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The Original Highlands Neighborhood Association Newsletter

"By Neighbors For Neighbors"

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2007 Original Highlands Art & Music Festival scheduled for Sat. Sept. 8!

The 2007 Original Highlands Art & Music Festival is right around the corner!

On Saturday, September 8th, Baxter Avenue will be closed to thru traffic beginning around 7:00 am with the Festival kicking off at 11:00 am and running until 11:00 pm in the evening.

This year's event promises to be even bigger and better than last year's with two stages of live, free music. The expanded musical line-up includes Wax Fang, Cabin, the Ladybirds, Ghostfinger, the Slow Break, the Shinerunners, Broadfield Marchers, Peter Searcy, Tim Krekel, and Brigid Kaelin. The tentative performance times are listed www.festivalonbaxter.com.

An expanded children's area will include inflatables and a craft area along Morton Avenue and the Patterson Playground.

The Original Highland's Festival continues to emerge as one of Louisville Metro's most successful neighborhood events.

The Festival is made possible by the generous support of Anheuser-Busch. In addition, many of our local Original Highlands businesses have made sizable contributions.

Contributing businesses include O'Shea's Irish Pub, Flanagan's Ale House, Wet Willy's, Molly Malone's Irish Pub, Wick's Pizza Parlor & Pub, and Lynn's Paradise Café. The festival committee would like to personally thank all these businesses for their support!

As residents of the Louisville's most dynamic and innovative historical community, we expect to see

all of you on the Baxter corridor on Saturday, September 8th. We really need your support so please come out and plan to spend the day on Baxter Avenue!

In addition, the Festival is always in need of volunteers. If you would be willing to spare an hour or two, please send an email to Kristen Riddick, the Festival Chair, kriddick@insightbb.com.

ORIGINAL HIGHLANDS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Are you interested in the history of the Original Highlands? Would like to learn more about our neighborhood and how to preserve its rich history?

Announcing the formation of the

Original Highlands Preservation Society

Dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the history of the Original Highlands and its cultural and economic diversity.

All meetings will be held on every other Wednesday at St. Brigid Church 7:00 pm

Each meeting will feature a topic related to history or historic preservation from a variety of professionals and speakers

Scheduled meetings include:

Aug. 22 History of the Original Highlands

Sept. 5 Affordable Restoration

Sept. 19 Energy Efficient Historic Homes

Oct. 3 Why are Windows Important to Historic Homes?

Oct. 17 Failure to Conserve? Lost Louisville Landmarks

Nov. 7 Are we being Gentrified?

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OHNA Board of Directors Meeting Dates and Times

The OHNA board meets every third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm, except on general meeting days when the board meetings start at 6:00 pm. Most meetings are held at Metropolitan Community Church at Highland and Rubel. The place of meetings is subject to change. General meetings of the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association are held quarterly on the third Monday of February, May, August, and November. General Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and are usually held at Metropolitan Community Church. The meeting place is subject to change and such changes are published in the Original Highlands Neighborhood Newsletter prior to the meeting. Board elections are held at annually at the November general meeting.

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While alley clean ups sponsored by OHNA and Brightside are important for keeping our alleys clean, the ultimate responsibility falls on to the individual property owners and tenants.

According to city code, property owners are responsible for maintaining their property to the mid point of the alley. So, trash and junk that accumulates in the alley behind your property is your responsibility. Even if illegal dumping occurs on your property or on the alley behind your property, it is still your responsibility.

You are also responsible for weed control and mowing. Property owners who fail to maintain their property to the mid point of the alley may be cited. So, we all need to be good neighbors and keep our alleys clean and report illegal dumping activity.



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Since the trash bin system was introduced in the Original Highlands a couple of years ago, the litter situation has improved greatly in our alleys. However, there are some important rules and etiquette regarding the use of the bins.

All household garbage must be placed in the trash bins provided by the Metro government. Garbage stored in other containers or bags will not be collected. If you do not have a Metro trash bin or would like to request a small sized bin, you can contact Metro Call 311 or your building owner/manager if you rent. The bins should only be used for household trash not yard waste or construction debris. If you bin is damaged, it may not be emptied on trash collection day and needs to be repaired. Call Metro call to have your bin repaired. Trash bins must be stored on your property, not in the alley or the public right of way in front of your house. Please set the bin out on your regularly scheduled trash collection day and return to your property by the next day. Remember these bins are a tool to help keep our neighborhood clean. However, we must all work together and use the bins properly. We must also continue to separate and store recyclables and yard waste properly. Recyclables should be separated between fiber materials and co-mingled materials. Please see the following list of accepted materials and those not accepted.

