

COMMUNICATOR

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Yes, We've Got Coyotes

Yes, those are coyotes that some Upper Highlands residents have seen in the area. Coyotes are relatively new to Kentucky, but they're already well established.

Coyote sightings in neighborhoods, complaints

of them lingering near homes, and predation of cats and small dogs are increasingly common.

Coyotes can live nearly anywhere and eat almost anything. Although coyotes mainly eat rodents, they also eat a variety of other foods.

The coyote's exceptional adaptability often causes problems with humans, and the mere sight of these animals can cause alarm. Many people are not accustomed to seeing them.

Although coyote attacks on humans are not common, they have occurred and often are associated with humans giving them food.

It is not possible to totally eliminate coyotes in neighborhoods.

If coyotes become a problem, keep food sources such as pet food and garbage inside. It's also a good idea to keep small pets inside as well.

If food is readily available, a coyote will have a hard time ignoring an easy meal. A bowl of pet food left on a



Photo by Joe Lacefield

porch, a small dog or cat is an easy meal for a coyote.

Removing food sources will force coyotes to look elsewhere for something to eat. Detering coyotes is a community effort and by encouraging your

neighbors not to feed coyotes – either intentionally or unintentionally – you will also deter other nuisance wildlife including raccoons and skunks.

If a coyote approaches you, stand your ground and scare the animal away. Do not run, because this sparks their instinctive nature to chase. Make loud noises such as shouting and clapping your hands.

Wave your arms and throw things at it. Do not just run into your house and hide behind a closed door, as this will likely encourage coyotes to come closer and be more aggressive.

For more information, call the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at 1-800-858-1549.

*Information provided by Laura Patton,
Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife*

Keep your sidewalks cleaned

With winter fast approaching, it is important to remind Upper Highlands residents of the following:

Residents are responsible for cleaning snow and ice from sidewalks along public roadways in front of their homes.

If you have any questions, contact MetroCall at 574-5000 or 311.

UHNA is here to help

**Purpose of the
Upper Highlands
Neighborhood Association:**

- To promote the social and economic interest of the neighborhood;
- To act on behalf of members in matters involving their needs as related to the neighborhood;
- To afford opportunity for expression and interchange of opinions of special interest to all members;
- To educate residents and the community at large on issues of concern to the neighborhood;
- To work with local government and similar agencies in promoting the neighborhood;
- To aid and support worthy legislation and community efforts to improve the neighborhood;
- Maintain the integrity of the neighborhood.

*Plan to attend our
bi-monthly meetings
(see next page for schedule)
and become involved
in your neighborhood.*

*Your neighborhood
association depends
on citizen participation.*



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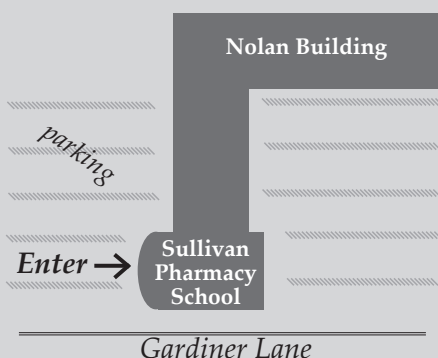
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UHNA Bi-Monthly Meetings

7 p.m.

January 16 • March 20

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Residents are encouraged to attend
and participate at all our meetings
on the third Wednesday
of alternating months.

Cleanup efforts spruce up area

Once again Upper Highlands residents participated in Brightside's Community-Wide Cleanup which are held twice a year.

Thanks to Beth Fox, her daughter Abby Miles and Paul Schuhmann for helping to clean up our community.

They spent an October weekend morning filling 10 very large bags with debris, dirt, weeds and lots of cigarette butts.

They cleaned along Bardstown Road from Gardiner Lane to the Watertson, including the expressway ramps on the north side of I-264. The biggest problem, as always, is inconsiderate smokers that choose to toss their cigarette butts out of their vehicle windows after exiting the expressway.

Watch the March *Communicator* for details about the next cleanup in April. We would love to have more participants who truly care about our neighborhood.



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Mural coming to Watterson

A new mural (*above*) is planned near our neighborhood next spring.

The 14' x 200' artwork will be on the northeast wall of the Watterson Expressway.

It is a collaborative effort between the Bon Air Neighborhood Associa-

tion, Metro Council District 26 office, Metro Dept. of Economic Growth and Innovation, Kentucky School of Art and Seneca High School.

The artwork depicts the historic context and landmarks of the Bardstown Road corridor.

Preparing Landscape for Winter

We typically have periods of mild weather before cold finally sets in but a cold snap sometimes ends the growing season quickly and plants don't have time to form an abscission layer that would cause leaves to fall.

Plants may not be ready for the quick drop in temperature.

There are ways gardeners can help reduce winter injury:

- Avoid fall pruning and don't cut branches before they lose foliage.

- Plants should not enter winter without water — especially needled and broad-leaved evergreens.

- Mulching is a good defense against winter temperatures. Apply after hard freezes have occurred.

- Removal of dead foliage can reduce insect and disease problems next growing season.

