

Second Street Neighborhood Association



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SECOND STREET NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING AND POTLUCK MEET STATE REPRESENTATIVE REGINALD MEEKS



**Rep. Reginald
Meeks**

The Second Street Neighborhood Association meets Sunday, March 29, 5:00 pm, at the Kling Center, 219 W. Ormsby. SSNA meetings are open to all and children are always welcome! Last month, Officer Sturgeon from the 4th Division Metro Police Dept. was our well-received guest speaker. This month we are pleased to announce that State Representative Reginald Meeks, 42nd House District, will meet with us. Rep. Meeks will update neighbors about the latest actions in Frankfort and try to answer any questions you have. Typically, many citizens are only aware of the major issues that state legislatures deal with. However, there are many other bills making their way through the legislature that we hear very little of but may also affect us. Of course, the big issue this year is trying to balance the state budget with cuts and new revenues.

THE SSNA PROUDLY SALUTES OUR SUPPORTING MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS!

**Dismas Louisville, 124 W. Oak St.
Dismas Charities HQ, 2500 Seventh Street Road**

<http://www.dismas.com/>

GuardiaCare Services, 215 W. Breckinridge St.

<http://www.guardiacare.org/>

Kosair Shrine Temple, 812 S. 2nd St.

<http://www.kosair.com>

Planned Parenthood of Kentucky, 1025 S. 2nd St.

<http://www.plannedparenthood.org/kentucky>

The Arthur S. Kling Center

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/klingcenter/>

Walnut Street Baptist Church, 1143 S Third St.

<http://www.walnutstreet.org>

Rep. Meeks has served in the Kentucky House since 2001. In addition, Mr. Meeks is director of external programs at the University of Louisville, College of Arts and Sciences. He earned a law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law and has his doctorate degree pending. He is a member of the Kentucky Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, a member of the Center for Policy Alternatives Advisory Board, an Honorary Kentucky Colonel, a founding member of the KY Native American Heritage Commission, a member of the KY Polar Bear Club, and has been featured in several publication and media outlets. Rep. Meeks serves on the House Education Committee, the House Health & Welfare Committee, and several others. For more information on Rep. Meeks, please go online to: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H042.htm>.

After the meeting, please join us for a traditional potluck dinner hosted by Jean and Jesper Christensen, 1465 S. 2nd Street. Potlucks are a great way to meet neighbors and make friends!

PLANTS TO COLOR YOUR WORLD

Spring is around the corner! And, what is spring without the vibrant colors of red Salvia, white Geraniums, and yellow Marigolds? You can order these and many other plants during our popular **22nd Annual Springtime Bedding Plant Sale**. Just fill out the enclosed order form and return it to reserve your selection now. Flowers are conveniently identified for preferred growing conditions to help in your selection.



Why spend a weekend driving from store to store, or nursery to nursery, to find the plants you want? We bring the nursery to you! We guarantee your complete satisfaction or your money back. We offer the most popular flowers requested by Old Louisville gardeners as well as a few exotic offerings. Our 10" hanging baskets make wonderful Mother's Day gifts and can bring new life to your porch, deck, or balcony. They can be hung as is, or transferred to an urn or other container. We have a wide variety of baskets, from the popular Boston fern to the exotic red and purple Fuchsia. New this year is 10" baskets of New Guinea impatiens and beautiful baskets of yellow strawflowers. Also new are flats of mixed dahlias. Dracaena spikes can be purchased individually for \$2.00 each.

Old Louisville landscape designers Kevin Kouba and Rick Tabb of Bearwood Gardens will be available to answer all your plant questions. Paul Schellenberger, our "the worm man" can answer questions about worm castings, composting, and organic gardening. As usual, there will be a limited quantity of perennials, which are not on the order form that will be available for purchase on a first come first serve basis.

