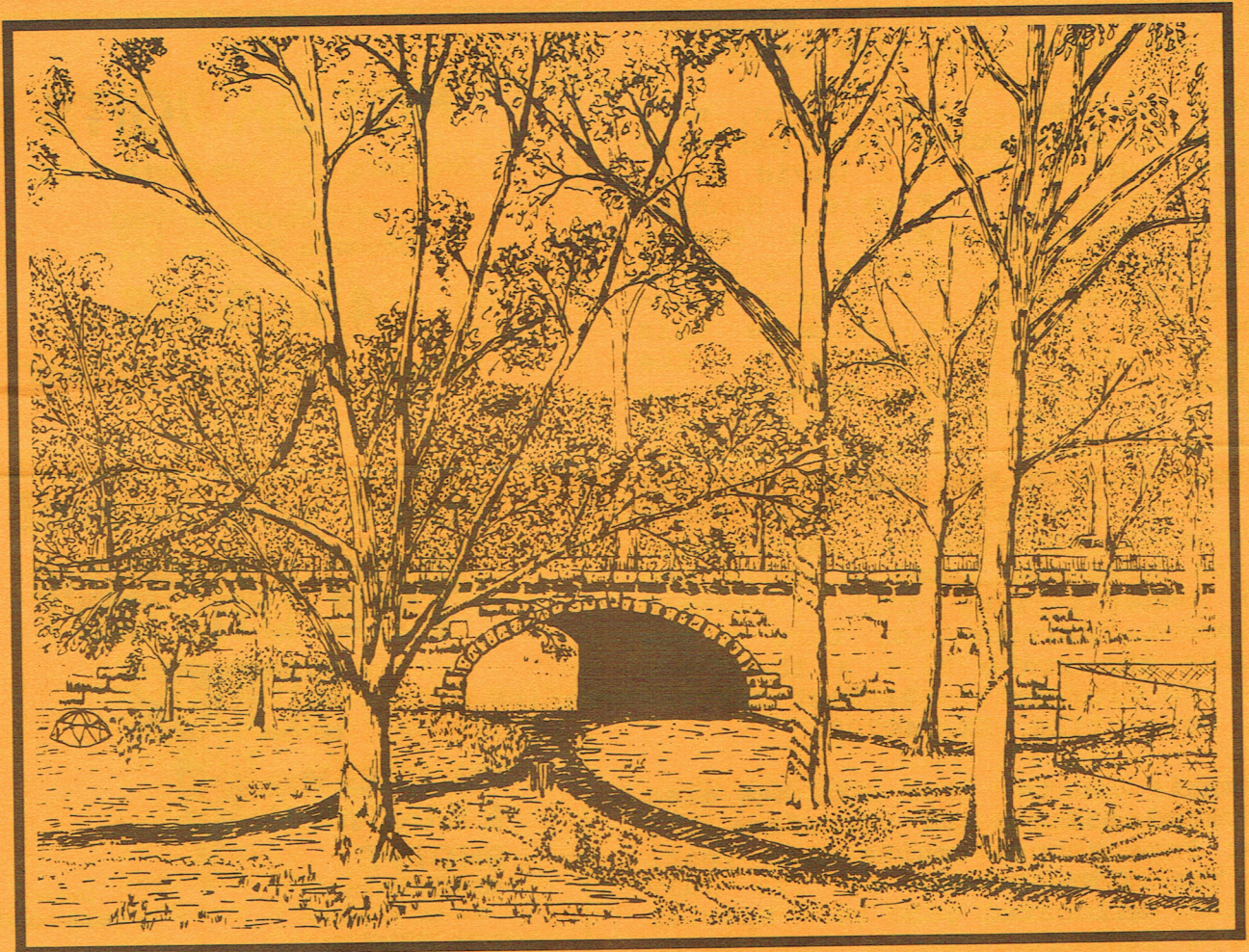


TYLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Fall 1986



TPNA PARTICIPATES IN RIVERFRONT REUNION

From July 18-20, the Louisville Riverfront Reunion took place on and near the Belvidere, consolidating what had been Musicfest and the Celebration of Neighborhoods last year. Thanks to the efforts of Marye Dillon, who worked along with

other TPNA board member recruits, TPNA made over \$600 selling barbecue from Jay's Catering. Despite a lower than expected turnout, again from the heat, everyone seemed to have a good time. Thanks to Marye and her crew for their effort.

