

President's Message ... Harvest time is here

Will it ever cool down? Despite the heat, we have had a good volume of people coming to our Farmer's Market each Saturday. I spoke with a couple a few weeks ago who drove all the way from Valley Station to shop at our market. It seems the word is getting to our neighbors. Please continue to tell your family and friends about the opportunity to get locally grown fresh vegetables and meat at the our market. Your support keeps our producers coming back each week. Don't forget our Harvest Festival at the Market on September 22nd.

We had a great Finish Line Festival this year. The weather was not too hot and everyone had a great time eating, socializing, listening to the music and watching the races. I'd like to thank all who helped: the planning committee, neighborhood volunteers and especially, Tom and Tracy O'Shea who graciously provided food, staffing and music for the festival. I would also like to thank Thorntons for donating 67 bags of mulch for our Gazebo landscaping. It looked beautiful that day.

On serious note, some areas surrounding Beechmont have seen a

slight increase in criminal activity. I ask all neighbors to keep a watchful eye out for any suspicious activity and report it to the police at 574-7111 or contact our division resource officer, Shane Justis at 574-7010 or email him at jeremiah.justis@louisvilleky.gov. Please consider joining or starting a Neighborhood Watch as an active way to continue keeping Beechmont a safe neighborhood. If you would like to express a concern in person, we have a representative from the LMPD at our monthly board meeting at the Beechmont Community Center held on 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM. Also, I would like neighbors to consider the a few simple home security tips offered by law enforcement officials to deter crime: Keep outside lights on at night or install motion sensor lights. Make sure to keep vehicles, sheds, garages locked and valuables out of sight.

Lastly, I would like for us to keep things in perspective in terms of crime rate. Our most recent crime report showed that the Beechmont area is low compared to the other neighborhoods of the 4th division. In my travels through the neighborhood, I

have noticed an increase in numbers of basketball goals at the street and also more yard parking. I'm asking the membership to call Metrocall at 311 or e-mail metrocall@louisvilleky.gov and report these violations. These are quality of life issues for which the city has established ordinances to preserve our community. The basketball goals at the street pose both a safety hazard to the children playing in the street as well as the motorist navigating them. The city can and has removed this type of equipment from the roadway to bring about compliance with metro ordinances. In regards to yard parking, property owners can be fined \$100.00 on the spot for said violation. If you are in violation of the above we ask you respectfully to stop.

In closing, I'd like to thank all those who have joined our "ADOPT A BLOCK" litter program and to all who stop and take time to pick up trash during walks through the neighborhood. You can join this program by calling Linda Guss at 368-0261 or e-mail cleanupbeechmont@gmail.com.

~Bob Starck BNA President



4th Annual Finish Line Festival



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Beechmont's Harvest Festival

We are planning a special edition of the Beechmont Open Air Market to celebrate harvest time. This event will be held on Saturday September 22nd, from 8-12 noon at the Market at Southern Parkway and Wellington. (Rain Date will be September 29th)

The farmers will be selling gourds, pumpkins, squash, Indian corn, hormone free meat and sausage, mums, straw and other decorative items. Handmade cards, honey based organic beauty products, and woodcrafts will also be available for sale. Children's activities, including pumpkin painting will be available. We will also have hot cider and home made pumpkin ice cream. Live music by local musicians will be featured. Watch for the special appearance of FOODMAN.

Meet your friends and neighbors and get some fresh picked Kentucky grown produce and baked goods.



Northern Wins SOLO Award

Mary Lou Northern, senior advisor to Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, was recently recognized for her community activism by being named a recipient of this years SOLO Awards.

Northern has lived in the Beechmont neighborhood for 36 years and is a past President of the Beechmont Neighborhood Association. Congratulations Mary Lou and thanks for all of your years of service to BNA and the entire city of Louisville..

Autumn Leaves are Falling ...

Just a reminder, when leaves fall, the property owner has a responsibility to rake them up and dispose of them properly. Leaves are considered yard waste and need to be bagged and set out with the yard waste for pickup. Don't blow them into the gutter where they will clog the catch basins and flood the streets and maybe your home. Remember you are responsible all the way to the center of the alley as well. If you are able a great gesture is to help your older neighbors who may have a problem in raking them up and bagging them, it's a great way to teach your youngsters civic pride and service to others.





