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Beechmont Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 14332 Louisville, KY 40214

President's Message ... Summer in the City

A lot of things have been happening all at once in Beechmont. Some for the good and some bad.

The recent theft of the 60 rosebushes was despicable. An anonymous tip from a neighbor said they saw two white males on a Sunday night around 11 pm stealing the rosebushes. They called the police, but no arrest has been made at this time. Hopefully, these thieves will be caught and punished. If anyone has information about this crime we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. I would also like to personally thank Brightside for replacing the stolen rosebushes.

Our next task is to get the Department of Highways to mow on more regular basis so we can see these beautiful roses. Your help in this area can be made by calling the Department of Highways at 367-6411, ask for Cary Cassell and by contacting your State Representative Ron Weston (ron.weston@lrc.ky.gov 366-2039)

and State Senator Perry Clark (perry.clark@lrc.ky.gov 937-5254). We ask you to request their assistance in keeping our expressway ramps mowed. A simple phone call by you can make a great difference!

I'd like to thank all those who attended the neighborhood meeting last month on the Thornton's Expansion Proposal. We appreciate hearing your views and comments about this subject. Any last minute comments can be sent to me via email at R_STARCK@MSN.COM or by phone 368-3179. We hope to make a decision about this proposal shortly.

In the newspaper, we also saw that the city plans to build a new fire house in the neighborhood. Just a year ago we were protesting the downsizing of our fire house to one truck. This is good news, in that we will be able to continue the same fire and medical protection in the future. I spoke with some of our firefighters recently and they were happy with this decision.

We will work with the city to preserve the old firehouse and hopefully find a new use for it.

Just a reminder to all neighbors of what the Beechmont Neighborhood Association is about. We are not a private club or clique. We are an organization of neighbors and hopefully friends that volunteer time for the betterment of the neighborhood. Our membership includes both residents and businesses. We seek a healthy relationship which balances the good for both. Life involves choices. We as a board of directors try to make decisions that keep Beechmont a great place to live.

We invite you to come to our regular meetings each month to speak and listen to the issues that concern the neighborhood.

We meet on the third Monday of each month at the Beechmont Community Center at 7:00 pm.

~ BNA President Bob Starck



Beechmont Summer



Southern Leadership Academy

Derby hats off to Southern Leadership Academy! Every year Southern Leadership Academy (SLA) teachers and students continue to focus on winning the race toward school improvement. During the second semester of the 2005-2006 school year, several SLA premier programs began to pick up speed toward the school improvement finish line.

In February, SLA students Cuc Ly, Henery Bui, Todd Burnett and Tai Tang participated in a county-wide Math Counts competition. This was the third year SLA students have used the Math Counts competition to improve their mathematical problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Top students from approximately 25 Jefferson County private and public middle schools participated in the February competition. The SLA team

received the "Most Improved" award at the end of the event. Next year, SLA students hope to win, place or show!

March proved to be a successful month for SLA's band. A group of approximately 45 students participated in Jefferson County's Kentucky Music Education Association band competition. Not only did the band receive a "Proficient" rating, but all who observed SLA's band students were extremely impressed by their professionalism and awesome behavior throughout the day. It was obvious that SLA's band conductor Eric Johnson has trained his students to "go for the gold"!

Sherry Deatruck, SLA's school librarian brought home the garland of roses in April. During the 2005-2006 school year Ms. Deatruck was selected as Outstanding School Media Librarian

an out of 17 nominations from all public and private elementary, middle and high schools in Jefferson County. Ms. Deatruck was also Jefferson County's entry into the Kentucky School Media Association's state competition.

Also in April, two SLA students received championship honors in the Courier-Journal 2005-06 Young Authors' Program. Jamisha Harris and Juanchya Parris helped SLA finish among the top three winning middle schools in Jefferson County. The students attended a dinner/reception for all district winners on May 15th.

Positive trends occurred at Southern Leadership Academy this past year. Please support the teachers and students at SLA as they continue to race toward school improvement.

~ Ms. Debbie Buck

Rose Thieves make Beechmont Residents Blue

I was saddened the other day as I exited the Watterson Expressway to find out that some self centered thief had stolen approximately sixty rose bushes planted for an area beautification project. The roses were recently planted at the on and off ramps of the Watterson Expressway at Third Street and Southern Parkway.

The Expressway beautification project bloomed from a comment made by the Beechmont Neighborhood Association to Mayor Jerry Abramson at one of the monthly town hall meetings held back in November. We stated that the ramps at Southern Parkway, and Third street are probably some of the most widely used by visitors to the city. Many visitors to our fair city pass this way on a visit to Churchill Downs. We wanted to make a good impression on visitors to our neighborhood.

From this meeting, the mayor spoke with Steve Sexton, (President of Churchill Downs), and through a partnership with Project Brightside, the Beechmont, Oakdale, and Wilder Park Neighborhood Associations the project was set in motion.

