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Belknap Festival Filled with Local Artists, Authors & Musicians

By Ann Coates

The Belknap Neighborhood Association will kick off its 16th annual Fall Festival Friday, October 8, from 7:00-9:00 pm. The Binding Elements, a legendary ensemble of rock and roll musicians, will take the Belknap Fall Festival Stage, performing with Earbone as special guests! This evening is a celebration of Belknap and all residents are encouraged to come out, support the local businesses, listen to live music, and enjoy each other's company.

After opening remarks, awards, and acknowledgements beginning at 12:15, Saturday, October 9, the musical lineup will continue with high quality acts that include local performers: Bellarmine Jazz Band, 1:30-2:30; Iamiss, 3:00-4:00; Tenrec, 4:30-5:30; Vessel, 6:00-7:30; and Commonwealth, 8:00-9:00.

Fall Festival committee chairs Nancy Carrington, Fred diFrenzi, Leroy Farmer, Trisha Finnegan, Tim Mayer, Lucy Morley, Chris Padgett, Alan Rubin, and Brian Voelker have planned an improved Festival layout, with the BNA booth located in the central part of the festival where BNA memberships and T-shirts will be available for purchase.



Belknap's own legendary rock and roll ensemble, Earbone, have added Belknap residents and are now calling themselves Binding Elements.

At least 26 artists new to the Festival, along with many old favorites, will be showing their wares, with members of the "Kentucky Crafted" guild, offering top workmanship and imagination. Jewelry, pottery, fiber, wood, watercolor, photography, and handmade soap will be available, along with some surprises.

A new sponsor, Anheuser-Busch, will offer Budweiser, Bud Light, and Goose Island beer on tap. Food from Papa John's Pizza, Kingsley Meats & Catering, ValuMarket, Ears What's Poppin' Kettle Corn, and North American Vendors will also be on hand.

The Family Fun area will bring back the popular Pumpkin Painting and foam decoration, and for the first time will include face-painting by neighborhood artist Melanie Cadima.

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Belknap Fall Festival – Street Closings on Friday & Saturday, October 8 & 9

1. Dundee Road from Bardstown Road to Overlook Terrace (Road closed)
2. Harvard Drive from Bardstown Road to the alley behind the Douglass Loop (Road closed - Alley will remain open)
3. Yale Drive from Dundee Road to the alley behind the Dundee Condominiums (Road closed - Alley will remain open)
4. Wibben Avenue from Dundee Road to the alley that goes up Bardstown Road beside FedEx Office (Alley remains open)

All roads in this seven block area will reopen on Sunday, October 10 at 1 a.m. TARC buses (#17, #21, #23) will be rerouted by turning onto Woodbourne Avenue off Bardstown Road from 2 p.m. October 8 to 1 a.m. October 9. All roads close at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 8.

Belknap Fall Festival

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Louisville Metro Police will provide children's photo IDs at no charge.

Adopt-a-Bin will showcase composting techniques, and Specialized Nurseries will have landscape plants for sale and Norton's will be on-site with discounted flu vaccinations for \$25.

Also new this year, on Yale Avenue, will be the Kentucky Strength and Endurance Challenge, sponsored by Metro Cross Training, LLC, a new business in the Loop. The Challenge will afford individuals an opportunity to compete against others.

More information is available at www.metrocrosstraining.com.

The significantly greater number of sponsors attests to strong relationships between BNA and local businesses, and



neighbors are grateful for the support of: Bellarmine University; Commonwealth Bank & Trust Company; 8th District Metro Louisville

Councilman Tom Owen; Tom Drexler Plumbing; Highlands Kroger; Dundee Tavern & Grill; Horton's Hardware/Naturally Horton's; Loop Barber Shop; Breland Realty; Just Money Financial Advisors; Renewal by Anderson Windows; McDonald's; Highland Cleaners; Mortensen Dental; O'Shea's; Highland Roofing; River City Bank; Gastro East Physicians; and Norton Immediate Care Center.

