

## **TYLER PARK EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY APRIL 11th**



All residents are welcome to attend the annual Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Easter egg hunt. The hunt will be held Saturday April 11th at 12 noon. One area of the park will be designated for each of the following age groups:

Toddlers (under 3 years)  
Three to five years  
Six to eight year old  
Nine to twelve year olds

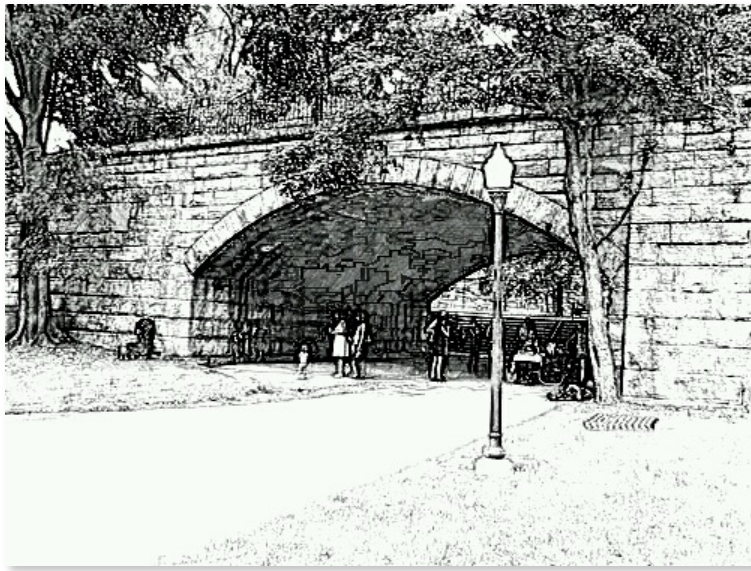
The exact location of the event may be different from previous years due to the reconstruction of the park. The restrooms and playground west of the bridge will be closed, and any area of construction will be considered "off-limits" to the children for safety reasons.

Each child should bring a basket or bag for collecting the eggs and line up with the appropriate age group until the official start of the hunt is announced.

Special prizes to the lucky finders of the "golden eggs" will be awarded. Kids: be sure to stop at the TPNA table to register for the grand prize drawing. Raffle tickets will also be available for a chance to win a dozen eggs-- freshly laid by the famed Hens of Mossrose (owner Manny Carralero).

Please join your neighbors and greet the Easter Bunny at this fun-filled Tyler Park event.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the park for the hunt. All volunteers should meet at the park by 10 am.



## View From The Bridge (Meet the new TPNA President)

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Tyler Park Neighborhood Association President.

But before I begin, I want to thank our Past President Kristen Millwood for leading Tyler Park over the past four years. Under her leadership, we successfully continued the tradition of our Jazz Festival, started the renovation of Tyler Park and saw an increase in membership. Thank you, Kristen, for your dedication and continued service to our neighborhood.

**I'm Shawn Reilly.** I'm a neighborhood guy who cares a lot about this community, neighborhood and park. As the new Tyler Park President, I plan to be a champion for our neighborhood and I'm ready to work so I can make a difference. I hope you'll join me by volunteering for an event, becoming a member of the association or helping with one of our great committee teams.

I'm a homegrown Louisvillian, husband, father, small business owner, Tyler Park resident since 2015 and active community organizer. I'm a graduate of the University of Louisville and Trinity High School and more recently, a graduate of the Center for Neighborhoods' Neighborhood Institute.



I think the future is bright for the Tyler Park Neighborhood. We will soon celebrate the re-opening of our beloved park, and I look forward to continued opportunities for programming and events through partnerships with Olmstead Parks Conservancy. Our board plans to focus our time this year on growing our membership, increasing events, and partnering with other neighborhood associations to advocate for neighborhood issues.