Approximately 550 rose bushes

were planted about a week before the Derby. Then strange things started happening. About a week after Derby, a couple of rose bushes disappeared, and then one weekend, some person or persons stole approximately sixty plants at one time. This act of vandalism decimated the entire project.



After a call to the director of Brightside we were assured that the roses would be replaced, but that if the theft continued that they could not continue to replace them. Thankfully, the roses were replaced, and now the project is really starting to take shape.

The project was an expensive un-

dertaking at no cost to the neighborhood. The rose bushes are a variety known as "Knockout roses" that retail for \$30.00 dollars each. They will bloom from early spring to the first frost in the fall. Once the roses take hold it will be a dazzling display of color.

Hopefully everyone has taken notice of the project and is enjoying the beauty of our new landscape. If you truly do enjoy seeing the roses, please drop a line to the sponsors of this project, and thank them for their support of South Louisville.

If you have any information on the vandalism that occurred please call the Louisville Police Department Tipline at 574-LMPD.

We have other landscape projects planned for the neighborhood. With community support from area businesses, we can make a difference. If you would like to volunteer on other beautification projects, or if you have a idea on how to make our neighborhood better, give me a call (Michael Starck @ 368-3480).

~Mike Starck



At the Iroquois Library ...

Iroquois Adult Programs

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.

Protecting Your Identity in an Electronic World

Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.

Allison Lewis, of the Jefferson County Extension Office will be here to give you tips on keeping your identity safe online.

Cultural Showcase: Ireland

Saturday, July 15, 1 p.m.

The Irish Society of Kentuckiana provides an afternoon of Irish history and dance.

Dream Interpretation

Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 p.m.

Join the School of Metaphysics as they discuss the meaning of symbols you see in your dreams

Calling All Hip-hoppers:

An Evening of Dance

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m.

Join Mawa Loule from Sudan and Cuong Tran of Vietnam, as they perform original hip-hop pieces with dance.

Young Adult Programs

Anime in the Afternoon

Thursday, July 13, 4 p.m.

Film and munchies provided.

Ages 13-18.

Candy Wrapper Bracelets

Monday, July 10, 2 p.m.

Library Idol

Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m.

Come show us your talent! Ages 12-18; sign up and get more information.

Teen Crafts

Every Monday, 2 p.m.

June 19: Fun With Felt

June 26: Marble Magnets

Children's Programs

Chill Out Thursdays

Every Thursday, 2 p.m.

June 22: Battle robots with the wonderful Junk Genius

June 29: Raptor Rehabilitation

Fun Stuff Fridays

Every Friday, 2 p.m.

June 23: Painting Party with Scratch and Sniff Watercolors

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

Puppet, Puppet

Thursday, July 6, 2 p.m.

Come relax with a puppet show.

Mad Science

Thursday, July 13, 2 p.m.

Have some fun with Mad Science.

Ages 5-12, sign up required.



Raptor Rehabilitation

Thursday, July 20, 2 p.m.

Come see and learn about amazing birds with Raptor Rehabilitation

Storytelling with Armando Heredia

Thursday, July 27, 2 p.m..

Fun in the Sun Crafts

Friday July 21, 2 p.m.

Finger Painting

Friday, July 14, 2 p.m.

Wear old clothes, or bring a smock.

Down the Stretch Summer Reading Parties

Monday, July 24, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26, 2 p.m.

Computer Games

Friday, July 28, 2 p.m.

Ages 6-12, sign up required.

Summer Reading Grand Finale

Saturday, July 29, 2 p.m.

Summer Reading Finale with Daniel Otu and the Drums of West Africa! Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with fun and music!

Computer Classes

Computer Basics

Thursday, June 29, 10:30 am

Thursday, July 6, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m.

Windows Basics

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

Internet Basics

Tuesday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.

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

Special Classes

Introduction to PowerPoint

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

International Classes

Computación Básica

Sábado, el 8 de julio, 11 de la mañana

Estas clases están diseñadas para estudiantes que tienen muy poco o ningún conocimiento de computación.

Computación de nivel medio

Sábado, 17 de junio, 11 de la mañana

Sábado, el 15 de julio, 11 de la mañana

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

Book Discussion

Winterdance: the fine madness of running the Iditarod by Gary Paulsen

Tuesday, July 11, 2 p.m.

Exhibit

Looking Back: Historic Photographs of Iroquois Library

June 1 - through July 31

Presented by the Iroquois Friends of the Library.

Friends Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 6 p.m.





