

# THE TYLER PARK Neighborhood

# May, 1995 Bridge

## ARE YOU A TEENAGER?.. WE NEED YOU

If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, approximately, you are invited to become a part of our new Teen Advisory Committee. The TPNA Board of Directors is welcoming teens who have a desire to get involved in their neighborhood to come and be heard at an organizational meeting. We hope this committee will become a vital part of our neighborhood association by improving the quality of life for teens in Tyler Park. There are many ways for you to have an impact on the world you live in and we'd like to hear your ideas. You know what to do so do it! An activity like this will not only change the way you see yourself but also the way others see you (i.e.—what a great thing to put on a college application). Please call Sonya Brown at 458-4744 for more information.



**Sonya Brown**

**TPNA Newsletter Volunteer**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

6 Derby Day

14 Mother's Day

20 Flea Market, 9am - 4pm

Valvoline Parking Lot

Eastern Pkwy. & Bardstown Rd.



## TYLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PARK & NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

The following is a reprint of a letter sent to Metro Parks from John Reilly on behalf of the TPNA. The letter was written as a direct result of observations made by the Parks and Neighborhood Improvement Committee while on a walk-thru of the park aimed at determining the parks immediate needs.

### To The Metro Parks Department:

The Board of Directors of the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) is requesting that the items listed below be incorporated into Metro Parks workplans for the remainder of the year.

They were developed by the TPNA Park and Neighborhood Improvement Committee and are listed in order of priority.

1. Replace the chain link fence which was removed from along the Castlewood Road border of the park, for the safety of children playing in the park so that they cannot enter the roadway in the path of an oncoming vehicle. (Please note that we do not intend to imply that the replacement must also be of the same material as the original. We would welcome the opportunity to participate in the process of selecting an appropriate material and style, possibly similar to our participation in the selection of the lights along the walkways).

2. Replace damaged spiral slide in the playground on the west side of the park.

3. Clear out undergrowth and dead wood:

- remove dead tree in park near Tyler Park Drive and Edgeland Avenue;
- remove tree stumps, felled dead trees, logs from west side along Tyler Park Drive;
- remove dead trees from peninsula between Tyler Park Drive and Windsor Place.

4. Refurbish tot lot:

- update equipment, especially toddler swings;
- renew play base;
- rake leaves;
- plant grass seed outside tot lot;
- paint jungle gym;
- add sign indicating suggested ages for children using tot lot.
- replace gate and latch.

5. Remove glass embedded in soil and plant grass seed near the volleyball courts by the entrance to the tunnel

6. Plant grass seed where trenches were dug to bury wiring for lights.

7. Remove broken piece of old fence at southwest corner of Tyler Park Drive and Baxter Avenue

8. Post a sign with the message "Please leash and clean up after your dog."

9. Add another grill near picnic tables that don't already have one.

10. Upgrade the volleyball court with a finer grade of sand.

11. Inspect the mortar in the Tyler Park bridge. Make recommendation for timing and extent of tuckpointing that may be needed.

12. Remove the flagpole at the bandstand.

We would like to once again acknowledge the strong and effective working relationship between TPNA and Metro Parks to which both parties have contributed. We look forward to continuing that relationship in 1995.

Sincerely,

John Reilly, President,

Tyler Park Neighborhood Association





# JOYS IN THE 'HOOD

This is the start of a column to recognize people who make living in Tyler Park a joy: the volunteers who contribute time and effort to neighborhood projects.

I had the idea at the Park Clean-Up April 8. I don't know if I got every name and some of my remembered spellings may be wrong (I didn't have writing materials part of the time). However our thanks to:

Tom Owen, city Alderman (quietly picking up trash with no aides or press in sight), Cindy Reed, Jeremy Levin, Loyd Vest and Clarke, Cindy Foshee and Anna, David and Sonya Brown, E. B. and Olivia, Rose Michael and Terry, Nichole Stephans, Kathy Kremer, Carolyn Jeffries (who was working for the Kentucky Tennis

Association tournament and cleaned up the area near her booth), and Suzy Schuman (who did not participate in the formal cleanup. She picks up trash whenever she walks her dog and she picks up after her dog.)

The Easter Egg Hunt, organized by Mary Tomes and Jack Pittenger, brought out more volunteers. Our thanks to:

Irma Dell Smith, Sonya Brown, Valerie French, Kathryn Spotts, Kathleen Travis, and Joseph and Jacob Boone.

You people are a joy to the neighborhood.

**Ray Brundige**  
TPNA Newsletter Volunteer

## GRASSCYCLING

As mowing season begins, citizens are asked to consider "grasscycling" as an alternative to bagging grass clippings. Grasscycling (leaving the grass clippings on the lawn) is actually good for the lawn. It can cut down on the amount of water you need to

apply to your lawn and the decomposition of the clippings adds nutrients to the soil. Contrary to popular opinion, grasscycling does not cause problems with thatch. Keeping your grass clippings out of the waste stream is good for your lawn, good

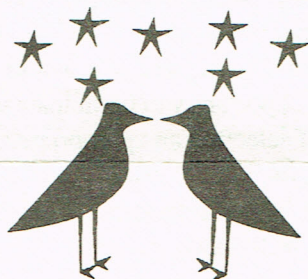
## TPNA FLEA MARKET

Once again all you die-hard collectors and yard sale goers will be able to satisfy your urge to get the best bargains. Barter and haggle to your heart's content at this year's Flea Market which will be held on Saturday, May 20, from 9am - 4pm in the parking lot of Valvoline Instant Oil Change, on the corner of Eastern Parkway and Bardstown Road.

