

The Neighborhood Bridge

June⁻ 2014

Tyler Park Neighborhood Association

Summer 2014 Newsletter

Ninth Annual Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Garden Tour

"Urban Innovations" Garden Tour Saturday, June 14th from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Come and see what urban gardening looks like!



All tickets for the Garden Tour are available on the day of the tour or in advance at ValuMarket in the Mid-City Mall. Tickets are \$12.00. Start the garden tour at the Mid-City Mall on Bardstown Road where tour participants can purchase tickets, receive a map and descriptions of all eleven gardens on the tour, free bottled water, and register for exciting door prizes. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes for this self guided walking tour.

Have you ever wondered as you walked, biked, or drove by the many beautiful homes in the Tyler Park neighborhood what home owners have been up to beyond those beautiful front lawns? Now you'll be able to see not only what's in the back yard, but what can be done in the front yard as well by attending the 2014 Tyler Park Garden Tour!

This year's tour, "Urban Innovations", will showcase an architect designed front yard that will be sure to give you ideas and inspiration for your own challenging landscapes. Formal, and informal gardens await your gaze and imaginations. Perennials, annuals, water features, koi ponds, hardscapes, vegetable gardens and even chicken coops all add to the innovations seen in gardening in a historical urban neighborhood. Meet area gardeners, exchange ideas for your own garden, or simply enjoy the beauty of the surrounding neighborhood and our signature Olmsted designed, Tyler Park.

For more information about the Tyler Park Garden Tour, to volunteer, or to become a sponsor of the tour, contact Garden Tour co-chairs Terry Redden at: tredden@simonin.com454-5795 or Jeanette Westbrook at: westbrookj@aol.com 451-8207.

-- Jeanette Westbrook





Easter Bunny (and lots of kids) Visited Tyler Park





On Saturday, April 19th nearly one hundred children, aged toddler through twelve years, gathered in a warm and sunny Tyler Park for the annual TPNA egg hunt. At noon, the Easter Bunny roared into the park to greet the crowd in a shiny red fire engine, with sirens blaring, driven by the Louisville Fire Fighters from the Headquarters







at Maryland and Bardstown Road. As TPNA Board member Kristen Millwood announced the start of the hunt, the children raced through the park to search for the 800 candy-filled eggs. Two eggs in each age group were designated for special prizes. Finders of the prize eggs included Caeli Baker, Jackson Fisher, Grace Roberts, Allison Smith, Nico Meccarielli, and Harmony Ewing. Lucky Caeli also won the drawing for the grand prize—a giant, fuzzy rabbit. A raffle was held for a chance to win a gorgeous Easter fedora designed by Kathey Schickli. Even the adults had a chance to join in the fun. Three dozen freshly laid eggs, courtesy of Manny Carralero (and his famous Mossrose hens), were donated for a second raffle. Proceeds from the raffles, as well as many generous donations by the parents, helped to offset the expenses.

Thanks to the firefighters, TPNA Board members, the Metro Parks Department, and all who participated in making this year's hunt such a great event. --Rebecca Watson



View from the Bridge

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Tyler Park Fund toward completion of the walkway project! Thanks to your generosity and that of the Olmsted Parks Conservancy we were able to cover the cost of the entire project. We should see completion this summer. The addition of the two benches and retaining walls should really enhance the walkway.

Concern over the historic Tyler Park bridge and viaduct was heightened during the recent water main break. We all remember the sight of the waterfalls pouring over the bridge. The TPNA has been concerned over the condition and maintenance of the bridge for quite some time. We had been working with Metro Parks, Louisville Metro government and the state of Kentucky to set up a meeting with all stakeholders to discuss our concerns. These talks had been progressing for months prior to "the flood". I'm happy to say that a meeting has been scheduled in July. We hope to reach a consensus as to what agency is responsible for what part of the bridge and what needs to be addressed first with consideration of funding. Tyler Park would not be the same without that bridge. We hope it will last another hundred years. We will be reporting back to you in our fall newsletter.

