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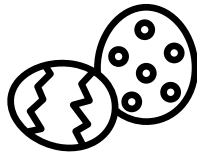
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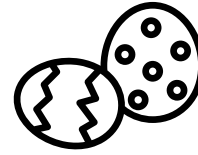
Annual Tyler Park Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th

The Tyler Park Easter Bunny cordially invites you to our annual eggstravaganza. Join us for the annual Tyler Park Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 12 noon. Look for our volunteers in colorful bunny ears west of the bridge to guide your kiddos to their designated age group areas:



- Two years and under
- Three to five years
- Six to eight years
- Nine to twelve years



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

Special prizes will be awarded to the lucky finders of the eggs with a golden bunny inside. There will be additional grand prizes. Every kiddo can register at the TPNA table to win. Grown-ups, remember to purchase a raffle ticket to win a dozen eggs-- freshly laid by Tyler Park's famed Hens of Mossrose, owned by Manny Carralero. Proceeds support the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for set up beginning at 10 a.m. and more to arrive at 11a.m to manage the hunt. Sign up using the QR code or email below. An Easter basket filled with thanks for your help!



Easter Egg Hunt
Volunteer Sign Up
or email

volunteer@tylerpark.org



View from the Bridge - President's Message

Hello Tyler Park!

I am so excited to introduce myself as the new President of the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association. I know that I've got my work cut out for me following up Helene Kramer Longton, who is taking a well-deserved break from the position. She guided the group for the past three years and her term was marked with wonderful events, responsible advocacy for the neighborhood, and a vision for sustainability for the future. I know I will continue to seek her advice throughout my term, along with the other officers and Board Members.

My name is Kyle Geele and I am thrilled to take up this mantle at such an exciting time for Tyler Park. We are all interested in the developments concerning Mid-City Mall. At our meeting in January we hosted Branch Properties, the Atlanta-based firm partnering with the Metts family on the project, for a packed Informational Session. I can promise that we will continue to share updates and future sessions for comment as they come up.

Lastly, I want to extend a big thank you to the entire Tyler Park Neighborhood Association. If you aren't yet a member, there is a QR Code throughout this newsletter that will allow you to join. Each new member ensures that Tyler Park can continue being an inclusive and community driven Neighborhood!

See you around,

Kyle Geele

President, TPNA 2026

Save the Dates!



Easter Egg Hunt

Noon, Saturday, April 4, 2026

Tyler Park



Sundays in September Jazz Festival

5-7 pm, September 13, 20, 27, 2026

Tyler Park



Festival of Hope

6 pm, Friday, December 4, 2026

Tyler Park

Monthly Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Board Meetings

4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm
Highlands-Shelby Park Library in Mid-City Mall
1250 Bardstown Rd, Louisville, KY 40204

Meetings are open to all!

March 26, 2026

July 23, 2026

April 23, 2026

August 27, 2026

May 28, 2026

September 24, 2026

June 25, 2026

October 22, 2026

November TBD

No meeting in December

TPNA Board of Directors

President, Kyle Geele

1st Vice President, Will Morgan

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Secretary, Ray Brundige

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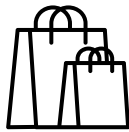
Kentucky Shakespeare in our Park



Kentucky Shakespeare returns to Tyler Park **Saturday, May 16 at 6:30 PM** with a wonderful presentation of **The Tempest**. Councilman Ben Reno-Weber's office is the sponsor and TPNA is grateful and thankful for his continued funding of this event. Bring folding chairs and/or blankets along with friends and neighbors to enjoy classical live Shakespeare at our iconic park. Rain space will be under the Tyler Park Bridge.

