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Neighborhood Institute

Spring 2009
Parkway Place



Center For Neighborhoods e-News

May 2009

Thanks for reading the May 2009 issue of Center for Neighborhoods' e-newsletter. We are developing monthly e-newsletters to keep you updated on local summer events. Be ready for another newsletter in the first week of June.

Check out the "Mark Your Calendar's" section for fun, upcoming summer events!

Thank you to everyone who supplied information for this month's newsletter. Have something you would like to share about your neighborhood? Keep me updated! Send an email to brittneyw@centerforneighborhoods.org.

Happy reading!

-Brittney Wilcutt

Neighborhood Institute Graduation



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[Neighborhood Institute Parkway Place Graduation](#)

The Neighborhood Institute would like to welcome and congratulate the Spring 2009 graduates of Parkway Place. The speaker is Aukram Burton of Jefferson County Public Schools. He is the Diversity and Multicultural Education Specialist for Community Development and Government Relations.

[Details](#)

- Thursday, May 7th 2009
- 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Location: Mabel Wiggins Investment Center/ Neighborhood Place. 1411 Algonquin Parkway, 40210
- Food and beverage provided
- RSVP to Nancy Carrington at nancyc@centerforneighborhoods.org or 502.589.0343

Social Networking for CFN

You can find Center For Neighborhoods on Facebook, MySpace and YouTube. Click each logo to be directed to each of our pages. Don't forget to invite your friends!



Community Connector - May 13th

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Show your support for Center For Neighborhoods mission, vision, and values by making a contribution.



Your help allows us to continue serving the neighborhoods and grassroots leaders of Louisville.

Mission

Center For Neighborhoods supports and empowers neighborhoods to create stronger

Center For Neighborhoods'

Community Connector

Hosted by CFN along with the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association

Wednesday, May 13

Tyler Park

6 - 8 PM

Food and beverage provided.

Live entertainment from the Kyene Drum Ensemble.
Extra drums on hand for you to join in!

Contact Lisa to schedule your neighborhood as a host for future
Community Connectors!
lisad@centerforneighborhoods.org | 589-0343

Lets talk, lets eat!



Center for Neighborhoods and Tyler Park are hosting CFN's neighborhood quarterly. The newly-named *Community Connector* will be on Wednesday, May 13, from 6pm to 8pm. Come join us and get connected other members in the Louisville community. Free food and beverage!!



Entertainment will be provided by the Kyene Drum Ensemble. Extra drums will be available for you to join in! No RSVP required.

Hope to see you there!

What is the Community Connector?

The Community Connector is a quarterly networking event (4 times annually) that can help build and strengthen your neighborhood and its association. Center For Neighborhoods will partner with a sponsoring neighborhood association to host a social event at a

and more vital communities.

Vision

We envision a greater Louisville community with caring and empowered people, making and renewing neighborhoods that are strong and vital.

Values

- Civic engagement and community progress
- Community building from the ground up
- Participative processes that are genuine, broad-based, and productive
- Grassroots leadership and neighborhood initiative
- Diversity of culture, thought, and ability
- Placing the needs of neighborhoods and the good of the community before all other interests

Financial support for Center For Neighborhoods mission and values is an investment in strengthening our community!

Please consider giving one of the following amounts:

Neighborly

Up to \$99

Grassroots Cultivator

\$100 - \$249

Community Connector

\$250 - \$499

Visionary

\$500 - Above



Center For Neighborhoods is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible in accordance with the

location within the neighborhood.

CFN is providing an opportunity to connect with other grassroots neighborhoods and leaders in a vital effort to sustain the quality of our neighborhoods. Neighborhood leaders will be able to develop relationships between Neighborhood Institute alumni, community leaders and neighbors who may be referred to future Neighborhood Institutes.

What does the Center For Neighborhoods supply for the Community Connector?

CFN will provide food and drinks for 40 people including postcard mailings sent to all Neighborhood Institute alumni. If musical entertainment is appropriate and desired by the sponsoring neighborhood association, then CFN will work to fulfill that request. If the sponsoring neighborhood would like to host a "pot luck" dinner, then CFN could provide the meat selection and drinks and each attendee could bring a dish to share.

Different topics, themes or membership meetings can be incorporated into the Community Connector event and we are happy to help you coordinate the event.

How to host a Community Connector?

Contact Lisa Dettlinger to schedule your neighborhood as a host for an upcoming event.

lisd@centerforneighborhoods.org or 589-0343

Louisville Loves the South End!

