

The Neighborhood Bridge June 2008

Tyler Park Neighborhood Association

SpringSummer 2008 Newsletter

Third Annual Tyler Park Neighborhood Garden Tour And Pottery Sale

Saturday, June 20 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Come to the Third Annual
Tyler Park Neighborhood
Garden Tour
And Pottery Sale**



Plan on attending the city's BEST Garden Tour. Did you know there are treasures in the Tyler Park Neighborhood? See them and get some terrific ideas for your own garden.

The tour of 8-10 gardens is set for Saturday, June 21, with terrific, unique city gardens, water features and sculptures showcased from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. All those on tour will be different from last year. A big pottery sale is also included on the walking tour. You'll see fabulous vegetables, native plants, unusual evergreens, annuals, perennials, tropicals, water features, and terraces!

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10, starting June 1 at Valu Market in the Mid-City Mall, or at Keith's Hardware. The day of the tour, purchase tickets for \$12 at the Mid-City Mall, 1250 Bardstown Road.

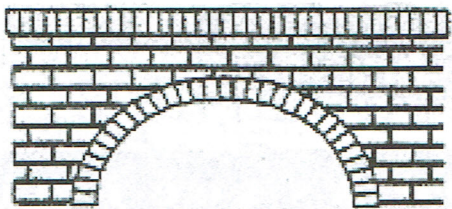
Start at the Mid-City Mall on Saturday with a map of all the gardens and sign up for a beautiful door prize, courtesy of The Plant Kingdom. Special thanks to Keith's Hardware. They are again a major sponsor.

Senior citizens and Tyler Park Neighborhood Association members will receive a \$2 day-of-tour discount.

For further information, contact Terry Redden at 454-5795.



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1201 Bardstown Road
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The View from the Bridge

Spring has been a busy time in Tyler Park Neighborhood. In this issue of The Bridge Rebecca Watson recounts the good times had by all at the annual Tyler Park Easter Egg Hunt and the St. Paddy's Day Parade. We had a large turn out of children for the very popular egg hunt, and although the Tyler Park Leprechauns were thoroughly soaked, we all had a great time in the St. Paddy's Parade. Thank you Rebecca for coordinating these activities.

Tuesday, May 13 and Tuesday May 20 (primary election day) were Front Porch Tuesdays. For those who may not know about this activity, on the odd numbered evenings from 6 PM until approximately dusk, the odd side of the street (I'm definitely on the 'odd' side!) hosts on their porches, and on the even numbered evening, the even side of the street hosts. Our 8th District Metro Councilman, Tom Owen started this event as a way to encourage neighbor interaction and improve awareness of and identity with our neighborhoods.

Also in this edition of The Bridge please note Terry Redden's article on the Tyler Park Garden Tour to be held on Saturday, June 21. This is a great opportunity to discover the many attractive gardens and yards in the Tyler Park Neighborhood.

On a more serious note, in the last couple of months the neighborhood has seen a spike in vandalism in the form of spray

painting of garages and the Park structures. I personally have documented approximately two dozen properties and a very serious incident in which the Tyler Park Bridge, shelter, and the bottom of the children's pool have been covered with graffiti.

In addition there have a number of reports of vehicle break-ins and a few homes also.

It is very important for us all to take every precaution to prevent these occurrences and to be vigilant of our homes and those of our neighbors. In order to reduce this activity, we are working with LMPD, to reorganize the Neighborhood Block Watch structure in Tyler Park. We will need volunteers to organize each block or group of blocks in this effort. You can forward your name and contact information to the Neighborhood via email at our website: www.neighborhoodlink.com/louisville/tp or via one of the TPNA Board members.

Mike Gramig, President
Tyler Park Neighborhood Association

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TPNA meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month except November and December from 7 to 9 pm at the Highlands/Shelby Park branch of the Louisville Free Public Library inside the MidCity Mall. All neighborhood residents and business neighbors are welcome to attend.



Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Marches in St. Patrick's Day Parade

Despite chilly temperatures and pouring rain, TPNA president Mike Gramig, Board members John and Julie French, Jeanette Westbrook, and Rebecca Watson, resident Doug Thrasher, and the leprechauns of Tyler Park Beth O'Faulkenburg, Cindy O'Albers, Kim

O'Westfall, and Christy O'White joined the Order of the Hibernians in the 35th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade held on March 15.

This year marked the seventh appearance of Tyler Park in the Parade. Hundreds of spectators lined the Baxter Ave./Bardstown Rd. route to view the 113 parade entries and to enjoy the traditional Irish food and libations offered by local restaurants.