Tyler Park Neighborhood Yard Sale

Our properties are unique. So, it is a yard sale, porch sale, sidewalk sale, alley sale, garage sale or whatever works for you. There will be a map and markers for all those participating. No fee but we will provide each participant with an envelope if they would like to make a donation to TPNA from their proceeds. The date is **Saturday May 23, 2026, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.** Stay connected with the TPNA Facebook page or TPNA website for more details. **If you would like your home included to sell goods, please email Mike Neal at mpnsdf@gmail.com, no later than May 17** with name and address and any special instructions (i.e. sale will be in back alley rather than front, etc.) It will be a fun way to hang out with neighbors, get rid of some treasures, and make a little money!



St. Patrick's Parade

As we went to print, know your TPNA looked to the luck of the Irish for great weather to once again march in the Saint Patrick's Parade, set for Saturday, March 14th. For the 53rd rendition of this local gem, the Hibernians chose a theme we love, "Built Kentucky Strong".

TPNA Trivia: We won "Best Non-Commercial" entry in 2022!



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Tyler Park Neighborhood Hopes



The Festival of Hope was another great success. An abundance of thanks to the Deer Park Neighborhood Association for bringing Santa and s'mores, Get it on a Bun at BOOTY'S for amazing food, Heine Brothers for hot chocolate, Justin and Damin for fantastic cookies, The Bluegrass Black Hats for their outstanding performances, and Jason for wonderful music. Take a bow Festival of Hope Committee and all who volunteered to put this event together. Here are some of the heartfelt hopes shared in writing by our neighbors:

- Hope and pray for love, peace and good work for 2026
- Happiness, Love
- Hoping for our family to spend Christmas together
- Mom's health, Car for D
- Peace in my home. Good health physically and mentally, prosperity, my children develop wholly
- I wish my church liked me
- I hope I will be great on swim team
- I hope that my kids know how much I love them. I hope for a family loving new year
- Healthy babies in 2026
- I hope my kid isn't sad when I die and that that happens a long and lovely time from now
- Hope to stay the best family ever!
- Everyone in the world has a good Christmas
- Love Health and Light
- I hope to gain more confidence in myself
- A good year
- I hope to meet [name redacted] Saturday Tyler Park tomorrow
- I hope for a Mrs. Claus costume. I love Santa
- I hope everyone is happy
- For [name redacted] to play with me all day
- I hope all the families of the plane crash in Louisville celebrate Christmas for their lost ones
- An RC toy car and an end to child poverty
- Health, laughter and a new baby!





More Tyler Park Neighborhood Hopes



- I hope I win the lottery
- A free Gaza
- For love, joy, health and patience
- Love, Peace and Joy
- I hope that Santa brings me so many presents
- I wish I was Glinda
- Peace and Love rule the world
- I hope I can turn into ANY POKEMON
- My hope: to find my forever partner
- A just peace in Ukraine
- I hope to love myself more and stop messing with Mom
- I hope my Mom has a fun time in New York but not too much fun!
- I want a gold Christmas
- I hope to enjoy the rest of my life with [name redacted]
- Earth
- Peach Love Happiness and financial stability
- Good energy and stability in my job
- Safe travels for everyone coming home
- A happy New Year
- Major change in our elected officials
- LMTBTLM



The TPNA ValuMarket Gift Card

By Lary Salzman



Do you shop at ValuMarket in Mid-City Mall? 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 4 percent of your purchases to the Tyler Park Master Plan. Call or email Lary at 456-1474, 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.

TPNA Membership Report

By Ray Brundige
Membership Chair

We are grateful for our 246 paid memberships, including 77 Lifetime memberships, two Associate memberships, and eight business memberships. (As of mid-March 2026.)

Please support our business members:

Arts & Crafts Dental; Clay and Cotton (Emilie Shapero); Edenside Gallery (Nancy Peterson); Highland Morning (Bruce Coe); Louisville Federation of Musicians Local No 11-637 Inc; Metts Company Real Estate; Pinch Spice Market (Thomas McGee); and Twisted Images.

