



Neighborhood Bridge

July 2001

FREE LOUISVILLE ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE IN TYLER PARK!

Mark Friday evening, **July 27th**, on your calendar now and begin inviting your friends to join you for a spectacular musical evening under the stars in the lower section of Tyler Park. The **Louisville Orchestra** will present its "European Vacation" program, offering familiar music from around the world. From the "Blue Danube Waltz" to "Route 66" and "Mack the Knife," there's something for every musical taste. The music begins at 8:30 PM but arrive early for the best picnic spot!

As this is the **only** park venue scheduled for the orchestra's summer series, the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association wants to make sure the event runs smoothly for the large crowd expected. We have been coordinating with Third Ward **Alderman Bill Allison** and his able assistant, **David Horlander**, as well as with First District Police and TARC. Alderman Allison and the City of Louisville are providing funding for this special event in large part, with additional support from the Iroquois Arts Association, Metro Parks, Fifth Third Bank and the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association.

STREET CLOSINGS

Tyler Parkway, Edgeland Avenue, Tyler Park Drive and Castlewood Avenue will be closed the day of the concert from 6:30 p.m. till midnight. Special residential permits will not be issued; however, **only residents** carrying identification showing their address will be allowed access by uniformed traffic officers.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

TARC is providing free trolley service to and from Tyler Park from the Medical Arts Center on Eastern Parkway. It's located on the north side, just east of the intersection of Eastern parkway with Poplar Level Road and Goss Avenue. Ample parking is available at the Medical Arts Center. We urge nearby residents to walk.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Two popular food vendors will be selling food in the upper park by the tennis courts. **Mayan Gypsy Restaurant and Picnic Caterers' Bar-B-Q Man** will begin serving food around 4:30 p.m. in order to serve early birds. Picnic tables will be scattered near the rear of the staging area in the lower park, but bring large blankets for the concert.

TPNA will sell soft drinks and bottled water as usual, under the bridge. At the orchestra's request, the food vendors and Port-o-Pots will be located in the upper park. Members of the orchestra will stage their performance from the paved basketball court in the lower park.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help make this a memorable experience for Tyler Park residents and visitors to our neighborhood. Please offer an hour of your time to any association members that day, or call someone on the board today. See you there!

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED CLOSING OF BLOOM ELEMENTARY

Will the historic Bloom School be abandoned or rescued? As this newsletter goes to print, negotiations are nearing an end to resolve what has become an emotional issue for Highlands residents from Broadway to the Watterson Expressway. **Alderman Bill Allison** plans an announcement at the July 27th orchestra concert, should the impasse be resolved, as we fully hope it will be.

Your neighborhood association has reviewed architectural plans, developed at no charge by two architectural designers, that would permit the school on Lucia Avenue to remain open, with needed renovations and new construction on the present site. **Our goal is to meet the needs of the school district without tearing down any homes.** Elected school board member Stephen Imhoff is supportive of the goal, and will lobby his school board colleagues for their support.

The district preference is to close Bloom and build a large, mega-elementary school on the campus of Atherton High School, 3.5 miles away. A week of meetings between the district and neighborhood residents took place at Atherton on Saturday, May 19th. Chaired by Imhoff, school staff presented their rationale for abandoning the neighborhood school in favor of busing our children miles to a new location. There was much discussion about the negative impact on the manicured Atherton campus, now home to community soccer and baseball leagues.

The district spokesman said the only way to keep Bloom at its Tyler Park location would mean the demolition of up to 30 homes on that block! The ensuing outrage led Alderman Allison to retain the volunteer services of designers who understand urban sites and small footprints. Their proposal is innovative and, with a few minor adjustments, should meet the district's requirements for classroom and recreation space, protect the adjacent homes, and ensure that Atherton's campus is not ruined.

If this matter is resolved by the concert date, you'll see petitions circulated by TPNA board members at the event. Please sign your name so we can show Superintendent Stephen Daeschner, his staff, and members of the Jefferson County School Board that as taxpayers, we demand **considered** planning, not just the **easiest**.

TPNA HOME PAGE ON THE INTERNET

The City of Louisville recently provided funding for all neighborhood associations to have a home page on the Internet. TPNA Board members recently attended training on how to maintain the TPNA home page, and are in the early stages of planning its contents. Please visit the site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/louisville/tp. If you have any ideas about how to make the TPNA home page better and more useful, call John Reilly at 627-3801.



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