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SAVE THE DATE! AUGUST 26, 2012

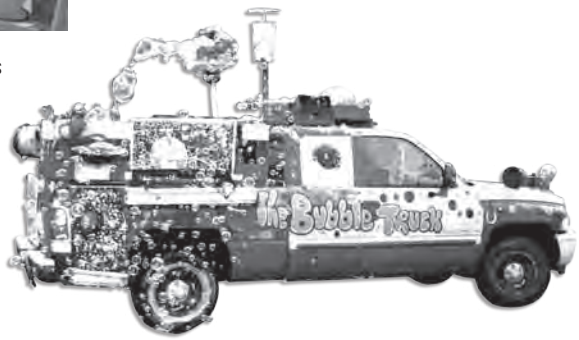
Highlands-Douglass Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Photo by Shellie Nitsche

There was no shortage of ice cream, family entertainment, friendly neighbors and good weather at last year's Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. Sponsored by the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association and held annually on the grounds of the Douglass Community Center, this free event for Highlands-Douglass neighborhood residents has become a favorite summertime family outing. Over 500 complimentary ice cream cones were served to last year's crowd. At the request of HDNA, neighbors generously brought several pantry loads of canned goods and paper products that were donated to the Highlands Community Ministries' food bank.

Photo by Shellie Nitsche

This year, the 8th Annual Highlands-Douglass Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 26, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Refreshments and family fun will be provided by Haywood Dairy Ice Cream, the famous Bubble Truck, a bouncy tent, live music by "Another Colour", face painting, and a magician. Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun filled, summer afternoon with old and new friends and neighbors.



– Ladies for Liberty –

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Get 'In the Mood' for The Ladies for Liberty, who will perform to benefit the Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest on September 11 at 7:00 P.M. at the Comedy Caravan in the Mid City Mall. For just $20 per person, you can swing to their 1940s style show, as they 'Sing Sing Sing' Andrews Sisters songs in their own rendition, complete with nostalgic costumes and hairstyles. Ten dollars from each advance ticket sold benefits the Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest.

The Ladies For Liberty, from left to right, our very own Neighbor, Jeanette Kays, Angie Glotzbach and Wanda Martin.

The Ladies For Liberty include our very own Neighbor, Jeanette Kays (who also sings with Walker and Kays), Wanda Martin and Angie Glotzbach. Pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream and beverages can be purchased at the show.

To reserve tickets in advance, contact Christian Cline at **christiancline@hotmail.com** or call **558-1619**.

– Keith Clements

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jay Douds, President

It's another beautiful spring in the Highlands – and summer is already around the corner.

With summer comes the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association's Ice Cream Social on August 26 at Douglass Park across from the Douglass Community Center. HDNA is proud to sponsor this free family event every year.

Won't you be our Neighbor? In 2011, we welcomed over 100 new households as members. For just $12 per year, you can support the neighborhood activities of the association.

You can take your HDNA membership to the next level by contributing your time and talents to the many volunteer opportunities we offer. Do you have web programming skills to help build HDNA's new web site? Do you like to write, proofread, shoot photos or have experience in selling? *The Neighbor* newsletter committee always welcomes new talent. Or, if you enjoy walking through the neighborhood, HDNA enlists walking volunteers several times a year to deliver fliers and this newsletter. Got a green thumb? Our neighborhood garden at Douglass Park and the roses on Bardstown Road near PNC Bank are maintained by our Beautification Committee. Are you a social butterfly or a behind the scenes worker bee? Events like the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social and the Big Rock Jazz and Blues Fest offer many fun opportunities. If you would like to volunteer, email us at **hdnalouisville@gmail.com.** Volunteers like you help make the neighborhood the special place we call home.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

When people have approached me in the past to volunteer, my first thought has usually been, "I don't have the time." Then I was asked to become the editor of this newsletter and to serve on HDNA's board. I was still thinking, "I don't have the time!"

What a difference a year makes. Yes, it's been a lot of hard work and has taken up more of my time than I planned. But something else happened that I didn't anticipate – I've had fun! Working for HDNA has been rewarding on many levels – I not only know many people in the blocks surrounding my home, but I call them friends – all different ages, backgrounds and occupations. They're there to pitch in on our projects and they've been there during times of personal need.

