### President's Message ... A Series of "Firsts"

Recently, on a flight to Atlanta, I had the good fortune to sit next to a young man on his first adventure in air travel. While he indicated he wasn't nervous, he asked a host of questions regarding all aspects of the flight – from how to adjust the overhead air flow to accessing the rest room during flight. What was unique about this young man was not just that it was his inaugural flight, but that it was the first step in a series of new adventures for him. You see, this was his first flight on his way to his first day at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island.

This recent high school graduate was as polite as they come - "Yes, ma'am" to the flight attendant, "Thank you, sir" to the gentleman behind us; a shining example of the Millennial Generation that all too often garners a negative public sentiment. While we went our separate ways when we arrived in Atlanta, we coincidently ended up at the same gate for the next leg of our journey (he going to Savannah and I to Connecticut). However, this time he was not alone – there were swarms of young recruits grouped together; all of them taking the first step in what I imagine would be an intimidating experience.

Something was different when I saw the young man this time; with his comrades, he seemed to have an increased energy level and stronger sense of purpose. The fear that seemed to have captivated him throughout the flight was gone.

As I thought about what I was witnessing, I recalled some of those life events where I took a difficult first "step" alone. At times I was nearly

paralyzed with fear; others not as much. However, each instance had a recurring theme – I always moved forward. Despite the fear, despite the unknown, despite the comfort of inactivity, I made a first step toward future progress.



My goal here isn't to highlight the difficult decisions I've made through the years, as I'm sure others have made more difficult ones than me. It is also not my intention to equate the nervousness that accompanies some rather relatively everyday decisions with the commitment and personal sacrifice of those serving in our armed forces. I would, however, like to suggest that Beechmont is at a crossroads. We have a choice to continue down

the path we're on and remain a good neighborhood, or together we can take a first step at achieving our full potential.

It isn't an easy task, and for a few it may involve some initial anxiety by taking a more active role in your community and stepping outside your comfort zone. However, like the young man I met in the airport, I think you'll find you are not standing alone when you take that first step. You'll be accompanied by fellow comrades (i.e. neighbors) who also see the potential for our area and want to fight to initiate the positive changes our neighborhood deserves.

So it's up to you – will you take the first step in a series of new adventures and help us move our community forward?

Note: For information on how to get involved, please contact one of the board members listed on the back of the newsletter.

Some opportunities include:

- Start or renew a Block Watch and/ or serve as a Block Watch Captain.
- 2. Volunteer to actively keep a section of Beechmont litter free.
- 3. Serve on or chair a committee.
- 4. Volunteer to beautify our green spaces
- 5. Encourage local business to be good corporate citizens

Corey Koellner Southland Blvd.



### **BNA Open Air Market Farmer Appreciation Day**

Bhad some line dancing, face painting, cornhole, a spelling bee for the kids and live music courtesy of our friend and neighbor Fred Lipsey. Foodman and the Food girls were on hand as well. As always we had lots of great produce. The Open Air Market is held every Saturday from 8AM till Noon. Come out and see what's cooking in our neighborhood.







Spelling Bee Winners

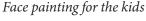
Cornhole Winners

Foodman & Sidekicks

### **BNA Finish Line Festival**

B NA held its Annual Finishline Festival on Saturday August 8th. O'Shea's provided lots of good food and a live band "The Juggernaut Jug Band. We had lots of fun for the kids with an Inflatable, Face Painting and a Dart game. The weather was wonderful and everyone had a great time.







Juggernaut Jug Band



Kids Games

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# Louisville Metro Police June/July 2009 Crime Statistics July 19 through August 16, 2009



Offense Type	Number of Reported Offenses
Homicide	0
Felony Assault	1
Burglary (All types)	7
Criminal Mischief / Vandalis	sm 8
Robbery (All types)	3
Auto Theft	6
Theft From Auto	8

As reported in previous submissions, overall criminal activity is down in Beechmont and Beat 6 compared with this time last year. 4th Division, Beat 6 encompasses Beechmont as well as the areas around Southside Drive to the intersection of Southland.

In the most recent Compstat report year to date compared with 2008, property crime is down 20.4%, and violent crime is down 9.1% on Beat 6, which encompasses the Beechmont area, with overall crime in the division being down 10.6%. These are very good numbers and shows the excellent relationship that your community has with LMPD.

Block watches are a key weapon in the struggle to reduce criminal activity. If you are interested in forming a block watch for your street, please contact our Division Resource Officer, Shane Justis, at 574-7010 or his e-mail at jeremiah. justis@louisvilleky.gov.

I am aware of the continuing problems at the Ashland Tavern and the current pending case(s). I will continue to direct our officers to give this location attention and pro actively enforce any violations of the law.

The 4th Division once again wants to thank Councilman Johnson's office, which works closely with the 4th Division to supplement our resources with his Neighborhood Development Funds (NDF's), allowing us to conduct crime prevention canvassing and enforcement patrols targeting problem locations and trends in the Beechmont area.

I am always accessible and you may contact me anytime at the 4th Division @ 574-7010 or my e-mail joseph. manning@louisvilleky.gov with any concerns or questions you may have.

