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Central Park Clean up

On April 14, volunteers from the Old Louisville Neighborhood Associations gathered in Central Park. With the guidance of Herb Fink, who organizes this "rite of spring" each year, the Central Park "Cleanup" began. The Metro Parks Department, several contractors and members of the neighborhood associations worked together to rake leaves, clean and thin plantings, mulch, fill holes, plant grass seed and paint poles (just a few of the tasks that were accomplished). The event began at 8:30 and a free barbecue lunch was served at noon. Many of the volunteers worked into the afternoon. The combined efforts have made a real difference in Central Park for the enjoyment of the community. This year was one of the largest turnouts in recent years. Many "thanks" to all of those who gave their time and effort to make this project a success. The list of names below may not include some who attended this "work" meeting. Many people worked who in the park did not sign the attendance sheet. Special thanks to Herb Fink who organized the event and to Marjorie Fink who arranged the meal, which was catered by Masterson's.

Thank you 4th Street Association, St. James Court Association, 1400 3rd Street Association and 1300 Block 3rd Street Association for the donations which paid for lunch. Thanks to 4th Street for making arrangements for equipment to move earth and mulch.

Neighborhood Association Members:

Ginny Keen, Zane Lockhart, JoAnn Lockhart, Sonya Lockhart, Sarah Hill, Angie Lockhart, Marilyn Hobek, Virginia McCandles, Jan Morris, Josh Morris, James Morris, Jim Dillon, Ginny Erlich, John Smith, George Webster, Sandy Mullins, Larry Gettleman, Donald Duncan, Herb Warren, Jeff Layman, Drew Layman, Barbara Zieye, Wanda Baker, Mark Eliason, Wayne Jenkins, Maril Stallard, Marjorie Fink, Ben Handy, Holly Jenkins-Evan, Monty Evans, Bob Gossman, Joe Gossman, Greg Handy, Steve Barber, Sandy Barber, Arnold Celantano, JoAnn Celantano, Herb Fink, Josi A. Melendez, Tom Duffy, Thomas Duffy, Beth Duffy, Bruce Cohen, Gary Kleier, Diane Kleier, Mark Rego, Candace Milligan, Roberto Bajandas, Lewis Meyer, Morz Meyer, Lisa Casey, Dylan Casey, Ian Schrader, Bill Casey, Jan Marie Hemberger, Phil DiBlasi, Bill Walsh, and Dennis Liseck. Norm Nezelkewicz, Harry Knight, Kevin A. Brown, Debbie Powers, Emily Price, Corey Watton, Rachael Waddell, Peggy Cummins, Mariah Cummins, Malcolm Winsper, Barbara Winsper, Mary Pat White, Rose Grenough Nett, Fred Nett, Jean Crowe, Dick Callaway, Chuck Anderson, Sheelah Anderson, Mary Ann Leshner, Gordon Melton, Lee Jones, Joan Stewart, Joe Walker, Susan Wornall, Walter Gibson, Danny Jackson, Janet Osborne, Shannon McElroy, Darnell Johnson, Dayle Jones, John Neal, Duane Marsh, Clarice Kilgore, Lori Bordeaux.

The volunteers above represented the following associations: 2nd Street, 4th Street, 3rd Street, 1300 block 3rd Street, Central Park West, Toonerville, St. James Court, Belgravia Court, Hill Street, St. Catherine, Garvin Gate, Ouerbacker Court, and the OLPBA. Some individuals represented more than one association.

Parks Department:

John Fleming, Jack Rowe Michael Bailey, Roberto Manning, Brian Brumfield, Vicki Callahan, Jerome Cotton, Walater Elliott, Charles Davis, Mike Abe and Steve Boyd.

Contractors:

Terry Hammond, Steve Hammond, Dwayne Hammond, Dave Gilbert, Lee Mosier and Chris Manero.

OLNC General Membership Meetings

May 17 June 7 July 2 Aug 2 Sept 6 Oct 4 Nov 8 Dec 6

These meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, except when they must be postponed due to holidays.

Chair Notes

HOOP: Not what most Kentuckians have their attention fixed on in March and early April, but what a few of us fixed ours on for a few ballgames' worth of time last month. HOOP, in this case, is an acronym for Handling Our Own Problems. It's a program designed to help neighborhoods with conflict resolution and is run by Just Solutions, a Metro United Way agency. The sessions were conducted by Rose Colley and Janet Jernigan, and attended, along with me, by Diane Frenette, Gary Kleier, Rose Nett, David Norton, Rhonda Williams, and Woody Woodruff. Attendance, incidentally, was not by invitation. Announcements were made at several meetings over a three month period; if we were not sufficiently diligent, I apologize.