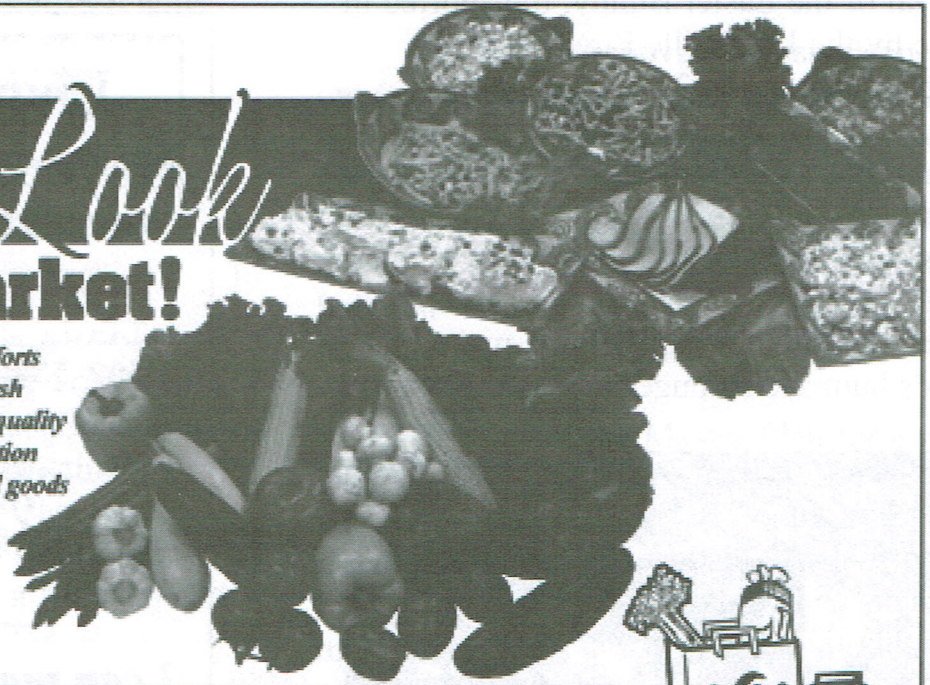
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Annual Tyler Park Easter Egg Hunt



The Annual Tyler Park Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the neighborhood association, was held on March 22. Ninety excited children were present to search for over 650 candy filled eggs. The finders of the "golden eggs" and the "lucky chicks" received special prize baskets, and a drawing was held for the grand prize--an adorable stuffed rabbit.

The highlight of the event was the arrival of the Easter Bunny, transported in style by the Louisville Firefighters of Engine 11 Platoon 2.

Special thanks go to the firemen, The Inman family (Windsor Ave.), Doug Thrasher (Rosewood Ave.), Alan Linehan of Arts and Crafts Dental, and the members of the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors for helping make this year's hunt such a huge success.



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Neighborhood Block Watch

Response to our efforts to re-establish a Neighborhood Block Watch program for the Tyler Park area have been gratifying. We have at least 15 residents ready to help out and, with our growing graffiti problem and the expected rising crime rates that seem to come with warmer weather, our timing appears to be perfect. Our thanks go to Goddard resident, Ava Fox, for speaking about the program at a recent TPNA meeting and to all of you who have expressed an interest. We will be working with Ava and the local police representatives soon and will keep you informed of our progress.

TPNA President Mike Gramig has offered to help set up a demonstration block watch along Windsor Place in order to get the program rolling. Please let us know at info@tylerpark.org if you are interested in helping with the program or in getting more information about it. One of our best anti-crime efforts as well as a major community-strengthening project is continuing communication among residents, and the Neighborhood Block Watch will be a huge help.

On a related note, you can access the latest crime info on our web site at www.tylerpark.org through the efforts of Tyler Park area resident Michael Schnuerle and his Metro Mapper program, which is now offered on our web site. Check out the C-J article published April 28 (section D, front page) for more info about Michael and his Metro Mapper efforts.

From what we have heard, the Goddard Avenue residents already have an admirable block watch program of their

own; it even "saved" a resident who needed a fresh lime on Christmas Day and posted the need on the street's site!



Tyler Park/Brightside Cleanup on March 29

Present for the early-morning work were Doug Thrasher, Mike Gramig, and John and Julie French. We shoveled mud that had been deposited by the recent rain and runoff from the park's hills and picked up fallen tree limbs and litter from the grounds.

In a surprise move, we also cleaned out two of the park's drains because they had obviously not handled the recent rains very well. We fished numerous plastic bottles and about a dozen tennis balls from one drain, plus several piles of mud and dirt, but later noted that the next rain was still too much for the drain to handle.

The upcoming Master Plan for Tyler Park, under the auspices of the Olmsted Conservancy, will look into correcting the drainage problems in the park as well as all landscaping and park "furniture". And not a moment too soon! Check future newsletters, or our web site at www.tylerpark.org, for future clean-up activities.

Report Graffiti Problems

The Tyler Park Neighborhood has suffered numerous graffiti problems recently, most notably in the park itself (tunnel and restroom walls) and in the alleys between Windsor Place and Tyler Parkway and Windsor Place and Rosewood. **All offenses should be reported to Police Dispatch (574-7111)** so that we can maintain a "paper trail" of the offenses.

Our District Regional Officer, Jeff Artman, reports to us at our regular TPNA meetings concerning all crimes within our area, and he is regularly made aware of the graffiti. He has told us that the police have a graffiti expert who can often identify the vandals, especially when they use "tags" that serve as identification. Short of constant monitoring of our alleys and park in person or by video, there appears to be little that we can do other than regular and quick reporting of all offenses.

Keith's Hardware, located on Bardstown Road just outside our neighborhood's boundary, carries a product called Jasco Premium Paint and Epoxy Remover. It's a spray-on compound (ironically) that, with a little scrubbing, can then be hosed off and reportedly works very well, even on previously unpainted brick. I hope you don't need it, but it appears to be one temporary solution to the problem. It costs \$8.95 for a large spray can. Tell Keith that TPNA sent ya'!



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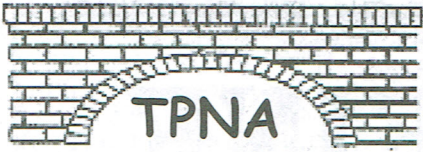
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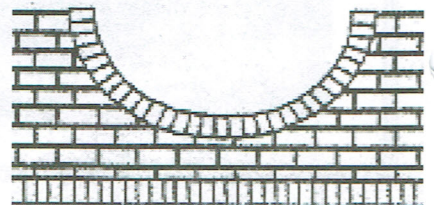
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