I want to have an open line of communication for any issues/concerns you may have or if you have ideas about what you would like to see TPNA work on. You can reach me at 502-386-6096 or email me at [ShawnMarkReilly@gmail.com](mailto:ShawnMarkReilly@gmail.com)

*Shawn Reilly, TPNA President*



**TPNA is on FaceBook and the Internet!**

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/TylerParkNeighborhoodAssociation)

[TylerParkNeighborhoodAssociation](http://www.tylerpark.org/)

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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, Brian Caudill, Ann Finney, Paula Head, Denis Hommrich, Lena Kearney, Kristen Millwood, Michael Neal, Chip Nold, Jo Shipley, Eleanor Short, Doug Thrasher, Rebecca Watson, Jeanette Westbrook, and Mary Beth Zickel.



# PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

## Renovation and construction of Tyler Park is in its final stage!



If you have been by the park recently you've noticed the buzz of activity that has been going on with bulldozers, steamrollers and construction workers assembling the new playground.

I know everyone is getting excited for the park to fully re-open later this spring but I wanted to highlight some of the great work Olmsted Parks Conservancy, Louisville Parks & Recreation, District 8 Councilman Brandon Coan, and your Tyler Park Neighborhood were able to accomplish through the \$1.1 million Tyler Park restoration process.

When the planning process for renovating the Park began, TPNA worked hand-in-hand with Olmsted Parks Conservancy to create a master plan that prioritized our needs for the park while also maintaining its historic integrity. One of the things that topped our list was new bathrooms. Earlier this year those bathrooms were completed and we now have a beautiful new building with four bathrooms that will be protected by a security system, thanks to additional support from Councilman Coan.

Additionally, the neighborhood voiced their opinion that preserving the tennis courts was a top priority. Because of our advocacy, the historic 1910 tennis courts were fully resurfaced and restored this summer as the project's first phase. We are still actively raising money to restore the second set of four courts, and you can donate online at [www.TylerPark.org](http://www.TylerPark.org) to help us achieve our goal.

We also heard from parents who wanted the toddlers play area and big kids playground to be close together to make watching multiple kids easier. The new combined playground is nearly complete with crews working to assemble the swings, slides and playground equipment.

Another important feature of the park the neighborhood wanted was a sprayground. For many years the park had a round wading pool and then a fountain in that area. Today a large sprayground has been completed with a design that harkens back to the original wading pool. This will be a feature heavily used and loved by parents and kids for many years to come.

Lastly, after extensive input from the neighborhood, a beautiful 9-foot-wide accessible walkway funded by the City of Louisville will replace the stairs underneath the park's iconic and historic bridge. 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 on this is nearly complete.

So then, what's left? Once the construction is complete on the path and the playground is installed, construction crews will be adding an asphalt path adjacent to the restroom and leading to the ramp before cleaning up and re-grading the work area. Olmsted Parks Conservancy will be installing rain gardens at the base of the bridge and planting around the sprayground, playground, and restroom to mitigate storm water runoff and beautify the park. Lighting will be installed under the tunnel to increase visibility.

This project has been years in the making and wouldn't have been possible without the input from neighbors like you. Please save the date for the ribbon cutting, which has been scheduled (weather permitting) for May 4 at 11:30 AM.

*Shawn Reilly TPNA President*



## TPNA's 2019 Repair Affair

TPNA is making plans for another year of Repair Affair. This is a one day effort to help homeowners in the Louisville area with household repairs and or upkeep that they are unable to do themselves. It is organized city wide by the nonprofit New Directions Housing Corp. N.D.H. receives requests for assistance from the homeowners and co ordinates teams from churches, businesses neighborhood associations and other local organizations to provide volunteers do the work. N.D.H. also provides all the materials needed. More information about the Repair Affair program can be found at the N.D.H. website <https://www.ndhc.org/help-repair/>

Tyler Park Neighborhood Association intends to participate again this year. The work day will be June 13 2020 starting about 8:30 AM and depending on the work needed materials are usually at the worksite when we start. N.D.H. gives us choice of houses to work on well before the date and TPNA will not take on a project until we know how big a team we will have. Last year we had 7 people with varying skill levels and strength. TPNA's team was able to help two homeowners with repairs needed to improve the living conditions in their houses.

