Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd. Mark your calendars and check out the particulars in Rebecca's article in this issue of The Bridge. A good time is always had by all.

A Brightside Cleanup Day will be sponsored by the TPNA on March 27th, led by John French. We will meet at 10 AM in the park to prepare it for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mike Gramig, President
Tyler Park Neighborhood Association

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Highland Community Ministries: 451-3695
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Olmsted Parks Conservancy: 436-8125
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Upcoming Neighborhood Events

Saturday, March 27, 9 am -12 pm
Brightside clean-up of Tyler Park
Saturday, April 3, noon
Easter Egg Hunt at Tyler Park
Saturday, June 12 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Tyler Park Garden Tour

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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.

Message from Councilman Tom Owen

First: Join me in celebrating “**Front Porch**



Tuesday”! May 11, 2010 will be for the odd side of the street, May 18, 2010 for the even side of the street. Call my office at 574-1108 for more details.

Secondly: If you had a **public transit line** within a 5



minute walk of your house, why wouldn't you use it-----at least some of the time? Admittedly a good car plus free parking for a person

that needs travel flexibility is a dynamite combination. “Owen must be some kind of Neanderthal nut to suggest otherwise,” I can hear you say.

Well, every good thing comes with a price:

What if you don't have a car? What if you don't have free monthly parking? What if you hate to feed a parking meter? What if your car is unreliable? What if a little daily exercise, walking to the bus stop, would do you some good? What if traffic wears you down? What if gasoline prices irritate you? What if you'd like to reduce your carbon footprint? What if spending a lot of time in a car makes you feel isolated? What if you enjoy a little adventure? What if some days you really don't need a car at work? What if you like the idea of having a back-up form of transportation?

Highlanders, you're lucky enough to have three to five busy bus lines to cross your neighborhood. TARC is facing cuts in service. We need to remember the old adage: if you don't use it, you're going to lose it!

Invasives and Litter and Mud - OH MY!

Please put these dates on your 2010 calendar for proposed clean-ups in Tyler Park:

On March 27 starting at 10 AM we'll have a park clean-up in conjunction with Operation Brightside. Meet at the bridge and bring clean-up tools you'd like to use. Bags, gloves, and T-shirts will be provided by Operation Brightside. This clean-up involves trash and litter pick-up plus shoveling mud off the sidewalks in the lower park area. It will help to get the park in shape for the April 3 Easter Egg Hunt. It's a very good scout and community service project for students who need to put in such time.



While I'm on the subject of junk and trash, let me remind you that the city's junk pick-up of large trash will occur in June. Go to the city's web site at www.louisvilleky.gov, left side of the opening page, then select “Map It” for more information on this plus a lot of excellent info on neighborhood schools, elected leaders, and so on.

In conjunction with the Olmsted Conservancy, we will be holding invasive plant clean-ups starting at 10 AM on April 17 (tentative date - check our web site at www.tylerpark.org and/or your email blast from TPNA), July 17, and October 16. This is a

great chance for you to help eliminate the invasive species from our park and to learn to identify the good guys and the bad guys so you can spot them on your own property. The TPNA has officially adopted Tyler Park, meaning that we're committed to at least four clean-ups per year. We have had a lot of dedicated helpers in the past and we welcome your contribution of time and talent. For questions, please email us at info@tylerpark.org or mail us at PO Box 4452, 40204.



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Neighborhood Conservation District

by Doug Magee

On March 4, Richard Jett and Dave Marchal, Louisville Metro Planning and Design staff, presented the concept of Neighborhood Conservation Zoning District to the meeting of Preservation Louisville. About 30 people heard the presentation with follow-up questions. If a neighborhood is interested in this concept, it is



recommended doing some preliminary study and inviting staff from Planning and Design to a monthly meeting.

Neighborhood Conservation zoning is a planning tool to protect

the architectural character and historic fabric of the designated neighborhood by managing growth and change. This category would be similar to an overlay zoning district. Some in the community have called this concept “historic preservation lite” as it is not as strict as current historic preservation districts. Each neighborhood, through its residents, would have to determine their interest in this district and each district would be created after extensive public input.

A petition requesting the designation must be given to the Landmarks Commission signed by a minimum of 200 residents of the proposed district or at least 50% of the property owners, whichever is less. The Landmarks Commission would conduct a study and hold a public hearing. Prior to the hearing, a description of the proposed district and a notice of the public hearing would be published twice in the newspaper and mailed to all property owners in the proposed district. If approved, the matter would go to the Metro Council for the final approval.

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 an

overreaching set of design guidelines and, possibly, separate additional design guidelines approved by the neighborhood prior to the designation of a district.

At the present time, there would be one Architectural Review Committee made up of the Director of Louisville Metro Codes and Regulations, 2 Landmark Commissioners, and 4 at-large delegates. In addition, one member would be from the designated neighborhood in question.



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 possible solutions 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/>.

Report from the Membership Committee

Thanks to all the Tyler Park residents who responded to the e-mails and postcards asking for renewals of membership dues. As of the end of December 2009, the Association had 90 individual/family members and 2 business members.

