

Spring 2024 Newsletter

Thank You to all the generous benefactors of our New Tennis and Pickleball Courts

I know I am more than a year late in publicly thanking all the over 200 donors who made our new courts possible, but here it is. The donors' plaque attached to the court's chain link fence displays those donors that contributed at least one thousand dollars. Without the cumulative effort of our entire TPNA community this wonderful addition to our iconic park would not have been possible.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the good Samaritans that have supported our causes and activities year after year. Without your loyal support TPNA would not be able to bring you our multi-year run of *Sundays in September*, or 30 plus-year run of *Easter Egg Hunts* enjoyed by children and adults alike, that we look forward to this coming April. The last few years we have decorated the Tyler Park bridge with bright holiday lights. These are just a few of the amenities that we, as a community of Tyler Parkers, celebrate thanks to your volunteerism and patronage. We yearn for continued support and hope that you, your families, and friends enjoy the festivities and activities that TPNA brings to our namesake park year after year.

And lastly, I want to thank Alice Boyer for donating her recent plant sales proceeds and the "eight" girl friends of our late President, Kathey Schickli, who donated their holiday gift money to TPNA in memory of our beloved Kathey.

I am so proud and privileged to live here.

Manny Carralero, TPNA Treasurer



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View from the Bridge

Happiest 2024!

Looking back, 2023 was a festive year in Tyler Park with your neighborhood association Board working hard to create new memories that make living here special. Here's a short list we hope you experienced:

- For the first time, the view of the Tyler Park bridge was twice as spectacular during the holidays thanks to our *Festival of Hope* committee insisting we decorate both sides of the bridge with strings of dazzling white lights. Mike Neal shares the celebration to light up Tyler Park in his article on page 5.
- In the tradition of the 10-year run of the *Annual Tyler Park Wine Tasting*, we crafted a new signature fundraising event, the *Taste of Tyler Park*. Our first iteration made our neighborhood an honorary stop on the Urban Bourbon Trail for a day, with bourbon tastings from five great Kentucky distilleries. From the bourbon curious to our connoisseurs, a good time was had by all. Check out the story and photos on page 6.

Manny Carralero, who we love to call our “Treasurer for Life,” has our cover story thanking you, our wonderfully generous member-donors, who make great things happen in Tyler Park. To keep the momentum there is no question TPNA needs to grow. In 2024 we will laser focus on recruiting new members.

When new neighbors move in, please help us connect with them.

Email me at president@tpna.org so we can deliver a warm TPNA welcome.

On the advocacy side of the aisle, we had notable successes in 2023.

Thanks to the leadership of TPNA member, Ken Baker, the testimony of TPNA Board members Paula Head, Ray Brundige and Clark Cox, the work of Metro Councilman Ben Reno-Weber, and your excellent letters, we knocked it out of the park to nix a new short-term rental on Tyler Park Drive. During the pandemic years, our city’s ordinance prohibiting short-term rentals within 600-feet of another was poorly enforced, if not ignored. Thankfully, it’s a new day. Loopholes in the original ordinance have been closed and the Board of Zoning Appeals is making the right decisions.

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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 Clark Cox, Forrest Land, Beth Long, Taylor McGovern-U’Sellis, Kristen Millwood, Mike Neal, Shawn Reilly, Eleanor Short, Rebecca Watson, Jeanette Westbrook, and Greg Zahradnick.

View from the Bridge (continued from Page 2)

As our 5th Division police officers work hard to control overnight, bar-related crime we continue our partnership with the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association to fight new 4 a.m. liquor licenses in the Baxter Avenue/Bardstown Road corridor. Deciding it would be better to go with a 2 a.m. closing time than open a new business in conflict with the community, Beyond the Sun, the new restaurant and lounge in the old Mellow Mushroom property, deserves credit for withdrawing its application for a 4 a.m. license. This came after a trifecta of strong opposition letters to the Kentucky Department of Alcohol Beverage Control from us, the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association, and the Cherokee Triangle Association. Beyond the Sun made the right decision and we appreciate it!

Wishing you an abundance of joy in 2024,

Helene Kramer Longton
President, Tyler Park Neighborhood Association
president@tpna.org

Fitbit Challenge

TPNA showed its support for the LMPD Fitbit Challenge by presenting gift cards worth \$300 to the Fifth Division at the crowded community meeting held at Awry Brewing on December 13.

The Challenge is a program that was announced in September by the Councilmembers for Districts 8, 9, and 10 (Reno-Weber, Owen, and Mulhill) to provide fitness trackers for the officers of the 5th Division.

The officers will wear the trackers while patrolling on foot and the officer with the most steps logged in a week's shift will receive a gift certificate or complimentary meal from a 5th Division local eatery. The program's aim is to increase community interaction by having officers walking more frequently on the streets they serve.

Second Vice-President Paula Head had purchased the cards in late November following a resolution to show TPNA's gratitude to the men and women in blue.