As we are entering the summer season, be sure to save the dates for our upcoming Garden Tour on Saturday, June 14th. Our Jazz Festival will again be held in Tyler Park for the four Sundays in September, the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 4 to 6pm. We have some exciting performances planned and we hope to have ValuMarket cater the event. More to come on that!

Hope you have a great summer and see you in the neighborhood!

-- Brian Caudill, TPNA President

Looking Ahead to 2015



The nominating committee of the TPNA Board of Directors is recruiting volunteers to serve on the board in 2015. If you are interested in serving, or would like to learn more about the requirements and responsibilities of board membership, please contact Rebecca Watson by e-mail at

rebecca.watson@twc.com or by phone at 456-4320.

Board members must reside in the Tyler Park neighborhood and be a member in good standing of the neighborhood association. The election of the Board of Directors will be held at the annual open meeting in October. -- Rebecca Watson



Earn Money for Tyler Park Fund at ValuMarket



ValuMarket will give the Tyler Park Fund 4% of purchases made with a ValuMarket supplied reloadable gift card used to purchase groceries. Here is how it works: *Purchase your activated card for \$5.00 from TPNA.
jdubay@gmail.com Cards will also

be available at Tyler Park
Neighborhood Association events.

*Before you shop, stop at the
service desk and add money to
your card. Say you add \$95.00,
now you have \$100.00 on your card.

*When you pay for your groceries use
your "Tyler Park Fund" card.

*Stop at the service desk and add to your card each time you shop. Thank you for using your ValuMarket Cards. Over 100 cards have been issued. In March we made \$63.63 and in April we made \$94.00 for the Tyler Park Fund. If you have a card, remember to keep using it. Thank you ValuMarket and participants. This is such an easy way to contribute to the Tyler Park Master Plan. -- Joan Dubay



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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, Phyllis Costello, Joan Dubay, Drew Duncan, Brian Elstner, Mike Gramig, Beth Holmes, Denis Hommrich, Kristen Millwood, JoAnn Mosier, Corey Nett, Chip Nold, Kathey Schickli, Doug Thrasher, Rebecca Watson, Andy Westbrook, and Jeanette Westbrook.



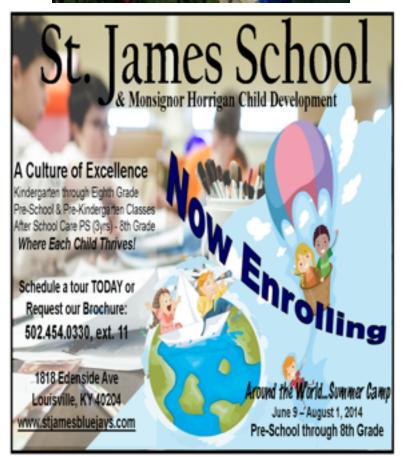
Shakespeare in Tyler Park

Thank you to Metro Council Representative Tom Owen for



sponsoring Shakespeare in Tyler Park. On Saturday evening, April 26th, approximately 250 neighbors filled the park to witness some classic, well-performed theater. Thank you to the Park's Department for turning around Tyler Park, making it performance ready after the flood, falls, and mud caused by the water main break. Thank you to Matt Wallace and to the Shakespeare in the Park Board of Directors for having the vision to bring Hamlet to the citizens of Tyler Park. Bravo! -- Joan Dubay









Derby Dinner Playhouse and Highland Community Ministries

This season Derby Dinner Playhouse is offering a Saturday matinee for each of its plays for those who cannot attend on Sunday. Please join Highlands Community Ministries for "Mary Poppins" on Saturday, August 16th. The cost is \$34 with TARC transportation or \$30 without transportation. Call 459-0132 and send your payment to HCM Senior Services, 2000 Douglass Blvd., 40205 by July 16th. The TARC bus leaves at 11:15 A.M. from Highlands Court at 1720 Richmond Drive. --Stan Esterle



Supported by Olmsted Parks Conservancy

Volunteers Needed in the Parks!

