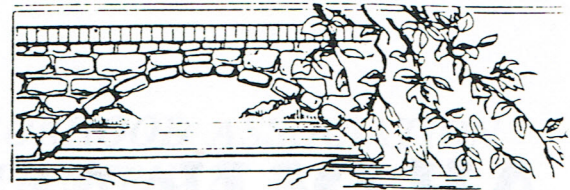


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# *Tyler Park Neighborhood News*

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Spring, 1992

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## *EASTER IS ON ITS WAY & SO IS THE TPNA EASTER EGG HUNT*

The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association welcomes Spring with its annual Easter Egg Hunt. Don't forget to mark April 18 at 12:00 NOON "official starting time" on your calendar. As always, your children's excitement and eagerness keeps us right on time so you better come a little early. Pat Nett, chairwoman of the Easter Egg Hunt, encourages parents to accompany their children to the park event.

Plastic eggs filled with candy will be hidden throughout the park. We will have three age divisions and a prize egg will be hidden in each age division. The lucky ones who find the prize egg will win one of three very special Easter baskets.

The Easter Bunny promises to make a very special appearance and will be available for professionally-posed Easter photographs immediately following the Egg Hunt—a new activity. The cost will be \$5.00

Tyler Park Neighborhood Association volunteers will also be serving hot dogs (50¢) and soft drinks (50¢). We hope you will stay to enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors. Sale proceeds will benefit your TPNA and will help support our many activities and events throughout the year.

If you would like to pitch in and help your fellow neighbors, please come by and volunteer for the Tyler Park Cleanup on Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. We want the park to be clean and safe for the children. Please join us to pick up debris and glass left

from the winter. The more help we have the less work for us all.

We extend a very special thank you to Pat Nett, Kay Orr, Mary Tomes and the TPNA Board of Directors for their efforts in organizing this event. We also thank Rainbo Baking Co., Winn-Dixie at Mid-City Mall, Pic-Pac Supermarket at Baxter Avenue and R.C. Cola for their support and Ray Wolf, Kelly McKnight, Tom and Michelle Lloyd, Dot Chandler and Kevin Lynch for their volunteer efforts.



The Easter Egg Hunt and related activities promise to be a fun-filled morning for children and parents alike. We hope you will come share in the fun and excitement!

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### *Crime Check...*

✓ Tidbits on preventing crime in the Tyler Park Neighborhood can be found throughout this issue. Office Toni Glover, our Fifth District Crime Prevention Officer (588-2510), spoke to the Board on March 11th.

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# ***WHAT DOES THE TYLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DO FOR YOU....and ..YOU FOR TPNA?***

by Susan Spalding Bibelhauser,  
Kathy Kremer and Sonya Brown

A goal of the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association is to look out for the best interests of our neighborhood and our residents. The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association board provides a safe, family-like forum for you to air your opinions in regard to zoning issues, new businesses, appropriate additions and preserving the beauty of the neighborhood.

Park enhancement is also a goal of the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association. The Association sees that dying trees are removed and replaced; excessive brush is cut back and shrubs are trimmed; and park facilities meet the needs and, hopefully the desires, of the Tyler Park Neighborhood's families.

Events sponsored in the Park by the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association include park cleanup, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Halloween Party, the Neighborhood Picnic, and the raffle. T-shirts, mugs, note cards and stickers are all available to purchase at park events.

You are kept informed of the latest happenings via the Tyler Park Neighborhood News. All Board meetings are open to the residents of our neighborhood. There are many dedicated people making the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association work for you. Time and space allows me to give only the highlights of what the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association does for you. Be proud to be a Tyler Park Neighborhood Association member.

## ***MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS***

The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association will begin a drive around the First of May to increase its membership, according to Committee chairwoman, Sonya Brown. At that time, board members and volunteers will be going door to door with information about the Association and to offer the residents membership. The membership fee is only \$5.00 per residence.