So, remember – the next time you're asked to volunteer for HDNA, all your new friends will be waiting in the wings. Won't you participate?

Is there something you would like to share or learn about? Please contact me with your ideas at **pam@pamhoguedesign.com**. I look forward to hearing from you!

– Pam Forsee Hogue

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–Meet and Mingle–

HDNA MEMBER MIXER

On Thursday, November 17, HDNA held its first Member Mixer at The Corner Door in the Douglass Loop. From 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., new Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association members mingled with other HDNA Neighbors and board members at this free event sponsored by the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association. Special thanks to Pinotti's Florist, Dundee Candy and Heine Brothers at the Loop for donating door prizes and to The Corner Door for allowing the use of their venue.

Look for other Member Mixers to be held later this year. These free events are fun ways to connect with your HDNA Neighbors and get involved!

NOVEMBER 6, 2011

ANNUAL MEETING HOSTS MAYOR FISHER

The Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association held its annual meeting at the Douglass Community Center on Sunday, November 6, 2011. A standing room only crowd was on hand to hear Louisville Mayor Greg Fisher speak and to elect 2012 board members.

Mayor Fisher responds to questions from the audience.

Mayor Fischer discussed how neighbors and neighborhoods make the city a vibrant and safe place by working together with the police, government and their neighbors. He was impressed with the large turnout, giving credence to people caring about the city and the neighborhood. Following his brief comments, Mayor Fisher took questions from the audience for about 30 minutes.

Following Mayor Fisher's question and answer session and a brief discussion with new Fifth District Police Chief Eddie Jones, elections for the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association Board of Directors was held. Those elected were, Jay Douds, Teresa Clark, Erna Gwinn, Mike McMahon and D.G. Mawn.

At the Annual Meeting, President Douds presented Officer Daniel English, HDNA's liaison for the Fifth Division, LMPD, with a check for $500 to assist the division in the Children's Christmas Party.

Higlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., at the Douglass Community Center. The public is welcome to attend.

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– Patron's Party Fundraiser –

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

Do you have extra tickets to sporting or entertainment events, or a business whose services you would like to promote? Are you an artist or craftsperson willing to donate a painting, jewelry, or other fine arts and crafts? The Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association is seeking donations for its annual Patron's Party Silent Auction. The Patron's Party is our largest fundraiser, the proceeds of which help defray the cost of the Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest. Popular auction items include vacation getaways, experiences, gift baskets, jewelry, art, crafts, gift certificates for services or restaurants, tickets to sports or entertainment events, autographed memorabilia – use your imagination! Please contact Marcia Lee Harlow at **harlow@insightbb.com** to arrange pick-up or drop-off of your donations. Deadline for donations is Thursday, August 9.

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TARC DELAYS ROUTE 29 DECISION

On May 9, HDNA voted to actively spread the word regarding the possible end of TARC Route 29, which serves our neighborhood. The campaign spread via email, Facebook and the telephone. On May 23, an article appeared in the Courier-Journal indicating "an outpouring of public comments" had been received about the TARC curtailment of bus routes and thus, the TARC Board is delaying "a decision on proposed services cuts." TARC Executive Director Barry Barker is quoted, "most public comments related to keeping intact the Eastern Parkway Route 29, which runs through Cherokee and Seneca parks."

Thank you for your efforts to raise awareness about the importance of Route 29 and thank you TARC and Councilman Owen for listening!

SALUTING A HIGHLANDS-DOUGLASS GOOD NEIGHBOR

J.T. JOHNSTON – BLOCK WATCH CAPTAIN

You may have seen him walking our neighborhood streets several times throughout the day, keeping a careful observation. J. T. Johnston, neighbor and block watch captain, holds well-attended Neighborhood Watch meetings and maintains an email list of people to whom he sends crime activity updates, reporting tips, and news of other events in our neighborhood.