Louisville Metro Police 4th Division Beechmont Newsletter August 2007



Reported Offenses for July

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

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

There were no obvious patterns or trends to any specific offense. 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. Also, general disorder related problems, such as noise, graffiti, vandalism, and loitering usually decline when children return to school from summer break. There has been an increase in street robberies and assaults in the Southside Drive area over the summer, just outside the boundaries of Beechmont.

An analysis of the data does not indicate this has spilled over to your neighborhood, but please continue to exercise vigilance and good personal safety techniques in whatever part of our community you frequent.

You can now access crime data pertinent to your address at www.lojic.com and select "interactive maps". Then select Metrowatch maps and enter your street address.

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.

Supplemental Patrols and Activities

In the current fiscal year budget, Councilman Dan Johnson has once again been kind enough to provide additional funding for supplemental patrols and crime prevention activities. This assistance has proved to be invaluable in providing the 4th Division with additional resources to combat emerging problems in Beechmont.

New Division Resource Officer

I must correct an error in my previous articles in the Bugler. Unfortunately, I had misspelled Officer Justis' name as "Justice", and had his e-mail incorrectly listed with the improper spelling. Any future correspondence should be sent to the corrected e-mail addresses listed below. 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 Shane Justis at the following:

Lt. Greg Mitchell
Louisville Metro Police
4th Division
574-7010
greg.mitchell@louisvilleky.gov

Officer Shane Justis
Division Resource Officer
4th Division
574-7010
jeremiah.justis@louisvilleky.gov



Lets All Pitch In !

Last year, volunteers, street sweepers and cleanup crews collected more than 850 tons of litter in Louisville. Metro government spends about \$2 million each year to clean up litter and trash.



Residents can help reduce litter and give Louisville an assist by:

- ◇ Placing trash in the proper receptacle – putting cigarette butts in an ashtray, securing paper and other items in your car so they don't blow out the window and properly sealing garbage containers.
- ◇ Carrying a litterbag in your vehicle or on your bicycle.
- ◇ Reporting a litterer, by calling Metro Call 311 or 574-5000. If you see motorists throw trash or cigarette butts out the window, get the license plate number and the city will send the litterer a letter warning them of potential criminal penalties.
- ◇ Making your church, school or community celebration a litter-free event by contacting Metro-Call 311. Brightside will provide signage and trash receptacles, and the organization simply provides volunteers.
- ◇ Recycling materials to save landfill space, energy and natural resources. Most litter is recyclable.
- ◇ Volunteering for Brightside's Fall Community-Wide Cleanup on October 27 or organizing a neighborhood cleanup. Brightside will provide free bags and gloves.

When you see litter, pick it up and "Take it to the Basket!"



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Adult Programs

Sit 'n Stitch

Monday, September 10, 10:30 a.m.
Bring your knitting, quilting, needle-work and more! Beginners welcome!

Chef Nancy is in the House

Monday, September 10, 6:30 p.m. Join Chef Nancy for a taste of Vietnam.

How to Buy Your First Home

Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m. Interested in buying your first home? Elizabeth Warren of First Time Home Buyers will present information on making the process work to your advantage

Vietnamese Americans

Monday, September 17, 6:30 p.m. Learn about the history, successes and challenges of the Vietnamese community in Louisville.

Old Ghosts of Louisville

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m. Do you believe? David Dominé, local author will be here to share some haunting history of Old Louisville.

Mental Health

Wednesday, October 3, 6:30 p.m. Seven County Services and Crisis Center will discuss mental illness in our community and how we can all help those in recovery.

Affordable Housing

Wednesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. Looking for affordable housing? The Louisville Urban League will present information and strategies for finding a place to live that will fit into your budget

Musical Mosaic: Cuba

Saturday, October 13, 1:00 PM Join Sean Mulhall of the University of Louisville for brief lecture on the role music plays in Cuban culture and a live performance.

Predatory Lending

Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. Don't get bit by the Loan Sharks! Prevent a nasty bite by avoiding predatory lending. The Housing Partnership Inc. will present information on how to be careful when looking for a loan.