If, on the other hand you wish to unload some of your own unwanted trinkets you may obtain space to sell your things for a mere \$8.00 for the entire day. Contact Mary Tomes, 459-6220, for more information. Raindate Saturday, May 27th, 9am - 4pm.

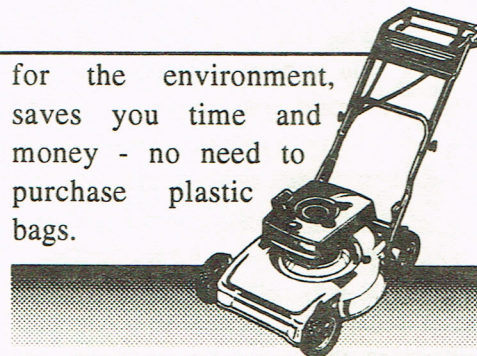
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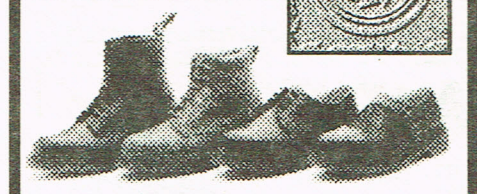


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# EDITORIAL

## Editor's Column

I made it. I promised the other Bridge volunteers that I would write three monthly columns and this is the third.

The others are hardly impressed by that. They have done much more for these three issues. The difference is I have a column to write. That means drama. ("Local Writer Found on Sidewalk / 'Three Was Too Much', He Gasps"). The real situation is that the columns have been fun. Once I start, I do enjoy writing. Between issues, I have been able to enjoy the company of the other *Bridge* volunteers.

The experience has been another example of the joys of volunteer work. I do something I like, with people I like, for the very good cause of helping the community.

To recognize those who share the volunteer spirit, we are starting monthly feature called *Joys in the Hood*. It will list the people who showed up to help with special events like the park cleanup and the Easter Egg hunt.

I will try to collect names for every event but some heroes will remain unsung. I do not have the

means to cover everything TPNA does or to track committee work. I fully expect that some behind-the-scenes workers will not get the credit they deserve. I have asked Board members to feed me names but we are all new at this. If you work on something and do not get credit, let us know.

Mulling over this idea of recognition idea has stirred my usual sort of fuzzy thinking. Who should get credit for the neighborhood? *Joys in the Hood* will give credit to (some) of the people who work on specific projects. Our news articles will give credit to others. Our ads acknowledge businesses that support the *Bridge*. We could go on to thank everyone in the cosmos who has some economic, political or spiritual impact on Tyler Park. We could end up sounding like a winner at the Academy Awards.

Still, I do want to do this once. My thanks to ...

Property owners in Tyler Park who spend time, energy and money maintaining or improving their investments. For example, whoever owns the house at the corner of Edgeland and Bardstown. The recent work makes a real difference.

Government and utility workers who try to keep our homes and streets safe. For example, Lt. Liechty, who came by the recent TPNA Board meeting to tell us about police efforts in the park.

Veterans.

Those who teach. For example, Carol Gant, who was guiding a young man through the intricacies of working at a downtown restaurant one day when I stopped for coffee. Ms. Gant is part of a program based at Central High School that helps disadvantaged children get into the job force.

The people who try to make the world a better place by picking up trash and litter when they visit the park.

Those who give space to our activities, such as St. James Church who has hosted TPNA meetings, and Karen Shaughnessy and Valvoline Oil, who will let us use their parking lots for the Flea Market.

Thank you all.

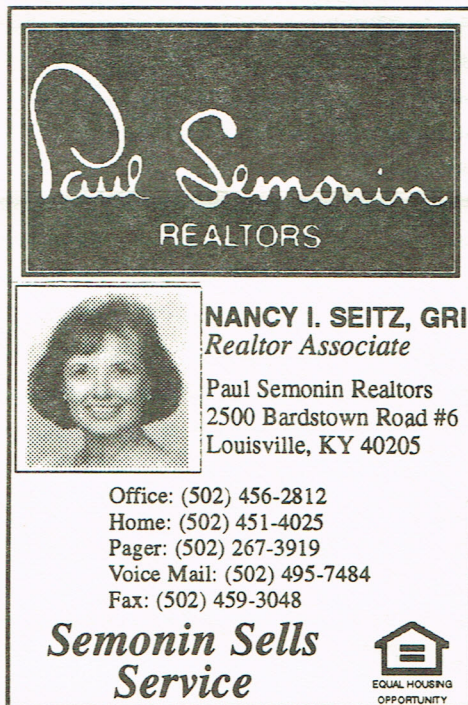
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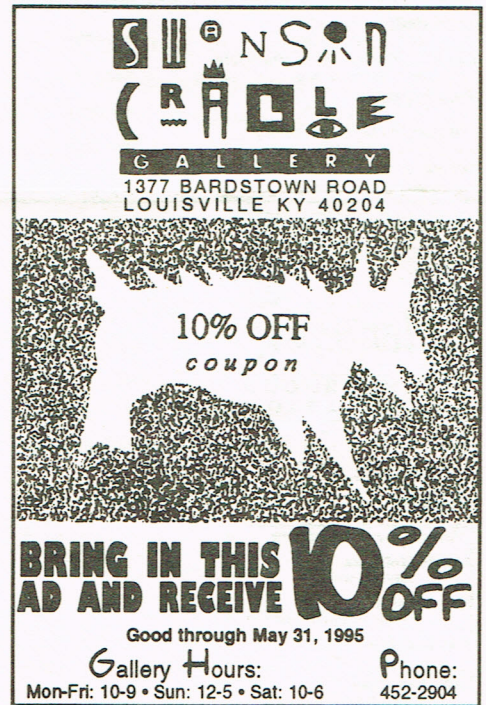
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