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Beechmont Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 14332 Louisville, KY 40214

President's Message

Good things are happening! In spite of all the hot weather, neighbors have been coming out each Saturday between 8 a.m. and noon in support of our new Open Air Market at the Beechmont Baptist Church parking lot. I've especially enjoyed eating those garden fresh tomatoes.

Come and join us one Saturday. It's a great time to meet and chat with some of your neighbors and board of directors. Come have a cup of coffee and stay awhile.

I'd personally like to thank the following people for their hard work and help in establishing the market: Rick and Donna Pickerill, Gary and Linda Guss, Julie and Joe Brackett, Dan Johnson, Ray Manley, and especially the Beechmont Baptist Church and staff for graciously allowing us to use their facility.

Besides our new market, I'd like to introduce the neighborhood to a newly formed coalition of neighborhoods called the Advocacy Group of South Louisville. The following neighborhoods have joined together to work on issues facing South Louisville: Oakdale Wilder Park, Beechmont, South Louisville, Iroquois, North Iroquois, Jacobs Addition and Cloverleaf. We believe by joining together as one voice we can become a vehicle to create change and keep our neighborhoods strong. As a kick-off event, we are sponsoring a Neighborhood Clean up on September 9th when each community will clean up their neighborhood at the same time. The Mayor and Brightside will join with us to kick-off the event with a mini-breakfast on Saturday, September 9th, at 8:00 am at Iroquois High School (4615 Taylor Blvd.). For those unable

to come to the high school, we'll meet at the Gazebo and hand out supplies around 9:30 a.m.

We are asking you to join with us for a couple of hours to make this a major event in South Louisville history. Let's get out and show how proud we are of our neighborhood and celebrate the great people who live in it. Please help us by volunteering; call 368-3179 or e-mail me at R_STARCK@MSN.COM.

As always, I ask you to report any problems or issues in the neighborhood to METROCALL by calling 311 or via e-mail metrocall@louisvilleky.gov. This simple gesture is one way to show your care for the neighborhood.

Something new we are considering as a board is sending out notices of property ordinance violations and asking neighbors to respectfully correct these. This will hopefully help them avoid possible fines and penalties levied by metro government and continue to keep our neighborhood a great place to live. In speaking with the president of the Oakdale Neighborhood Association, Kim Childress, this has been a successful tool in their efforts to building a stronger neighborhood.

Any comments or questions on this topic can be addressed to me at the phone number or e-mail address above. In closing, thanks for being a part of the association.

~ Bob Starck BNA President



Meet the Mayor



Mark your calendar to attend this months Mayor's Community Conversation which will be held on Sept. 18th at the Iroquois High school gym at 4515 Taylor Blvd.

The Mayor's Community Conversations begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and offer citizens an opportunity to take questions and issues directly to Louisville Metro government departments and community agencies.

The Community Conversations follow this format:

The Mayor opens the meeting by introducing Louisville Metro department directors and describing their area of responsibility - think of it as Civics 101 about how our community is run.

Residents move around the room and speak directly - one-on-one - to department directors.

If they want to speak to the Mayor, they form a line in the middle aisle.

City staff members in blue shirts are on hand to direct residents to the proper agency or department.

Attendees can also register an idea or concern with MetroCall 311, the city's problem-solving telephone line. MetroCall staff log concerns in their computer and forward them to the appropriate department for follow up.

Light refreshments are served and there is an "information table" with brochures on local programs.

~ Gary Guss

Beechmont Harvest Festival Coming Soon !

We are planning a special edition of the Beechmont Open Air Market to celebrate harvest time. This new event will be held on Saturday September 23rd from 8-12 noon at the Market at Southern Parkway and Wellington. The farmers will be selling Gourds, Pumpkins, Squash, Indian Corn, Straw and other decorative items. There will be live music and pumpkin painting for the children. Bring the family out and pick out your pumpkins. We will have hot cider for sale.

Remember the Market is held each Saturday from 8AM-Noon. Meet your friends and neighbors and get some fresh picked Kentucky grown produce and baked goods.

Scenes from Our Market ...