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WEEK IN THE HIGHLANDS

October 1-14 2010

Join us again this year for a Week in the Highlands – a great series of events that will get you, family, and friends outdoors for fun and recreation while learning about and supporting our Highlands neighborhoods, institutions, and services. We want to thank and celebrate the patrons, sponsors, vendors, and all the neighbors and volunteers who help make the Highlands such a great place to live. See the enclosed yellow flyer for the events packed into several days and visit www.HighlandsWeek.org and www.belknapneighborhood.org.

2010 SCHEDULE

- Monday, September 27 – Highland Community Ministries Fund Day, 11 a.m. - Midnight
- Saturday, October 2 - Highlands Cup 5K Run/Walk and Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m.
- Sunday, October 3 - Highlands-Douglass Big Rock Jazz Fest, 2 - 7 p.m.
- Friday, October 8 - 16th Belknap Festival Eve, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- Saturday, October 9 - 16th Belknap Fall Festival, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Sunday, October 10 - Farmington Harvest Festival, Noon - 5 p.m.
- Thursday, October 14 - Empty Bowls Soup Supper and Auction, at Bellarmine University, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Volunteer for the Fall Festival

Volunteers needed for Friday evening and all day Saturday.
Call 502-454-6703 and leave your number.
A volunteer coordinator will call you
for scheduling.

Message from the President

*By Chris Padgett, President
Belknap Neighborhood Association*

Dear Belknap Neighbors, Identity is an important component of our interconnected lives. Each of us have different identities. Be you a mom or a dad, a grandparent, a business owner, a community volunteer, a young professional, a transplant from another city, a partner or a retiree, our identities make us special. In many ways, our identities describe who we are, what we are about and what we value. In a world that's filled with so much uncertainty, our neighborhood provides not only a sanctuary -- but also a place to celebrate the diversity of our identities.

Our identities as residents of Belknap bind us together. There are a number of tangible and intangible neighborhood assets that potentially draw us to this special place: 100 year old trees, rich history, walkability, Warheim Park, Lakeside Swim Club, Bellarmine University and the diverse collection of local businesses that make it easy for us to buy local. Belknap is where we live, raise our families, and dream about the future. It's the built and unbuilt space around our homes that is our neighborhood. Because it is a neighborhood that sits in the heart of the Highlands, Belknap's location and unique characteristics enable us to maintain a high quality of well-being.

Well-being describes the physical, mental, social, spiritual and financial characteristics that describe our overall health. Much research shows a direct correlation between residents that are engaged in the community and improved mental, social and physical health. One easy way to improve your well-being, if you haven't done so already, is to join the Belknap Neighborhood Association. It's a powerful platform to improve the neighborhood. Please send in the enclosed membership application or sign-up at the Belknap booth at the 16th Annual Belknap Fall Festival.

Fall is a great time to get to know your neighbors and there are a number of ways to make new friends or reconnect with old ones. My partner and I have a progressive dinner with two other neighborhood couples. One couple creates an appetizer, one creates the main course and one couple creates dessert. It's fun and easy! Or, sit on your porch and make a point to talk to those who walk on the sidewalk. Everyone has a unique identity and each of us have a story to tell!

The Belknap Neighborhood Association is making a significant impact on improving the quality of life in the neighborhood. There are lots of opportunities to get involved, and you can spend as much or little time as you want. Everyone has a special gift that could benefit Belknap. I encourage you to become engaged. Feel free to contact me or another board member to learn about ways you can join in.

Hope this newsletter finds you well!

Belknap Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

The Belknap Neighborhood Association holds its annual meeting on the second Wednesday of June each year. The following are the volunteers who work to make our neighborhood great.

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Business Update

- Thank you Lakeside Swim Club for working so hard to provide a safe summer for the neighborhood.
- Ear X-tacy has opened at 2226 Bardstown Road in the Douglass Loop.
- Corner Door has opened at 2222 Dundee Road.
- Metro Fitness, Kelley Cable at 2200 Dundee Road
- Stock Yards Bank will open in mid October at the corner of Wibben and Bardstown Road

Please welcome and support our local businesses.

