



March / April 2006

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Beechmont Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 14332 Louisville, KY 40214

Let's Spring Forward Beechmont ! Please Help

As Winter draws to a close, we all look forward to Spring and the blossoming flowers, green lawns, and eye-catching landscape. We begin to look at seed catalogues and plan our plantings. We, your board of directors have been looking at what seeds we would like to plant in our garden, the one we call Beechmont. Two seeds I would like to plant and see flourish are those of volunteerism and neighborhood pride.

Over the past few months your board has been working hard to beautify the neighborhood. We have begun dialoguing with area businesses and Brightside in hopes of providing new landscaping around the entrance and exit ramps at Southern Parkway and South Third Street. It our belief that beautification will boost neighborhood morale to keep our streets clean.

Over the past few years, we've had an increase in litter along expressway ramps and down the parkway and other streets. At this time, I would like to personally thank all those neighbors who take the time to stop and pick up litter in front of their homes and businesses. I would especially like to thank Mike Starck, one of your board members who picks up litter on his daily walks up and down Southern Parkway between I-264 to Iroquois Park.. This commitment to keeping our neighborhood beautiful needs to be commended.

As the weather gets nicer we will be putting a call out for volunteers to help with neighborhood cleanup.

Please call me @ 368-3179 or e-

mail R_STARCK@MSN.COM , so we can notify you of upcoming dates. We ask you to take a little time and join with your friends and neighbors in these clean ups.

We also ask you to consider landscaping your yard this Spring. Stop by our Annual Festival of Flowers and find a large array of plants and flowers. Let's all tend to our gardens and keep BEECHMONT beautiful!

~ Bob Starck BNA President



We need a person or persons to act as the BNA welcome person or persons for the neighborhood. This duty has fallen by the wayside since Elizabeth Rieber has retired from the board.

The person needs to monitor the real estate transfers in the newspaper and generate a list of people moving into the neighborhood. We then need to visit the newcomers and welcome them to the neighborhood. We supply a BNA mug to each household and ask them to become members of the BNA. This can be more than one person and we can supply helpers to deliver the mugs.

This is an important task as it increases our membership and also makes people aware of the neighborhood association and shows off our Beechmont hospitality.

We also need a person to step forward to take care of the landscaping around the Beechmont Clock at the corner of Woodlawn Ave. and Southern Parkway. This person also calls the Parks Dept. to make sure they remember to change the time twice each year

If you would like to volunteer please contact a Board member or email bmont@beechmont.org.

Remember...Daylight Saving Time begins for most of the United States at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of April. Time reverts to standard time at 2:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of October.

Calling All Gardeners

The Beechmont Neighborhood Association Festival of Flowers Committee is planning their first annual Garden Tour on June 10, 2006 from 10am-3pm. If you would like to showcase your garden, please call Laura Hosbach at 361-4952 for more information. Proceeds from the tour will be used for beautification of the Beechmont Neighborhood.



Picture by Angela Clark

Please Help

The Festival of Flowers Committee is seeking garden pictures from each month of the year with the idea of making a 2007 Calendar to sell - Please send your pictures to the BNA PO Box 14332, Louisville, KY 40214 with your name, address and with "Festival of Flowers photos" on the outside of the envelope. If you have digital pictures, please send them to bmont@beechmont.org. For more information on how you can help, please call Laura Hosbach at 361-4952

If you are interested in a booth to sell garden related items at the Festival of Flowers please call Laura Hosbach at 361-4952

Making a Difference in Frankfort

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm glad the special election is over. For those of us who live in both Senate district 37 and House district 37, the sheer amount of paper coming into our home almost daily was enough to account for at least a tree or two on the Parkway. Now that we are all represented in Frankfort, why not turn our attention there for the remainder of the legislative session and get involved in issues of concern?

One thing I have learned working in Frankfort over the years is that it is easy to let your voice be heard and that legislators do pay attention to what their constituents have to say. That's not to imply that elected leaders will always agree with you or vote your way, but it is surprising how few people really do get involved. Whether because of apathy, intimidation or just busy lives, many people never contact their elected officials. Many elected leaders will agree, though, that as few as 6 to 10 messages on a single issue will get their attention—particularly if those messages are from voters in their district.

