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Beechmont Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 14332 Louisville, KY 40214

President's Message

A beautiful spring is upon us and some of the seeds of our labor are starting to blossom. I write you with excited anticipation about improvements in the neighborhood and the positive energy flowing from your board of directors and neighbors about future plans for Beechmont.

For over a year, we have worked in partnership with Churchill Downs, and the neighborhood associations of Oakdale and Wilder Park to beautify the our expressway ramps. Now with the help of these groups and Brightside, you will see all four of our ramps landscaped with knockout roses before Derby. This landscaping will be a pleasant welcoming to all who come to visit our neighborhoods and for those of us who live here. Hopefully, this landscaping will once again instill pride into all of the great area we live.

In speaking of beautification, in your travels down Southern Parkway take note of improvements at the Gazebo. Volunteers from the Beechmont Neighborhood Association, recently took on a project to stain, repair wood damage, landscape and clean up this neighborhood landmark. Thanks to all who helped in this effort and donated money to the Friends of the Gazebo Fund.

I'd like to thank all those who assisted and signed our petition last year to keep our Ashland Avenue Firehouse a two truck fire station. Just recently

our firefighters responded to a fire in 4500 block of South Third Street. I was told all got out of the home safely and firefighters put out fire and keep it from spreading to adjacent properties. Almost simultaneously, our fire department had to response to an separate incident at the 4900 Block of South Third Street. Just a reminder what a valuable asset this fire station is to the neighborhood.

We have begun our spring membership drive. We invite you to renew your dues if they have expired.

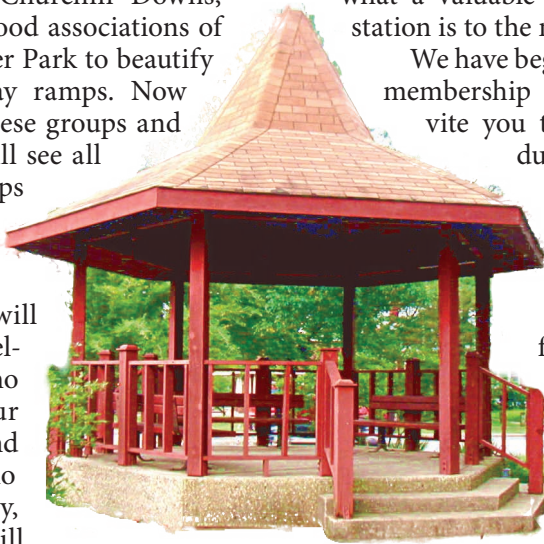
These funds are essential to keeping you informed and assisting us in the work of the neighborhood association.

As part of this campaign,

we will be going door to door to encourage new membership and also look for your signatures as we once again work toward establishing a historic preservation district in the Beechmont area.

In closing, please remember our annual Festival of Flowers (May 13th) as you plan the beautification of your part of the neighborhood. Also join us for the Mini-Marathon Breakfast (April 29th) at the Gazebo as we cheer on the runners and spend time with neighbors and friends.

~ Bob Starck - BNA President



Broken Windows

This explanation of the "broken window" theory was written by Henry G. Cisneros when he was Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. It was published in a series of essays titled "Defensible Space: Detering Crime and Building Community" - January 1995.

James Q. Wilson and George Kelling developed the 'broken windows' thesis to explain the signaling function of neighborhood characteristics. This thesis suggests that the following



sequence of events can be expected in deteriorating neighborhoods. Evidence of decay (accumulated trash, broken windows, deteriorated building exteriors) remains in the neighborhood for a reasonably long period of time. People who live and work in the area feel more vulnerable and begin to withdraw. They become less willing to intervene to maintain public order (for example, to attempt to break up groups of rowdy teens loitering on street corners) or to address physical

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Broken Windows Gazebo Repairs ... Courtesy BNA

signs of deterioration

Sensing this, teens and other possible offenders become bolder and intensify their harassment and vandalism. Residents become yet more fearful and withdraw further from community involvement and upkeep. This atmosphere then attracts offenders from outside the area, who sense that it has become a vulnerable and less risky site for crime.

The "broken window" theory suggests that neighborhood order strategies such as those listed below help to deter and reduce crime:

- Quick replacement of broken windows
- Prompt removal of abandoned vehicles
- Fast clean up of illegally dumped items, litter and spilled garbage
- Quick paint out of graffiti
- Finding (or building) better places for teens to gather than street corners
- Fresh paint on buildings
- Clean sidewalks and street gutters

As neighbors, we have the resources to fix most of these problems, if you see abandoned vehicles, yard parking, dumped items, or burned out streetlights call Metrocall @ 311, the more people that call the faster these problems get resolved. Don't wait for someone else to make the call. You can even call anonymously.

