President's Message - the Good, the Bad, the Ugly



Gazebo Vandalism

Just a couple of weeks ago my brother and I spent 8 hours on a Saturday removing graffiti around Beechmont. I went down to the Gazebo later that day and found that it had been vandalized again with graffiti. As your president I could've said, "forget it who cares." I'll admit that at first I was angry and worn out, but I said to myself we're not the only neighborhood that is experiencing this problem. I see it each week as I drive the Watterson Expressway east near Dupont Circle.



Yard Parking

What I do want to say is we need your help! Not just with the graffiti, but with a host of other issues in the neighborhood that are on the increase. As I drive through Beechmont, I'm beginning to see more and more properties with maintenance issues, vehicles parked in yards and on side-

walks, tractor trailer trucks parked at residences or on residential streets and basketball goals at the roadway. All of these are violations of our city ordinances. If unchecked these eyesores become a cancer on our neighborhood. Your thirteen member board of directors works hard to keep Beechmont a great place to live, but without you we're fighting a losing battle.



Illegal Truck Parking

We're asking the larger membership to join together with us and take the following stance: This is our neighborhood and in some small way we're



Blighted Property

going to make a difference because we care about Beechmont!



Illegal Parking

Just recently, a group of neighbors joined together and tackled some problems with a nearby rental property on Woodlawn Avenue. It hasn't been totally corrected yet, but through their diligence of sending emails, making phone calls and meeting with city officials it's getting better. I can't say thank you enough to these neighbors for their hard work and caring attitude for Beechmont. This is what keeps us strong and should make all of us proud to say we live in Beechmont!



Basketball goal in Street

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What can I do you may ask? Here are some ways you can help:

- □ Put Metrocall's phone number in your cellphone (502) 574-5000 or on your refrigerator 311 if you're using your home phone. If you see a neighborhood problem make the call, they are available 24 hours a day.
- □ Save Metrocall's email address on your computer metrocall@louisvilleky.gov.

 Tell them the problem you're experiencing. Ask for a confirmation number, so that you can check on the progress of the complaint later. Remember you don't have to give your name unless you desire. If no one reports the problems they can't be ad-

dressed.

- ☐ If a neighborhood issue isn't dealt with in timely manner, call them back or talk personally with your IPL (Inspections, Permits and Licenses) inspector. You can also try calling or emailing the person in charge of the particular government department. Everything doesn't always get fixed the first time, but through a persistent attitude things eventually change.
- ☐ Let's all start being SQUEAKY WHEELS.
- ☐ If you do get a favorable response or the government official does a good job, please take time to send them a note, phone call or email of thanks. It means so much to our city officials and employees to hear a good word or pat on the back for a job well done

Now please take a moment to ponder the following pictures of all of the **GOOD REASONS** we live in Beechmont.

~ Bob Starck - BNA President



3rd and Florence Landscaping



Beechmont Farmer's Market



O'Shea's at the Finish Line Festival



Mini-Marathon Breakfast



Finish Line Festival



Festival of Flowers



Harvest Festival



New Fire truck

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Coming Soon !!!



Brightside Mulch Sale

March 15, 22, 29th 8am - 2pm Waste Management Outer Loop \$2.50 bag/\$30/Scoop Proceeds Benefit Brightside See www.louisville.gov/brightside for details

Brightside Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday March 29th 2008 8am - Noon Contact: Brian Moore to Volunteer 296-4445 bmoore2@humana.com

Derby Mini-Marathon Breakfast

Saturday April 26th 2008 6:30AM - 10:30 am Biscuits & Gravy, Coffee, Orange Juice and Donuts Music to run & walk by Come out and cheer for the runners Southern Parkway at Woodlawn Contact: Gary Guss @ 368-0261 or gussg@insightbb.com for info.

Beechmont's Festival of Flowers

Volunteers Needed to help setup and take down, also for Plant Sales Saturday May 10th 9am - 5pm This is BNA's largest fund raiser Contact: Laura Hosbach @ 361-4952 lhosbach@hotmail.com



Louisville Metro Police 4th Division Beechmont Newsletter February 2008



Reported Offenses for January

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

- 11 Burglaries (which includes residential, business and garages/sheds)
- 11 Criminal Mischief/Vandalism
- 3 Auto Theft
- 7 Thefts from Auto

There were no substantial patterns in January, with reported offenses being spread out randomly throughout the neighborhood. Vacant properties are continuing to be burglarized and stripped of their plumbing and electrical wiring due to the high price of scrap copper. If you live or frequent an area where there is a vacant property, please be vigilant and notify dispatch of unusual activities. The majority of Beechmont burglaries are to vacant residences, or detached garages or sheds.

We persistently take multiple reports on theft of autos and thefts from autos where the vehicles are left running, a key is left under the floor mat or over the sun visor, the vehicle is unlocked or valuables are in plain sight. By utilizing a common sense approach that involves locking the vehicle, taking the key with you, and hiding valuables in the trunk, you lessen your potential to be a victim. For the month of January, all 3 stolen vehicles were left running unattended.

As reported in the Courier Journal recently, there will be substantial changes to two area Middle Schools, Southern Leadership Academy and Iroquois Middle. The proposal to make each school gender specific, either all boys or all girls, coupled with staff and procedural changes at each school, should benefit not only the students, but the neighborhood as well, particularly in the area surrounding the current Southern Leadership Academy. There had been issues in the past with criminal and disorder related activity involving SLA students walking home or to the public library after dismissal. The 4th Division developed a wonderful working relationship with the Iroquois LFPL branch to address many of these issues when brought to our attention at a community forum hosted at the library a year ago. The Department, the Free Public Library, and JCPS will continue to collaborate to ensure the needs of both the students and the neighborhood are addressed.