FIBER MATERIALS PAPER

White or mixed office paper, computer paper, file folders and manila and regular envelopes, mail items, junk mail, brown paper grocery bags, telephone books, and magazines/catalogs

Food-free pizza boxes, paperboard, cereal and gift boxes, newspapers with slick advertising inserts, flattened cardboard pieces no larger than approximately 2 ft x 2 ft
NO bound catalogs over 1 inch thick or glued

bindings - NO plastic or foil backed paper
NO soiled or wax-coated cardboard like frozen food boxes and milk/juice cartons
CO-MINGLED MATERIALS GLASS

Food and drink bottles and jars (clear, brown, green, blue) - remove lids and rinse. Leave labels on. NO window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, drinking glasses/mugs, oven/cooking glassware, pottery.

METAL & ALUMINUM

Steel "tin" cans such as soup, vegetable or pet food (rinse and put lids inside), empty aerosol cans (remove plastic lids)

Clean used aluminum foil, disposable roasting, pie and cake pans, beverage cans and clean aluminum food containers (flatten to save space if possible), NO pots, pans, coat hangers, or paint cans, NO medical waste such as needles.

PLASTIC

Household containers such as milk jugs, cups, squeeze bottles, clear food packaging, soft drink, laundry and dishwashing detergent, margarine and whipped topping tubs, bottles and jars marked #1 thru #7 with the recycling symbol are accepted in the program. (clean thoroughly and leave labels and lids.) Flatten to save space if possible.)

NO medical waste such as syringes

NO motor oil or antifreeze jugs, plastic bags or buckets, pumps or sprayers, paint containers or plastic cutlery

NO plastic or styrofoam packing material such as peanuts or rigid. Styrofoam cups, plates and food containers are also NOT accepted. NO wrapping paper

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The Garden Club has a successful summer

The Fleur de Lis Garden Club kicked off the summer season by hosting the Original Highlands Garden Tour.

It was a success in every sense, 115 tickets were sold, surpassing the highest number in previous years and raising over a \$1,000 for various neighborhood beautification projects; as an added bonus the weather was perfect! Nine neighborhood residents participated on June 9 and 10 displaying a wide range of interesting and charming gardens and venues. Thank-you to all who shared their gardens with the neighborhood and those that supported them by going on the tour!

On July 21, the "Garden Club" sponsored its first fundraiser, a neighborhood yard sale. Participants were asked to donate 20 percent of their proceeds to benefit Patterson Park. Some families donated all of their earnings and there were several donations from

yard sale goers, a big thank-you to all of those that participated. The Garden Club plans to use the proceeds to purchase and plant shrubbery to beautify Patterson Playground for everyone's enjoyment. Be sure to save your junk or treasures for next year's annual summer event.

The Club is very excited to have its first guest speaker, Shelly Nold, horticulturist and co-owner of the Plant Kingdom, join us at its next meeting.

Shelly has served as Horticulture Agent for the University of

Kentucky and the Executive Director of the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association. She is currently gardening columnist for Kentucky Living Magazine.


If you have a plant that you cannot identify be sure to bring it to the meeting. Everyone is welcome! The meeting is scheduled for Aug. 13 at 6:00 p.m. in O'Sheas Rear Courtyard.

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Neighbors are welcome and encouraged to join the Club.

In addition, the Club is in the early process of identifying participants for next years Garden Tour. Club member's goals are to expand participation in 2008. Anyone in-

terested in becoming a member and/or participating in next year's event should contact Kim Haddox at 569-7516 or Brenda Wessling at 585-4393.

Junk Collection Dates

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December 3

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OHNA Needs to Hear from You!

Often times, the best way to stay in the loop on neighborhood progress is via email. As a result, the OHNA is trying to expand its email distribution list. If you would like to receive updates on the Original Highlands via email, please send a quick message to John Riddick @ jriddick@insightbb.com. We will add you to the Original Highlands general distribution list.



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Patterson Playground fence installed this month around children's play equipment

Patterson Playground on Morton Avenue represents one of the few green spots in the Original Highlands.

Beginning the week of Aug. 13, Patterson Playground will see the addition of a new fence around the children's play area. During construction of the fence the park will be closed. Construction should take two to three days. Metro Parks will have closure signs posted at the park entrance.

Through donations from neighbors and the recent neighborhood-wide yard sale sponsored by the Original Highlands Fleur de Lis Garden Club, as well as donations from Tom Owen's office and the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association a new fence will frame the play equipment and run along the front of the park facing Morton Avenue.

A new entrance gate will also be added to the area to allow people not using the play equipment access to the green space.

Metro Parks will be supplying several picnic tables for the playground area as well as signage similar to the signs on the play equipment at Willow Park.

Neighbors will be relocating the one original park bench currently in the play area to an area outside of the play area for people to sit on who may be using the green space and not the play equipment.

The neighborhood association would also like to add additional picnic tables to the larger green space as well as a doggie bag dispenser to make it easier for dog owners to clean up after their pets.

