



# *Tyler Park*

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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### TYLER PARK FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

The Tyler Park Neighborhood Festival last month was a certified success. Thanks to a lot of people who turned out on a perfect day for great food and music and an excellent selection of merchandise from neighborhood businesses, TPNA made about \$1500.00, which will be used to maintain the park. The food vendors, including the OLD WALNUT CHILI PARLOR; KIZITO COOKIES, and the ALAMEDA BAR & GRILL all sold out of food!

The COOKBOOK COTTAGE, BAUMLERS GREENHOUSE, H.S. ALBERT FRAMING AND JEWELRY, SUSAN'S CORNER and SWANSON/CRALLE GALLERY were all busy. (Remember, Christmas isn't far away, so remember to support our neighborhood merchants).

The festival-goers got a real treat in the entertainment department from Tyler Park residents John Gage, Jack Ashworth and John

French, as well as the blues group, Da Mudcats.

It was a day to meet and greet our legislators and political hopefuls as well. Steve Henry, Candidate for Jefferson County "A" District Commissioner campaigned from his booth, while State Rep. Mike Ward, Congressman Romano Mazzoli, and Alderman Steve Magre were spotted mingling in the crowd. State Rep. Jim Wayne helped staff the refreshment booth, while Alderman Tom Owen did an heroic job conducting four historic tours of the Tyler Park neighborhood on a TARC trolley. Thanks, Tom on behalf of Tyler Park! We promise that the next time we'll provide plenty of crowd control and organizational support.

Thanks go to Greg and Catherine Popham and their small army of volunteers for all their hard work organizing such a wonderful event.

### TPNA'S HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

Halloween will be here sooner than you think, if you're planning on taking your child to the annual TPNA Halloween in Tyler Park. **Make a note that the event will take place on Saturday, October 24 from 7:30 until 9 p.m.** in the Tyler Park Tunnel, rain or shine.

TPNA, with the help of Pat Nett, will provide apple cider, cookies and candy to get everyone in

the right "spirit." Ghosts as well as goblins have been asked to attend (What is a goblin, anyway?), but if they can't make it we'll have a special guest to tell their tales.

Pat would like to encourage you parents out there to accompany your children to this Halloween event, and bring along blankets, bags for candy, and a flashlight.



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## THUNDER OVER TYLER PARK

Just try to imagine Tyler Park without those tall, beautiful trees. In the 1920's, those trees were short and sparse, which is why Tyler Park was such a great place for a 4th of July fireworks show. Yep, the "Thunder Over Louisville" of the twenties was held in Tyler Park.

The biggest and best of these 4th of July Independence Day celebrations was for all practical purposes the last. It was the 18th Annual Celebration, put on by the "Tyler Park Club" and it occurred in 1929. There was an 11-page "programme" printed, listing all the events scheduled that day from the 10 a.m. Automobile Parade to the Display of Fireworks at 8:30 p.m.

There were sixteen events that day for men, women and children: foot races, dancing exhibitions, a string winding contest for women, a flying exhibition from Bowman Field and lots of music from bands performing on the grand bandstand which was built a few years before. There were free flags for all the children and prizes from local merchants for all the contest winners. Prizes included baseball bats; ten gallons of motor oil; cigars, and silk hose. And two lucky men each won a ton of coal!

At 8:30 p.m., the fireworks were shot off from the east side of the viaduct (Baxter Avenue). The crowd that night was the biggest ever at an estimated 50,000 (Need I remind you that port-pots hadn't been invented yet?).

The 18th Annual Independence Celebration of the Tyler Park Club received national notice. Three months later, on October 29th, 1929, the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began. It was the beginning of the end of Tyler Park's Annual event. The 4th of July festivities had always been funded by donations solicited from residents in a twelve-block area surrounding the park. A much more subdued celebration was held in 1930; it turned out to be the last. On July 1, 1931, a small notice by the Tyler Park Club in the Courier-Journal announced that, due to the continuing economic depression, there would be no 4th of July celebration that year.

We may no longer have fireworks shooting up to the stars every year, but we do have those big, beautiful trees reaching to the clouds every day.

Joe Kremer

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## THE BANDSTAND

In 1924, MTV was not around for musical entertainment, so a bandstand was built in Tyler Park at a staggering cost of \$10,000 (In today's dollars that would be approximately umteen billion). It was situated against the Great Wall, next to the tennis court where the kiddie lot is now. It was made of stone similar to the great wall and had rest rooms at ground level while the bandstand was above; this would have been perfect for our musical entertainment at the TPNA Festival. After going unused for years, the bandstand was altered to become a storage room and, in 1960, it was dismantled.