So please let me know if you will be volunteering this year. The bigger the team, the bigger project TPNA can take on. It is helpful to our less fortunate neighbors in Louisville and it is good fun as well.

Please contact Doug Thrasher at [ChasDgls@gmail.com](mailto:ChasDgls@gmail.com) to let me know that you can participation.

*Doug Thrasher*



Some of the volunteers from 2019 L to R. D. Thrasher M. Gramig, E. Thrasher, P. Head and R. Brundige. Not in the picture but important to our success R. Belcher and W House.





## SHAKESPEARE AT TYLER PARK

One of our most welcome spring cultural traditions returns Sunday, April 26, this time with the story of a college student who wants to find out what his uncle did to his dad.

Kentucky Shakespeare will present “Hamlet” that afternoon at 2 PM in Tyler Park. Bloom Elementary School, 1627 Lucia Ave., is the rain location (and anyone who attended last year’s performance of “Macbeth” recalls what an excellent refuge it made).

This year’s performance is made possible by District 8 Metro Councilman Brandon Coan.

### Finance Committee Update

It brings me great joy to report that thanks to our board, membership, local businesses and supporters we have raised over \$50,000 for the renovations of the four adjacent tennis courts in our Park. As of this writing 11 individuals, businesses and organizations have contributed \$1,000 or more and will be given formal thanks of appreciation by having their names forever written in the commemorative plaque that will be posted by the courts for everyone to read for years to come. I am awed by your generosity and community spirit and so grateful to live amongst you.

You may recall from prior reports that our goal was to raise a much higher figure because the cost to renovate the courts was estimated to be \$120K. Recently I was informed that the actual cost has increased to \$170K. As of this writing we have no assurance that the additional funds will materialize in time to have the courts finished this Spring, but I am still hopeful. Our back-up plan is to continue fund raising until we have the funds to renovate the courts.

Manuel Carralero

TPNA Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman



### 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*

# Tree Committee Report

by Ray Brundige, TPNA Tree Committee

No excuses. Also, no new trees.

Make that, no new trees, **yet**.

The Trees Committee planted no trees this fall. We gathered orders from neighborhood homeowners and MSD grant money to support the plantings but have delayed planting activities until later in the spring. By the time you are reading this the Committee will have met to organize for the planting and the fall campaign. So, we have planted no new trees yet.

There have been tree heroes, though, including the volunteers who showed up to plant 25 trees in the park last spring, and volunteers who came to the park on March 7 to replace trees that had not survived last year's wild weather, and to plant additional trees for Councilman Coan's Planting of the Green program.

Special hero status is deserved by Ernst Trachsel, Jo Shipley, and Josh White who watered over 200 trees, twice, during the summer dry spell. Their effort nourished trees on public property from I-65 along Eastern Parkway to Cherokee Park and along Douglass Blvd., and also included trees in our park, Cherokee Park, Seneca Park, Camp Taylor Memorial Park, and the Douglass Community Center Thanks for citizen action above and beyond the call.

Join the effort (or, anyway, join the TPNA Trees Committee) by contacting me, or by sending an email to [tylerparktrees@gmail.com](mailto:tylerparktrees@gmail.com).

There are more trees to plant.



## Tree Requests

From time to time TPNA hears of programs to provide trees to property owners in the neighborhood at low cost. Complete the form below if you would like us to contact you when those opportunities arrive.

### Required

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

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

Louisville, KY 4020\_\_

### Optional

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like one or more new trees planted in my private property

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I would like one or more new trees planted in the public right of way for my property.

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I am willing to water tree(s) planted in the public right of way on my property.

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**Mail to** TPNA

**P. O. Box 4452**

**Louisville, KY 40204**

**Or, make your request via email**

**[tylerparktrees@gmail.com](mailto:tylerparktrees@gmail.com)**





## Our Marching Band

by Ray Brundige, TPNA Board

March is the month of parades and beginnings, and this year we are once again marching ahead. The music this time, though, is bittersweet. Our President Kristen Millwood has handed the gavel to a new President, Shawn Reilly, and our Secretary Janet Dakan has given the recorder to me.