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVES \$49,800
FOR TYLER PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

The Playground. The Louisville Board of Aldermen recently approved \$19,800 for playground equipment and improvements. This money will be combined with \$1,350 of TPNA money to thoroughly renovate the Tot Lot (including a new mulch play base), to install lots of new equipment in the lower park (including an "Exerglide," a special swing that holds a wheelchair for handicapped children), and to repaint the equipment which still has some life in it.

Who to Thank. Once again, many thanks to Joan Dubay (and her committee, which includes David Bell, Terri Connolly, Vickie Basham, Vickie Schweickhardt, and Tracie Saelinger) for selecting equipment and going through the proper channels with the City to make this happen. If all goes well, the equipment should be installed by October 1. Many sincere thanks also to Mike Carrell, 3d Ward Alderman, for shepherding the project through the city budgeting process to a successful conclusion. Seriously, if you have (or know) a child who will benefit from the playground equipment improvements, take a few minutes and write Mike a thank-you note c/o City Hall, 601 West Jefferson, Louisville, KY 40202.

Tennis Courts. The city has also allocated \$30,000 to resurface the Tyler Park tennis courts this year, and the TPNA Board, at its July meeting, allocated \$650 to a special reserve fund for future repairs to the new equipment. So by this Fall, the park will look even better.

Your support, through annual membership dues, supporting the picnic, and buying raffle tickets, has helped make this happen. Thank you. You can help keep our new equipment in good shape by discouraging older children from using (or abusing) it.

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UNSAFE SIDEWALKS FIXED FOR FREE

As reported in *The Courier-Journal* on July 28, the Board of Aldermen recently approved an additional \$250,000 (on top of an initial \$300,000) to help property owners repair unsafe sidewalks in front of their properties. Money is lent as a "forgivable loan," which the property owner pays back only if he/she moves within five years of the repair. There are no limits on a property owner's income to qualify.

If you have an unsafe sidewalk in front of your property (and there are several in the neighborhood), call the Department of Public Works at 587-3121 to inquire about getting it fixed for free.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR 86-87 MEMBERSHIP?

Membership in TPNA requires an annual payment of a membership fee: \$5 per household for residents and \$10 per property for business and absentee owners. Revenues from membership for the current year (which informally runs from picnic to picnic, although TPNA, Inc. is on a calendar year for its fiscal year) are down from last year. So come on, 'fess up, and pay your dues using the handy form below. Send it to TPNA, Box 4552, Louisville, KY 40204. Honestly, your money goes toward worthy causes, and we need your participation to help keep the neighborhood the extraordinary place it has become.

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TYLER PARK RESIDENT RAY ABBOTT PUBLISHES FIRST NOVEL

Ray Abbott, an award-winning professional writer living on Tyler Parkway, has just had his first novel published. Vanguard Press is publishing *That Day in Gordon*, which will be available in local bookstores in September. The novel is about the bleak and ultimately violent life of an Indian artist on a South Dakota reservation. One early review of the book calls it a "strong debut, and deeply moving." Ray says he will be happy to autograph copies for Tyler Park residents who buy his book.

Congratulations to Ray.

GET READY FOR TYLER PARK FLEA MARKET ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The ever-popular TPNA Flea Market will be held again on the West parking lot of Mid-City Mall on Saturday, September 20 (rain date Sept. 27), from 9 AM to 3PM. Due to the awful logistics of borrowing and transporting tables from local churches, no tables will be supplied by TPNA this year -- so bring your own. For \$5, you get a space marked off by chalk, and great exposure to a flea market-hungry audience. To rent a space, contact Mary Tomes, 459-6220, by September 13.