If you want to help us paint out Graffiti call on a BNA Board member and we'll see you get invited to help.

Look around while you're walking the neighborhood, many of us pick up trash while we are walking, if we all did, the neighborhood would be a lot cleaner.

Set an example to your children, if they see you acting to clean up the neighborhood they will be less likely to throw trash around.

These are all little things that will help a lot.

~ Gary Guss

The Gazebo has been an important part of the Beechmont landscape for many years now, the Gazebo and Walking Garden in which it sits, was a joint project between Metro Parks and the Beechmont Neighborhood Association.



Needs Help !

Government funds of \$45,000 and BNA's donation of \$10,000 in cash along with many years of labor on its upkeep and plantings, built and maintained it over the years. The Gazebo and Walking Gardens were built in 1983.

Today we use the Gazebo as the center for most of our BNA events, the Festival of Flowers, MiniMarathon Breakfast, Christmas on the Corner, and the Finish Line Festival are all held here. Walkers and runners have been relaxing here for decades, and the Gazebo is the heart of our neighborhood. As with any outdoor structure, the Gazebo needs regular maintenance. This year we are freshening up the look of the Gazebo with some new stain as well as repairing some of the wooden railing, post tops and seats, which have been damaged by weathering, vandals and skateboarders. This job was done totally by BNA volunteers who have given their time and money to the project.

We would like to thank, Bob and Mike Starck, Rick and Donna Pickerill, Brian Kolb and Gary and Linda Guss for taking the time to repair the structure and grounds in the last few weeks.

No mention of the Gazebo's grounds and landscaping can be made without mentioning the long dedicated stewardship of Liz Meisburg, who has made this a special project for many years. Liz constantly weeds, feeds and plants this area for us and has been a real boon to us these many years.

We are rapidly reaching the point where the Gazebo will need a new roof, and we are currently looking into funding for this project. We have established



Renewed by BNA Volunteers

a fund called the "Friends of the Gazebo", if you want to help you can send donations care of our Post Office Box at BNA PO Box 14332 Louisville, KY 40214.

~ Gary Guss with help from Shirley Kolb



A Neighbor Writes ...

Airport Noise Pollution in Beechmont



As I sit here in my Beechmont home at 11:24pm I'm wondering if the jet engines roaring above and around my home are keeping anyone else awake. On many nights the thundering jet engines begin at this hour and do not stop until around 5:45am the next morning. However, there are times when the booming sounds that increase the blood pressure and cause insomnia may not start their departures until about 1:30am but almost always it continues until 5am or better.

Some people may ask, "What days of the week does this occur?", or "How often are you kept awake or prevented from going back to sleep after waking up to use the rest room in the middle of the night?" The answers to these questions I don't have because I've yet to calculate the many times that I've encountered the nuisance of jet engine noise. On take off, the jet engines are exploding in my ears on a daily and nightly basis. There have been noise studies done that reveal that this type of sound pollution may cause high blood pressure leading to a stroke.

With a full daily schedule of work and other tasks the sounds of the blasting jet engines in so close of proximity could compound any medical condition.

If you don't have one already then your odds are increased of having medical problems due to the daily exposure of this booming nuisance known as noise pollution.

The anticipation of when they are

going to begin their take offs is enough to cause undesirable stress and prevent sleep. On several occasions I've had to lay awake until almost daylight before getting to sleep. This is a holy terror when one has to get up for work by 8am.

Does this racket bother other people or am I dreaming that I live

on an aircraft carrier? How did this big corporation come to dictate our quality of life? I mean, they bought out Highland Park, most of Edgewood and Minor Lane Heights but have left Beechmont here to absorb the effects of their exploding operation.

Beechmont is as close to the aircraft's departure path as any of the neighborhoods mentioned above. We may be even closer now that the parcel service has expanded its fleet and runways.

I don't quite know where to begin in exposing the issue of this noise nuisance and that is why I'm voicing my concerns with this letter to the Beechmont Bugler.

I value my quality of life do you? Has a good nights sleep been stolen away from you by a constant predictable flow of air traffic? Has your home been rattled to the point that the windows have been cracked? Has your foundation shifted?

I'm fed up with not being able to peacefully enjoy my home and I want to know if others in my neighborhood or surrounding neighborhoods have been annoyed by this ever growing problem. If so, please send me an email regarding this matter.

Eldon Johnson (eldon@iglou.com)

You can also contact Eldon by mail at

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Adult Programs

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Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

Deanna K. Loftis, RN, BBA, will discuss dozens of natural, non-toxic ways to prevent and fight cancer for those already diagnosed, or who have loved ones with this disease.