Recognizing the importance of this

park to our neighborhood, OHNA embarked on an effort to renovate and upgrade the playground. Over the last two years, a master plan for the playground was developed, a new play surface installed, new benches added, and the play equipment cleaned.

If you would like to volunteer to help relocate the bench, or clean up the play mulch and equipment after the fence is installed, please contact Beth at 589-6736.

Also, if you would like to donate toward the cost of the doggie bag dispenser, which runs around \$300 and the additional picnic tables, checks can be made out to OHNA and marked "Patterson Playground". Checks can be mailed to OHNA P.O. Box 4194 Louisville, KY 40204.

Message from the OHNA President

Just the Facts Please!

In light of the recent threatening letter received from Ms. Karen Stewart (see letter page 8) regarding historic preservation designation in the Original Highlands, I thought I might pass on some quick facts:

- The Original Highlands Neighborhood Plan, developed in 2005 and approved by Louisville Metro Council in 2006, recommends that the community investigate historic preservation designation. The Neighborhood Plan was a result of a year-long study of the community. Several public meetings were held to review the recommendations in the plan.

- The OHNA is not aggressively moving forward on the designation project. I would label it as a slow, deliberate analysis of the designation. A few individuals who live in the neighborhood have held one-on-one meetings with Original Highlands residents re-

garding the designation. At those meetings, residents are asked if they would like to sign the petition that was developed by the Landmarks Commission. That petition is available to the public.

- Any individual or group in our community has the right to take the Landmarks petition and collect signatures.

- The only money the OHNA has spent on the project to date is \$500 for photographic services. The OHNA commissioned a photographer who lives in the area to document the street facing facades of each building in the neighborhood. This is a valuable piece of work regardless of whether or not the neighborhood decides to pursue the designation.

- The OHNA has held one (1) public meeting on the subject of historic preservation. That meeting was not successful in conveying the facts about the designation to the community. The OHNA received several com-

plaints from residents indicating that they didn't get to ask their questions or were too intimidated to ask questions.

- Any application to the Landmarks Commission must have three (3) things – a petition with the signatures of 200 residents, a \$1,500 application fee, and the photographic documentation mentioned above. The OHNA allocated the \$1,500 application fee earlier this year but that money has not been spent.

- Submission of the application to the Landmarks Commission represents the start of the process. A letter is sent to each property owner in the Original Highlands and a series of public meetings and hearings are held to determine whether or not the neighborhood should have the designation.

- There are currently five neighborhoods in Metro Louisville evaluating the designation.

- The OHNA board is made up of non-paid neighborhood volunteers.

OHNA is threatened with lawsuit

Dear Residents,

The OHNA Board of Directors received the following letter from Ms. Karen Stewart, an attorney representing property owners in the Original Highlands. The letter threatens a lawsuit if the OHNA Board continues its investigation of historic preservation status for the neighborhood.

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TELEPHONE (502)

August 3, 2007

Mr. John C. Riddick, Jr., President
Highland Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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RE: Proposed Original Highlands Preservation District issues

Dear Mr. Riddick:

Enclosed with this letter are copies of petitions signed by 394 property owners and residents of the proposed Original Highlands Preservation District, opposing and opting out of any such designation. Each and every street in the proposed district is represented. A numeric breakdown, summarizing the number of petitioners, by street, also accompanies this letter.

These petitions stand as overwhelming proof that designation of the Original Highlands as a historic preservation district is something that Original Highlands residents do not want and actively oppose. This should address any initial impression you might have had that Mr. Woodall represented only a small, vocal minority.

On behalf of Mr. Woodall and the other 393 signatories to the petitions, I hereby demand that the Highland Neighborhood Association, Inc., its officers and directors, immediately cease and desist from taking any action in furtherance of preservation district designation for the Original Highlands. We further demand that the Highland Neighborhood Association, Inc. immediately cease expending corporate funds to that end.

You are strongly encouraged to call a special Board meeting to respond to our demand. In any event, we must receive a meaningful, written response, directed to me at this office, no later than close of business on Friday, August 10, 2007.

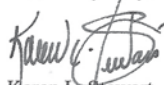
If we do not have such a response from you by that time, I have prepared a Complaint, which will be filed on the next business day in Jefferson Circuit Court, naming you, and all the other officers and directors of Highland Neighborhood Association, Inc. as Defendants. Among other things, we will seek temporary and permanent injunctive relief from further efforts by the Association to gain historical preservation district status for the Original Highlands, removal of the current Board of Directors for breach of fiduciary duty, as well as attorney fees and costs.

Throughout this process, it has been my fervent hope that you would listen to the voices of the neighborhood residents and withdraw the preservation effort voluntarily. The opportunity

to do that still remains, but our patience is about to reach its end. What you have been attempting to do is antithetical to democracy, contrary to the will of the majority of residents in the Original Highlands and will not be tolerated.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



Karen L. Stewart

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