

The Neighborhood Bridge

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2025

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

Fall 2025 Newsletter

Sundays in September Jazz Concerts back in Tyler Park

For the 16th consecutive year, TPNA is pleased to present the renowned Sundays in September Jazz Festival. This year it will be held every Sunday in September except Labor Day Weekend. Our presenting sponsor is once again Realtor Joshua Laughlin, BPG/Bluegrass Portfolio Group, a Tyler Park resident, and TPNA member. A thousand thanks to Mr. Laughlin for his generosity.

Live music will play from 5pm to 7pm with a great slate of performers:

September 7 – The Phenex Irie Sextet

September 14 – Carly Johnson accompanied by Winton Reynolds

September 21 – Ron Jones Quartet

September 28 – Hora Certa Brazilian Jazz



There will be excellent food trucks with beverages available for your enjoyment with our very popular raffle adding to the fun. Our raffle helps us offset a fraction of the cost of the concerts with prizes donated by local merchants, businesses, and artists. We are blessed to have such good local donors who show their appreciation and likewise deserve our support. These donors will be announced later, so stay tuned.

I also want to thank our 8th District Metro Councilman Ben Reno-Weber for co-sponsoring the series and the Louisville Federation of Musicians whose support also makes it possible for us to bring this joy to our community.





View from the Bridge

Every summer the View from the Bridge is filled with excitement as we plan for our *Sundays in September Jazz Festival* in Tyler Park. Don't miss our cover story for dates, times, rundown of great bands and more.

This summer, I would add, the View from the Bridge includes a note of uncertainty. What will become of the Mid-City Mall? As I write this column, with no sale on record, a law firm out of an Atlanta suburb filed a redevelopment plan with Louisville Metro Planning and Design. We don't know who their client is. We do know the filing proposes a 54,000 square foot supermarket and six separate retail buildings totaling 53,000 square feet. The proposal is otherwise short on details.

We don't know enough to say whether the unknown developer's intention for a supermarket and retail space could align with the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association's official position for the future of the property, but it's a wish list worth re-stating:

- Our public library
- A supermarket (ValuMarket or an equally wonderful community partner.)
- Affordable retail space for our unique local businesses
- Baxter Avenue Theatres and Filmworks
- Preservation of Beechwood Park

Some on our TPNA Board of Directors feel strongly that the lack of a residential component in this filing to create a mixed-use development is a notable miss.

As a neighborhood association, we get that our influence with a private developer has its limits. That said, any private developer thinking about reinventing the Mid-City Mall would be wise to consider the preferences of this community to ensure the financial success of their investment. Our collective clout as consumers is considerable. Our influence is

strongest around keeping our public library in The Highlands through our partnership with our Metro Council member, Ben Reno-Weber.

What do you think? Contact me at president@tylerpark.org.

Wishing you a great rest of the summer and a fabulous fall,

Helene Kramer Longton
President, Tyler Park Neighborhood Association
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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 Kyle Geele, Paula Head, Forrest Land, Sheila Levy, Taylor McGovern-U'Sellis, Kristen Millwood, Shawn Reilly, Rebecca Watson, Jeanette Westbrook, and Greg Zahradnik.

2025 Easter Egg Hunt



2025 Shakespeare in the Park



2025 St. Patrick's Parade



Remembering This Year's Past Events

It is now August, and we are looking forward to our signature event, Sundays in September Jazz Festival. This gave me pause to reminisce about the good memories that this year's past events have brought to the Tyler Park neighborhood.

The St. Patrick's Parade along the Baxter Ave -Bardstown Road promenade took place on March 8th. About 20 TPNA members and associate members proudly marched carrying our neighborhood banner for all to ogle. I can tell you from personal experience it is a great deal of fun and we would love to see new faces join us for next year's parade. Rebecca Watson, Rosewood resident and a TPNA board member, organizes our participation, a must for over 20 years.

The Easter Egg Hunt has been another great TPNA signature event for over 30 years. This year's hunt was our most organized yet. Our Communications Chair, Taylor McGovern U'Sellis, came up with a simple and super impactful idea; volunteers wear rabbit ears so the kiddos and their parents know who to go to find their age groups and when to start hunting. We will definitely repeat the rabbit ears next year!

Shakespeare in the Park was held on Saturday, May 17th. Matt Wallace, Executive Director of Kentucky Shakespeare, has been bringing this gem to our park for several years now. This year the production was performed on the new stage. MacBeth has never looked better. In my humble opinion, those three witches invoking incantations on the stage was the best scene, ever.