Be sure to join our page on Facebook: Belknap Neighborhood

2010 Blossom Award Winners

An annual tradition of BNA since the mid 1990s is to honor deserving individuals and groups that give extraordinary support to the Belknap Neighborhood. Fifty-eight individuals, groups, and businesses have received previous recognition. This year, three more were added to this prestigious list.



Chip, Charles, and Linda Bowles.

The Bowles Family, Linda, Chip, and son Charles

Sometimes there is more strength in the sum of the parts than just one part. The origins of the Fall Festival began in the Bowles family and over the years each member has become the heart and soul of the Festival. Linda and Charles have been recognized for their many years of leadership for the Fall Festival. Chip has never been recognized with a Blossom Award. However, we felt we could not acknowledge his extraordinary contributions to the Fall Festival without also including Charles and Linda.

Chip manages the finance department of the Festival. He recruits for the booths, gathers the money, takes it to the bank, helps with set-up, is always around at clean-up, even late into the night. He deals with stress with a smile and continues working. He exhibits the attitude of "let's get this done and done right." Linda and Charles have been mentioned previously. This year we wanted to honor this family as a whole with a particular emphasis on how integral each member has been for giving Belknap an exquisite event full of warmth, family fun, and music.

We are honored by the presence of the Bowles family and with all they have given this neighborhood.

Terra L. Long, Legislative Aide to Council District 8

Normally the Belknap Neighborhood Association recognizes volunteers. In this instance, Terra's position as aide to Councilman Tom Owen gives her the responsibility to represent him at the BNA meetings. We feel Terra goes above and beyond the duties set forth by her job description and are honoring Terra for extraordinary effort on behalf of Belknap.

There are many, many things to recognize about Terra. She has attended hearings, advocated for each of us, and done her duty wonderfully as prescribed by City government. However, she is persistent in her push and her quest to find better solutions to problems. For example, when we were told the Valley Vista bridge could not be rebuilt to its original glory, she found that unacceptable. She contacted contractors until she found one willing to build a bridge similar to the original. We now have the bridge to remind us of her perseverance, wisdom to keep asking, and knowledge to keep pushing for the right solutions.

Terra was responsible for landscaping in the Douglass Loop. When the Douglass Loop clock had stopped working, it is rumored that Terra took it upon herself to fix it. These are examples of someone doing more than their job: they're examples of someone who has a passion for neighborhood work and has served Belknap beautifully. For that we thank Terra Long.



Nancy Carrington presents award to Terra Long.



Richard Perkins, Carla Taylor, Melissa Firestone and Hal Warheim.

The Board of Directors of Warheim Park

Our neighborhood was gifted with a small jewel several years ago, thanks to the generosity of Hal Warheim along with previous Alderman Bill Allison and the Belknap Neighborhood Association. Warheim Park was founded in 2004. Today the park has become a source of joy for many, many children and adults. Last year, on a gorgeous day, the park was buzzing with the 5th anniversary celebration. On this beautiful sunny day a wonderful band was playing music, children were running throughout the park, laughing and playing and neighbors were getting to know one another. It was one of those moments when you feel all is right with the world and that this park is the most wonderful gift ever.

Mr. Warheim has been previously honored but the nomination for this award came because of the work that it takes to maintain and keep the park looking beautiful, year after year. The work of general maintenance, carrying out the garbage, mowing, weeding, planting, and upkeep of the pavilion and playground equipment is completed by a group of volunteers. These volunteers are the Board of Directors of Warheim Park and it is this group that we honor with our Blossom Award. They provide the gift of a beautiful place to enjoy year after year. The Belknap Neighborhood Association recognizes the effort it takes to maintain the beauty of the Park and we thank them.

Belknap long-term residents have moved

Past BNA President, Secretary, Treasurer, and historian Mary Garry has relocated to a condominium off Taylorsville Road to make it easier for her to assist her husband. Mary has been with Belknap for many years living on Saratoga. She has given tremendous energy to the support of our Neighborhood Association over the years in numerous endeavors. She was also responsible for documenting new neighbors moving into the area and prepared welcome bags for them. Her dedication and gifts will be missed.