As of March 6, 2010, the Association has 115 individual/family members gaining 4 new members with 21 renewals dating back to 2006. Membership dues and volunteers are the resources that keep the association going and keep this newsletter coming to your household.



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What's New with the Tyler Park Master Plan

The TPNA Master Plan Committee met on March 2, 2010 and generated a tentative list of priorities for the implementation of the master plan. Proposed were the following:

Short term priorities:

1. Engineering study of the bridge, including identifying drainage problems. The first step in preserving the bridge/ tunnel
2. Streetscape surrounding the park, including walkways, pedestrian crossings, drainage.
3. Walkways and furnishings within the park, including drainage, ramp under tunnel, benches, signs, dog waste bags, recycling and trash receptacles, kiosk for information.
Rain gardens for drainage?

4. New restroom on the upper side of the park. Old restroom building could remain until the playground is moved and the new shelter are built.

Mid-term priorities

5. Plantings. Drainage will have been addressed under #2 and 3.

6. Basketball court – move to where volley ball court is now.

7. Relocate playground/ spray ground to space now occupied by two bank tennis courts – when wear and tear warrants replacement of equipment or refurbishment. Also tot lot?

8. Construction of a new shelter on site designated in master plan.

Long term priorities

9. Baxter Avenue streetscape

10. Castlewood entrance

11. Castlewood sidewalk

Immediate consideration unrelated to the master plan: Contact Metro councilman's office about repairing asphalt curb and replenishing gravel on Tyler Park Drive.



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Please take the time right now to send in your dues using the form on the back page. Your dues support TPNA's activities like this newsletter and our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks.

Tyler Park Wine Tasting



The Mid City Mall was once again transformed to a festive gathering for 208 participants at the **SOLD OUT** 4th Annual Wine Tasting on the evening of January 31, 2010. We profited \$2,542.81 for the implementation of the Tyler Park Master Plan!

The Wine market selection of tastings included three reds--Vin de Pays Comte deGrignan, Kermit Lynch Vacluse Rouge, Domaine LaFage; and three whites--D'Onaria Pinot Grigio, Kermit Lynch Vacluse Blanc, and Novella Chardonnay. Thanks to Wine Market owners Claudia and Gordo Jackson for donating the wine at cost and offering their unending expertise, their staff (Kenny and Sam) and their vendor friends to make this our most successful tasting ever.

ValuMarket outdid themselves this year with a menu carefully prepared by Melissa, The Highlands Deli Manager. Crabcakes, green chili wontons, mini hot browns, and bourbon glazed meatballs were the featured menu items. Assorted fruits and vegetables along with a fabulous array of new cheeses were also served. Mini Boston Crème Cakes, Mini Pineapple Upside Down Cakes and Cannolis were the dessert items. Floral manager, Tracey, designed the beautiful table arrangements. ValuMarket donated every bit of the food and the flowers.

Neighborhood musicians Charlie Merrill (jazz guitarist) and Windsor Place residents John French (hammer dulcimer), Jack Ashworth (fiddle) and

Tucker Thomas (lap dulcimer) donated music to set the tone. Resident Andy Westbrook donated the sound equipment.

Besides the generous donations from The Wine Market, ValuMarket, and neighborhood musicians, twenty three other businesses supported the Wine Tasting. Please support our local business friends. Thanks to Highlands-Shelby Park Library and City Café for donating their spaces for day of details. Thanks to Terry Redden of Semonin Realty for donating printing. Thanks to the following businesses and neighbors who own businesses for donating ads for the Wine Card: Kaleidoscope, Café Beignet, Schickli Design Inc., Hopkins Interior, Arts and Crafts Dental, Highland Family Dentistry, Farleigh Pet Center, Clay & Cotton, Zeppelin Café, and Jazzercise. Thanks to businesses who donated raffle items: Irene's Hair Salon, U of L Alumnae, Edenside Gallery, Regalo, Impellizeris, Boom Bozz, Highland Coffee, Herb Shop, Schickli Design Inc., Carmichaels, and American Nails. Thank you also to Sandy Metts for generously donating the space for the Wine Tasting.

Thank you to the most excellent committee: Julie French (Windsor Place), Rebecca Watson (Rosewood), Ann Finney (Goddard), Kathey Schickli (Tyler Pkwy), Ken Baker (Tyler Park Drive), and Florence Saltzman (Rosewood). If you have ideas, would like to volunteer, donate an ad, raffle item, or become a business sponsor for the 2011 Wine Tasting next January, please contact Joan Dubay at 458-8783 or

Jdubay@gmail.com





Mark your calendar and plan to attend:
Annual Tyler Park Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, April 3rd at noon

Annual Tyler Park Garden Tour
 Saturday, June 12th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

TPNA Meeting, 4th Thursdays, 7-9 pm
 at the library in the Mid City Mall
 April 22nd, May 27th, June 24th

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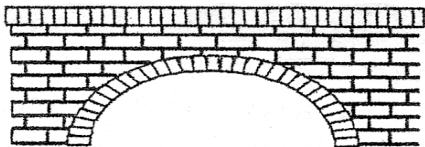
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