Because of difficult economic conditions, our prices will remain the same as last year, in spite of increased cost from our suppliers. **Orders are due by April 17.** Pick up times, location, and other information is provided at the top of the order form. Don't forget that friends and co-workers will love our bedding plants and baskets too! You can make copies of the order form or call 636-1751 for extras. You can also request a form by email: zanelockhartjr@insightbb.com. Questions or special order requests: Call Jo Ann at 636-1751.

ATTEND & WIN CONTINUES FOR 2009!



Fiskars Telescoping Bypass Loppers
Up to 1¼" Cut, Extends 24-37"



Metal Impulse Sprinkler with plastic base.
Adjustable coverage, spray, and pattern control



SanDisk 4 GB USB
Flash Drive

You can win your choice of one of these three fabulous door prizes shown here simply by attending the March 29th meeting! For those who are still cleaning up limbs and debris, the telescoping bypass loppers will make quick work of limbs up to 1¼" in diameter. Use the 37" built-in telescoping extension arms to reach high-up limbs that can't be reached with regular loppers. For the computer savvy, you can never have enough flash drives. This 4 GB flash drive is a high capacity drive that will hold thousands of photographs or files. The impulse sprinkler can provide coverage up to 85' in diameter, which will cover most any yard in Old Louisville. The adjustments allow you to tailor the spray pattern to your yard configuration. Congratulations to Jo Ann Lockhart of Second Street who took home 4 GB flash drive at our last meeting! All attendees over 17 years of age are eligible to win. The drawing will be held at the end of Sunday's meeting.

Must be present to win! Membership not required!

SPECIAL \$25 DRAWING FOR SSNA MEMBERS: In addition to the attendee drawing, SSNA members are eligible for a special cash drawing. Jeff Call of Second Street was the winner of February's \$195 drawing. And, Jeff was there to collect! This month a name will be drawn from all paid-up SSNA members and if that member is present at the end of the meeting, he/she will win a **\$25 cash prize**. If the member is not present, \$10 will be added to the pot each meeting until someone wins.

Must be present to win! Current SSNA membership required!

(Potluck hosts will be counted as present. New memberships accepted at the meeting upon completion of Membership Application and payment of \$6.00 dues. Applications may also be obtained by contacting Zane at 636-1751 or zanelockhartjr@insightbb.com.)

WOOF! WOOF! TRANSLATED: DOGGIE PARK NEEDS YOUR HELP!

If there is one thing we can all agree on in Old Louisville, it is that dogs love to walk their owners. There is hardly anytime of the day or evening that you won't find someone out walking with their pooch. However, we all know what Fido really wants and that is to be let off leash and allowed to run free! Jodi Bessinger is trying to make this a reality but needs help of some dedicated dog lovers. Jodi needs a few people from each neighborhood association to form a committee to design, develop, and implement the first Old Louisville Dog Park. Please call Jodi at 636-2065 and tell her we are ready to help her make the doggie park a reality!



CENTRAL PARK CLEAN UP, APRIL 4



**SSNA Member, Stan Duffy,
mulching tree in Central Park**

The annual Central Park Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 4. As is our tradition, neighbors, friends, and Dismas volunteers will work from 8:30 am to about noon, seeding, mulching, fertilizing, weeding, planting, painting, washing and just about anything else that needs to be done to get Central Park ready for Derby guests and summer activities. As most know, Central Park was heavily damaged by both, the windstorm and the ice storm, and needs a little extra TLC this year. After the work is completed, please join us for a BBQ luncheon sponsored by Councilman Unseld.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

The blossoming of pear trees in the Second Street neighborhood are a sure sign that spring has finally arrived. Although bent, twisted, deformed, and damaged, the trees have come back with new vigor and a gorgeous display of cottony blossoms.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual Second Street neighborhood clean up and tree trimming next month, Sunday, April 26. We will clean the neighborhood from 1 pm to 4:30 pm and then have some delicious pizza followed by our meeting at the Magnolia Park gazebo.



**A canopy of pear tree blossoms
greet visitors driving through our
neighborhood**