### The Old Walnut Chile Parlor

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## NEW TPNA BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED AT PARK FESTIVAL

The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association elected its new Board of Directors for 1992-1993. Elected were:

- ✓ Sonya Brown, 1835 Edgeland Avenue
- ✓ Janet & Bill Dakan, 7 Hawthorne Hill
- ✓ Carolynn Foster, 1628 Edenside Avenue
- ✓ Stacy Fritze, 1229 Eastern Parkway
- ✓ Denise Helline, 1200 Eastern Parkway
- ✓ Steve Henry, 1361 Tyler Park Drive
- ✓ Barbara Jackson, 1500 Block Castlewood
- ✓ Kathy Kremer, 1606 Rosewood Avenue
- ✓ Tom Newkirk-Moore, 1814 Tyler Parkway
- ✓ Kay Orr, 1315 Castlewood Avenue
- ✓ Christine Payne, 1450 Goddard Avenue
- ✓ Greg & Catherine Popham, 1624 Edenside Avenue
- ✓ John Reilly, 1615 Windsor Place
- ✓ Mary Tomes, 1700 Tyler Parkway
- ✓ Chris & Angela Morris, 1288 Royal Avenue

The members of the TPNA Board of Directors will elect officers at the next Board meeting, scheduled in October. **Special thanks and appreciation go to those hard working individuals who served so well on the TPNA Board: Susan Spalding Bibelhauser, Jim & Debbie Wayne, and Bill Schneider.** The Board members are working on behalf of your neighborhood, so if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to pass on, please do so by contacting any of the members listed.

## HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN THE TYLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Here is your opportunity to show your neighborhood support! When you join the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association, you'll be joining your neighbors in showing that you care about Tyler Park and everyone who lives around it!

With an individual or household membership of only \$5.00 per year, you'll join hundreds of others who have already joined. It's fun, it's easy, and it's a great way to get involved! Joining's also a great way to meet your neighbors. So do it today and do what you can to show that you care!

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### Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Membership Application

Annual Dues: \$5.00 for individuals or households, \$10.00 for businesses

Please fill in the information and mail to TPNA, P.O. Box 4452, Louisville, KY 40204

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

## BLOCK CAPTAINS HOST BLOCK PARTY AND ALLEY CLEANUP

Goddard Avenue Block Co-captains Christine Payne and Barbara Berman organized a block party for their street on September 27. After they blocked off their street, the residents set up their tables and chairs and brought out the food for a tasty dinner together in the warm autumn sun. Chris and Barbara also invited Fifth District Police Officer Toni Glover to talk about crime watch precautions. On hand to discuss the neighborhood trees and answer questions about them was Louisville arborist Alan Bishop.

Over in the 1700 block of Rosewood Avenue, neighbors gathered for a Saturday morning alley cleanup. Roger Owen and Block Captain Kathy Kremer put out the call for volunteers, and with

the help of coffee and pastries, two dozen trash bags were filled. (As one volunteer later learned, some of the weeds were poison ivy).

There are still some streets that need block captains, so if you'd like to take an active part in your neighborhood's welfare, contact Kathy at 459-4109 or fill out the coupon below and mail it to Kathy Kremer, 1606 Rosewood Avenue, Louisville, KY 40204.

### BLOCK CAPTAIN APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_

## NEWS ALERT: TPNA T-SHIRT SPOTTED IN REMOTE AREA

Recently, Tyler Park resident Karla Parker saw a nature lover hiking through the Red River Gorge wearing the 1992 Tyler Park T-shirt!

Spread the word about TPNA on your next hike in the woods, and order yours **while they last!** Not all sizes are available (see below). The newest shirt is a pale grey with a distinctive Tyler Park design in hunter green on the front. Louisville Stoneware made the mug, which has a lovely tri-colored drawing of the park and its name along the handle.

To order yours, fill out the coupon below and mail it along with your check to: TPNA, P.O. Box 4452, Louisville, KY 40204.



The Shirt

### TPNA T-SHIRT & MUG ORDER FORM

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ t-shirt(s) at \$8.00 each.

Sizes left: Adult:    S    L    X-Lg    XX-L

Child:    6-8    10-12

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ mug(s) at \$12.00 each

   I have included \$1.00 for shipping

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve.) \_\_\_\_\_

The  
Mug



## **TYLER PARK GETS NEW PICNIC TABLES AND GRILLS**

New, permanent picnic tables have been installed in Tyler Park. The five heavy-duty, square metal tables are located on concrete slabs in shaded locations. The tables are plastic coated and built to withstand abuse.

In addition, two double grills have been placed in the park. One is near the tennis courts and the other in the spary pool area. Concrete slabs have also been put under many of the park's permanent benches where worn areas turned muddy in wet weather.

These improvements by Metro Parks were recommended by the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association and are meant to increase your enjoyment of Tyler Park.

## **SOME SECURITY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME**

**HOUSE NUMBERS:** House numbers should be visible day and night from the street, and garages located in alleys should be numbered. This is important for the police officer when responding to a complaint.

**SHRUBBERY:** Is there a clear view of the door? Or, are they hidden by shrubbery. If so, thin the growth so that the burglar is denied the opportunity to work undetected.

**HIDING KEYS:** An extra Key hidden in a secret location should always be avoided. A burglar knows all the "hiding spots" and will look there for spare keys.

(Information provided by the City of Louisville Block Watch Program.)

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