Rita Recktenwald has also moved. She was a valued long-term board member on whom BNA relied to keep their grammar pure, served on various committees, and was Vice-President of the Association in previous years. She was awarded a recognition certificate in June, 2010 for her commitment, wisdom, and enthusiasm to better her neighborhood.

VOTE

General Election Day is November 2

Questions, contact Jefferson County Clerk's Office at 574-5700, Board of Elections at 574-6100, or www.JeffersonCountyClerk.org
Most of Belknap votes at Atherton High School.

Planning Commission Hearing Report

By Melanie Cadima

Members of the Louisville Metro Planning Commission denied Kroger's request to build a gas station on the former Hollywood Video site, adjacent to the Kroger store located at 2440 Bardstown Road. Kroger representatives and Planning Commission members met on August 19 to determine whether a binding element in the current zoning agreement could be overturned. The binding element in question prohibits a gas station from being built on this site.

Seven hundred residents of the Belknap Neighborhood, which surrounds the Kroger, signed a petition indicating their opposition to a gas station on the site. Residents, many of whom patronize the Kroger, opposed the increase in traffic, noise, decrease in property value, and negative environmental impact that the addition of a gas station would bring to the residential neighborhood.

Instrumental in representing the Belknap Neighborhood's concerns were Metro Council President Tom Owen, representing District 8, and Belknap Neighborhood Association attorney Tom Fitzgerald. Mike and Barbara Grosso, along with other concerned citizens, led the initiative to secure signatures for the petition. Neighborhood Association president Chris Padgett and Vice President Nancy Carrington, along with other residents have worked tirelessly on this issue for years and were key in leading the conflict to a resolution. Former BNA president Don Osbourne and adjacent neighbors were responsible for writing the original binding elements which were upheld at the August 19 hearing.

Kroger has 30 days from the August 19 decision to file an appeal.



Belknap residents Bunky and Owen Hardy

The Society of International Railway Travelers® just received news that they have won FOUR Magellan Awards -- three Gold and one Silver -- for our website, magazine, tour book and brand-new postcard series of the World's Top 25 Trains. The Magellan Awards are for the travel industry and are based upon the best travel professionals performance in design,

marketing, and services.

The Society of International Railway Travelers is owned and operated by long-term Belknap residents, "Bunky" and Owen Hardy. For seventeen years, this business was located in the Belknap School building on Sils Avenue. They reluctantly moved when it was converted into condominiums.

Kentucky Resource Council helps Belknap

Kentucky Resources Council
KRC Director Tom Fitzgerald recently represented the Belknap Neighborhood Association at the recent Planning Commission hearing concerning the Kroger gas station. A copy of his presentation can be found at www.kyrc.org.

KRC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural resources and promote healthy communities by providing legal and technical guidance and assistance. The Kentucky Resources Council is successor to the Kentucky Rivers Coalition, which spearheaded successful fights to stop the Red River Dam and other Corps of Engineers projects in the

1970's, and led the fight against oil shale development in rural Kentucky. Founded in 1982, KRC has been directed since 1984 by Tom FitzGerald, formerly staff attorney for the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky. Mr. Fitzgerald is a nationally recognized legal expert on coal mining issues. KRC has developed a reputation over this past quarter-century as a diligent and effective voice for those who bear the brunt of environmental pollution and short-sighted natural resources and development decisions.

Please join and support the commitment of KRC to ensuring all voices are heard. **Kentucky Resources Council, Inc., P. O. Box 1070, Frankfort, KY 40602 (Phone) 502-875-2428 (Fax) 502-875-2845, (Email) fitzKRC@aol.com**



A few of the many accomplishments from the Belknap Neighborhood Association in the past few months:

- Planned the 16th Annual Belknap Fall Arts and Music Festival
- Developed a strategic plan to support the neighborhood and prioritize activities
- Distributed new resident welcome kits to residents moving into the neighborhood
- Successfully advocated for residents opposing a gasoline station built in their backyard
- Collaborated with our Metro Council President's office on identifying and fixing broken sidewalks, graffiti, potholes, and other important neighborhood improvements
- Recognized those making a positive impact in Belknap through the Blossom Awards
- Improved communications: Belknap Neighborhood page on Facebook and www.belknapneighborhood.org