FALL PARK CLEANUP OCTOBER 4; TPNA ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 16

There might or might not be another Newsletter before late November, so mark your calendars now for the Fall Park Cleanup from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, October 4 (help out while your kids play on the new equipment), and the TPNA annual meeting and pot luck dinner at 5 PM on Sunday, Nov. 16.

WHY THE FALL ISSUE IS EARLY

No, it isn't Fall yet, but there are several extra special events happening in August and September that we wanted you to know about, so we pushed the publication date up to mid-August. Read on for details.

PICNIC AND RAFFLE A BIG SUCCESS DESPITE HEAT, LOW TURNOUT

Once again, the annual Old Time Picnic was a success. The good news is that there was no rain that day; the bad news was that it was 93° in the shade, and many people stayed home where it was cooler. Nonetheless, TPNA netted over \$2300 from the sale of food and raffle tickets, which is more than we made last year.

Many thanks to many people are in order, but special thanks to: Ellen and Kelly McKnight for choreographing the whole affair; Pat Nett for running the raffle (which itself brought in \$1100!); the many merchants and individuals who contributed food, supplies, and raffle prizes (see list elsewhere in this newsletter); Major Pete Wright and the Louisville Fire Dept. Engine Co. # 11 and Truck # 7 for providing two fire trucks for the kids to explore; Randy Fischer and his crew for their repeated efforts to inflate the Cumberland Hot Air Balloon; the Kosair Pipes & Drums for pre-picnic entertainment; John Gage for his melodious folk tunes; Officer Bud Herl for giving out information on crime prevention and block watches; Louisville & Jefferson County Board of Health for conducting free blood pressure screening and information on health topics and medical services; the Department for Social Services for their booth on the Foster Care Program; and the board members and other volunteers who gave of their time and effort long before the picnic started and continued long after it ended.

FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK AUGUST 24

The Federation of Musicians will present a free concert with 38 musicians in Tyler Park from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on Sunday, August 24 (note: not on August 17, as listed in the 1986 Directory and Calendar of Events). The concert band will perform something for everyone -- Dixieland, bluegrass, top 40, jazz, and big band music. Make plans to attend now. If the weather cooperates, it should be a great time. Show your appreciation for the musicians' effort and come on down!



OPERATION BRIGHTSIDE'S PROJECT PICKUP BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 18

First, we should report that the first phase of Operation Brightside, Project Blitz, was a huge success in the Tyler Park neighborhood. Thanks to the rallying efforts of TPNA board members Mike Zoeller and Ellen and Kelly McKnight, about 150 residents showed up on the appointed day -- five times more than in any other neighborhood to date. We managed to fill seven dumpsters twice, ranking second in overall tonnage of junk removed.

Next comes Project Pickup. This program replaces the semiannual junk pickup weeks we used to have, when we could put junk at curbside. Instead, starting at 6:00 AM on Monday, August 18, and continuing on each third Monday after that, residents can put up to three oversized pieces of junk (appliances, tires, furniture, etc.) out with their normal trash. **Please put your heavy junk where your weekly garbage is collected.** Questions? Call Operation Brightside at 587-2613.

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LOUISVILLE KIDS NEED FOSTER HOMES

The Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Department of Special Services, desperately needs additional foster homes in the Louisville area. Currently, 67 children are waiting for placement.

The 67 children include: two infants (one black and one white); one biracial teenage boy; one teenage boy of Asian heritage; 14 black males and 13 black females, ages 7-18; and 20 white males and 16 white females, ages 3-18. Only 14 of the 67 children are under the age of 11; the greatest need is for families willing to accept teenagers into their hearts and homes.

Foster parents can generally expect a child placed with them to remain in their home for a maximum of 18 months. During that time, aside from providing a home and love to a child in need, foster parents work with social workers toward the goal of reuniting the child with his or her natural family.

People eligible to become foster parents are between the ages of 21 and 65, in good health, and financially able to support themselves.

For more information on Foster Parenting, please call 588-3114, or plan to attend the next Foster Parent Information program on Wednesday, August 20, 6:00 to 7:30 PM, on the 5th Floor of the L&N Building, 908 W. Broadway.

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