Councilman Ben Reno-Weber and TNPA Secretary Ray Brundige (center) delivered the gift cars to LMPD 5th Division District Resource Officer Brad Steller

JOIN THE TPNA FOR "THE WEARIN OF THE GREEN"



On Saturday March 9th the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association will join the "Ancient Order of the Hibernians" in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. 2024 marks the 21st appearance of the TPNA in the parade. All Tyler Park residents are invited to join in. Check our facebook page for details. The parade is a great opportunity to support our beautiful neighborhood (and show off our TPNA banner). So don your green, grab your shillelagh, and come out to enjoy one of the most widely celebrated holidays in the world!

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Tyler Park Stage Update

Olmsted Parks Conservancy- Jesse Hendrix Inman

Who is ready for some music in Tyler Park?

A generous gift to Olmsted Parks Conservancy has made it possible to build a new outdoor performing arts venue in Tyler Park. The stage is the last capital improvement of the Tyler Park Restoration Plan that was initiated in 2018. Olmsted Parks Conservancy and Louisville Parks and Recreation have invested almost \$1.5 million in the park since 2018. This new improvement will establish Tyler Park as a hub for performing arts in the Highlands. The stage will be the home base for the Tyler Park Jazz Series, and will provide more opportunities for festivals, concerts, and other community building events.

“The COVID-19 pandemic was so hard on local musicians and venues,” says Olmsted Parks Conservancy President and CEO Layla George. “While the community rediscovered the importance of the arts, we also renewed our relationship with the parks and their value as community-building spaces. The Tyler Park stage will truly connect nature and neighborhood and showcase the creativity that makes the Highlands so special.”

"The Highlands has always been a creative nerve center of our city, a place that has inspired countless artists and entrepreneurs like me to dream and do," says Forecastle Festival founder J.K McKnight. "To foster, grow and retain our creative class, we need public stages like this that attract, coalesce, and ignite our creative community. Like trees planted decades ago, it's important that we invest time and energy to replenish our neighborhoods with the assets that make them desirable places to live, work and play. Without Tyler Park, Forecastle Festival never would have happened. Today we turn the tide, open a new chapter, and reverse the trajectory. I'm excited for what that is going to mean for our artists, neighbors and community."

The stage will be located near the entrance of the park located at the intersection of Castlewood and Tyler Park Drive to take advantage of optimal acoustics and allow for easy load in/load out for performances. With this location, we also hope to limit additional vehicular traffic from entering into the park.

We are getting closer to starting construction on the newest stage in the Highlands neighborhood. The survey, design, and construction document processes are complete, and the project has gone out to bid. We anticipate selecting a contractor in the coming weeks and to begin construction this Spring. The project is expected to wrap up some time this Summer.

For more information and to support Olmsted Parks Conservancy, visit www.olmstedparks.org.



2024 TPNA Board Members

Helene Kramer Longton, President, Will Morgan, First Vice President Paula Head, Second Vice President, Manny Carralero, Treasurer, Ray Brundige, Secretary

Clark Cox, Forrest Land, Beth Long, Taylor McGovern-U'Sellis, Kristen Millwood, Mike Neal, Shawn Reilly, Eleanor Short, Rebecca Watson, Jeanette Westbrook, Greg Zahradni

As a reminder, all TPNA Board meetings are open for all to attend. And we are always looking for more volunteer neighbors who would like to get more involved and/or join the TPNA Board.

Paula Head
TPNA 2nd Vice President

Winter Festival of Hope

"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all." — **Emily Dickinson**

On December 2nd, 2023, your neighborhood association lit up the bridge along with a Winter Festival of Hope. Hope and joy were had by all. Neighbors wrote down their hopes and placed them in luminaries and lit the walkways. Beautiful music was played under the bridge. Cookies and hot beverages were served. The library had an activity tent for the children. A countdown was had to light up both sides of the Tyler Park Bridge. The lights remained through January 6, 2024, to light up the season. The simple act of viewing the lights brought "Hope."



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1st TPNA Annual The Taste of Tyler Park

Raise a glass to the inaugural *Taste of Tyler Park!*

On November 5, our neighbors and friends had a blast tasting bourbon at the amazing home of our new and wonderful neighborhood partner, The Monarch Music and Arts Community on Bardstown Road (the old Bearnos). A big Tyler Park Neighborhood Association thank you to our guest distillers – Maker’s Mark, Barrell Bourbon, Jefferson’s, Knob Creek, and Belief -- who brought us a unique blend of recent releases and old favorites. Hope you can join us next time. Cheers!!!



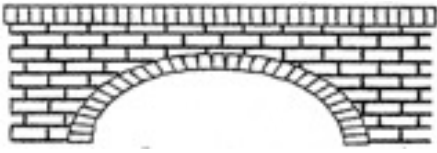
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Ray Brundige, TPNA Secretary

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