

# NEIGHBORLY CHAT

FOUR SEASONS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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**Saturday, June 6**

**8 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

*(tie a yellow balloon on your mailbox)*

Start accumulating items you want to sell in the Four Seasons yard sale. An ad will be placed in the Courier-Journal and three yard sale signs will be placed at each neighborhood entrance a week before the sale. If you want to participate, just tie a yellow balloon on your mailbox.

Here are a few tips to get you started on having an effective and fun yard sale:

- Having the original boxes and instruction manuals for an item allows you to charge a little bit more.
- Put prices on everything. The price should be on top of an item, not on the bottom. As a general rule of thumb, price items about a third of what they would cost new.
- Clothes do not sell well unless it's baby/kids clothes. If you price adult-sized clothes cheap enough, it will sell regardless.
- Gang items together, such as "all books .25 each" or "any piece of clothes \$1.00", or "anything on this table .50". You also can offer the customers a deal, example: paperbacks .25 each or 5 for \$1.
- Make sure everything is clean and shiny and displayed nicely. Set up portable tables so buyers don't have to bend over.
- Have coins and small bills available to make change (a roll of quarters, a stack of twenty-five \$1 bills, and a few \$5 bills). A fanny pack works well so you can keep your money safe and always have it with you to give out change.
- Have batteries on hand so buyers can test items to see if they work.
- Have grocery bags available for sold items, newspaper to wrap breakable items and a calculator to total up purchases.
- Be willing to bargain, but be less flexible at the start.
- Promote expensive items creatively. For example, if you have a camera you want to sell, place the camera, lenses, etc together and perhaps a print out of the Amazon information page for the camera.



*Remember, you can always go down on a price, but you can never go back up. Good Luck!*

## Curb Appeal

It is spring cleaning time and with the warm weather we have been experiencing, it is a great opportunity to spruce up the exterior of your home. With just a little bit of effort, the curb appeal of your home can be inviting. Just a few thoughts to get your home in tip-top shape: sweep curbs, trim bushes (this is a great idea for safety as well), keep grass mowed, clear sewer drains of debris and take down Christmas decorations.

***Thank you to our neighbors  
who cut the grass in the  
common areas.***



*Join us at the next*  
**Four Seasons  
Neighborhood Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 21, 2009**

**7 – 8 p.m.**

**Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church  
3400 Summerfield Drive**

# Things You Need To Know!

• **Two more streetlights have been installed.** The locations are at the corner of Chimney Rock and Winterhaven and the corner of Amity and Weather Way. More lights are in the works as membership grows.

• At the last general meeting, a neighbor complained about graffiti in or around our neighborhood. This graffiti could be gang-tagging or marking, therefore we recommend calling 311 to report it so it can be removed quickly.

• It has been reported that homes have been spray painted, property stolen from cars and mailboxes vandalized. If you witness a crime, report it to the police immediately and call 495-6216, in order to get the information in the newsletter.

## Burglary Crime Prevention Tips

To keep us safe, and our property protected, the Louisville Metro Police Department has tips for us to follow:

- Always lock your doors, windows, and secure sliding glass doors with some type of jam or security device.
- Have a trustworthy neighbor watch your place while you are gone, and do the same for them.
- Do not schedule a service call to your home without you being present. If you do, let a neighbor know that you are expecting a visit whether you are home or not.
- Install an outside motion detector light or leave an outdoor light on at night. CFL bulbs are very cheap to burn.

## Want to advertise?

**\$25** business card size ad **Circulation** – 588 homes  
**Call 495.6216**

### Banana Pudding (Low calorie)

- 2 (6oz.) pkg. sugar-free instant vanilla pudding
  - 3 1/2 c. low-fat milk. Beat on low speed and add:
  - 1 (9oz.) container Cool Whip
  - 1 c. sour cream. Continue beating.
- Several bananas and vanilla wafers.



Prepare dish with layers of wafers and bananas. Pour about 1/2 of the mixture over layer. Repeat layers. Refrigerate. Make 24 hours before serving.

## HOW TO GET YOUR WORD OUT AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS!

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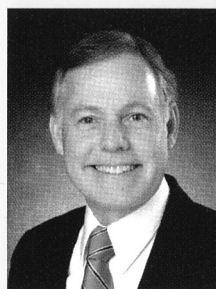
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