

President's Message ... Thanks to the "Citizens"

It's HOT out there! Summer is here and flowers are blooming in Beechmont. We hope you'll soon see some new landscaping at the corner of South Third Street and Florence Avenue. Our plans are to landscape this stated-owned lot near the end of June with knockout roses, several trees, and a welcoming sign. Just one more reason to be proud to live in South Louisville.

Our Festival of Flowers was blessed with beautiful weather and wonderful neighbors. Metro Art Center gave many children and adults the opportunity to throw a pot. This is not a new anger management class but a chance to work with clay and a potter's wheel.

The Acoustic Acquisition Company provided us with excellent music.

Thanks to all the neighbors and association members who so graciously helped. Without you we couldn't do it.

A huge thanks to our chairperson Laura Hosbach and her team for planning the festival. We are so lucky to have Laura. She passionately loves Beechmont and gives her all to the neighborhood.

Good news about our firehouse if you haven't heard. Plans are work for it to double in size and basically stay in almost the same location. We will also be getting a new ladder truck very soon. If you remember, just a little more than a year and a half ago, we had our "SAVE OUR TRUCK" petition campaign. This was the drive to keep the city from reducing us to a one truck firehouse. If not for your neighborhood association and neighbors signing this petition and making their voices heard we would not see these great things happening. It takes active participation in your neighborhood to keep it strong, safe, and beautiful.

Someone told me once that in speaking with the Mayor, he said that there are basically two types of people that live in the city: citizens and residents. A resident lives and resides somewhere, but a citizen takes an active role in caring for the city where they live. I believe we all have a communal responsibility for our city and neighborhoods. Each of us taking a little time from our busy life's to care for our neighborhood is the foundation to building a strong community. So let's all try being a citizen: call Metrocall about a neighborhood issue, pick litter on your daily walk, join our "Adopt A Block" litter program, help pull weeds or landscape for a few hours at Beechmont's prominent landmark – the Gazebo, call one of your neighborhood association board members and volunteer a little time. Each of us giving a **little** makes a great **big** difference!

~Bob Starck BNA President



Changes in Store for our Library

We love being a vibrant hub of the Beechmont neighborhood. As we continue to fulfill our role as the cornerstone of learning for a lifetime, we take seriously our mission to be a neighbor and leader in this community. We are alert to how we can improve the delivery of library services and maintain a safe, welcoming and accessible environment for all library users.

The first six months of 2007 were marked by significant change in our neighborhood and at the library. Working together with neighbors and community leaders; Louisville Metro Police Department; Jefferson County Public Schools; software vendors and others, we have pulled together several improvements to the Iroquois Branch Library that will pay dividends for years to come. And the best part of it all? It is just a start. We will continue to anticipate, innovate and respond to change.

The Library's fine relationship with the Louisville Metro Police Department is now better than ever. The spirit of cooperation shows itself in several ways, including on-going, regular conversations between folks on every level of both the LMPD and the Library. We, of course, want the police to consider the library as a second home, using our information resources, participating in community events and being a presence. The police want to be a presence in a quiet, comfortable and welcoming place where they also get to know the people of this community. It is quite a synergy at work!

Not only has LMPD been extremely helpful, we recently added selective contract security to the Iroquois branch, and other branch libraries. All of us know that having a wise, friendly and attentive security guard in place does not solve everything, but we think it is another piece to help make the environment safe and comfortable for us all.

As life-long education is one of our core missions, the Library considers its support of Jefferson County Public Schools one of the most important services we perform. Now it is more so. For instance, in the Beechmont neighborhood, library leaders met with school principals, counselors and security officials to make sure we are doing all that we can to support each other. The spirit is positive and early rewards terrific. We know the awesome task the school system faces with respect to truant kids and we are solid in our support of JCPS. We do engage children in conversation who are in the library during school hours. We are learning that the few children who are there during the school day usually have a valid reason for being there.