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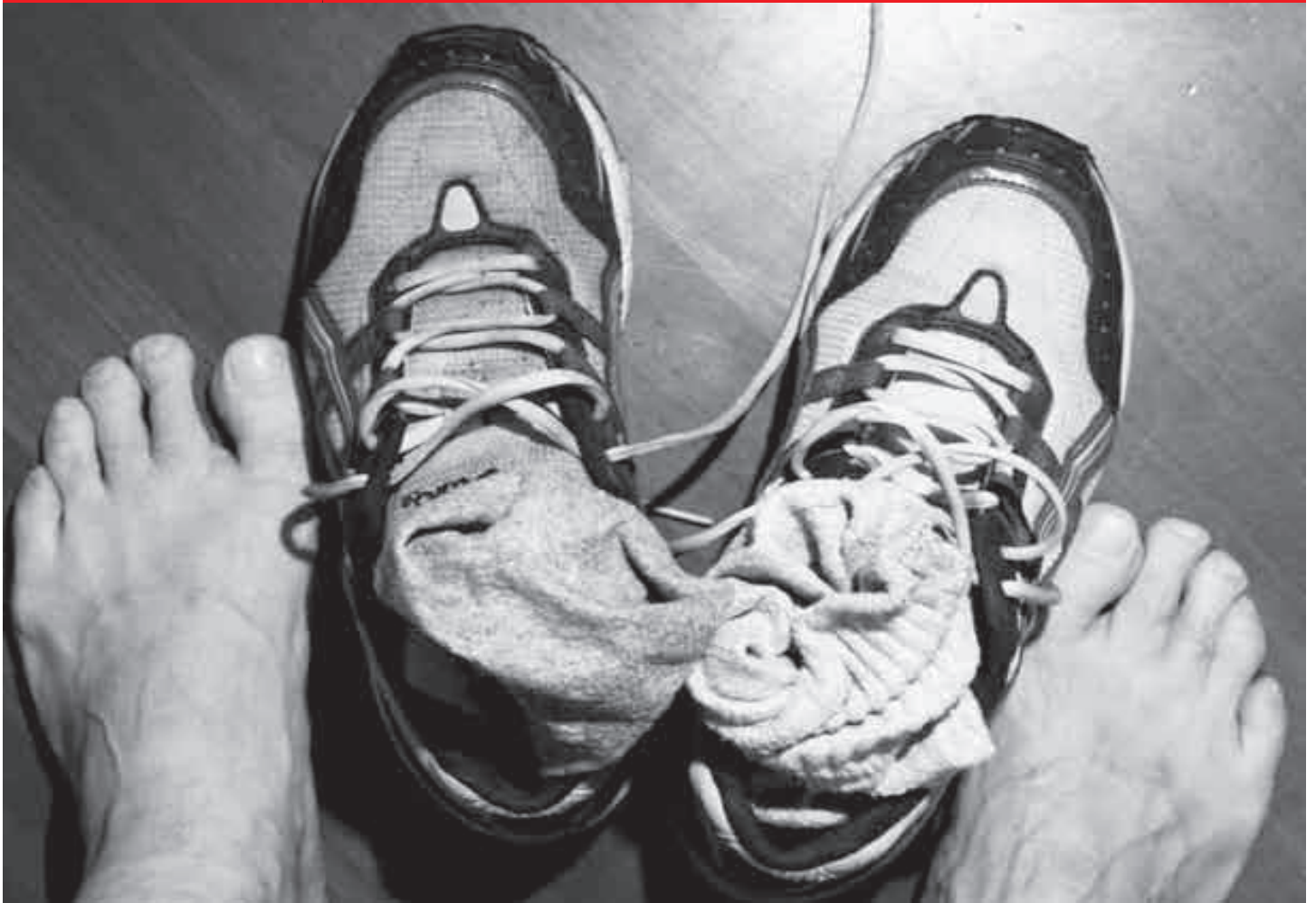
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Beechmont Open Air Market ... A Preview

After a lot of hard work by Donna and Rick Pick-erill, the Beechmont Open Air Market project is getting ready to open. For the last three years BNA has been working to bring a Farmer's Market to Beechmont. We feel our area deserves to have this type of market to bring fresh locally grown produce in our neighborhood. While we expect this to start small, we hope it will grow with neighborhood support to be a large market like the one on Bardstown road.

The Beechmont Open Air Market location will be in the parking lot of the Beechmont Baptist Church at Southern Parkway at Wellington. The church has graciously allowed us to hold the market at this great location which has plenty of parking and lots of space to grow. We currently have three growers interested in selling in our market.

One of these growers is the Red Windmill Farm which will make available heirloom tomatoes, and other unusual vegetable varieties. Their produce is all organically grown here in Kentucky on their farm just south of Bardstown..

The market will be held on Saturdays from 8 AM till Noon. We plan to start the Market on July 22nd. Watch the Courier Journal for details. We also plan to hang a banner at the Market with the date and time information.

There will be a preview of the market at the Finish Line Festival, so you can meet some of the farmers and see their produce. Please come out and support this exciting new addition to your neighborhood.

~ Gary Guss



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