This program deals with communication skills, conflict management skills, and meeting skills. All of us who participated feel we learned or sharpened skills that can be put to good use.

A brief summary:

On Communicating

- Listening is an art, a skill, and a discipline.
- Hearing becomes listening only when we pay attention to what is said and follow it very closely.
- Paraphrasing what the other person has said and playing it back to him lets the other person know you are trying to understand his problem.

On Conflict Management

- Organize your thoughts and make the strongest case you can.
- State your position clearly with good supporting information.
- Focus attention on the needs and concerns of others.
- Negotiate; keep the dialogue open.
- Find a middle ground.
- Be prepared to give up part of what you want.
- Be comfortable with not having everything go your way.

On Conducting Successful Meetings

- Give timely notice of all meetings.
- Begin on time.
- Have a clear and definite agenda. Include time allowed for each item and stick to it. This way, people will have a good idea of when the meeting will be over.
- Be willing to change the agenda, but check with the whole group first.

Now for the real test: Let's see how much of this we can put into practice!

While we're on the subject of meetings: a schedule of general membership meetings for the remainder of the year is on the front page in bold type. Each of these meetings will feature one - possibly two - central topic(s), most likely with a guest to present it and answer questions. Some may be largely social in nature. We'll make every effort to announce the topic in advance, stick to the schedule, and keep the meeting time to an hour and a half, at most.

Thanks to everyone who participated for a successful Central Park cleanup on Saturday, April 15. Last I checked, we had over 100 people signed in. It can be a dangerous thing to do, but at the expense of overlooking someone, I want to single out a few individuals for special thanks: Herb Fink for organizing and overseeing the whole effort; Marjorie Fink for coordinating the serving of a delicious lunch; the Fourth Street, St. James Court, Third Street, and 1300 South Third Street associations for picking up the lunch tab; all of the City officials and employees who worked and helped make the event possible; Alderman Greg Handy, who was the first person to show up and made himself useful with the post-hole diggers (I'm glad it was Greg and not I); Virginia McCandless, who kept the Information Center open for support purposes; and last but not least, the weather - it was perfect!

Finally, a few facts gleaned from the Internet by Joan Stewart's student assistant. Clayton Smith:

- o Sydney, Australia sweeps its streets once a week - 52 times a year.
- o Albany, New York (which has more snowfall than Louisville) - 26 times per year
- o Concord, California - 22 times per year
- o Baltimore, Maryland (a large, old, East Coast city which has seen its share of decay and has, I should think, no stronger a tax-base than Louisville) - will clean its streets WHEN NEEDED.

I'm told there can be a point of diminishing return with street cleaning, but shouldn't a happy medium be upwards of three times a year? We do appreciate Rudolph Davidson, and City Solid Waste Management, but we need to give them some encouragement on this. Thanks to Joan and Clayton, and thanks to you all for your efforts to make our neighborhood a better place.

Dick Callaway

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Community Events and Happenings

Crane House Phone: (502) 635-2240

Dinner Lecture: "Economics – Central Asia and Russia" Co-sponsored with Louisville World Affairs Council. Presenter: Dr Martha Brill Olcott, Carnegie Peace Institute.

Thursday, May 10

Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival Celebration
Saturday, May 12, 11 – 4 at the Speed Art Museum.

Crane House-sponsored Children's Activities for the International Family Festival at the Louisville Zoo. Activities will focus on African, Hispanic, and Asian countries.

Friday through Sunday, May 18 – 20. Call 459-2181.

"Chinese Treasures – History of the National Palace Museum, Taipei" Part of the series, Understanding Chinese Culture through Art.

Thursday, May 31.

