



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

- **Louisville has a new mayor!** Wilder Park would like to welcome Mayor Greg Fischer. He was sworn into office on January 3, 2011.
- **Who wants to win an autographed Rick Pitino UofL Basketball?** See the Kids Corner for more information.
- **Thank you to our newest Lifetime member:** Mr. John Morrison.
- **2011 dues are due for annual members.** Please see reverse side for the membership form. If you are currently a member, this will be your last mailed-newsletter if you do not renew. To avoid this in the future, become a lifetime member today!
- **Are you a fan of Wilder Park?** Then go to: Facebook.com/WilderPark and show us how much you "Like" us!
- **Theft Trend Alert!** If you notice anyone tampering with sewer grates, please report it to the non-emergency number listed under our "Squeaky Wheel" section.
- **Junk Set-Out Period: NOT NOW**
Apologies to our neighbors north-of-Kenton. An oversight grouped you with the same dates as south-of-Kenton (a whole week after your dates). Upon learning of this error, the WPNA contacted Marianne Butler's office, who arranged for an extra pickup in the area. We have no future dates at this time, but will be careful to post both sets of dates in the future.
Please keep all junk off the street until the next round of pick-up dates.

Wilder Park Newsletter

NEWSLETTER OF THE WILDER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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HAPPY 2011 WILDER PARK

What's Bugging You? II

Last year we had a very successful open-meeting with "What's Been Bugging You?" This meeting was an opportunity for neighbors to attend a board meeting, voice their opinions and share their concerns. To the delight of the WPNA board, myself included, you did! The meeting was such a success that we decided to do it again.

Many people have ideas, good ideas, on what can be done to make Wilder Park even better. But many of these people don't have time to be an active part of the board (though all are invited to be). This is why meetings, such as this one, are important for our neighborhood. They allow you to

come once or twice a year and share your ideas with the rest of the neighborhood.

The WPNA board is made up of volunteers who, like you, do not have time or resources to do everything that needs to be done. While we may not be able to fix every concern, or implement every suggestion, they **will** be heard.

This will also be an opportunity to meet our new Neighborhood Liaison from the 4th district Louisville Metro Police Department, Officer Barbara Bailey. Invitations have also been sent to the office of district 15 Rep. Marianne Buttler and district 21 Rep. Dan Johnson.

What's Bugging You? II will be held at the Wilder Park Community Center at 120 W. Fairmont Avenue on February 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM.



Letter from the Editor (Letters from You)

Greetings Wilder Park!

My name is Shelley Gibson and I am the new Correspondence Secretary for the WPNA.

What does this mean to you?

This means that I am the new editor of the Wilder Park Newsletter.

As the Newsletter editor, I am announcing an exciting new addition to the 2011 newsletters: You!

I will pick one letter from a Wilder Park resident and place it **here**.

Letters may be about any issue you wish to share with the community.

All Letters **must** follow these guidelines:

- Keep letters at or under 175 words.
- Keep them clean.
- No anonymous letters will be accepted.

Also note:

- If needed, I will edit for spelling and grammar.
- Any profanity or length beyond 175 words will cause the submission to be disqualified.

Letters may be submitted by email to seeshelleyb@gmail.com or via the mail slot in the Wilder Park Community Center on Fairmont.

Please submit seasonal ideas early. Newsletters are published once every two months.

If your letter is chosen, I will contact you to sign a release. Please include name, address, and phone number with submissions.

Best Wishes for a Wonderful Year,

Shelley Gibson

Letter from the President (Central Louisville)

Greetings Neighbors,

If you don't know me by now, I'm Gary Jany and 2011 will represent my 6th year serving as the President of the Wilder Park Neighborhood Association. When I was a young boy my Ma said, "some day you may grow up to be President". And she was right! I'll be writing a President's message in every newsletter this year, and here's my first. When people ask me where Wilder Park is, I sometimes have a difficult time describing our area; it's behind the old Kroger on 3rd street...just northeast of Churchill Downs...just west of the Fairgrounds...just south of Central Station. However, saying that Wilder Park is in the "South End" does not seem quite accurate. That's why I propose that we start describing our area as "Central Louisville". Heck, we are "Central to Everything" and Central Avenue is our northern boundary. Not that there is anything wrong with the South End, but Central Louisville just seems to fit. That's how I'll be describing our home. Let's keep Central Louisville clean and safe in 2011!