Long time residents, J.T. and his wife, Robbie, have lived for 44 years in the same Woodbourne area home where they reared their four children. A Hancock County native, J.T. is a retired railroad engineer who likes to stay busy. His retirement has afforded him the time for walking the neighborhood, talking with folks he encounters, and staying diligent about keeping our streets and homes safe.

J.T.'s concern for neighborhood safety was piqued by an encounter with former HDNA board member and neighbor Pat Osting, who passed away last year. Pat predicted an increase in neighborhood theft after burglars stole tools from his truck. As a result, J.T. organized a Neighborhood Watch, which was the first in our area in a long time.

His neighbors owe J. T. a debt of gratitude for bringing an awareness of safety and concern for others. His Neighborhood Watch has grown from a first meeting on his front porch, attended by a handful of people, to the last meeting which was held at St. Paul Methodist Church and attended by more than 100 people. He is interested in recruiting new captains and is available for advice on how to organize your own Neighborhood Watch. To start a block watch on your street or to sign up to receive his email updates, contact J.T. at **jthdna@yahoo.com**.

– Malinda Durbin

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– Highlands-Shelby Park Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library –

EXPLORE ALL THAT OUR LIBRARY HAS TO OFFER

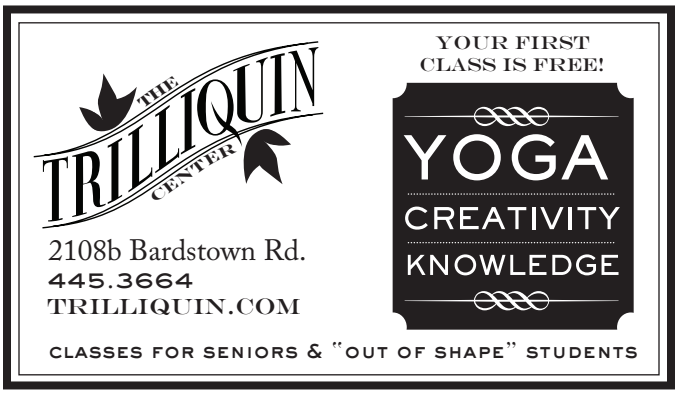
If you aren't using the resources of our Highlands-Shelby Park branch of the Louisville Free Public Library, you are missing a great opportunity. Rachel Smith, the branch manager who assumed her position just a year ago, addressed the March HDNA board meeting about the vast array of services the library offers. In her brief leadership role she has resurrected a branch chapter of Friends of the Library, whose members held a well-attended open house and book sale in March. She started "Think Locally", a free, monthly lecture series, which provides a different guest speaker the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. on topics of local interest. June's presenter was Phyllis Croce from MSD, who spoke about rain gardens and storm water management. One lucky attendee received a free rain barrel at the end of the program.

Consider some of the various things you can do at the library:

- Attend storytelling programs for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. (Highlands-Douglass resident, Marsha Roth, has been a long time story presenter.) Program schedules can be obtained online at **www.lfpl.org/branches/highlands-shelbypark.htm** or by calling **574-1672**.
- Make free use of computers that are available during library hours.
- Learn how to download eBooks and audio books.
- Help promote the growth of our library by joining the Friends of the Library on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
- Volunteer to work at the library sorting books.
- Get teenagers off your hands by taking them to the Teen Outpost for special programs.
- Donate books you no longer want and, while you are there, buy books donated by others. (One lucky patron recently purchased a leather bound edition of Maupassant's short stories, copyrighted, 1903, for $3.00).

If you hate to admit you don't know where the Highlands branch is located (because it moved from Cherokee Road in 1994 and you haven't gotten around to learning its new location), don't despair – you are not alone. The library is located in the Mid-City Mall where there is ample parking but inadequate signage. And, if you live in the Highlands-Douglass neighborhood and don't know where the Mid-City Mall is located, you probably shouldn't be driving anyway. The library hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Closed Sunday.

– Norma Miller



BIG ROCK JAZZ & BLUES FEST:

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

2011 FEST MAKES LOCAL JAZZ HISTORY

HDNA's 12th Annual Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest was held on Sunday, October 2, as over 1,000 music lovers, neighbors, and families filled the lawn at Cherokee Park's Big Rock and enjoyed a memorable sunny afternoon of free music and fun. The Stella Vees opened the Fest with their good time party blues at 2:00 P.M., followed by FattLabb with their original cutting edge fusion of jazz, funk and rock.

