

# The Neighborhood Bridge

December  
2019

**T y l e r P a r k N e i g h b o r h o o d A s s o c i a t i o n**

*Winter 2019 Newsletter*

## Winter Festival of Hope in Tyler Park on December 15

The 2nd-annual Winter Festival of Hope will be held on Sunday, December 15, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM, on the eastern side of the bridge in Tyler Park. This event, hosted by Olmsted Parks Conservancy, Tyler Park Neighborhood Association, and Friends of Tyler Park, is a free celebration of fellowship and community with live music, sweet treats, warm drinks, and fun for the whole family. The highlight of the evening will be the lighting of the bridge in Tyler Park. As part of this celebration, participants will be invited to share their hopes for the new year as we approach the winter season. Enjoy an evening of fellowship under the twinkling lights on the park's historic bridge, listen to live music, grab a few sweet treats and warm drinks.

The Winter Festival of Hope is a festive community event that is becoming a Tyler Park tradition. Mark your calendar and plan on attending the Winter Festival of Hope in Tyler Park on December 15!



## The Show Must Go On!

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Fest was held in September. There was one only one concert this year due to the park construction, BUT we hosted two bands – Hora Certa Brazilian Jazz Band and the U of L Big Band. Also for the first time due to the construction, the festival was held in the upper part of the park. We had a great crowd, plenty of sunshine, two food trucks (LATino Food Truck and the Louisville Dessert Truck), Against the Grain brewery and an awesome raffle with items from lots of local businesses, including a bicycle from Parkside Bikes! See you next September!





## View from the Bridge

"The year end brings no greater pleasure then the opportunity to express to you season's greetings and good wishes. May your holidays and new year be filled with joy."

-Charles Dickens

The TPNA wrapped up the year with our October meeting with delicious pizza from Impellizzeri's and a fascinating presentation from Laura Grabowski, Louisville Metro, Director on Vacant and Abandoned Properties. We also took a look back at the year past, and bid a fond farewell and most sincere thanks to Janet Dakan, our long-time, dedicated Secretary. Our year would not be complete without the Winter Festival of Hope - please join us on Sunday, December 15th in Tyler Park! With that, a look back at 2019...

### Doings & Happenings 2019:

- Assisted the Olmsted Parks Conservancy with the funding and planting of 25 trees in the Tyler Park in March, and inspected the 92 trees planted in the park and in the neighborhood in previous years.
- Due to extreme weather, the TPNA did not march in the St. Patrick's Day parade and the annual Easter Egg Hunt was rained out.
- In conjunction with Olmsted Parks Conservancy, the first annual Bike-In Movie Night was held in October. It was well-attended and a rousing success!

- We currently have 374 members of which are 25 business members and 349 are individual / family members. Three board members resigned. We welcomed 2 new business members: Park Mile Partners & Derby City Chop Shop.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Fest was held in September. There was one only one concert this year due to the park construction, but we hosted two bands.
- Three park clean-ups were held, one of which made the news. We will do a big clean up after construction in Tyler Park is complete.

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TPNA meetings are held 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 Mid City Mall. All neighborhood residents and business neighbors are welcome to attend.

In addition to the officers, Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Board Members are Ken Baker, Ray Brundige, Brian Caudill, Clark Cox, Ann Finney, Paula Head, Denis Hommrich, Lena Kearney, Chip Nold, Jo Shipley, Eleanor Short, Doug Thrasher, Rebecca Watson, and Jeanette Westbrook.



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- Macbeth was performed in April at our rain location of Bloom Elementary. Valu Market, Oldtown Liquors and Councilman Brandon Coan sponsored the event. Despite the dreary weather, 38 people attended!
- Hand delivered solicitation letters for park renovations funding to entire TPNA membership and held two house parties (achieved 50% participation – 50% of the membership has contributed to the tennis court restoration; Raised almost \$44K through Oct 24.)
- Monitored the bridge preservation study. It was completed about July 1<sup>st</sup>. The bridge and viaduct portions of the structure are found to be functionally adequate however, rehabilitation of the entire structure is needed.
- A TPNA team participated in Repair Affair (an event organized by New Directions Housing Corp. in which a team of volunteers assist a homeowner with minor repairs that they cannot perform themselves); assisted two homeowners this June with painting, handrail repair, new flooring and a new exterior stairway.
- Sponsored table at the annual Metropolitan Housing Coalition dinner
- Held two alley clean ups
- Attended District 8 Advisory Board quarterly meetings
- Heard updates on Beechwood Park
- Heard presentation on the redevelopment proposal of the “Old Ballet Building” by Ben Botkins, Parkside Bikes owner
- Discussed new TPNA logo
- Heard presentation on the new KY Drivers License from Angie McCoy, Jeff. Cnty. Circuit Court
- Started using mail chimp for e-newsletters
- Held Board retreat facilitated by Center For Neighborhoods
- Heard presentation on Bike connectivity in and around Tyler Park by Chris Glasser
- Heard Tyler Park Ramp updates from Sarah Wolff, Olmsted Parks Conservancy

It has been my pleasure to serve as President of the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association for the past four years. Thank you to the Board Members of the Association and the wonderful neighbors and friends who are so active, passionate and community-minded. I could not have served in a better place. Please join us at our January meeting as we elect a new President and Executive Committee and plan for 2020!

