

President's Message : Spring Into Action !

Spring is just around the corner and plants are beginning to blossom. That can also be said of the many upcoming activities of the Beechmont Neighborhood Association. Once again, the Mini-Marathon Breakfast will spring up at the Gazebo where we'll join together with neighbors and friends to cheer on the runners.

Our Annual Flower Festival will bring in new plants of all types and color. This is a great opportunity find some new plantings for the yard or buy a plant for someone special in your life. It also a fun time to hang out with family, friends and get a bite to eat. We'll have Steve Goodwin of Metro Arts on hand with his pottery demonstration. I know a large number of children especially enjoyed this last year. The Beechmont Garden Club will offer instruction on flower arrangement. Valerie Wedding will be on hand to show us how to cook with fresh herbs. The Little Loom House will join us with weaving demonstrations and hands-on activity.

After this event, we'll enjoy the bounty of our fresh Kentucky vegetables, as local farmers sell their produce at our Farmer's Market. We will be setting up each Saturday from 8 am to noon starting June 14th at the Beechmont Baptist Church parking lot at Southern Parkway and Wellington. We greatly appreciate the church's continuing hospitality by allowing us to use their parking lot again this year. It has been argued that buying produce locally reduces carbon emissions by decreasing the transportation emissions. For me, this is a plus of having a local market, but I mostly enjoy eat-

ing produce that actually tastes delicious. Another great thing happening at our farmer's market this year is that our farmers will be accepting Senior Nutrition Vouchers. This is a coupon program sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to assist low-income seniors to get fresh produce at their local farmer's market. We will be one of only three markets officially approved to do this in the city of Louisville.

With all of these great activities, we really need your help. Please take a little time and call or e-mail us to volunteer. You'll have a great time and meet some good neighbors. To assist with the Flower Festival which take place May 10th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. contact Laura Hosbach at lhosbach@hotmail.com or call her by phone 361-4952.

To help at the Farmer's Market call our Market coordinators, Rick and Donna Pickerill by phone 367-2652 or e-mail them at rickypickerill@bellsouth.net

Remember all proceeds from our fund raisers directly benefit the neighborhood.

In closing, I would like to thank all those neighbors who participated in our recent Brightside neighborhood cleanup and our Vice-president Brian Moore for coordinating this event. A special thanks to the Desales High School students who joined with us for a second year to clean up. Your service was a true gift of caring for the Beechmont neighborhood.

Bob Starck - BNA President



DeSales Students Help With Cleanup



A vibrant pink orchid branch with several open flowers and two buds is set against a solid blue background. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, showing delicate petal patterns and colors ranging from light pink to deep magenta. The stem is dark brown and woody.

THE BEECHMONT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Beechmont's Festival of Flowers

Saturday
May 10th
9am-4pm
Southern Parkway
at Woodlawn

Live Music
Plants
Crafts
Garden Items
Rain or Shine
Free Admission

Brightside Cleanup

On Saturday, March 29, about 40 neighbors and DeSales High School students came together to clean up litter in our neighborhood. Collectively, they gathered dozens of bags of trash on and around S. Third Street from Woodlawn to the Watterson Expressway. The group also tackled the areas around the highway on- and off-ramps.

The cleanup is a biannual event



Cleaning up Beechmont

sponsored by the Beechmont Neighborhood Association and Brightside. Litter-free neighborhoods are known to look better, attract more community-enhancing businesses, and have less crime. We hope that you'll join us in keeping the neighborhood litter-free. If you'd like to help with our next cleanup on October 25, please e-mail Brian Moore at bmoore2@humana.com or call 580-3675.

To help clean the neighborhood everyday, consider joining our Keep Beechmont Clean Team, if you walk the neighborhood every day for exercise or just to enjoy our neighborhood, you can help by picking up litter as you walk. We supply gloves and bags which are provided to us by Brightside. If you would like to help, please call Linda Guss at 368-0261 or e-mail us at cleanupbeechmont@gmail.com



Louisville Metro Police 4th Division April 2008

Reported Offenses for March



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

- 6 Burglaries
(which includes residential, business and garages/sheds)
- 14 Criminal Mischief/Vandalism
- 4 Auto Theft
- 2 Thefts from Auto

There were no substantial patterns in March, with reported offenses being spread out randomly throughout the neighborhood. The majority of Beechmont burglaries are to vacant residences, or detached garages or sheds. Also, most of our auto thefts are due to individuals leaving their vehicles running unattended, or leaving a set of spare keys in the car. A good rule of thumb is to always lock the vehicle, take the keys with you, park in a well lit area and remove any and all valuables from sight.