The Olmsted Parks Conservancy's Beer Garden party was held Friday, May 23rd, and as always, it was a blast. The great weather, terrific food trucks, and of course, the wonderful brew served by West 6th Brewing brought huge attendance. Raise a beer to yet another great event in our beloved Tyler Park.

And now we're ready for some jazz. Our Sundays in September jazz concerts are a classic!

Manny Carralero



TPNA's Winter Festival of Hope

“Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future.”

“Hope” is an aspirational feeling that circumstances can improve, that we can improve, that we can persist, that there is at least as much good in the world as bad. Come join your neighbors for Tyler Park Neighborhood's Winter Festival of Hope. There will be music, sweet treats, and refreshments. Write down your hopes and place them in luminaries to line the walkway under the bridge (supplies provided). We will also have the bridge lighting ceremony, lighting up both sides of the bridge for the Holiday season. The event is free.

Hope is an essential component of our well-being. Spend a few minutes each day recounting the positives in one's life – even small ones, like noticing a moment of serenity in the sunshine, or the endorphins of a brisk walk around the neighborhood and viewing the lights on our beautiful Tyler Park Bridge – can have an enormous impact.

WHEN: December 5, 2025, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Tyler Park Bridge

Mike Neal - Chair, Winter Festival of Hope

**The Tyler Park Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, October 18 10:00 AM
at the Louisville Free Public Library-Mid City Mall**

Please mark this date on your calendar as this will be an important meeting that you will not want to miss. We will be electing the 2026 board of directors. The list of current directors can be found in this newsletter on page 2. If you wish to be nominated to serve on the 2026 board, please contact the President or Secretary whose email addresses can also be found on page 2.

In addition to the election of directors, we are fortunate to have Bridgette Johnson, CEO of New Directions, a local non-profit dedicated to improving housing affordability, as our guest speaker. Also, if new developments surrounding Mid-City Mall come to light, we will devote time for a discussion. All Tyler Park residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

See you at the Annual Meeting!

Olmsted Parks Conservancy's Beer Garden Party Friday, August 29, 2025 – 5:00 to 8:00 PM

This fun filled event is back by popular demand. Live music by the *Aaron Bibelhauser's Bluegrass Evolution Band*. Beer by West Six Brewery and a variety of food fare will be available so come with your friends and family for a truly fun late summer afternoon in our iconic Tyler Park.

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 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*

Add Value to Your Home

By Ray Brundige, TPNA Secretary

Here's the process:

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



A Bit of History

Ray Brundige, TPNA Secretary, © 2025



Forrest Gump was with me in December. Christmas brought a box of chocolates and a Century Marker request brought local history. The box delivered truffles. The request delivered a page from the June 21, 1925 *Courier-Journal* bearing portraits of the 49 Officers and Members of the Tyler Park Club. With chocolates or history, you never know what you're going to get.

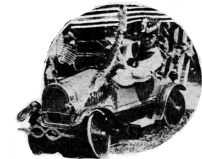
The process for chocolates is direct: open the box, pick a truffle, and eat. With history, the process is to start with what's known, expand it from reliable sources, and think.

For the Marker request, the address was known and a reliable source, the Property Valuation Administration records, said the house at that address had been built in 1920. Thinking is where the process ran into trouble.

The trouble was the 1920 city directory. When I checked to see who had been living at the address back then, it did not show the address at all. That can happen, but neither did the 1921 directory. The third source, the library's historic newspapers database, did not show the address until 1924, where it appeared in a story about the Tyler Park Club's Fourth of July celebration. A young man named Jr. had appeared in the parade. Further searches had eventually found information

about his father, the Tafel family, and their residences. One of the stories had shown the father, Carl G. Tafel, in the middle of the bottom row of the Tyler Park Club portraits.

The newspaper searches told more about the young man in the parade. Carl Jr. had been four years old in July of 1924, pedaling along in his nifty toy auto. He went on to graduate from Male High School and Purdue, then from Army fighter pilot training in January, 1944. He went overseas in May of 1944 and earned the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters flying a P-51 Mustang for the Eighth Air Force. He was reported missing in action over Germany in December, 1944, later confirmed as killed in action. The story that reported him missing in action noted he had completed his tour "but elected to remain with his squadron". You never know what you're going to get.



Looking for the Chocolate

Ray Brundige, TPNA Secretary, © 2025

I had fun with the box of chocolates references in the story about finding the Tyler Park Club portraits from a century ago, because Forrest Gump had it right in the joy of the unexpected. Researching local history gives me that joy. When I found the Tyler Park Club article, it gave me a snapshot of our community in 1925 that I thought would be worth saving for TPNA. What follows is for those of you who might share the urge to see into the past.