With Gratitude,

Kristen Milllwood



## **Over 500 neighbors gathered in Tyler Park for Neighborhood Bike-In on October 19**

Like a drive-in movie but with bicycles, Olmsted Parks Conservancy's Neighborhood Bike-In featured a screening of James and the Giant Peach under the stars, musical performances from Otis Junior and Carly Johnson, a Bike Giveaway from Scheller's Fitness and Cycling, and a Free Play Experience hosted by Olmsted Parks Conservancy. Made possible with support from Natalie in Your Neighborhood, Schneider Electric, and the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association, this FREE community event brought hundreds of neighbors and local residents to Tyler Park on October 19 for an entertaining evening.

# Fundraising Update

As all of the readership knows our historic park is going through a major restoration that will be completed this winter. For the past 4 months TPNA has been raising funds to facilitate the renovations of the 4 tennis courts adjacent to Baxter Ave. The reason for this is that the original funding for the restoration proved to not be enough to pay for all the work we envisioned. We need an additional \$120,000 which is what the new 4 tennis courts cost. The original funding of over \$1,000,000 was provided by The Olmsted Conservancy and Metro funds obtained by our Councilman Brandon Coan.

The TPNA park committee informed the TPNA board of the funding shortfall at our May board meeting and Your board answered the call. The Finance Committee was instructed to dedicate all its time and resources to come up with a plan that could be executed immediately and be able to raise significant funding, hopefully all of the \$120,000 needed. Fund raising is difficult, and especially so when conducted by amateurs like myself and my committee members. But with help from a fellow Tyler Parker who has experience raising funds for a local charity and several hours of committee labor a campaign was born.

The highlights of the campaign thus far are:

1. 100% participation by your Board.
2. Over 50% participation by the entire TPNA membership.
3. Eight TPNA members and businesses donated \$1,000 or more. These individuals will be honored in a commemorative plaque to be placed at the courts.
4. Two house parties and one bar night have been held.
5. Almost \$45,000 raised.

In parting I want to leave You with two points. First, I want to let You know that this has been a wonderful experience for me and that your generosity and profound community spirit has left a deep imprint in my heart. And secondly, we still have another \$75,000 to raise. If You have already given say \$500 or \$250 but would like to make it \$1,000 so your name is included in the commemorative plaque, send in the difference. And furthermore, if you want your name to be displayed more prominently than everyone else, donate \$5,000. However, the most important goal for us is to reach 100% participation of our membership so if you have not yet donated consider sending something so we can count You. Our address is PO Box 4452, Louisville, KY 40204 or You can donate on line by visiting the TPNA website [www.tylerpark.org](http://www.tylerpark.org) and hit the donate button.

On behalf of the Finance Committee I thank You for  
your support and wish You the very best.

Manny Carralero

Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman

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# Membership

## Starting January 2020 New Membership Pricing

TPNA is excited to start our new membership options and pricing January 2020. Growing membership and member engagement is vital to the success of the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association. Volunteers are the life blood of TPNA and it's with this in mind that the Board of Directors approved a set of changes to membership pricing during the March 2019 meeting.

These changes include:

- **Adding Lifetime Membership - \$250**
- **Individuals & Family Membership - \$25 per year**
- **Business Membership - \$50 per year**

These changes to our membership pricing structure will allow the neighborhood association to continue to sponsor Shakespeare in the Park, keep producing the Jazz Festival and host other activities that bring people together and strengthen our neighborhood. Membership dues also support delivering this wonderful newsletter to each and every door in the Tyler Park Neighborhood.

New options and pricing are also important because of cuts to our programs from the Metro Council and we felt the responsibility to make our organization more sustainable and less reliant on outside assistance.

Once these changes are in place in 2020, our membership committee will launch an effort to recruit new members. The goal will be to have 50 new Individual & Family Members join along with 10 Lifetime Members. They will also be recruiting 10 new Business Members. The committee hopes this effort will make TPNA a stronger organization.

If you would like to join the Membership Committee to help with recruiting new members or help with engagement of current members please contact **Shawn Reilly Vice President** at [VP1@TylerPark.org](mailto:VP1@TylerPark.org) or by phone (502) 386-6096.