Kristen served four terms as President, succeeding Kathey Schickli in 2016. She and her husband Phillip have been neighborhood residents since 2005, and members since 2010. Shawn will have to work very hard to match her levels of professionalism and well-known compassion.

Janet served ten terms as Secretary, succeeding John French in 2010. She and her husband Dr. Bill Dakan moved to the neighborhood in 1986 and joined the Association soon after. She also served as Secretary for six of those early years. I am only just beginning to realize how extraordinary her efforts were to keep this organization on track.

So TPNA has marked time for a few beats to get the marching order realigned. I have a mental image of complex maneuvering, with Shawn stepping forward to serve as President and the rest of the Board stepping backward to volunteer me for Secretary.



## New Officers

by Ray Brundige, TPNA Secretary

At its monthly meeting on January 23, 2020, the Board of the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association elected the following officers to serve this year:

Shawn Reilly, President

Clark Cox, First Vice-President

Beth Long, Second Vice-President

Manny Carralero, Treasurer

Ray Brundige, Secretary

## Membership Report

by Ray Brundige, TPNA Secretary

This report is abbreviated because the Secretarial office is in transition from our long-term goddess of the minutes, Janet Dakan, to the new drudge, me.

The drudge – that would be me – is consolidating the paper and electronic files so they will fit in their new homes at my house and in my PC. Meantime, the *status quo ante incursio* holds at an assumed 377 members, including 24 business members.

## TYLER PARK RESIDENTS

Please stay tuned to possible schedule and/or venue changes due to the coronavirus.

Check email and Facebook for updates and information.

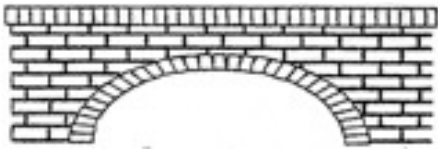
**Mark your calendar and plan to attend:**

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**April 11, noon**

**Shakespeare in Tyler Park**  
**April 26, 2 pm**

**Tyler Park Ribbon Cutting**  
**May 4, 11:30**

**Keep up-to-date with your neighborhood!**



# Join Your Neighborhood Association

## Memberships

Individual and Family dues — \$25 per year

Business dues — \$50 per year

Lifetime membership - \$250

## Donate to The Tyler Park Fund

An IRS approved charity. All donations are tax deductible.

Please write separate checks for donations and dues.

Dues should be written to TPNA, Inc.

Donations to The Tyler Park Fund

Mail check/s and form to:

TPNA, PO Box 4452, Louisville KY 40204

## READ YOUR MAILING LABEL!!!!

**YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER:** 1) There is no date appearing next to your name: or 2) The membership date that appears next to your name is 00-00. TPNA needs your financial support for our activities including the publication and mailing of the newsletter so please join now. Submit this form and your check to the above address.

**YOU ARE A MEMBER:** 1) Your first & last name appears on the label followed by a date (month and year). The date is your renewal date or when your membership is due. Since mailing costs have increase, TPNA no longer sends acknowledgement thank you cards for membership dues. If you must have one, please contact Janet Dakan at the number below or write a note to the address above.

**If the information on your label is wrong,** please print the correct information on this form & mail it back to the address listed above so that I can correct your information for the next newsletter. Thanks for your support and help.

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### I/we would like to work on the following:

Park \_\_\_\_\_  
Wine Tasting \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning and Enforcement \_\_\_\_\_  
Park Cleanup \_\_\_\_\_  
Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_  
Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_  
Tree Conservation \_\_\_\_\_  
Festival of Hope \_\_\_\_\_

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May 4, 11:30 am

Shakespeare in Tyler Park  
April 26, 2 pm

Easter Egg Hunt  
April 11, noon

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