You may enjoy walking your dog, riding your bike or hiking with friends in Tyler Park but have you ever thought of becoming a Park Steward of Tyler Park or other 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 Louisville's Olmsted Parks and more. August 19th is the start of our next Park Steward training.

Other volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, as well as a schedule of Park Steward trainings, can be found online at www.olmstedparks.org/events or call 456-8125.

Here are the dates for the next Park Steward program:

Information Session August 19, 7:00pm

Olmsted Overview August 26, 6:30pm

Plant Identification Techniques September 2, 6:30pm

Integrated Pest Management September 9, 6:30pm

Horticultural Techniques September 16, 6:30pm

Volunteer Management & Community Outreach September 23, 6:30pm -- *Aline Blizard*

Help Free the Trees

Tree Triage Thursdays

Olmsted Parks Conservancy need YOUR help removing invasive vines to save park trees and restore our urban woodlands. Gloves, tools and guidance provided.

June 5, 12, 19, 26 July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7, 14, 21, 28 Cherokee Park from 6-8 pm



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Park Infrastructure and Maintenance Department - A VERY Wet Spring!

Just when you think everything is under control, we have a flood of biblical proportions. Let it never be said that Tyler Park is a tranquil urban oasis.



All is back to normal with a minimum of damage after the great water main break on Eastern Parkway. Some testing of the Baxter Ave. bridge structure by the state DOT did not reveal any damage from the incident but we are continuing to meet with the state and metro road departments, parks, Water Co. and MSD to discuss TPNA's previous concerns about internal damage due to water and erosion in the bridge structure as well as maintenance issues regarding the limestone walls and viaduct arch. We will be meeting with all of the agencies with shared responsibility for maintaining the roadway, bridge and utilities in and around the bridge and park.



Phase 1 of the Tyler Park Master Plan Walkway Project has been completed. Contractors have finished seeding, new tree planting, curbing and bollards installation. Metro Parks received a grant from MSD for ten large redbud trees planted in the understory of the west side of the park along Tyler Park Drive. In addition, one family sponsored a memorial tree and two board members are sponsoring memorial benches. We greatly appreciate their generous support.

Although vandalism, always a concern, has not been a large problem this spring, we did have a setback when someone stripped the bark off of a fairly large tree by the spray-ground, killing it.

The mindless actions of some continue to occur, including graffiti on the park equipment and structures. The repair of such damage is very costly to Metro Parks and it is important for neighbors to report any damage they see. -- Mike Gramig

Mulch Needed Advice

Most of us find giving up old habits unsettling and difficult. A goodly number of us have grown accustomed to putting our yard waste out for pickup in cheap, lightweight plastic bags but now we're being asked to change. The Jefferson County Solid Waste Management (109)



Board will take a final vote on May 27th that will likely allow curbside yard waste collection only in containers that support largescale municipal composting.

The problem has been that for years we've been faithfully settingout clippings, leaves and twigs only to have much of it hauled to our landfills where it is shredded (plastic bag and all), composted, and then scattered on the "dump" as daily cover. In 1994, the Commonwealth of Kentucky required municipalities to separate yard waste from garbage to extend the finite life of our landfills and to encourage turning the green and brown materials from our yard into a useful soil amendment. We've been living however with a loophole in that mandate because it is cost prohibitive to separate the plastic bag from the organics.

There are several reasonable alternatives for those of us who have been putting our yard waste in plastic bags. Except for those heavy spring and fall clean-ups, inexpensive light-weight plastic garbage receptacles can be used to contain the weekly output for most of us. For those seasonal peaks, durable paper yard waste sacks can be purchased at prices increasingly competitive with plastic. Further, more and more of us are finding value in leaving our mulched leaves and grass clippings on the lawn or composting on-site.