Kentucky Art and Craft Gallery

The Fifteenth Annual Bellsouth Oaks Brunch – Attendees will feast on a scrumptious menu while entertained by music from the 30's and 40's performed by Swing Time Moods, and browse a large assortment of handmade Kentucky crafts for sale. Friday, May 4, at the Camberley Brown Hotel. \$95. Calendar of Events

University of Louisville - School of Music

MCCH - Margaret Comstock Concert Hall

BH - Malcolm Bird Recital Hall

May 2 & 3: KMEA State Choral Festival

Wed 5/2 6:30 pm YPAS Orchestra Concert, MCCH

May 7-10: KMEA State Concert Band Festival

Mon 5/7 8:00 p.m. Make up date Lee Luivisi Beethoven Seeeries, Piano Faculty Recital, MCCH

May 11: GLMTA/KMTA Keyboard Scholarship Festival

Fri 5/11 5:00 p.m. Prep Department Flute Recital, BH

Fri 5/11 5:00 p.m. University Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, MCCH

Sat 5/12 9:30 a.m. GLMTA Keyboard Festival Scholarship Recital, BH

Sat 5/12 11:00 a.m. Prep Department Cello Recital, BH

Sat 5/12 3:00 p.m. Commencement

May 14-25: Piano Guild

Fri 5/18 7:00 p.m. Prep Department Bates Sstuddio Recital, BH

Fri 5/18* 7:30 p.m. University Dance Theatre, Ballet Performance, MCCH

Sat 5/19 10 & 11 a.m. Prep Department Piano Recital, BH

Sat 5/19 4:00 p.m. Suzuki Violin Recital, BH

Sat 5/19* 7:30 p.m. University Dance Theatre, Ballet Performance, MCCH

May 21 - 23: Overstreet Competition

All concerts are free and open to the public unless indicated (*) admission charged.

May 22: 8:00 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Brazil Concert \$10 general admission \$5 students - all proceeds to benefit students traveling to Brazil

Speed Art Museum

Exhibit: William Wegman: Fashion Photographs May 22 - August 12, 2001

Lecture: Tuesday May 22, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$ 8 for members and \$12 for the public.

* The planetarium at the U of L opened in late April.*

Please contact the Information Center with pertinent events.

Crime Prevention Tip— Identity Theft

Many consider "Identity Theft" to be the fastest growing crime in America. It affects almost half a million people, annually.

Well-studied criminals can gather enough information about you through debris of everyday electronic transactions to pretend they are you. Once this happens, they can gain access to all your financial information. The most common way thieves get information about you is by stealing your purse or wallet. However, other ways include looking over your shoulder at ATMs and phone booths to capture your "PIN" numbers, stealing your mail from your mailbox, digging through your discarded trash and fraudulently ordering a copy of your credit record.

What to do if you become the victim of identity theft:

1. Contact the three major credit-reporting agencies as soon as you are aware that there is a problem. In fact, it is a good idea to check your credit record once a year to make sure all the information is correct.
2. Equi Fax: 1-800-685-1111
Experian: 1-800-397-3742
Trans Union: 1-800-888-4213
3. Contact the creditors for any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
4. File a report with your local Police Agency and/or the city in which the crime occurred.

For questions or further information please contact Officer Terra Long at 574-7010.

Garvin Gate Association -- Yard Sale

The Garvin Gate Association will hold an association-wide yard sale on June 2. The sale will take place in the Garvin Gate Association is the area bounded by Oak Street, Fourth Street, Ormsby, and Sixth Street. If other neighborhood associations would like to join us please call Andy Perry at 634-8613 to be included in advertisements.

CORE VALUES COMMITTEE MEETING

The OLNC Core Values Committee met on April 16 at the Old Louisville Information Center. Members present were Andy Perry, Chair, Jane LaPin (Treyten Oak), and Peggy Davis (2nd Street Association).

The committee reviewed previous work and discussed comments submitted by neighborhood associations. At the previous meeting (March 7), the committee came to an agreement on the following statements:

Mission Statement

The mission of the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council is to be the official voice and advocate for Old Louisville.

Core Values

1. We, the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council, are committed to:
2. The preservation and protection of the historic architecture for present and future generations.
3. Pedestrian friendly and historically correct streetscapes.
4. Respect for, and encouragement of, diversity.

The Central Park West Association suggested that the mission statement be amended to: "The mission of the OLNC is to be the official voice and advocate of the neighborhood associations comprising Old Louisville." After discussion the committee decided that the original wording by the committee would put OLNC in a better position to be the voice and advocate for all of Old Louisville. OLNC is made up of and governed by members of the neighborhood associations and the committee decided that we are the voice for the associations in addition to the non-organized parts of the Old Louisville district.