The larger our membership, the more clout the association will have with city government. A stroll through Tyler Park will reveal a wealth of improvements initiated by the TPNA board. A TPNA membership form is enclosed in this newsletter, so join us now! A membership table will be at the Easter Egg Hunt.

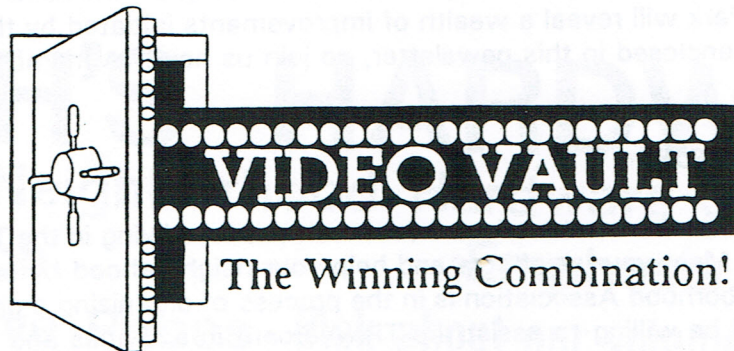
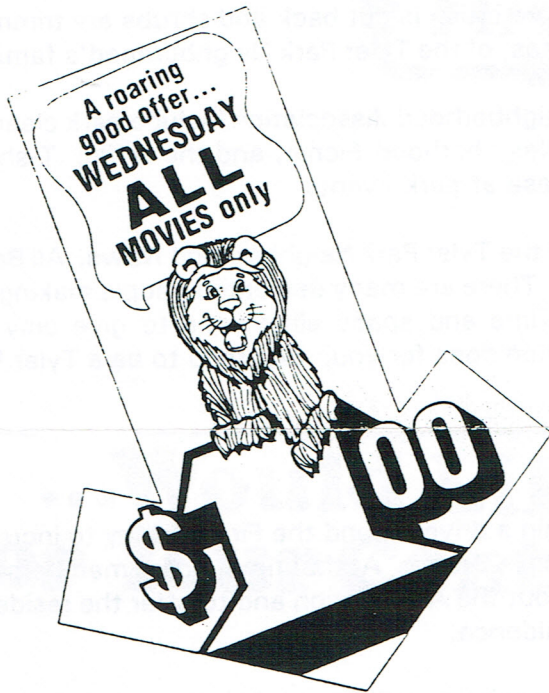
## ***BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED***

For those of you who want to show how much you love living in the Tyler Park neighborhood--now's your chance! Meet your neighbors and help your neighborhood by becoming a block captain. The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association is in the process of organizing a group of friendly, outgoing residents who would be willing to assist the TPNA Board in activities and events that promote the neighborhood and maintain the park, and a project to set up block watch areas. By volunteering a little of your time to help organize a block party, participate in a membership drive, or spread the word about TPNA events, you can help maintain the special charm we all love about our neighborhood. You can be sure that, as a block captain, you will meet some of the interesting people who live in our neighborhood as well as gain a new appreciation for that special gift we share--our very own park. So let us hear from you! Fill out the application on the return sheet or call Kathy at 459-4109 for more information or to volunteer.



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## LITTER SWOOP JOGGING

by Joe Kremer

Jogging is the only exercise I've ever been able to do on a regular basis. After ten years my knees started to object, so I stopped. I had a pretty good pace in the lap pool, but when you have a "negative buoyancy," you don't call that kind of swimming "exercise" but "survival". I tried the exercise bike and considered it a good workout if I could go more than a minute without looking to see how much time I had left.

Now I'm back to jogging and have found that Bardstown Road is the best outdoor night track around. Bardstown Road is well lighted at night and there aren't lots of shadows to make you strain your eyes to watch your footing. Of course, there are people about and lots of store windows to keep things interesting, but I've discovered a new element.

For me, one of the most distracting things about Bardstown Road is the litter. Despite plenty of trash cans, there is a lot that misses the basket. So I've taken to targeting on a piece of trash as I run, swooping down and picking it up without stopping. I'm sure that same bending action is mimicked in millions of aerobic classes every day. It is good exercise, and although my wife is afraid it will destroy my "love handles", I'm willing to risk it.