The Wilder Park Newsletter is edited by Shelley Gibson, Correspondence Secretary for the Wilder Park Neighborhood Association. Questions, comments, and/or suggestions may be sent to seeshelleyb@gmail.com, "WP Newsletter" in the subject line.

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RENT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

A 4 hour rental is only \$100 and only \$10 an hour after that!

A non refundable \$25 cash deposit toward your total is required to hold a reservation. All proceeds go into the upkeep of the center.

Are you in a non-profits or volunteer group? Ask us about free rentals!

Contact:

George Parker at 366-5590

or e-mail:

WilderPark@insightbb.com

ATTN: Kids Corner Kids

Hey Kids! If you're like me, you are already excited about the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 23rd. Here is your chance to get a leg up on the competition. Complete today's Kids Corner activity and have your mom or dad write your name on it at the Easter Egg Hunt and you will **win an EXTRA ENTRY to win a UofL Basketball signed by Coach Rick Pitino!** You must be present to win, so I hope to see you soon!

Next month's Kids Corner will also be an extra entry, so keep an eye out for your next newsletter!

And Remember...

The Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grease

911 for Emergencies

574-7111 for Non-Emergencies

574-LMPD to Report Criminal Activity anonymously

311 for Code Violations, Potholes, Abandoned Cars, etc

574-1115 District 15 councilwoman Marianne Butler

574-1121 District 21 councilman Dan Johnson

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Health Notes: Volunteer for Wilder Park: You'll Live Longer!

*****HELP YOURSELF TO BETTER HEALTH BY HELPING OTHERS.**

"Become a volunteer in the New Year—it could be good for your health."

Many studies have been conducted on the effects of volunteering on health and well-being. People who volunteer are more likely to be in good health, have less risk of heart disease, are less likely to suffer from depression, and are even living longer lives. In today's

economy, with so many people unemployed, volunteering can help people feel a sense of purpose and help them to maintain a sense of connectivity to other people. Volunteer opportunities are available for anything you feel passionate about, so why not start today?

Editors Note: During the past two years I, personally, have enjoyed the social outlet that being a part of the WPNA board offers. I've made friends (and

trust me, that is something I have struggled with in the past), I feel like I am doing good for our community, and I am even getting exercise by delivering these newsletters!

Being an active part of Wilder Park is win-win! -SG



Don't Let This Happen To You: Crime Prevention Tips

On January 2nd at 10:30 PM, a truck was stolen from the Circle K parking lot on the 4300 block of 3rd Street.

This crime of opportunity teaches us several lessons on how to prevent something similar from happening to us.

The opportunity was that the driver left his keys in the ignition with the doors unlocked.

Criminals, like most of us, prefer easy to complicated. If a locked car is parked next to an unlocked car, which would you steal?

These criminals are near or in our neighborhood. Follow these tips to help make sure your car is not the easy target:

- Don't ever leave your keys in the ignition of your unattended vehicle. Ever!
- Criminals are watching and waiting on opportunities like this one. Be mindful of your surroundings.

- Locked cars are less likely to be broken into than unlocked cars.
- It takes 7 seconds to bust a window and grab a purse, phone or any other tempting item from inside a car. Don't leave items in your car and you will be less likely to be buying a new window (in addition to the phone, purse, or whatever.)

For more crime prevention tips, visit the National Crime Prevention Institute's website at :

www.louisville.edu/ncpi.

Kids Corner

Use Your Imagination to Turn This Ugly-Bug Caterpillar into a Beautiful Butterfly! (HINT: Butterflies Have Wings)



Membership Poll: Attn: Non-Members

Would you be more likely to become a member if we offered an online dues payment option? Please email your response: seeshelleyb@gmail.com or put it on the mail slot at the center. Thank you for participating!

Have you renewed your Wilder Park membership?

Annual: \$5 Family/Business \$10 Lifetime \$50

Name:

Address:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail (clearly):

How would you like the newsletter delivered? (Circle One)

SNAIL MAIL

E-MAIL

BOTH

Make check out & mail to: Wilder Park N.A. 120 W Fairmont Ave 40214 (or, just drop into the center's mailbox)