At The Library

Adult Programs

Ecuadorian Dance

Tuesday, September 5, 6:30 PM
Enjoy an evening of Ecuadorian folk dancing with the QUITUMBE ANDEAN BALLET of Quito

A Diversity of Dancing

Wednesday, September 6th, 6:30 PM - China
Wednesday, September 20th, 6:30 PM - Africa

Learn about the role dance plays in world cultures. Each program will address how factors as varied as language and history influenced the art form and how modern dance reflects cultural traditions. Come with your dancing shoes on - each program will feature a demonstration and an audience participation component.

Cultural Showcase - Meskahetian Turks

Saturday, September 9th, 1 PM
Join the celebration of music, dance and culture of the Meskahetian Turks.

The Jesse Stuart Foundation

Wednesday, September 27th, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, October 10, 2 PM
Join David Palmore, the editor and compiler of NEW HARVEST: FORGOTTEN STORIES OF KENTUCKY'S JESSE STUART as he discusses the life of Jesse Stuart and the Jesse Stuart Foundation.

Taking Your Business to the Next Level

Tuesday, October 3, 5:30 PM
Presented by Metro Development Authority.

Diversity Dancing

Latin America - Wednesday, October 4, 6:30 PM
Spain - Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 PM
Shakes and Shivers with Thomas Freese
Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 PM
Exciting Shaker stories and songs.

Cultural Showcase: Eritrea

Saturday, October 21, 1 PM

Don't Call Them Ghosts

Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 PM
Local author Kathleen McConnell shares her family's experiences and encounters while living in Louisville's Fontaine Manse.

The River City Klezmer Band

Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 PM

Spanish English Bilingual Cafe

Every Saturday, 3 PM
Basic conversation in both languages required. Props provided.

Friends Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 6 PM
Tuesday, October 17, 6 PM

Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 12, 2:00 PM
Paula by Isabelle Allende

Exhibit

Kentucky Refugee Ministries Artwork
August 1 - September 30
Enjoy various mediums of artwork created by some of Louisville's diverse residents.

Young Adult Programs

Anime in the Afternoon

Thursday, September 14, 4 PM
Thursday, October 12, 4 PM
Film and munchies provided.
Ages 13-18.

Celebrate Teen Read Week - Get Active!

Learn to Knit - Monday, October 16, 3:30 PM Sign up required.
Transform a T-shirt - Tuesday, October 17, 3:30 PM
Dance Dance Revolution Party - Wednesday, October 18, 3:30 PM
Karaoke Party - Thursday, October 19, 3:30 PM
Learn to Salsa Dance - Thursday, October 19, 7 PM

Children's Programs

Vietnamese Dancing Dragons and Hispanic Paper Flowers

Friday, September 8, 3:00 PM
Celebrate International month with crafts from different cultures. Ages 6 & up.

Mother Goose Time

For pre-walkers up to age 2.
Tuesday, September 5, 10:15 AM
Saturday, September 9, 10:15 AM
Tuesday, October 3, 10:15 AM
Saturday, October 7, 10:15 AM

Toddler Story time

Wednesdays, 11:15 AM

Preschool Story time

Wednesdays, 10:15 AM

Family Storytime

Thursday, September 21, 6:30 PM
Join us for a bilingual story time in Spanish and English to celebrate International Month
Saturday September 23, 11:00
Join us to celebrate International month with a bilingual story time in English and Vietnamese.

Halloween Party

Monday, October 23
Preschoolers and Toddlers, 6 PM
Family, 7 PM

Join the 13th Annual Iroquois Library Halloween Party! Bring the whole family for lots of spooky fun!

Computer Classes

Computer Basics

Tuesday, September 5, 10:30 AM
Monday, September 25, 10:30 AM
Thursday, October 5, 10:30 AM

Windows Basics

Monday, September 11, 10:30 AM
Thursday, September 28, 2 PM
Thursday, October 12, 2:30 PM
Monday, October 30, 6 PM

Internet Basics

Wednesday, September 13, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, October 11, 2 PM

Using the LFPL Catalog

Monday, September 18, 2 PM

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Wednesday, September 6, 10:30 AM
Thursday, October 19, 2 PM

Special Classes

Yahoo! E-mail

Tuesday, September 19, 2 PM
The easy way to keep up correspondences in today's online world - whether it is personal or job related.