Keeping up with issues and progress in our state capitol is relatively easy. You can log onto the Legislative Research Commission web site at www.lrc.ky.gov to search for the status of a particular bill, to find out which committees are meeting, to get information on legislators, or to search for legislation by topic. You may also call the bill status line at 877-257-5541.

See an issue that interests you? Call toll-free at 800-372-7181 and leave a message for your elected leaders. Make sure to leave your home address and contact information so that they know you live in their district and so they can follow up with you easily. Or you may email them through the LRC web site.

If you want to get a better feel for what's being discussed by the legislature, tune into KET each evening for portions of the day's proceedings. Better yet, find a free day and visit your legislators in Frankfort. Call first

to make an appointment, then take in the sights of our beautiful state capitol while you're there. Truly, legislators are much more impressed by visitors from their home district than by lobbyists who are paid to be there.

When the 2006 legislative session ends in April, make a point of keeping in touch with your state senator and/or state representative throughout the year. Let them know what concerns you and ask them about what they're hearing on key issues. Your voice does make a difference!

~ Julie Brackett

Mini-Marathon Breakfast

The Beechmont Neighborhood Association will hold a Mini-Marathon breakfast on April 29th 2006 at the Gazebo at the corner of Southern Parkway and Woodlawn Avenue from 6:30 AM. Till 10:00 AM. We will be selling donuts, milk, orange juice, coffee and biscuits and gravy. We will be playing your favorite walking and running music. We will also have Beechmont Neighborhood Association mugs and merchandise for sale. All proceeds benefit the Beechmont neighborhood. Come on out and cheer for your favorite runners and walkers



BEECHMONT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

FESTIVAL of FLOWERS

**SATURDAY
MAY 13TH
8:00 - 5:00
SOUTHERN
PARKWAY
AT WOODLAWN**

**LIVE PLANTS & FLOWERS
FOOD
JENEEN WICHE
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GARDEN CRAFTS**



Spring Lawn Care Spruce-up

As the grass greens up, many homeowners are anxious to get out and start working on their lawns. A little patience and care at this point will reward the gardener with a fine lawn later.

For instance, the sight of new grass growing often inspires the homeowner to run out and spread fertilizer to help the young blades along. This is actually the opposite of recommended practices for fescue and bluegrass lawns. The proper time to feed grass is in the fall, when the roots that will sustain the plants through the following summer are actively growing. Even if the fall feeding was missed, any spring feeding should be limited to a light feeding (1/2 pound of actual nitrogen, i.e., 5 pounds of 10-10-10, per 1000 sq. ft.) after the initial flush of growth has subsided, probably sometime in May or early June.

Lime, on the other hand, should be applied in early spring, if soil tests show that it is necessary. Most lawn grasses grow best at soil pH's of 6.0 to 7.0, so have your soil's pH analyzed every two to three years to be sure you are staying in that range. The soil test results will include recommendations on how much lime to apply.

The best time to establish a new lawn from seed is in the fall, but many homeowners will need to reseed patches of lawn that have been damaged during the winter. Seed sown during March and early April will have a chance to grow successfully if it is well watered and cared for, from seeding on through the heat of summer. It is a good idea to fertilize newly seeded grass using a high phosphorous fertilizer (for example, 25 pounds of 5-10-5 per 1000 square feet when patch seeding) which will foster root growth. The grass will be stronger and healthier if you can water daily until the plants are established. Water approximately once a week throughout the summer, for the tops of the grass may look great, but the roots are not as long and dense as those of the grass in an established lawn.

There are many varieties and types of grass seed from which to choose. Your county cooperative extension agent can supply you with a publication which discusses selection of turf grasses.

Mow to about two inches during the spring, then raise the cutting height another half inch when summer arrives. Mow frequently so that no more than one third of the grass blade is removed at one time.

Along with the grass, several undesirables are probably growing in your lawn. The best prevention for a weedy lawn is to provide such great growing conditions that the turf crowds out the weeds. If you choose to use herbicides, be sure to apply them when they will have maximum impact on the weed population. Follow label directions closely for information on time of application and safety precautions.

Apply pre emergent herbicides between the middle of March and the middle of April to control crabgrass. Crabgrass generally emerges about the time of dogwood bloom, and the pre emergent herbicides used to control it will not affect crabgrass that is already up and growing.