Weather Events Provoke South Louisville to Develop an Emergency Plan

April 13, 2009

Neighborhood leaders in South Louisville at Kenwood Heights Christian Church discussed a South Louisville Emergency Preparedness Plan. The weather events of September 2008 and January of 2009 devastated the state of Kentucky. According to the NOAA:

The storm caused Kentucky's largest power outage on record, with 609,000 homes and businesses without power across the state. Property damage was widespread, with the damage due to falling trees, large tree limbs and power lines weighed down by ice. In the Louisville metropolitan area, 205,000 lost power and it took up to 10 days to get everyone hooked back up. Area school systems were closed for an entire week. Several emergency shelters were set up across the affected region. In Louisville's local school system, 69

IRS.

If your employer has a **matching program**, or to request more information, please contact **Nancy Carrington** by email: nancyc@centerforneighborhoods.org or phone her at 502-589-0343.

Your valuable contribution is considered an unrestricted gift and will be pooled in a general fund, to be allocated toward the area(s) where the greatest need exists.

schools lost power.

The purpose of the meeting was to develop a *coordinated community plan* with neighborhood leaders to discuss ways to be better prepared for future weather disasters.

[Click below to view the Emergency Weather Plan](#)

- [South Louisville Emergency Preparedness \(PDF\)](#)

Development of the Auburndale Neighborhood Association

April 28, 2009

Members of the Auburndale Neighborhood group met at Kenwood Elementary for an organizational meeting for developing a neighborhood association. Amanda Clephas, the Department of Neighborhoods representative, was one of the speakers. She outlined the differences between neighborhood associations and homeowners associations and spoke about the different services offered through the department.

Clephas asked residents to voice concerns and provide their likes and dislikes of the Auburndale neighborhood on index cards. Both long term and new residents agreed that Auburndale is generally friendly. A few concerns mentioned were the on-going maintenance of rental properties, the up and coming mosquito season and somewhat bad drainage conditions.

When Clephas asked the residents what their will is, their response was "Let's Build a Strong Neighborhood." Ray Whitener, a 2006 graduate of the Neighborhood Institute, was asked to lead the by-laws committee. He and his fellow neighborhood volunteers will have by-laws drafted for review before the next meeting date.

David Yates, a member of the Southwest Dream Team, informed the committee about a petition for a quality retailer to buy or rent space in the partially empty Shively Center. 12,000 signatures are needed for the petition. Those signatures will represent City Economic Development and be forwarded on to a national retailer's convention. If the petition is successful, it will help draw more positive attention to the South End.

The next Auburndale Neighborhood Association meeting is planned for May 26, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Topics will be approval of by-laws and a 2009 plan to control mosquitoes. Check the web calendar and Courier Journal for updates and more details.

Bycycling Louisville Metro

By: Darrell Anne Driskoll

Can you ride a bicycle on city streets without having a white knuckle experience? Does fear of traffic keep you from using your bike to commute or run errands? Do you want to save \$\$, go green or teach your children how to ride safely?

Louisville Metro government's Bike Louisville program and Bicycling for Louisville are here to help. This spring and summer they offer three **FREE** programs to teach adults how to navigate roads safely by bicycle. One will also help drivers navigate safely around the bicyclists.



Under contract with Louisville Metro Department of Public Works and Assets, the charitable civic organization Bicycling for Louisville is providing 3 adult bicycling safety programs throughout Louisville Metro this spring.

Sharing the Road (45 minutes) presents the most important safety practices for on-street bicyclists and motorists.

Bicycling Safely (2 hours) shows how to make sure a bicycle is safe, adjust a helmet, follow traffic laws, avoid the most common crashes, and safely navigate different types of streets and intersections.

Confident Cycling (10 hours) includes the preceding topics plus hands-on practice of skills needed for safe bicycling in ordinary conditions and emergencies. It also provides essential information on maintaining a bicycle in safe operating condition, fitting helmets, fixing flat tires, protecting oneself from injury due to causes other than crashes, riding safely in darkness and inclement weather, choosing routes, and riding safely in groups. Perhaps most importantly, it includes practice of skills needed for safe bicycling in ordinary conditions and emergencies. Over half of the course time is devoted to riding and other hands-on activities.