- Some gardeners merely use 12 to 16 inches of mulch such as straw or bark but rodents will prefer it while

Curbside junk pick-up

Mark your calendars for this 2013 junk pickup.

Place your items on the curb by the morning of:

May 27, 2013

No construction/demolition materials, concrete, auto parts (except 4 tires), computers, televisions or hazardous materials.

If you are not sure what is allowed or want to know how to dispose of other items?

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Protect Yourself from Online Scams

Recently an Upper Highlands resident experienced a potential scam that everyone needs to be aware of.

After visiting an online social networking site, "S.V." received a call from "Sgt. Ramirez, badge #6451 of The North East Ohio Precinct."

The phone number was from area code 937. She said that "S.V." was talking online to an underage girl, thus claiming a pedophile arrest would be forthcoming.

The girl's father "agreed" not to swear out a criminal warrant if "S.V." would wire transfer \$460 (for an airplane ticket) within the hour.

Embarrassed, scared and wanting the situation to "go away," "S.V." withdrew the money from the bank and planned to send it.

Luckily he confided in a friend before sending the money and was convinced to slow down and investigate what appeared to be a scam.

After more phone calls to/from "Sgt. Ramirez" that got progressively confrontational, they Googled "Sergeant Ramirez scam" and there was

full evidence of similar scams.

And, as expected, the threatened arrest warrant didn't arrive "within the hour" as promised.

If you get involved with anything that sounds like a scam, contact the police or the Better Business Bureau. **Do not send money!!** And, as in this instance, consult a friend or family member to help add some reality to an emotional experience.

- **Don't send money!** One request leads to another -- delays and disappointment will follow. Your money will be gone along with the person you thought you knew.

- **Review the terms and conditions of the website.** Understand the benefits offered through a free service and all the terms related to a "free trial period." Carefully examine cancellation and privacy policies.

- **Review the website.** Do they have a privacy policy to protect your information? Do they sell your email address? Can they block email contact if someone is making you uncomfortable? Google the name of the person

contacting you.

- **Put the cancellation timeline on your calendar**

- **Set up a separate email account** just for social networking or dating to protect your identity and manage your messages.

Never give your home phone number which can be traced to your home address. If you believe you have been a victim of online dating scam, contact the police and the website in question immediately.

Reuse / Recycle

After receiving shipped packages this holiday season, properly dispose of those Styrofoam "peanuts."



Don't toss them in your garbage. By doing that, they are either destined to blow around the neighborhood or continue fill our landfills.

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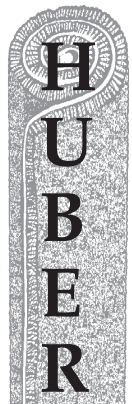
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Keep your home safe

Safety experts agree that the best way to deal with crime in the home is to take every step possible to prevent it from happening to you.

Every person should know basic crime-prevention tips that will keep you and your family safe and secure.

Criminals will almost always look for the easiest possible targets.

No one can fully guarantee that no one will break into your home but taking steps *before* something happens is important.

For example by doing a few simple things can turn your home



from a target into something a predator will not attempt to break into.

Keep exterior lights on at night. Criminals like to work where they can't be seen. Motion-sensor lights are also beneficial.

Trim bushes so no one can hide behind them.

Keep all your doors locked. Even if you are working in your backyard someone can sneak in your front door unseen.

Install locking safety windows.

You can also work with your neighbors to keep each other safe. For instance, a neighborhood watch group is a great way to show everyone that they are being watched and will not have an easy time on your street.

You can also place signs that people are watching for suspicious behavior.

Community-Wide Yard Sales

Next summer UHNA will again sponsor community-wide yard sales. Start saving your disposable items now.

Watch the March and/or June *Communicator* for details.

Upper Highlands Neighborhood Association
www.neighborhoodlink.com/louisville/uH

Atherton concerts welcome residents



Atherton High School invites Upper Highlands residents to their seasonal arts performances.

Free events in their newly-renovated large auditorium include:

Winter Band Concert, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

Winter Orchestra Concert, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

Advanced choir fund-raising performances in the small auditorium with food include:

Bel Canto Desserts Concerts, Dec. 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m.

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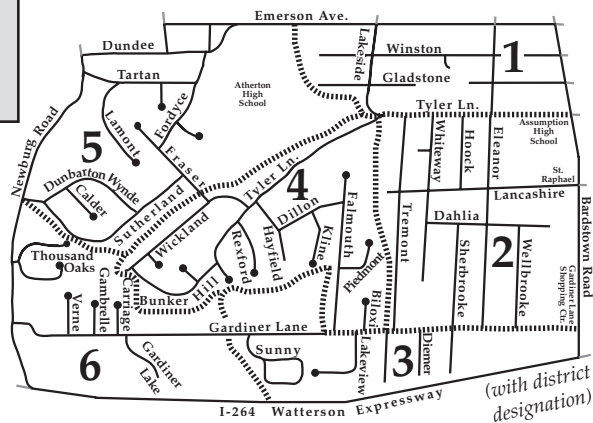
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