The Tyler Park Club is our predecessor, chartered in July of 1914 and disbanded in 1951. It had organized Fourth of July celebrations as early as 1913, sponsored charitable activities and concerts from the early days, then annual Easter Egg Hunts and Christmas tree lightings that started in 1925. The Club differed from TPNA in some respects, most notably membership: it included members from other Highlands suburbs but reflected its times by being all-white and all-male. We are a neighborhood organization whose members must live or do business within the neighborhood, but without other restrictions.

The box of chocolates being offered to you has a key put together by looking at the names of the men in the portraits and finding reasonable matches in the 1925 edition of *Caron's Louisville City Directory*, which is available through the library's Genealogy and Local History link to the Heritage Quest Online system. Reasonable generally meant picking the person in the *Directory* whose name matched the initials in the article, and if there were multiple candidates, choosing the one with Tyler Park address. In one case, the *Courier* had a typo: Dr. E. J. Lammers, third from the right on the bottom row, was actually Dr. Bernard Lammers, who lived on Windsor Place and who had turned up in other research. The key for your research, then, is below, in the order of the Club's portraits, showing their home addresses in **boldface**.

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First Row: Charles W. Birnstiel, chairman of Traffic and Special Entertainment Committees. **1824 Windsor**, Purchasing agent B F Avery & Sons; Edwin D. Wood, chairman of Speakers Committee, **1701 Edenside**, elec engr Lou Gas & Elec Co; C. W. Krull, vice president, **1721 Eastern Pkwy**, packer Carter Dry Goods Co; William M. Brown, treasurer, **1832 Tyler Parkway**, office 506 W Jefferson; J. M. Robinson, secretary, **2013 Edgeland**, vice president Ky Printshop Co; Dr. Harold V. Beutel, director of Athletic Contests, **ws Newburg rd n of Dundee rd**, Dentist 801 Republic bldg; Fran Drewry, orator and historian of the club, **1361 Tyler Park Dr**, publisher 402-404 Crutcher & Starks Building; Jasper H. Downard, chairman of Band and Fireworks Committees, **1505 Tyler Park Dr**, president Miller Paper Co. **Second Row:** Walter L. Conner, **2018 Baringer**, clk Lincoln Bank & Trust Co; Erskine M. Brooks, chairman of Program and Publicity Committee, **2209 Deering Ct**, Genl mgr *Civic Opinion*; Dr. Phillip P. Cary, chairman of Entertainment Committee, **1719 Edgeland**, Osteopath; William P. Herold, president, **1716 Tyler Pkwy**, order clrk B F Avery & Sons; Albert Kaiser, chairman of Membership Committee, **1637 Tyler Pkwy**, agt Prudential Insurance Co; Albert M. Reager, chairman of Finance Committee, **1529 Tyler Park Dr**, Allen M Reager & Co; F. J. Hummel, Jr., **2011 Bonnycastle**, Hummel & Meyer. **Third Row:** Joseph A. Hoerter, **1706 Rosewood**, salesman W D Gatchel & Sons; Amos Yeager, **1537 Rosewood Ave**, hay, grain and feed 226-228 W Main; William F. Clarke, Sr., **2020 Baringer**, dept supt *C-J J P* Co; Wm. E. Sauer, **1383 Tyler Park Dr**, auto painter 127 W Mkt; C. Paul Downard, **1619 Edgeland**, president Downard-Manning Coal Co; Stephen A. Cash, **2432 Ransdell Ave**, Traffic mgr B F Avery & Sons; Oscar C. Hillen, **1831 Tyler Pkwy**, Venhoff & Hilten; Louis Stern, **1638 Tyler Pkwy**, representative Chas Meis Shoe Co. **Fourth Row:** Homer C. McClellan, **2152 Sherwood**, lawyer 1409 Inter-Sou Life bldg; Edward M. Riedling, **1381 Tyler Park Dr**, feed and grain 726 E Mkt; L. S. Streng, **1458 Cherokee Rd**, vice pres Streng Shoe Co; Dr. George H. Means, **1848 Tyler Pkwy**, dentist 1380 Bardstown; Vincent R. Head, **1636 Tyler Pkwy**, atty Federal Land Bank; Boyd Martin, **1653 Edenside**, dramatic editor *C-J*; Elmo K. Warden, **2146 Sherwood**, spc agt New England Mutual Life Insurance Co; Edward R. Dickerson, **1707 Edenside**, asst mgr Met Life Insurance Co. **Fifth Row:** George W. Plinke, **1600 Beechwood**, optician 513 E Jefferson; Col. James R. Lindsay, **1433 Tyler Park Dr**, Colonel, U. S. Army; J. Herbert Snyder, **1531 Tyler Park Dr**, vice pres Spencerian Commercial School; James G. Clarke, **2018 Baringer**, titles designer for a printing company; Mordica H. Dodson, **1830 Tyler Pkwy**, mgr Our Home Life Insurance Co; E. Louis Morris, **1710 Tyler Pkwy**, spc agt Nat Life Ins Co; A. Leroy Bryan, **1712 Tyler Pkwy**, President Ky Printshop Co; Henry W. Koeltz, **1708 Tyler Pkwy**, sec-treas Ky Printshop Co; Hugh C. Wren, **1714 Tyler Pkwy**, asst pur agt B F Avery & Sons. **Sixth Row:** Robert T. Lammers, **1336 Bardstown**, clk U S Engineers Office; J. Kenneth Scoggan, **1536 Goddard**, credit mgr B F Avery & Sons; John T. Ogle, **1807 Edgeland**, pres John Ogle Co; Edward A. Bywater, **1709-½ Tyler Pkwy**, Bywater Brothers; Carl G. Tafel, **1515 Tyler Park Dr** (Theo Tafel); Henry M. Johnson, **1617 Windsor**, lawyer 1017-1020 Inter-Sou Life bldg; Dr. Bernard J. Lammers, **1933 Windsor**, Physician, 713 E Chestnut; R. Ernst Dupin, **1822 Tyler Pkwy**, slsmn Bapt Home Pub Co; Chris M. Lancaster, **1 Hawthorne Hill**, Foreign mgr B F Avery & Sons.