The 16th Belknap Fall Festival

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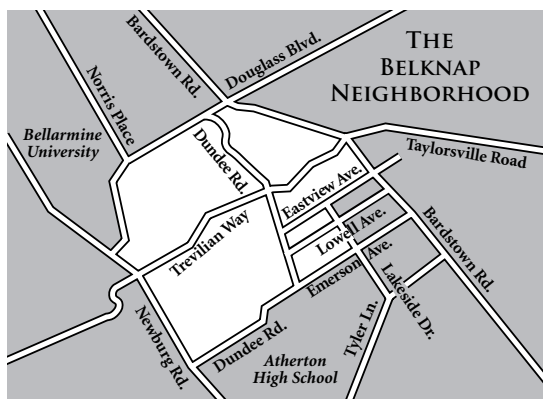


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- Standing Water? Call MSD Customer Service: (502) 540-6000
- Streetlight not working? Call LG&E at (502) 589-1444
- Junk Pickup – Week of December 7
- Fifth Division Metro Police: 911 (emergency), (502) 574-7111 (24-hour dispatch), (502) 574-7636 (station on Douglass Blvd. – daytime), and (502) 574-LMPD or (502) 574-5673 (to report crime info).
- Rain barrel & rain garden information – (502) 587-0603 or www.msdlouky.org
- Vacation Checks – Fifth Division Police – (502) 574-7636

Connect with your community today - Join the Belknap Neighborhood Association

You can help keep Belknap one of the most walkable, friendly and uniquely beautiful neighborhoods in Louisville!

Belknap is a fantastic place to live and own a home, thanks to the ongoing engagement of neighbors like you – serving as your Belknap Neighborhood Association (BNA) leaders, members and volunteers. By becoming a member, you'll play a vital role in helping our strong community stewardship continue in the future.

Your \$10 membership will help the BNA serve the community by:

Working with community leaders

- Working side-by-side with our metro council member to ensure progress reflects the wishes of the neighborhood residents
- Monitoring safety with regular crime reports by Louisville Metro Police

Promoting smart development

- Alerting members of proposed plans that may alter the fabric of our neighborhood
- Providing neighbors with a forum to voice their vision for the area's future growth

Bringing neighbors together

- Organizing events like the Belknap Fall Festival, neighborhood block parties, volunteer opportunities and association meetings

2010-11 BNA Membership Form

Membership dues are \$10 per year. Memberships run from July 1 to June 30.

Your membership includes:

- Notification of regular meetings
- A voting voice on member issues, including Board of Directors nominations
- Alerts about urgent neighborhood issues

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you interested in volunteering? _____

☐ I have enclosed my \$10 annual membership fee.

Please make checks payable to *Belknap Neighborhood Association*.
Mail to: Belknap Neighborhood Association, PO Box 5308, Louisville, KY 40255



BNA Monthly Meetings

The regular BNA monthly meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Highland Kroger's 2nd Floor Conference Room, 2440 Bardstown Road, above the pharmacy. Meetings are open to the public.

The annual meeting according to Bylaws of the Belknap Neighborhood Association, Inc. is held on the second Wednesday of June each year.

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Purposes of BNA

- To preserve the neighborhood's intrinsic values as a predominantly residential area that interfaces and works effectively with surrounding businesses;
- To provide a forum for discussion of neighborhood matters in order to promote the community, its activities and interest;
- To work with other neighborhood groups in the Highlands/Bardstown Road area and throughout the Louisville Metro area to address common issues and projects;
- To promote the historical and cultural character of the neighborhood;
- To promote beautification and preservation of the neighborhood's natural resources;
- To enhance the health, safety and welfare of the community; and
- To promote charitable and educational activities.

Thanks to Volunteers

To those volunteers who hand deliver the BNA newsletters to over 1,600 households and businesses — a great big THANK YOU!

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