One of the great lessons we have learned is: talk to kids; show them you care about their well-being and their education. We are never too smart or too established to learn new skills. We continue to stress to all our staff that we need to better understand how to work well with kids, especially teenagers. And we helped develop special training on that topic. The results of the training have been outstanding. Staff people are happy to have new techniques and understanding as they work with kids.

Over the next several months, all of us will see some physical changes in the Iroquois library. We are still working on the plans, but one of the changes will involve reorienting public computers to be more user- and staff-friendly. In the meantime, we have installed several software enhancements that allow the public to do more things with our computers. Google Earth and a program to allow patrons to manipulate photography, for example. Time-management software makes it easier for the patrons to have access at any time of the day to the public computers. Volume control software helps control noise in that

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very busy branch.

We hope you have had the opportunity to meet Lisa Sizemore, the new branch manager. She comes to Iroquois after several years of being the manager of the children's department at the Main branch of the Library. If you have not met her, do yourself a favor. Her excitement about being at Iroquois and being a part of this wonderful neighborhood is infectious. Lisa, the Iroquois Branch Library and the Beechmont neighborhood, smashing synergy that equals success for everyone.

For further information about library services at Iroquois or any branch, please feel free to contact Lisa at 574-1720 or by email at Lisa.Sizemore@lfpl.org) or Michael Steinmacher, the manager of Branch Services at 574-1718 (or by email at Michael.Steinmacher@lfpl.org.)

~ Michael Steinmacher

Manager of Branch Services



At the Iroquois Library ...

Adult Programs

Jefferson Memorial Forest

Wednesday, February 15, 6 p.m.

A great place to take the family for a fun filled day.

Cultural Showcase: Peru

Saturday, July 21, 1 p.m.

Families Through International Adoption

Sunday, July 22, 1:00 p.m.

Survival Spanish

Tuesdays, July 10, 17, 24 6:00 p.m.

Call branch to register.

No, No Doggy! Protecting Your Child From Animal Injuries

Thursday August 2, 2:00 p.m.

Louisville Metro Animal Services offers tips for handling animals safely.

Preparing For Your New Pet

Thursday, August 2, 6:30 p.m.

Find out what to consider, and expect, before you get a pet.

Louisville Metro Animal Services' S.P.O.T.

Saturday August 4, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Louisville Metro Animal Services' S.P.O.T. mobile unit will offer pet adoption, low cost vaccinations, and licensing.

On the S.P.O.T.: What Louisville Metro Animal Services Can Do For You!

Saturday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.

Learn about the services provided for people and pets.

Small and Exotic Pets

Tuesday, August 21, 6:30 p.m.

Kids asking for a guinea pig or rabbit? Learn more about other pets such as rodents, reptiles and fish

Jumping, Digging and Chewing: How to Break Your Pet's Bad Habits

Thursday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.

Louisville Metro Animal Services offers tips on basic problems with pets.

Louisville Metro Animal Services' S.P.O.T.

Thursday, August 30, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The S.P.O.T. mobile unit will offer pet sterilization.

Back-2-School Fair

Tuesday, August 7, 4:30 p.m.

Cultural Showcase - Jamaica

Saturday, August 18, 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of Jamaica as we celebrate with DJs Ibuka and Basil from WFPK.

English Conversation Club

Every Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Each session will have a theme with supplemental tutoring material provided. No long-term commitment required

Young Adult Program

Anime in the Afternoon

Thursday, July 12, 4 p.m.

Thursday, August 9, 4 p.m. Film and munchies provided. Ages 13-18.

Tye Dye

Friday, August 3, 11:00 a.m.

Bring an article to dye, sign-up required.

Children's Programs

Mark Stampley

Thursday, July 5, 2 p.m.

Squall's Puppet Show

Thursday, July 12, 2 p.m.

Jessica Farquhar

Thursday, July 19, 2 p.m.

Harold Mitchell Robot Challenge

Thursday, July 26, 2 p.m.

Summer reading Finale with Cynthia Fletcher

¡Hola! Hello!

Wednesday - Friday, August 1, 2, 3, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Come and learn how to speak a little bit of Spanish! Ages 4 and under

¿Como Se Dice? How Do You Say?