I find trash cans are pretty well spaced, so I never have to carry the trash far. Jogging is the least boring solitary exercise that I know of and litter swooping makes it more interesting. When I'm finished, I not only have the satisfaction of completing a workout but also the pleasure of having helped clean up the neighborhood.

There is plenty of trash about and litter swooping is better accomplished when walking, so feel free to join me. And if you happen to see a jogger bend down and then careen into a bush, don't snicker----just help me up.

✓ Report your suspicions that a crime may be about to occur as well as actual crimes-in-progress.

## TYLER PARK SPRING CLEANING

by John Reilly

Every year in the spring, usually just before the Easter Egg Hunt, neighborhood volunteers gather to help clean up Tyler Park. Over the winter debris of all sorts accumulates in all areas of the Park. When the neighborhood pitches in to help tidy up, we benefit in many ways. The park is made safer for the children who join in the Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone is able to enjoy the general appearance of the park.

Volunteers wanting to help should bring work gloves and tools such as rakes, shovels, pruning shears and weed cutters. To be on the safe side, be sure to bring along eye protection. The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association will supply the garbage bags. Metro Parks personnel will pick up the bags later.

Please participate in the annual Tyler Park Cleanup by coming down to the park on April 11 at 9:00AM and meeting by the bridge. If we all pitch in, it will not be a big job and the whole neighborhood will benefit.

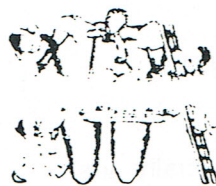
✓ Identify your property. Engraving items with "KY + Social Security Number" is an effective deterrent to theft.

## TPNA WINS "EARTHWORKS" GRANT

by Bill Schneider

The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association is the recipient of a grant from "Earthworks," a neighborhood grant program of Operation Brightside. Mayor Jerry Abramson awarded \$660 to the Tyler Park Association for a sidewalk environmental survey of Bardstown Road between Eastern Parkway and Grinstead Drive. The project will involve elementary school students in making assessments of how well or how poorly businesses and residences along the corridor maintain their property. Factors such as trash, weeds, broken sidewalks and lack of building maintenance will be considered. Results of the environmental survey will be published later this summer in a special issue of the Tyler Park Neighborhood News. The goal of the project is to promote well-kept attractive properties along this section of Bardstown Road.





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**WATER TESTING--** Testing your water is free. If interested in the free water test, call 583-6000. In the morning after the water has sat in the pipes all night (those that have lead solder legal until 1988), the lead content of the water may test slightly higher than the recommended allowance. Running the water a minute, flushing the toilet or taking a shower can flush the pipes. (Old Louisville Information Center Newsletter)

**WARNINGS ABOUT LAWN CHEMICALS--** The commercial "lawn care" business (spraying lawns with chemicals to kill unwanted plants and bugs) has grown enormously. Alarm over the possible negative health effects on humans and animals has also been increasing. About 80 to 90 percent of the ingredients in the lawn sprays are "inert" and are not identified on the label of the product. However, federal law permits hazardous chemical wastes to be included in pesticides. These substances are poison, not only to the target species but to humans and other plants and animals as well. Thanks to Corky Sachs for stressing dangers of lawn chemicals. (Balancing the Scales, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth)



## **PARK IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE**

by Bill Schneider

At the request to the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association, Metro Parks has planted 40 new trees in Tyler Park. It is part of an effort to replace older trees than have died or have been damaged by storms and drought. Oaks and maples have been placed along the park's walking paths and on the hillsides which surround the tennis courts.

An information kiosk has been installed near the steps under the bridge. The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association will use this kiosk to advertise neighborhood events and programs being held in Tyler Park. Residents are welcome to post notices on the kiosk's bulletin board.