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Add Value to Your Home with a Century Marker

By Ray Brundige
TPNA Secretary



Here's how you do it:

1. Send an email to secretary@tylerpark.org with your name and the address of the property.
2. We will verify your ownership, location, and the age as shown on the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator's website, [https:// jeffersonpva.ky.gov/](https://jeffersonpva.ky.gov/) and will notify you if your property qualifies. **Your home must be at least 100 years old.**
3. Send a check for \$100 made out to TPNA to our mailbox:
PO Box 4452
Louisville, KY 40204
or
Go to our website, <https://www.tylerpark.org/> – select the green button and complete the CENTURY MARKER dialog.
4. A TPNA volunteer will deliver the Century Marker to you.



Good to know.....



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What is a Change of Use Permit?

A change of use permit is required in Louisville whenever a property's use shifts from one type to another – like converting a retail space into a restaurant or a warehouse into offices – even if no construction is planned. These permits are issued by Construction Review, a division of the Department of Codes and Regulations.

Why is it needed?

- Different uses have different safety, building code, and zoning requirements.
- Examples: Turning a house into a short-term rental, a warehouse into a gym, or a church into an event venue.

How to apply?

Apply online through Louisville Metro's Accela Citizen Access portal. City staff will review for code, zoning, and safety compliance before approval. If you are not a licensed contractor with Louisville Metro, please visit the Construction Review office at 444 S. 5th Street to apply.

Questions? Visit LouisvilleKY.gov/Construction or call (502) 574-3321.

Beware the Tree of Heaven

By Will Morgan, TPNA 1st Vice President

If you've been out walking the dog or cleaning up your alleyway lately, you've probably noticed a fast-growing tree popping up cracks and crevices. That might be Tree of Heaven (TOH), and unfortunately, it's anything but heavenly for our neighborhood. These trees are invasive and release toxins into the soil to kill off our native maples and oaks. Their roots are notorious for buckling sidewalks and invading old sewer lines. You can spot them by their long, feathery compound leaves. They're easy to mistake for Black walnut (but those have saw tooth edges on the leaflets) and sumacs (whose stems are fuzzy unlike the smooth stems on the TOH).

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**Tree of
Heaven**

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If you're still not sure, crush a leaf; it has a distinct and unpleasant smell that most people say reminds them of rancid peanut butter or gym socks.

The situation has become more urgent because of a new guest in Kentucky: The Spotted Lanternfly. These invasive bugs are attracted to the Tree of Heaven and work hard to seek it out. They're mostly in Northern Kentucky now but have been spreading fast from the northeast in recent years. These lanternflies harm our urban canopy because they suck the sap out of trees, weakening and even killing them over time. As they eat, they excrete a sticky "honeydew" that covers everything below them (including your patio furniture and car) and can lead to black mold. By letting the Tree of Heaven grow unchecked in our yards, we're putting out a welcome mat for the lanternfly.

The trickiest part about these trees is once they are established, you can't just chop them down. Cutting them without the right treatment usually makes the problem worse. To kill the root system, you usually need to use a "hack-and-squirt" method with a targeted herbicide in late summer or fall. This ensures the roots are neutralized so the tree doesn't just come back stronger next year.

Learn to identify this terrible tree and the spotted lanternfly so we can try to fight these invasive species.

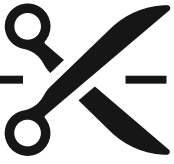
Resources on TOH:

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/tree-heaven/>
<https://extension.psu.edu/tree-of-heaven-accurate-identification>

Story on Spotted Lantern Fly:

<https://www.lex18.com/spotted-lanternfly-invasion-continues-into-the-commonwealth>

Become a TPNA member!



Join or Renew Today!

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Membership is open to all residents of Tyler Park, both homeowners and renters alike, and businesses physically located within Tyler Park's boundaries. TPNA is a 501(c)(4) non-profit. Your dues may be tax deductible.

Mail Checks to:

TPNA

PO Box 4452

Louisville, KY 402045

Household Dues: \$25 per year

Business Dues: \$50 per year

Lifetime Dues: \$350



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