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



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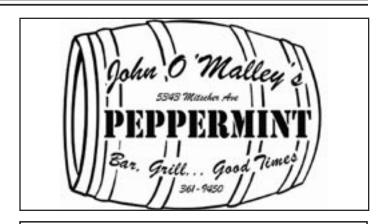
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At the Iroquois Library ...

Adult Programs

AARP Tax Help

Fridays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, April 4 & 11, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bilingual Café

Saturdays, 3 p.m.

Help a native Spanish speaker with English in exchange for practice in conversational Spanish.

Sit and Stitch

Monday, March 3, 10:30 a.m. Bring your knitting, quilting, needlework and more!

A View From the Top:

The Neighborhoods of Iroquois Park and Kenwood Hill Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. Join local authors Rosemary McCandless and Stefanie Buzan as they share their book that celebrates Iroquois neighborhoods past.

Cultural Showcase: Turkey

Saturday, March 15, 1 p.m.

Celebrate the culture with music, food and a special performance by the Crescent Moon Dancers.

Paying for College 101

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.
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Kim Dolan, of KHEAA, will be here to help high school seniors and/or their parents understand the nuts and bolts of the financial aid application process.

Sit and Stitch

Monday, April 7, 10:30 a.m. Bring your knitting, quilting, needlework and more!

Taller Literario/ Literary Salon in Spanish

Saturday, April 5, 1 p.m.

Sábado, el 5 de abril, 1 p.m. Banking Basics/ Fundamentos de los

procesos bancarios Tuesday, April 15, 3 p.m.

Not sure how to use bank products? Come learn the basics and the importance of establishing yourself financially.
Sábado, el 5 de abril, 2 p.m.
¿No sabe cómo usar los productos bancarios?
Venga y aprende sus fundamentos y la importancia de establecerse económicamente.

Smart Borrowing/ Tomar préstamos con inteligencia

Tuesday, April 22, 3:30 p.m. Learn the best way to borrow money to meet your financial goals. Sábado, el 12 de abril, 2 p.m. Aprenda la mejor manera de tomar préstamos para alcanzar sus metas financieras.

Cultural Showcase: Ireland

Saturday, April 19, 1 p.m.

Book Discussion

Ghost Riders by Sharon McCrumb Tuesday, March 11, 2 p.m. A Spot of Bother by Mark Haddon Tuesday, April 1, 2 p.m.

Friends Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 6 p.m.

Exhibit

March- Art masterpieces by our Storytime kids! April - Somalia Textiles

Young Adult Programs

Teen Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. Join us for food, crafts, games, conversation, and an all-around good time. Ages: 13 - 19

Teen Tech Week:

Music Trivia/Scavenger Hunt

Monday, March 3, 4 p.m. Pick up our music trivia scavenger hunt and use the library's resources to find the answers. Return it to get a prize!

Karaoke

Dance Dance Revolution Party!

Tuesday, March 4, 4 p.m.

RuneScape Block Party

Wednesday, March 5, 4 p.m. Whether you're a beginner or an expert, join us for a RuneScape blowout! Feel free to dress up as your favorite character!

Downloading...Free and Legal!

Thursday, March 6, 4 p.m.

Do you have an MP3 player? Come to the library and we will show you how to load it up from sites that are free and totally legal.

You're the Expert!

All week Teach a librarian new tricks. Show us your favorite websites for gaming, music and fun.

Stupid Science Tricks

April 2, 3:30 p.m.

Scrabble Scramble

April 9, 3:30 p.m.

TV Turnoff Challenge

April 16, 3:30 p.m.

DIY Duct Tape Accessories

April 23, 3:30 p.m.

Derby City Trivia Party!

April 30, 3:30 p.m.

Iroquois Teen Anime Club

Thursday, March 13, 4 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 4 p.m. Join us for films, snacks and fun.

Children's Programs

Tissue Paper Collage

Thursday, March 6, 4 p.m. Ages: 6 - 12

Wind Socks

Thursday, March 20, 4 p.m. A beautiful way to catch a windy March day Ages: 2 - 12

Day of the Child / El Día de Los Niños

Saturday, April 26, 12:30 p.m. Sábado, el 26 de abril, 12:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Birds Nests

Thursday, April 10, 2:00 p.m. Ages 3 & up.

Mother Goose Time

Tuesday, March 18, & 25, 10:15 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, April 15, 22 & 29, 10:15 a.m For pre-walkers up to age 2

Family Storytime

Monday, March 17, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

Every Wednesday, 11:15 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Every Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

Computer Classes

Computer Basics

Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, 10:30 a.m.

Windows Basics

Tuesday, March 11, 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.

Internet Basics

Wednesday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Monday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 21, 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

Thursday, March 20, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

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

Foreign Language Computer Class Computación en Español

Sábado, el 1 de marzo, Sábado, 5 de abril 11 de la mañana 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..

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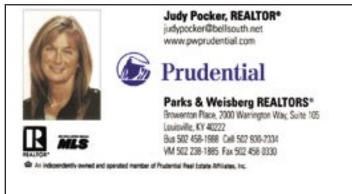
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BNA Board Meeting 3rd Monday of Each Month

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Important Numbers Put Them Near Your Phone

Metrocall	311
Police Dispatch	574- 7111
Non - Emergency	
LMPD Tip Line	574-5673
Officer Shane Justis	574-7010
Beechmont Liason	
Councilman Dan Johnson	574-1121
Ray Manley (Dan's Asst.)	574-3090
Linda Duncan School Board	361-5973
Perry Clark State Senator	366-1247
Ron Weston State Rep.	502-564-8100 ext 629

Beechmont Community Center 7:00 PM

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BNA Board Members ... At your service

We are here to help you and we would also like your help. Feel free to contact us with questions or comments, as well as to find out how you can get involved.

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