Later this spring, the playground area will be renovated. New mulch will be spread and other changes will be made to keep the playbase from washing away during the heavy rains.

The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association has worked closely with Metro Parks on improvements to Tyler Park. We wish to thank Jacky Gardner-Sparrow and Jerry Brown of Metro Parks for their help and cooperation in making our park more enjoyable. A special thank you to Alderman Tom Owen for his financial support.

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## **BLOOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

by Janet Dakan

Bloom Elementary, Breckinridge Elementary, Byck Elementary, Chenoweth Elementary, Hawthorne Elementary and Shelby Elementary are in the Project Renaissance Cluster. Bloom Elementary will continue to offer programs that enhance a student's full range of abilities. The school's primary curriculum will remain unchanged: Kindergarten, ungraded Primary School (ages 5 to 9 with no grade distinctions), Intermediate Program (ages 10 to 11 with grade distinctions of 4 and 5) and Advance Program (ages 7 - 11). Through Project Renaissance, reading assistance will be included for primary students and preparatory studies for the Advance Program will be offered

to qualified six-year olds. Integral parts of the curriculum will be the African-American Studies Center, Pan-African studies, physical education, art, computer instruction (30 unit computer lab), orchestra/band, vocal music and cultural arts. Also, a guidance program, speech-language program to help with communication difficulties and an extended-school (during the summer) will be offered.

✓ The Tyler Park Neighborhood is divided between two police districts: the First District is east of Baxter Avenue and the Fifth District is west of Baxter Avenue. Both the First and the Fifth Districts cover the Tyler Park.

## ***The Highland Branch***

by Janet Dakan

As the co-chair of the Friends of the Highland Branch of the Library, I have been told many things. The residents of the Highlands area do not care if the Highland Branch of the Library is closed! We have not come out in force to meetings, written letters of protest to our alderman, the A District Commissioner, the Mayor or the Librarian; We have not signed petitions. If we wanted the Highland Branch to stay open why haven't we been as active and vocal as those in Clifton and Crescent Hill? On the other hand, I have heard that "they" would not dare close the Highland Branch in order to build a new branch in Jefferson County because we have always supported the library.

If we want a Library Branch in the Highlands, we must fight to get the attention of the decision makers. Support the Highlands Branch by writing or calling Alderman Tom Owen or Steve Magre. Let all officials know that you want a library in the Highlands. To receive alerts concerning the Library, become a Friend of the Highlands Branch. Call me at 451-5774 or give your name to a staff person at the Highlands Branch.

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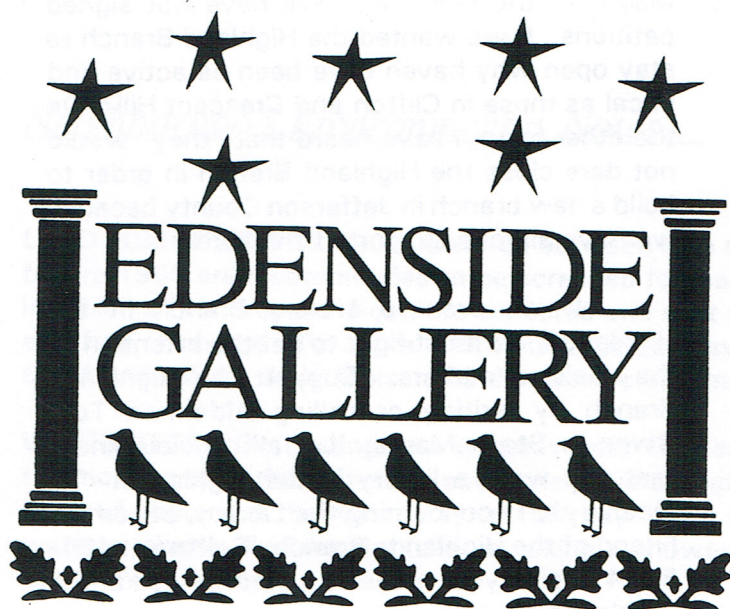
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