Arthritis 101

Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. JoAnn Oliver of the Arthritis Foundation presents some facts/figures as well as misconceptions about this disease..

Cultural Showcase: Rwanda

Saturday, September 15, 1pm Celebrate the land of a thousand hills with folkloric dancing, music, crafts and barbeque.

Cultural Showcase: Italy

Saturday, October 20, 1 p.m. Come learn about bocce, tarantella, gelato and .more with the Italian American Association of Louisville..

Bilingual Cafe

Saturdays, 3 p.m. Help a native Spanish speaker with English in exchange for practice in conversational Spanish.

Kentucky State Parks

Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a Getaway at One of Kentucky's Beautiful State Parks! Presented by Arica Wuetcher.

Young Adult Programs

Anime in the Afternoon

Thursday, September 13, 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 11, 4 p.m. Film and munchies provided. Ages 13-18.

Celebrate Teen Read Week - LOL!

For ages 12 - 19

YouVote YouTube

Monday, October 15, 3:30 p.m. Laugh out loud in the library while voting on the top 5 funniest YouTube videos.

Wacky Pictures

Tuesday, October 16, 3:30 p.m. Who can make the silliest combination?!



Whose Line Is It Anyway?

Wednesday, October 17, 3:30 p.m. Play improv games.

Fear Factor Food

Thursday, October 18, 3:30 p.m. Sign-up required to participate, but all are invited to laugh with the brave souls.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Book Discussion

Friday, October 19, 3:30 p.m. Did you laugh? Did you cry? Join us for a lively discussion of the last Harry Potter book.

Children's Programs

Bilingual Thursdays

September 6, 13, 20 & 27, 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the diversity of Metro Louisville through stories.

Foil Etching Thursday,

September 20, 4 p.m. Ages 4-12; sign up required.

Halloween Party Preschoolers and Toddlers

Thursday, October 25, 6 p.m.

Family Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m.

Join the 14th Annual Iroquois Library Halloween Party! Bring the whole family for lots of spooky fun!

Children's craft

Thursday, October 18, 4 p.m. Ages 6-12.

Computer Classes

Computer Basics

Wednesday, September 5, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m.

Windows Basics

Monday, September 10, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 4, 10:30 a.m.

Internet Basics

Wednesday, September 12, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, October 10, 2 p.m.

Special Classes

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 16, 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

Thursday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.

Microsoft Publisher Banners

Tuesday, October 23, 10:30 a.m.

Microsoft Publisher Business Cards

Tuesday, October 30, 10:30 AM.

Foreign Language Computer Classes

Computación de nivel medio

Sábado, el 18 de septiembre, 11 de la mañana
Esta clase provee a los estudiantes con conocimientos de nivel medio de Microsoft Excel y Microsoft Word.

Computación en Español

Sábado, 6 de octubre, 11:00 a.m. Esta clase está diseñada para personas que saben muy poco o nada de computación. Las clases tratarán aspectos básicos de Word y Excel. Aunque se hace un gran esfuerzo por impartir conocimientos que satisfagan a todos; el contenido de cada clase depende del conocimiento de computación que la mayoría de los presentes en esa clase tengan.

Computers in Vietnamese

Saturday, September 22, 11 a.m.
Saturday, October 27, 11 a.m.

Book Discussion

The Unwanted by Kien Nguyen.

Tuesday, September 11, 2 p.m.

Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind by Ann B. Ross

Tuesday, October 9, 2 p.m.

Friends Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, October 16, 6 p.m.

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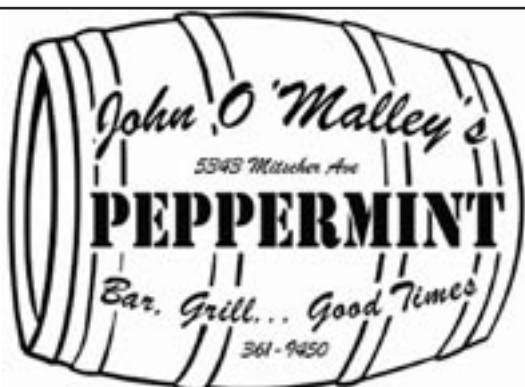
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