Lt. Joe Manning - LMPD 4th Division





### Beechmont Open Air Market Harvest Festival Saturday September 26th 8am-Noon Southern Parkway at Wellington

**Children's activities: Pumpkin and Face Painting Music: Good Neighbor DJ Fred Lipsey** 

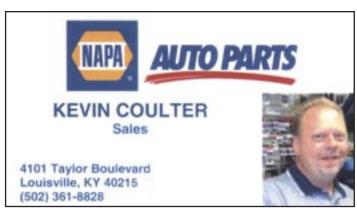
Line dancing & Mums and other fall plants & Roasted Corn on the Cob

- **♣** Apple cider **♣** O's Homemade Pumpkin ice Cream
- **♦ Pumpkins and fall decorations ♦ Pottery ♦ Hand blown glass beads**
- **★ Jewelry ★ Cards ★ Baked Goods ★ Jams & Jellies ★ Eggs**
- ♣ Hormone Free Meats ♣ And of course, Fresh Produce
- ★ Free Admission ★













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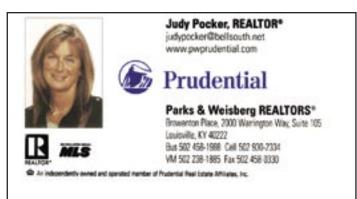
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### At the Iroquois Library ...

#### **Adult Programs**

Clases de educación en nutrición en español a cargo de Omar Miralles, de la Universidad de Kentucky de la oficina de extension del condado. Puede aprender como ganar y mantener la salud, preparer y ahorrar comida, y tomar decisiones sobre comidas saludables con un presupuesto pequeño.

Clase de la Pirámide de la Comida y Demo de Comida jueves,

17 de septiembre, 12:30

Clase sobre Granos y Demo de Comida jueves,

24 de septiembre, 12:30

Lección de Lácteos y Demo de Comida vieme,

16 de octubre, 12:30

Clase sobre vegetales y Demo de Comida jueves,

22 de octubre, 6:30

Pre-Biz Workshop

Presented by Gary Liebert, a micro

business specialist with Jewish Family & Career Services. http://www.facebook.com/l/;www.jfcslouisville.org Tuesday, September 8th, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

#### Money Management

Where does your money go? Are you having trouble making ends meet? Does your money seem to slip through your fingers? If so, Nelda Moore, with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, will show you how to track your spending and develop new strategies for day to day money management. Thursday, October 15, 6:30pm

#### **Cultural Showcase: Belize!**

Enjoy the sounds and dances of Belize! Saturday, October 17, 1 pm

#### **The French Circle Forum**

for francophones to engage in intellectual debate in French. Saturday, September 12, 12:30 pm Saturday, October 24, 12:30 pm

#### Game time at Iroquois

Come join us for a round of Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Dominos, Scrabble and many more. Wednesday, September 9, 2pm Wednesday, October 14, 12:30 pm

#### **Book Discussion Group**

First Mothers: The Women Who Shaped the Presidents by Bonnie Angelo Tuesday, September 8. 2:00 pm House of Sand and Fog by Andre Dubus III Tuesday, October 13, 2:00 pm

#### **Young Adult Programs**

#### **Iroquois Teen Tuesdays**

Every Tuesday in September and October at 3:30 pm For students 12-17



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You don't need a fancy degree; you just need to be yourself. It takes 30 minutes once a week. We'll even train you to get ready to meet your student. It's really that easy!

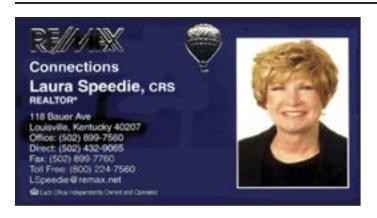
Chances are, if you put a little time in, you and your student will get a lot out of it.

Be a volunteer and share the experience so that Every 1 Reads!

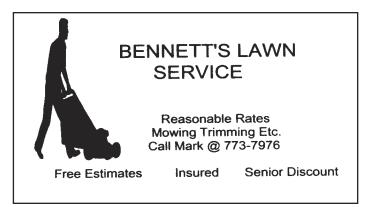
To find out about becoming a JCPS Every 1 Reads volunteer, call 485-8841 or email at micah.followay@jefferson.kyschools.us.

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### **BNA Board Meeting 3rd Monday of Each Month**

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### **Local Eagle Scout and BNA Refurbish Benches**

ocal Eagle scout, Jason Chodyniecki and his friends helped to renew the wooden benches at the Gazebo. BNA supplied the wood and other materials for this effort. BNA also purchased and installed two new metal benches so people would have more places to sit near the gazebo. Bob Starck, Doug and Linda Taylor and Dan Johnson also contributed their time to this effort. Thanks for keeping up our area around the gazebo and making it more comfortable for walkers, bikers and other park patrons.



Bench Project Helpers

**Iroquois Library Auditorium 7:00 PM** 



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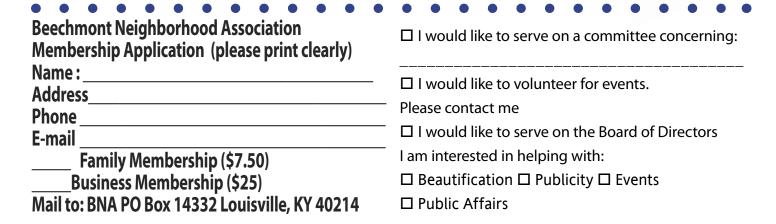
### **BNA Board Members ... At your service**

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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