Registration is required! For full descriptions, registration, and class schedules, see:

<http://www.bicyclingforlouisville.org>
or
<http://www.louisvilleky.gov/BikeLouisville>



Soil Generously Donated for Clifton Garden

Joe Dougherty of Louisville Paving has generously donated soil for the Clifton Community Gardens. The paving company, located at 1801 Payne St., also donated the labor of their work crew and their equipment to help place soil in the beds.

Below is an nice article about the Clifton Community Gardens that was in Louisville Magazine:

[Learn as You Grow](#)



Six months ago, the Clifton Community Garden, located off Payne Street on a cleared plot owned by the Sacred Heart Village senior-living center, was little more than a makeshift greenhouse and a few ragtag attempts at raised garden beds. While building the latter, says project coordinator and Clifton Community Council co-

chair Mike O'Leary, "we realized that we really didn't know what we were doing, and all of our good intentions were for... not good."

Fortuitously, the CCC was put in touch with YouthBuild Louisville, a local agency that trains disadvantaged young adults to develop job skills, and this spring - using red-cedar plancks purchased by the council - a YouthBuild crew constructed (with dovetail joints, no less) 16 ultra-sturdy raised beds to fit the sun-rays pattern designed for the central garden.

Besides the raised beds, awarded to 16 interested local gardeners through a blind draw, the solar design will incorporate 16 unraised trapezoidal plots for communal use. Other new elements on the one-acre land parcel: rainwater collection tanks connected to the downspouts of a neighboring house, an area reserved for fully organic gardening, a shady "grove" where shitake mushrooms are being cultivated, and two beehives swarming with New World Carniolan honey bees. Although O'Leary serves as the "official beekeeper," he says he relies heavily on volunteers from the Kentuckian Beekeepers Association for guidance.

"I'm not good at gardening and I'm not good at beekeeping," says O'Leary. "But I am good at being obnoxiously well-organized."

Louisville Magazine reporter: Jack Welch

Mark Your Calendars!

Supplied by: Pat Brinson and Cabrina Bosco

Crescent Hill Art and Music Festival

The 26th Annual Crescent Hill 4th of July Art and Music Festival will take place on July 4th and July 5th at the Peterson-Dumesnil House located at 301 S. Peterson St., just off Frankfort Ave. Stay tuned to Our June newsletter for more detailed information.

The festival is sponsored by Wakefield Reutlinger & Co. Realtors.

Please visit www.crescenthill.us for specific times , listing of events and trolley routes.

Also visit www.CrescentHillArtFair.com to print an artist application and find out more about the Art Fair.



Crescent Hill Community Council Forum presents the
2009 Outdoor Cinema

- Saturday - June 20th - **Jaws**
- Friday - July 10th - **Breaking Away**
- Saturday - August 1st - **The Ghost and Mr. Chicken** followed by **Casablanca**

Movies start at dusk. Concessions will be available, but we recommend bringing blanket, chair, and bugspray.

Many thanks to Heine Brothers' Coffee, Frankfort Avenue Business Association, Margaret's Consignment, Wild and Woolly Video, and Tina Ward-Pugh.

Attention Germantown and Schnitzelburg residents!

Supplied by: Gary Allen_

There will be two neighborhood meetings for Germantown and Schnitzelburg residents on **May 18** and **June 29 @ 7:00 PM**.

The meetings will be held at the Schnitzelburg Senior Wellness Center located at 1020 East Burnett Street.

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St. Joseph Walking Tour to be May 16th

Supplied by: Mike Zanone

The Saint Joseph Area Association is hosting a walking tour of the neighborhood on Saturday, May 16th.

The tour will start at 9 AM at the corner of Bradley Avenue & Atwood Street. The walk will cover a 1.5-mile loop through the neighborhood, and will focus on several sites of historical interest.

It will conclude at the Grotto & Garden of Our Lady of Lourdes, located on the grounds of the old Saint Joseph Infirmary.



The grotto has been restored in recent years by volunteers with the neighborhood association, and was designated as a state historical landmark in 2001.

Mike Zanone, vice-president of the Saint Joseph Area Association, will lead the tour and talk about how the area has developed over the past 200 years.

Parking will be available at the Stoddard-Johnston School & also U of L's Humana Gym, located on Bradley Avenue between Atwood & Eastern Parkway.

For more information, contact Mike Zanone at 637-3591 or mzanone@insightbb.com.

Another Great Louisville Tradition

The Jefferson Memorial Forrest *ForrestFest* is Saturday, May 16th. Live bands begin performing at 11 am.

The concert is free, but parking is \$5.00 per carload. For more information, click [here](#).

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