Peggy Davis submitted four suggestions from the 2nd Street Association:

1. Promoting cooperation among neighborhood groups.
2. Supporting the general welfare of all within the Old Louisville area.
3. Being the watch group for protecting are from encroachment by actions by federal, state or private interests which would be detrimental to the overall benefit of Old Louisville.
4. Support and foster activities which improve the quality of life in Old Louisville.

After discussion of these points, the committee decided on the following amended version of the Core Values:

We, the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council, are committed to:

1. The preservation and protection of the historic architecture for present and future generations.
2. Pedestrian friendly and historically correct streetscapes.
3. Respect for, and encouragement of, diversity.
4. The protection of Old Louisville from encroachments which would be detrimental to the neighborhood.
5. Supporting and fostering activities which maintain a high quality of life in Old Louisville.

There was further discussion on the diversity Core Value. The committee decided to have a final meeting on May 17, 6:30 pm at the OLNC to discuss diversity and make a final decision to submit to the OLNC Board of Directors.

Schedule a Cleanup! Call CityCall at 574-3333 to find out dates of your junk collection or how to have a cleanup in your neighborhood. Operation Brightside, the Department of Solid Waste Management, and Public Works form a collaborative effort by providing trash bags, gloves, a limited supply

OLD LOUISVILLE.NET “Derby Fever”

This is the launching of the Old Louisville Business and Professional Association's new website with an online scavenger hunt! Contestants can sign up for their free hunt code beginning at noon on April 23, 2001 by going to the OldLouisville.net web site and clicking on “Derby Fever”. By clicking on the “Derby Fever” icons they will be registered to win prizes valued at \$100+ from the sponsors. The drawing will be held on May 7, 2001 at 9:00 p.m. live on-line in the chat area.

OldLouisville.net is actually a “portal” to the area's activities, events and businesses. The concept is to group our individual efforts and therefore make a bigger internet presence in helping people become aware of the “gem” that Old Louisville is.

Universal Design, the developer of the portal, has been building online events since 1996, and this will be their 15th online event. Based on all previous results, the traffic will be nothing short of phenomenal!

Bethlehem Church 6th and Hill

Bethlehem United Church of Christ will celebrate its 110th Anniversary on Sunday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m. with a special service in which the Rev. Stephen Gray will be preaching followed by a celebration dinner. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The church will hold an Ecumenical Revival on Sunday May 6 through Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Rev. Stephen Gray will preach on Sunday and Monday, Rabbi T. E. Beckham will preach on Tuesday evening and Father John T. Judie will preach on Wednesday evening. There will be special music from area churches nightly and a nursery will be provided.

Transportation to and from the services will be provided free of charge by phoning 634-0990.

Rev. Wesley E. Davis, Pastor

New Director at The Conrad Caldwell House

Debra Riall is the new director at the Conrad Caldwell House. She is not new to the area, having been at the Girl Scout Area Council on 4th Street for four years, where she worked on Special Events. Prior to working with the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana she was Audience Services Co-ordinator at Actors Theater. The new director and her family reside in a lovely Victorian nearby. Her avocation includes live theater (she is an amateur thespian).

There are many exciting changes occurring at the Conrad Caldwell House, stop in for a tour! Volunteer to become adocent! What a great way to learn more about the homes of this period! No expperience needed - trianing is provided! Meet the new director! Schedule your special event! 636-5023

Snippets

Thank you to 3rd Street for the donation to the newsletter.

Contact at the State Highway Department regarding signage is Mr. Denny Floore, 502-367-6411.

The Ohio Magazine (April) ran an article about Louisville, mentioning Old Louisville in the April edition.

UTNE Reader also published an article in its January/February issue including Louisville as one of the ten most under rated cities in the US.

Get one of the best hamburgers in the city here in Old Louisville at the Granville on 3rd Street! In a recent article in the *Courier Journal* the Granville was featured for serving one of the best hamburgers in the city.

German May Fest – May 1

Please join us for the German May Fest (Duetsches Maifest) on Tuesday, 01 May 01! Come to the beautifully refurbished Old Male High School at 911 South Brook Street at Breckenridge Street in Old Louisville. This family fun event begins at 6:00pm with free admission to the re-created German Village – buy German foods, beer, wine, gifts, enjoy games, music and a Silent Auction!

Beginning at 8:00pm, there will be lots of hand-clapping and foot tapping at the choral concert featuring the acclaimed American singers, “Coterie” and special guests, “Die Singenden Kellermeister” from Mainz, Germany. Advance Purchase Concert tickets are: Adults-\$5, \$8 at the door. Kids under 12 are \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. You don't have to be German to have fun at this Family Festival!

Proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit international cultural, sports, arts, business, and educational exchanges!

Please call GUMBY at 502-635-0240 or email: GUMBYMOS@AOL.COM for more information and to purchase your concert tickets!

LG&E

When was the last time that you really read your utility bill? Are your gas and electric meters accessible to the meter reader? Is your yard fenced and gated? Do you keep a dog in your yard? If either meter (gas or electric) cannot be read then LG&E can estimate the usage and send an estimated bill to you. When the meter is actually read the amount owed is adjusted. If the meter is not read for an extended time, then the amount of actual usage may not be accurate and the amount owed may be higher or lower than the actual usage.

If your bill is estimated the usage amount will be followed by “est”. If your bill is estimated, then call LG&E to discuss your account. If your meters are not accessible, then arrangements can be made to obtain an accurate reading.

Property Improvement Committee Report

New Handrails for the Information Center's South Entrance

For a long time now many of our senior folks have been requesting helpful handrails be installed at the entrance to the information center.

After much to-do, the handrails were installed on 27 February by Pohl Ironworks. Our "thanks" to architect Bob Bajandas for providing the architectural plans and to the Parks Department for providing approximately \$850 to fund the project. The senior folks have already expressed their appreciation.

Tulip Bulb Plantings in Central Park

James Morris, a resident of South 2nd Street in Old Louisville, recently directed a project whereby 3500 tulip bulbs were planted in eight areas in Central Park. This was in fulfillment of his Eagle Scout Project, which he directed with the help of fellow scouts, scout leaders, parents and friends. This project was undertaken at a cost of approximately \$3000 for bulbs and other materials. The Parks Department provided \$1400 and approximately \$1600 was provided by the South 4th Street Neighborhood Association.

Our "thanks" to Scout James Morris, fellow scouts, leaders, parents and friends who worked on three consecutive Saturdays to improve Central Park. Also our "thanks" to Parks and South 4th Street Neighborhood for funding this project.

900 Block of South First Street

As we all are aware, the 900 block of South First is presently undergoing a major positive renewal – the Motel 8 transformation, the Louisville Deaf-Oral School Campus development (under construction), Bridgehaven's Campus development (under construction), and the renovation of 930 South First by Rahim Noori.

So as to unify the entire block and provide public way improvements the PIC proposed planting fifty 2" to 2 ½" Golden Raintree Avenue trees between Breckenridge Street and Kentucky Street. Alderman George Unseld provided approximately \$18,000 to the City of Louisville Department of Works and said. 'Let's get it done prior to Derby Day'. Most of the plantings are now installed and the balance will go in as soon as new public walkways are completed.

Our sincere "Thank You" to Alderman George Unseld for his support in underwriting these public way improvements and Avenue plantings.

After appearing in Court on 15 March 2001 (regarding 626 West Ormsby Avenue), Virginia McCandless exclaimed, as she drove through the 900 block of South First Street, "Just look at this".

Herb Fink

Fourth Street Association Needs Garage! Fourth Sreet Association needs a garage to rent to store equipment that they use to maintain sidewalks and grass areas along South Fourth Street. If you have a garage available for rent please call Dot Wade at **635--7885**.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 ZALU: 7pm @ IC	4	5
6	7	8	9 OLBPA meeting @ Haskins Hall	10 Toonerville: 7pm @ St. Philip Neri PIC: 7pm @ IC	11 Deadline for June Newsletter submissions	12
13	14	15	16 3rd St.: 7pm @ IC	17 General Membership Meeting: 7pm @ IC	18	19
20	21 Limerick Association Meeting	22 OLIC Board: 6pm @ IC OLNC Board: 7:30pm @ IC	23 Central Park West: 7:30pm @ Haskins Hall	24 4th St. Association Meeting	25	26
27 1300 S 3rd St Meeting: 7pm 2nd St: 5pm @ Kling Ctr.	28 Ouerbacker Court Association Meeting	29	30	31		

For information on neighborhood Association Meetings, call Mariah Cummins at 635-5244.
 To the extent possible, OLNC general membership meetings will be held on the first Thursday each month, and PIC meetings on the second
 Thursday each month. OLIC and OLNC Board meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday each month. Consult the calendar to be sure.