Spraying for dandelions is most effective in fall, but spring spraying of a broadleaf weed killer will control many of them. Be sure to spray when the weeds are actively growing rather than during drought conditions. When spraying any herbicide, use a different sprayer from the one which you use to apply insecticides or fungicides. Mark it "HERBICIDE" so it will not inadvertently be used for other purposes, which may result in herbicide residues damaging valuable plants.

March is still a little early for de thatching and insect control, so after taking care of the few necessary lawn chores for early spring, you can relax and save your energy for summer mowing.

(Prepared by Ellen Silva, Extension Technician, Department of Horticulture, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0327)

At the Library

Adult Programs

AARP Tax Help

Every Friday in March, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tae Kwon Do

Saturday, March 4, 11 a.m.

Cultural Showcase:

Arabic Sounds

Saturday, March 18, 1 p.m.

Come enjoy Middle Eastern sounds as the group Baladna performs.

Young Adult Programs

Anime in the Afternoon

Thursday, March 9, 4 p.m.

Film and munchies provided. Ages 13-18.

Teen Craft

Come make something cool

Monday March 20, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 11 - 18.

Children's Programs

Jewelry Beading

Tuesday, March 21, 4 p.m.

Come create colorful beaded jewelry! Ages 9-12, sign-up required.

Computer Classes

Computer Basics

Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.

Windows Basics

Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.

Internet Basics

Wednesday, March 8, 2 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.

Special Class

Intermediate Microsoft Word

Thursday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

International Classes

Cáncer de Mujeres

El sábado, el 4 de marzo, 2 p.m.

Un programa para informales sobre el cáncer de mujeres. Presentado por Rachele Seger, del programa Kentucky cáncer. Presentado conjunto con la universidad de Louisville y the Brown Cancer Center.

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At the Iroquois Library Cont'd

Computación Básica

El sábado, el 18 de marzo, 11 de la mañana
Estas clases están diseñadas para estudiantes que tienen muy poco o ningún conocimiento de computación. A continuación te mostramos lo que puedes aprender en esas clases.

Computación de nivel medio

El sábado, el 11 de marzo, 11 de la mañana
Esta clase provee a los estudiantes con conocimientos de nivel medio de Microsoft Excel y Microsoft Word.

Book Discussion

The Passion of Artemisia by Susan Vreeland
Tuesday, March 14, 2 p.m.
Friends Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 6 p.m.

April Programs

Lawn Care
Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m.
Brian Jones, of the Jefferson County Extension Office, presents tips and tricks to having a great looking lawn.
Understanding Medicare Part D
Tuesday, April 11, 11 a.m.
Join Michelle Wade,, for a free walkthrough explanation of the new Medicare Plan D prescription drug coverage. Sign up required. Call 574-1720.
Cultural Showcase - Philippines
Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m.
Money, Hats and Tees - The Derby Culture
Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.
Derby Legends and Other Truths
Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.
Join Ronnie Restart, of the Kentucky Derby Museum, as he recounts the colorful history of this world famous race.
Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros
April 29th, Saturday, 1 p.m.
Children's Spanish/English Bilingual Story time
English Conversation Club
Every Saturday, 3 p.m.

Come participate to practice English conversation.

Teen Craft

Monday, April 3, 2 p.m.

Come make something cool. Ages 11-18.

Anime in the Afternoon

Thursday, April 13, 4 p.m.

Film and munchies provided. Ages 13-18.

Tuesday, April 4, 2 p.m.

Are snakes slimy? Learn, look, touch and feel about the natural world around us Ages 4 and up.

Computer Classes

Computer Basics

Monday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.

Windows Basics

Thursday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

Internet Basics

Wednesday, April 12, 2 p.m. Monday, April 24, 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Monday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.

Special Classes

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Tuesday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.

International Classes

Computación Básica

El sábado, el 8 y el 15 de abril, 11 de la mañana. Estas clases están diseñadas para estudiantes que tienen muy poco o ningún conocimiento de computación.

Computación de nivel medio

El sábado, el 22 de abril, 11 de la mañana.

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

Book Discussion

In the Face of Jinn by Cheryl Howard Crew

Tuesday, April 11, 2 p.m.

Friends Meeting




Tuesday, April 18, 6 p.m.

Exhibit : Somalian Women's Textiles

April 1-30

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