I'm confident the 109 Board will give us time to get used to the change. Meanwhile, I encourage you to see how it feels not to use plastic bags for our yard waste but instead mulch your leaves and clippings, compost at home, or use the heavy-duty paper bags or cheap garbage cans. The ban on plastic vard waste bags will require breaking old habits but the creation of a useful soil amendment makes it worth the squeeze! Let me hear from you at tom.owen@louisvilleky.gov if you have lingering concerns.

-- Tom Owen, 8th District Metro Councilman

Tyler Park Walkway Project Donations



As noted in the Spring 2014 Newsletter's View from the **Bridge** TPNA needed your help in raising an additional \$2,000 to cover the full cost of the project. We have met that goal! Many thanks to the following contributors:

Sallie Jacobs & Clay M. Stevens; David W. & Mary B.

Zickel; Janet R. Dakan; Suhada Ratnayake; Joseph F. & Kathleen Kremer; Rose Mary & Lawrence Toebbe; and Nancy M. Theriot. Two families have contributed the cost for a dedicated bench: the Caudills--Pamela, Gregory, , Dee and Brian

the Bradshaws--Kathey Schickli, David Bradshaw and Joni Gahm We can still use your help in raising donations for future projects in Tyler Park. Any contribution to The Fund is tax-deductible.

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-- Janet Dakan, TPNA Secretary

Thanks.

History Snippets

As the man said, you can observe a lot by watching. With that in mind I would like to add that you can research a lot by looking – and that is how the following two pieces of neighborhood trivia came into view. They are both from the *Courier Journal* clippings files at the Louisville Free Public Library.

INVENTOR OF THE AIR BRAKE

To the Editor of the Courier Journal,

I noticed in Sunday's paper Questions and Answers where you stated that George Westinghouse invented the air brake.

The air brake was invented by Thomas Lanahan of Louisville, Ky., in December, 1881. The papers and the original brake could be seen at 1811 Edenside Ave., until his death in 1934, when all of his belongings were sold to a junk dealer.

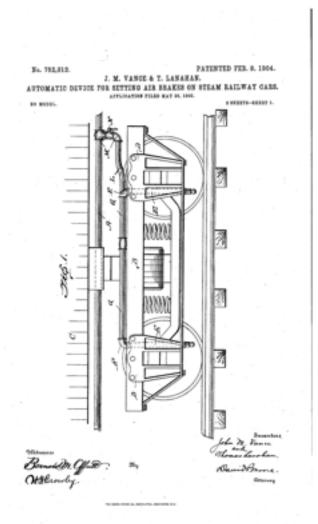
George Westinghouse made the first air brake at the expense of President Alexander of the L. & N. Railroad in 1883. It was first tried out on Pennsylvania train No. 146 between Cincinnati and Louisville.

The air brake, like moving pictures and the electric railway switch, was invented by Louisville men but Louisville has never received the honor.

C. E. Lanahan

Louisville

From the Courier-Journal, June 15, 1937





(Untitled)

Q — Is it true that a city doctor invented the drinking fountain about fifty years ago? If so, please give his name and tell whether he is still living.

A — Dr. B. J. Lammers is the name of the inventor who, at his own expense, erected the new-type drinking fountain at 1st and Walnut while working as an interne at the City Hospital, now General Hospital. Dr. Lammers is now 70 years of age and makes his home at 1833 Windsor Place.