*Shawn Reilly*



### Do You Have a ValuMarket Card?

Do you shop at ValuMarket? If you do, you can support both our civic-minded neighborhood grocer and Tyler Park by using a TPNA ValuMarket Gift Card. At no cost to you, ValuMarket donates four percent of your purchases to the Tyler Park Master Plan when you use your gift card. If you aren't using the card now and you ever shop at ValuMarket, call or email Lary at 456-1474, [worker@bellsouth.net](mailto:worker@bellsouth.net) and a \$5 starter card will be delivered to your door. Simply refill the card as needed. All your ValuMarket purchases will add cash to the Tyler Park Master Plan. Tyler Park will look even more beautiful with the help of ValuMarket and you.-- *Lary Saltzman*



## Volunteers rally to make Highlands alley safer

Volunteers from the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association cleaned up the alley behind the Speedway near Grinstead this past year and it wasn't just litter that they had to pick up.

Trash bags in hand, volunteers went down the alley behind the Speedway on Bardstown Road.

Volunteers were given bags and gloves from Brightside. They picked up cans and candy wrappers, among other forgotten items. They also cut away some of the overgrowth.

It's not just litter and overgrowth they have to deal with, people also dump big things like mattresses and tires. As the trash piled up, they had to be careful of used needles that were stuck in the brush.

Tyler Park volunteers also cleaned up the alley between Edenside and Edgeland clearing out tons of overgrown brush and weeds, making the alley safer and easier to drive through.

It's a hope for a safer community that touches all of those who live in the Tyler Park Neighborhood.

**If you would like to nominate an alley for a Tyler Park Clean-up project please contact Shawn Reilly at [VP1@TylerPark.org](mailto:VP1@TylerPark.org)**

## B.I.G. (Bardstown Road Improvement Group)

In September 2019, neighbors along the Bardstown Road corridor got together to discuss their concerns, and start taking some positive steps forward, for all of us. These neighbors are from all parts of the Highlands from the Original to the Upper.

Concerns: Traffic; Noise violations; Retail Options; Adding Trees; Taking down power lines; Vacant store fronts; Pan-handing; Pedestrians safety; Property Code violations; Overlay enforcement; Trash; Feeling safe

Vision: A reconfigured Bardstown Road lined with trees, pedestrians and bicyclist friendly; NOT a commuter highway. A diverse business corridor that is compatible with a residential neighborhood. A corridor that promotes and celebrates public art, and draws people to the bordering neighborhoods.

Actions (to date/planned)

- Completed a survey of the Bardstown Rd corridor from Broadway to the Bambi Bar.
- Completed an LG&E street light survey as requested for assistance from Councilman Coan. 43 lights weren't working and are fixed, or in the process of being fixed as a result of the survey.
- Set up a private Facebook group for B.I.G. members.
- Coordinated a code enforcement sweep of Bardstown Road with the assistance of Councilman Coan. A second code enforcement sweep will be completed before the end of the fiscal year.
- The Cyclouvia Bardstown Road improvement booth/display/opinion survey.
- Identify and take action to transform one block of Bardstown Road by December 7<sup>th</sup> (Bardstown Aglow)

If you would like more information or to join B.I.G. in action to improve Bardstown Rd please contact Shawn Reilly at [ShawnMarkReilly@gmail.com](mailto:ShawnMarkReilly@gmail.com) or text 502-386-6096



## Construction continues on the Tyler Park Restoration, which will include a new accessible walkway under the park's historic bridge.

The \$1.1 Million Tyler Park restoration, which included work on the historical tennis courts and sprayground (completed this summer/fall), as well as the restrooms and playground (currently under construction), is set to be completed this winter.

Thanks to input from the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association and the Friends of Tyler Park, a 9-foot-wide accessible walkway funded by the City of Louisville will replace the stairs underneath the bridge (similar to the rendering shown here) as the last phase of the project. This walkway will not only improve accessibility between both sides of the park, but will also enhance the vista through the bridge's tunnel and feature plantings to better control stormwater and flooding. Construction is set to begin on the walkway this winter and should be completed by the spring. You can follow along with the status of this project by going to <https://www.olmstedparks.org/projects/tyler-park-restoration-project/>.

*Stephanie George*



**Mark your calendar and plan to attend:**

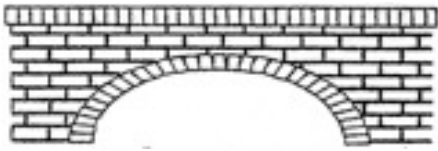
**Winter Festival of Hope**  
December 15, 5-to 8 pm

**St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
March 14, 2020

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
April 11, 2020

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## Memberships

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--Janet Dakan, Membership Committee Chair 2010 to March 2019 (502) 727-6856

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