Foreign Language

Computer Classes

Computación Básica

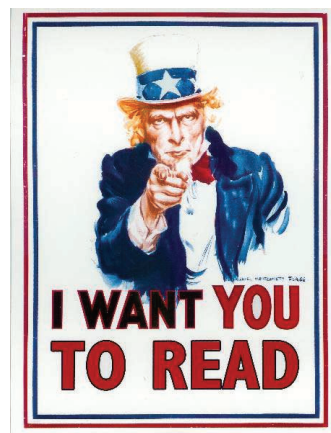
El sábado, el 14 de octubre, 11 de la mañana
Esta clase está diseñada para estudiantes que tienen muy poco o ningún conocimiento de computación.

Computación de nivel medio

El sábado, el 21 de octubre, 11 de la mañana
Esta clase provee a los estudiantes con conocimientos de nivel medio de Microsoft Excel y Microsoft Word.

Computers in Vietnamese

Saturday, October 28, 11 AM - 1 PM





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Enjoy Beechmont in the Fall



I love fall. At the beginning of every season, I feel a surge of enthusiasm and am thankful for all of the good things that the season brings, but fall is definitely my favorite. Of course, fall won't officially begin until late September, but for me the start of the new school year is always an exciting time. Maybe it's the ritual of shopping for school supplies or the new shoes. Maybe it's the thought of all those young minds heading off to meet new friends and new teachers and learn new things.

As autumn approaches, I invariably have fond memories of falls past and make a mental to-do list to take full advantage of the unique opportunities that the season brings:

1. Walk around our neighborhood. Not only is Beechmont blessed with one of the best walking venues in the city along Southern Parkway, but we are also surrounded with a rich history and variety of architectural styles. So take a walk... get some exercise... meet some neighbors... maybe take along a bag to collect any litter along the way, but mostly just enjoy the cooler air and the rich vi-

sual experience.

2. Enjoy the last of nature's bounty. As the growing season wanes, savor those fresh tomatoes and green beans and take in the beauty of pumpkins and mums that truly signal fall's arrival. This year we are especially lucky to be able to enjoy some of Kentucky's finest produce right here in our neighborhood at the weekly Open Air Market each Saturday morning. When the time comes, buy a pumpkin, plant some mums, and enrich the experience even further for item #1 above.

3. Spend fall days with family and friends. Raking leaves and jumping in the piles will always take me back to my childhood, and there is no sound more precious than the laughter of children or grandchildren jumping in their own pile of leaves. Football games offer a great outdoor opportunity for people-watching under a warm blanket, even if you don't understand the game of football. And, of course, engaging in activity #1 above is a great time to talk and make plans for the next fall weekend.

4. Last, but not least, volunteer. There is something all of us can do to give back to our community—whether it's doing something nice for a neighbor, participating in a neighborhood cleanup, collecting items for needy families for the holidays, or helping out at the charity of your choice. The time you spend volunteering not only helps others, but it provides a sense of contentment and accomplishment unlike any other activity. Looking for a way to volunteer? Consider contacting BNA.

Time moves quickly, so take time to enjoy the pleasures of fall in Beechmont. Soon Thanksgiving and the holidays will be upon us. That's another whole to-do list.

~ Julie Brackett

Blessing the Animals



On Sunday, October 1, Metro Animal Services will co-sponsor an event with St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on Bardstown Rd. to give thanks and provide blessings for pet animals.

St. Francis of Assisi was the world's first environmentalist. Around the world our relationship with animals and nature is celebrated every year on his Feast Day.

Join us at the church for a low-cost Rabies and Licensing Clinic from 12-3, meet adoptable animals, and visit representatives from Pet Groups United and W.A.G.S. Learn about volunteer opportunities and visit Animal Services' mobile clinic S.P.O.T.

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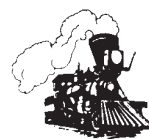
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Beechmont Neighborhood Association Membership Application (please print clearly)

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Address _____

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E-mail _____

_____ Family Membership (\$7.50)

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