We've had fewer general complaints regarding vandalism, but actual reports are up over last year. This is due to the fact that more people are calling the LMPD Telephone Reporting Unit to report minor offenses, and the 4th Division now has 2 civilian report takers out in the field, which also increases the number of reports. Criminal mischief has traditionally been under reported, and our new process is simply capturing data and offenses that would have gone unreported.

We will be conducting multiple crime prevention details in the Beechmont area throughout the spring and summer, so be aware that uniformed officers may be knocking on your door to distribute information and ask you about specific concerns in your immediate area. By talking with you, we can use our resources more effectively to combat local issues. You can feel free to contact us at the 4th Division at 574-7010 should you have specific concerns or questions.

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Sit & Stitch

Monday, May 5, 10:30 am

Monday, June 2, 11:30 am

Bring your knitting, quilting, needle-work and more! Beginners welcome!

The Strange Case of Jonathon

Swift & The Real Long John Silver

Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.

A real-life Da Vinci code type of case, author Robert Prather shares his book on this lost treasure that is supposedly here in the Bluegrass state.

ABCs & Ds of Medicare

Thursday, May 8, 11 a.m.

Medicare specialist Judy Flowers will discuss the ins and outs of getting started with Medicare.

The Cicadas Are Coming!

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Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

Be prepared for the largest cicada emergence since 1991 (late April through early June). Learn how to minimize damage to gardens, plants and trees. Presented by Karen Cassidy, Master Gardeners Program, Jefferson Co. Cooperative Extension, University of Kentucky.

Cultural Showcase: Cuba

Saturday, May 17, 1 p.m.

Kentucky Author Forum: Justice Stephen Breyer

Monday, June 16, 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2:30 p.m.

DVD presentation of an interview with Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer by Jeffrey Toobin.

Film: Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars

Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.

Just like the phoenix rose from the ashes these musicians rose from their devastated homeland to bring music to everyone. Discussion to follow film.

Cultural Showcase: Quinceañera

Saturday, June 21, 1 p.m.

Join us for a 'mock' Quinceañera to celebrate becoming a woman!

English Conversation Club

Every Tuesday, 6 p.m.

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

Young Adult Programs

Iroquois Teen Anime Club

Thursday, May 8, 4 p.m.

Join us for films, snacks and fun. Middle school and high school students welcome.

Iroquois Teen Wednesdays:

Old-School Games & Relay Races

May 7, 3:30 p.m.

Healthy Snack Attack

May 14, 3:30 p.m.

Talent Show!

May 21, 3:30 p.m.

Picnic in the Park

May 28, 3:30 p.m.

Iroquois Teen Anime Club

Thursday, June 12, 4 p.m.

Join us for films, snacks and fun. Ages: 11-19

Iroquois Teen Wednesdays:

Book Club

June 4, 3:30 p.m.

Share your favorite titles, and get some tips for great summer reads.

Old School Music Formats-

What's an 8-track?

June 11, 3:30 p.m.

Karaoke/ Dance Party - Are

you a rock star? Prove It

June 18, 3:30 p.m.

Art Studio - Express Yourself

June 25, 3:30 p.m.



Children's Programs

Mother's Day Basket of Flowers

Tuesday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.

Ages: 2-12

Teddy Bear Picnic

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.

Bring your favorite stuffed animal for a special picnic with stories and treats!

Rock Out at the Library

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m.

Craft Program Rock Painting

Thursday, June 19, 2:00 p.m.

Create a masterpiece on a rock! Ages: 6-14

Musical Instruments

Thursday, June 26, 2:00 p.m.

Create your own instrument to Rock Out with! Ages 3-12. Call 574-1720 to register.

Computer Classes

Computer Basics

Monday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.

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

Windows Basics

Wednesday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 19, 10:30 a.m.

Internet Basics

Wednesday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 24, 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Thursday, May 15, 10:30 AM

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

Thursday, May 22, 10:30 AM

Foreign Language Computer

Class Computación en Español

Sábado, 10 de mayo, 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..

Book Discussion

The Time Traveler's Wife by

Audrey Niffenegger

Tuesday, May 13, 2 p.m.

For One More Day by Mitch Albom

Tuesday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.

Friends Meeting

Tuesday, May 15, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17, 6 p.m.

Story Time

Preschool

Every Wednesday, 11:15 a.m.

Toddler

Every Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

Family Thursday

June 19, 6:30 p.m.

Mother Goose - Up to Age 2


Every Monday, 10:30 a.m.



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E-mail _____

_____ Family Membership (\$7.50)

_____ Business Membership (\$25)

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