Wednesday - Friday, August

8, 9, 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Come and learn to speak a little bit of Spanish! Ages 5-10.

Sparkle Painting

Tuesday, August 7, 2:00 p.m. Ages 6-12.

Computer Classes

Computer Basics

Monday, July 9, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, August 6, 10:30 a.m.

Windows Basics

Wednesday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.

Internet Basics

Tuesday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 15, 2 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

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

Tuesday, August 21, 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

Monday, August 27, 10:30 a.m.

Foreign Language Computer Classes

Computación Básica

Sábado, el 7 de julio 11 de la mañana

Sábado, el 18 de agosto, 11 de la mañana.

Estas clases está diseñada para estudiantes que tienen muy poco o ningún conocimiento de computación.

Computación de nivel medio

Sábado, el 14 de julio 11 de la mañana

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crosoft Excel y Microsoft Word.

Computers in Vietnamese

Saturday, July 28, 11 a.m.

Saturday, August 25, 11:00 a.m.

Book Discussion

The Birth of Venus by Sarah Dunant

Tuesday, July 10, 2 p.m.

Bookends by Liz Curtis Higgs

Tuesday, August 14, 2:00 p.m.

Friends Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 21, 6:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT

Kentucky Refugee Ministries

Story Time

Mother Goose Story Time

Tuesday, August 7, 10:15 a.m.

Saturday, August 25, 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time

Every Wednesday, 11:15 a.m.

Pre-School Story Time

Every Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

Family Story Time

Monday, August 20, 6:30 p.m.



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Louisville Metro Police 4th Division Beechmont Newsletter Reported Offenses for May



Overall criminal offenses in Beechmont are at or below historic levels. The following reported totals occurred in May for your neighborhood:

- 12 Burglaries (which includes residential, business and garages/sheds)
- 10 Criminal Mischief/Vandalism
- 6 Auto Thefts (Half of these were due to the keys being left in the ignition)
- 8 Thefts from Auto

There were no obvious patterns or trends to any specific offense. It should be noted that the Speedway at 3rd and Amherst has been burglarized in the early morning hours (@ 0300) on two recent occasions. If you are in the vicinity of the Speedway during this time frame, please report any suspicious activity to dispatch at 574-7111. Overall reported offenses are consistent with the levels the neighborhood typically experiences this time of the year. Offense totals usually increase in warmer weather, and decrease during periods of sustained cold temperatures.

Tips and General Information

- Keep your car doors locked and windows up when your vehicle is unattended.
- Never leave valuables in plain-view inside your vehicle.
- Never leave your car running while unattended.
- Never leave garage doors open.....this is an open invitation to thieves.
- Never allow strangers inside your home or vehicle.
- Keep prescription medications out of sight of visitors to your home.

The Telephone Reporting Unit

Remember to contact the TRU at 574-4661 to report less serious offenses by phone. They are available from 6AM to 10PM, Monday through Friday.

Neighborhood Canvassing

Councilman Johnson has provided additional funding for increased crime prevention activities in district 21. Officers went door to door two dates in late May, handing out educational materials and discussing neighborhood concerns with residents. We will continue to conduct these canvasses periodically throughout the summer months.

New Division Resource Officer

We recently conducted interviews for the position of Division Resource Officer, as Andrea Brown will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant in July. Officer Shane Justice will be taking over Andrea's duties upon her departure. He is currently training with Officer Brown to familiarize himself with the requirements of the position. His contact information is listed below.

Officer Shane Justice

Division Resource Officer
4th Division
574-7010
jeremiah.justice@louisvilleky.gov

In closing, I want to thank the residents of Beechmont for partnering with us to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood. You can reach me or Officer Andrea Brown at the following:

Lt. Greg Mitchell

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to setup and take down and man some
booths and concessions
Call Laura Hosbach at 3661-4952

Beechmont Open Air Market - Need volun-
teers to help open and close and man the
BNA booth
Call Donna Pickerill at 367-2652

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