From the Courier-Journal, June 3, 1937

-- Ray Brundige



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Children

Magic with Mr. Moustache; Monday, July 7, 2:00 PM; all ages **We're Going on a Picnic-**-Stories, crafts and songs all about yummy food; Tuesday, July 8, 7:00 PM; ages 3-8

Magic Tree House Party for the book *Dark Day in the Deep Sea*; Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 PM; ages 5-10

Stone Carving with Al and Penny Nelson; Monday, July 21, 2:00 PM; all ages

Big Rigs and Colossal Construction Storytime; Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 PM; ages 3-8

Louisville Water Company, hands on program; Monday, July 28, 2:00 PM; ages 4-8

Our Big Backyards Storytime, a look at backyards and parks; Tuesday, August 5, 7:00 PM; ages 3-8

Summer Reading Finale with Zippo the Clown, refreshments and crafts included; Thursday, August 7, 2:00 PM; all ages

Back to School Storytime, stories and crafts featuring concepts to help get ready for school; Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 PM; ages 3-8

Teens--ages 12-19

DIY Teen Thursdays--Come see what drop-in DIY activity we have out this week, with a new one put out every Thursday! Self-guided crafts and activities you can make and take anytime the Teen Outpost is open!

Practice ACT--Come and take the practice version of the ACT test with Sylvan Learning. Call to sign up at (502) 574-1672. Saturday, July 19, 2:00 PM

Crafting with the Crane House--Join us in making traditional Asian crafts with the help of the Crane House. Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 PM

TSR Finale--Celebrate the end of summer reading with decorating your own cupcake! Saturday, August 9, 2:00 PM

Adults

Introduction to Genealogy--LFPL Genealogy Librarian Joe Hardesty, Wednesday, July 9, 7 pm

Paths to Publication--Ellen Birkett Morris--You've written that short story, poem, essay or play and the last thing you want to do is stow it in a drawer. We'll talk about finding the courage to send your work out, targeting potential markets, writing effective query letters, keeping track of submissions, and marketing when your work is in print. Saturday, July 26, 2 P.M.

200 Years of Steamboating!--Kadie Engstrom, Education Coordinator, Belle of Louisville. Learn about the Belle of Louisville and the Centennial Festival of Riverboats. Wednesday, August 20, 7:00 PM

6 Things to Improve Your Mind, Body & Performance through Biohacking--Simple things that will lead to more energy & focus, a higher IQ, and a healthier body all while sleeping less but feeling better. Daniel Ledford will explain how he employed these techniques to overcome his debilitating health problems and how you can use them to improve your life. Wednesday, August 27, 7:00 pm

Computer classes by appointment. -- Ruth Ellen Flint

Also running from June 1- August 9: Children's Program (ages birth through 5th grade)

This year we have prizes for 10 book readers also weekly and grand prize drawings at each location.

Prizes for 10 book readers:

- A neon drawstring backpack
- A pass to the Thomas Edison House
- A pass to the Louisville Science Center
- A pass to Squire Boone Caverns
- A pass to Historical Locust Grove
- A ticket to a Louisville Bats baseball game
- A pass to the Rauch Planetarium
- A pass to the Frazier Historical Museum
- 2 weeks of lessons from Hwang's Martial Arts (Free white

belt)

- A coupon for a free lemon ice from Fazoli's
- A coupon for a free Frosty from Wendy's
- A family day pass to the Metro YMCA
- · Sheet of coupons for UofL sporting events



Teen's (6th through 12th grade)

Read 6 books plus perform 1 activity listed on the Teen Summer Reading folder (or read a 7th book). Plus a chance to win more prizes through our weekly and end of summer drawings.

- · Earbuds
- · Passes to:
- Locust Grove
- Rauch Planetarium
 Louisville Science Center
- E i II i i la
- Frazier Historical MuseumFree ticket to a Louisville Bats Game
- · Free lemon ice from Fazoli's
- Free Frosty from Wendy's
- Family Day pass to any Metro YMCA location
- · Free passes to U of L sporting events
- --Beth Nahinsky

Call 574-1672 for more information or visit www.lfpl.org

Mark your calendar and plan to attend: TPNA Garden Tour

Saturday, June 14th, 9:30-3:30

Jazz Fest Sundays in September September 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th; 4-6 pm

TPNA Meetings, 4th Thursdays, 7-9 pm at the library in the Mid City Mall

Keep up-to-date with your neighborhood! Check out <u>www.tylerpark.org</u> regularly!