Fearless Living

Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Scared to try? Diana Delp, of Families and Children First, will be here to show you how to take risks to be the real you based on the book Fearless Living by Rhonda Britten.

Cultural Showcase: Cuba

Saturday, May 20, 1 p.m.

Come enjoy the sounds and rhythms of Cuba with music and dance.

Spanish English Bilingual Cafe

Thursdays 6 p.m.

People able to maintain a very basic conversation in both languages will be welcome to participate. Students will speak one on one for a half hour in Spanish and a half hour in English. The goal is to share language skills and culture in a casual setting. Props and materials will be on hand to provide conversation topics.

Iroquois Friends Book and Plant Sale

Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sponsored by the Iroquois Friends of the Library.

Skateboard Bonanza

Wednesday, June 14, 6 p.m.

Home Skate Shop performs neat feats with skateboards.

Digital Photography

Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your digital camera and learn all about digital photography.

Your Fork

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about food choices and their effects on the environment. Presented by Earthsave.

Cultural Showcase: Poland

Saturday, June 17, 1 p.m.

Young Adult Program

Anime in the Afternoon

Thursday, May 11, 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 8, 4 p.m.

Film and munchies provided.

Ages 13-18.

Teen Crafts

Every Monday, 2 p.m.

June 5: Make A "Question of the week" journal

June 12: Tie Dye (sign up required)

June 19: Fun With Felt

June 26: Marble Magnets

Children's Program

Come Fly Away!

Tuesday, May 16, 2 p.m.

Come make a kite, ages 6-12: sign up!!

Chill Out Thursdays

Every Thursday, 2 p.m.

June 1: Chocolate Checkers

June 8: Kentucky Derby Museum

June 15: Dancing with Kacey Frazier

June 22: Battle robots with the wonderful Junk Genius

June 29: Raptor Rehabilitation

Fun Stuff Fridays

Every Friday, 2 p.m.

June 2: Game Day

June 9: Tie-Dye (sign up required)

June 16: Twirling Palm Puppets (ages 6-12)

June 23: Painting Party with Scratch and Sniff Watercolors

June 30: Summer Sun Catchers (ages 6-12)



Computer Classes

Computer Basics

Monday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 23, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 5, 10:30 am

Thursday, June 29, 10:30 am

Windows Basics

Monday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 am

Internet Basics

Wednesday, May 10, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14, 2 pm

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Monday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.

Using the LFPL Catalog

Wednesday, May 17, 4 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Monday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 27, 10:30 a.m.

The Young At Heart: Seniors Get Wired
Every Thursday, 10 a.m. Call 574-1720 to register.

May 4 - Computer Basics

May 11 - Windows Basics

May 18 - Internet Basics

May 25 - Practice and Questions

International Classes

Computación Básica

El sábado, el 13 de mayo, 11 de la mañana
Estas clases están diseñadas para estudiantes que tienen muy poco o ningún conocimiento de computación.

Sábado, 3 y el 10 de junio, 11 de la mañana
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Computación de nivel medio

Sábado, 17 de junio, 11 de la mañana

Esta clase provee a los estudiantes con conocimientos de nivel medio de Microsoft Excel y Microsoft Word.

Book Discussion

Daisy May and the Miracle Man by Fannie Flag

Tuesday, May 9, 2 p.m.

The Sunday Wife by Cassandra King

Tuesday, June 13, 2 p.m.

Exhibit

Coming Down the Backstretch: Klein Center Creations

May 1-31 - Art created by people who work on the backside of Churchill Downs.

Looking Back: Historic Photographs of Iroquois Library

June 1-30

Friends Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 6 p.m.

Americana Community Center

The Community Garden Project needs donations of various garden tools and materials.

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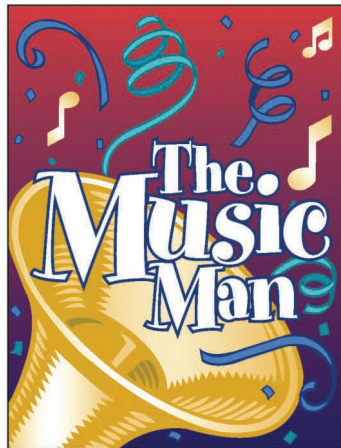


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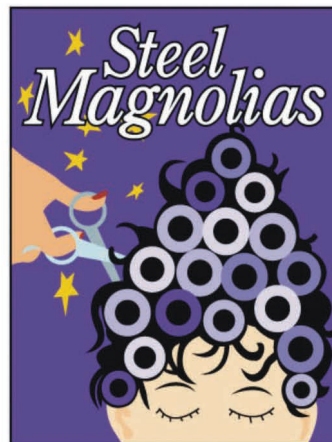
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Garden Crafts, BBQ and Food, Jeneen Wiche**





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