May you develop a sweet tooth for local history.

“Officers and Members of Tyler Park Club”, Louisville *Courier-Journal*, June 21, 1925, Pictorial News Section, page 4 page 78 of issue).

“Kentucky Charters”, Cincinnati *Enquirer*, July 5, 1914, page 24.

“Famed for Its Fireworks, Tyler Park Club Disbands”, Louisville *Courier-Journal*, December 22, 1951, page 11.

“Flag Unfurled at Tyler Park”, Louisville *Courier-Journal*, July 2, 1913, page 2.

“Eighteen Open-Air Concerts Planned for the Summer”, Louisville *Courier-Journal*, May 12, 1914, page 5; “Tyler Park Club to Stage Easier Egg Hunt for Children of City”, Louisville *Courier-Journal*, April 5, 1925, page 18; and “Tyler Park Tree Lit”, Louisville *Courier-Journal*, December 25, 1925, page 3.

Membership Report

By Ray Brundige, Secretary / Membership Committee Chair

We have a new kind of membership, created by a vote of the Board at its monthly meeting in May. Until then, members had to reside in or own property or operate a business inside the boundaries of the Tyler Park Neighborhood. The new Associate Membership welcomes households or individuals who live outside of the Tyler Park Neighborhood with an interest in our civic, cultural, and economic health. We have also started reaching out to members who have sold their homes and moved outside the neighborhood before their next renewal date to become automatic Associate Members. We hope to stay connected with people who live nearby and help them keep in touch with former neighbors.

As of August 7, 2025: We have 244 paid-to-date memberships, including 75 Lifetime memberships and the ten business memberships listed below. Three of the paid-to-date memberships are for households who have sold their properties in the neighborhood and moved. The businesses and households listed here are in order by the name on the label, marked with an asterisk for a Lifetime membership.

Please support our business members: Arts & Crafts Dental*; Charlie Williams Design; Clay and Cotton (Emilie Shapero); Edenside Gallery (Nancy Peterson); Gabor S Vargo D M D; Highland Morning (Bruce Coe)*; Louisville Federation of Musicians Local No 11-637 Inc; Metts Company Real Estate; Pinch Spice Market (Thomas McGee); Twisted Images; and Zoop Scoops Ice Cream (Maria Jones).

If your dues are up to date, your mailing label has a paid-through date MM YYYY or LIFETIME.



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Business, per year: \$ 50
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Donate to the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) to support general operations; publicity; civic work; events like the *St. Patrick's Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, and Winterfest*; this newsletter, and other mailings.

Donate to the Jazz Account to support *Sundays in September* jazz concerts.

Donate to the Tyler Park Fund to support plantings and other improvements in Tyler Park and other public green spaces. The Tyler Park Fund is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

Mail checks and membership forms to: Tyler Park Neighborhood Association
PO Box 4452
Louisville, KY 40204

For further information: president@tylerpark.org

Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ **St:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____

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Volunteer Opportunities

Events: _____ Jazz Concerts _____ Easter Egg Hunter _____ Winterfest
_____ St. Patrick's Parade _____ Other - Specify _____

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