The Library – at the crossroads of knowledge and know-how. Visit www.LFPL.org to learn more.

Membership Blitz was a Success!!



Sixty-nine new individual/family residents and one new business member joined TPNA so we have a total of 327 individual/family residents and 22 business members out of 979 total (35.6%).

The 69 new individual/family residents who joined as part of the membership blitz were: Nancy & Ed Seitz, Sandy & David Bennett, Ronald & Zella Fraze, Debby Donnellan, Kevin & Jane Beck, Brad & Erica Sutton, Crystal Johnston,

Mike & Denise Helline, Jude & Brian Gallagher, Kari Blanas & Jonathan Smith, David & Laura McManus, Lenneman Family, Jim & Shelle Lally, Molly Mooring & Paul Buccola, Steve Martin, Scott & Mary Pat Nimon, Jim & Susie Pope, Micah Reyner, Brooke & Tom Pardue, Greg Guelda, Kathleen Wesley, Jorge Zenil, John & Janet Allison, Natalie & Jason Snyder, Michael C. Wortham, David & Mary Beth Zickel, John F. Brewer III, Bruce & Nancy Willis, Jesse Levesque & Jonathan Stich, Charles & Martha Corrigan, Chris Borders Sr, Sarah Pierce, Jud & Patricia Gibbs, Bob & Mary Lynn Tabler, Roselyn Tomasulo, Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Payne, Martin Killmeier, Beth Stuber, Scott Goldberg, Michael Hanks – Larry Miller, Nancy C. Brown, Michael & Serena Hirn, Lawrence & Christy Loner, Kathleen O'hearn-O'bryan, Curtis & Melissa Berry, Suzanne Taylor, Michael Kuharich, David & Beth Phelps, Barbara Forbes, Greg Zahradnik & Rebecca Dail, S. Madison Lewis, Garret & Sarah Cawthon, Jan Parsons, Jennifer Gebhart & Jason Cooper, Roy & Alyce McDonald, A.E. Long/Deamer, W.G. Long, Todd W. & Anna Twyman, Robby & Brooke Cannon, Cayse & Dayo Powell, Joanne Huang, Vemuri Family, Dustin Meek & Marc Murphy, Steve & Virginia Mattingly, Dermot Collins, Tara & Sara Carpenter, Ebert & Noelle Haegele, Gemma Shipp, and Caine Family.

Rick Hill, owner of **Hill Brooke DesignScapes**, joined as a business owner during the membership blitz. He will be the first to take part in a perk for new business members – the option of having an article or business card sized ad.

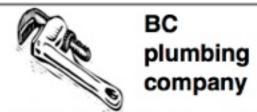
There was a significant decline in the number of renewals from 91 in the spring newsletter to 25 for this newsletter, even after repeated postcards. What gives??? -- Janet Dakan, TPNA Secretary



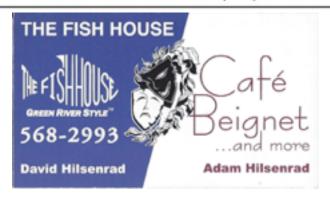








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Zoning and Enforcement_____

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Park Cleanup

Board of Directors____

Newsletter Ad Manager___

Tyler Park Green Initiative

Tree Conservation

Membership___

Individual and Family dues \$12 per year Business dues \$25 per year

For convenience, you may pay for two years if you'd like-\$24/\$50.

Donate to The Tyler Park Fund

Please write separate checks for donations and dues.

Dues should be written to <u>TPNA</u>, <u>Inc.</u>

Donations to <u>The Tyler Park Fund</u>

Mail check/s and form to:

TPNA, PO Box 4452, Louisville KY 40204

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If the information on your label is wrong, please print the correct information on this form & mail it back to the address listed above so that I can correct your information for the next newsletter. Thanks for your support and help.

-- Janet Dakan, Membership Committee Chair (502) 727-6856

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