Photo by Patty Bailey

Harry Pickens performs during the first ever Piano Jazz Summit at the 2011 Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest.

At 5:00 P.M., the near-capacity audience witnessed jazz history with the first ever Piano Jazz Summit. Harry Pickens, along with regionally known jazz pianists, Phil DeGreg from Cincinnati, Luke Gillespie from Indiana University and Steve Allee from Indianapolis, performed together on two grand pianos for a climatic finish on "Caravan".

Sponsored by the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association, The Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest is the principal fundraiser for the neighborhood association, raising money, along with other sponsors, for Highlands Community Ministries and other neighborhood projects. The 2011 lineup of regionally known acts would not have been possible without generous support from a joint grant from our local metro councilman, Tom Owen, and Metro Parks.

DON BRADEN TO HEADLINE 2012 FEST

The Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest committee is already busy planning for this year's Fest to be held on October 7. Blues act Miss Lissa & Company will open with hot, soulful vocals by Melissa Young. Dick Sisto and Friends will follow with straight ahead jazz on the vibraphone. Tenor saxophonist Don Braden is set to headline. Braden is a Louisville native living in New York, composing, educating and performing jazz worldwide.

WON'T YOU VOLUNTEER?

The Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest is the principal fundraiser for the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association and has raised over $35,000 during the last seven years for Highland Community Ministries and other neighborhood projects. To ensure continued success, volunteers are needed to solicit local sponsors, assist with the Patron's Party and help on the day of the Fest. It is a wonderful way to promote a good cause, meet new neighbors and hear some good blues and jazz. If you have an interest in getting involved, please contact Keith Clements at **451-6872** or **hyclem@bellsouth.net.** We always welcome new faces and fresh ideas.

– Keith Clements

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VOLUNTEERS WORKING TO DESIGNATE "TEEPEE" A LOUISVILLE LANDMARK

Thanks in part to the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association (and many others), the Hogan's Fountain "TeePee" Pavilion will be seeing a new roof later this year! The process of working out logistical details with the Parks Department as well as the bid package for the re-roofing project is currently underway.

Approximately $45,000 has been raised towards this effort, but unfortunately asbestos has been found in the underlying roof shingles. Because of this, donations are still being accepted, through either a secure online PayPal transaction (**www.savehogansfountain.com/donate**) or via check to: SAVE HOGAN'S FOUNTAIN PAVILION, 2104 Plantside Drive, Louisville, KY 40299. 100% of donated funds will be used towards the restoration of the TeePee and these funds are being processed by the 501c3 corporation, The Adam Matthews Foundation. Additionally, the sons of TeePee designer, E.J. Schickli, are matching the next $3,000 raised!

The TeePee has also been singled out by Preservation Kentucky as one of 2011's Top Ten Most Endangered Historic Places in the state. The grassroots group, Save Hogan's Fountain Pavilion, has submitted an application request to have the TeePee designated as a Louisville Landmark and is awaiting a hearing date before the Landmarks Commission. Rentals fees for this popular outdoor venue totaled $18,000 in 2011, a 20% increase over the previous year's total, indicating that citizens enjoy this facility and recognize its architectural value

among Louisville's landscape. Proposed changes to the current Landmarks Ordinance, however, could effect the application and may place the nomination at risk.

Despite some unforeseen circumstances, we've come a long way towards keeping Hogan's Fountain "TeePee" Pavilion safe for future generations to enjoy and we aren't finished with the journey yet. We thank everyone who has contributed to our efforts to preserve the TeePee to date, and we welcome contributions to the ongoing effort now and in the future.

–Tammy Madigan

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This school is the first of its kind in Louisville and serves students K-12. Its programs are geared towards helping children with autism and related disorders transition successfully into the adult world by strengthening communication, social interaction, emotional regulation, and academic accomplishment. While the academy is located in a church, the school is non-denominational in nature.

Twenty-two students and fifteen faculty members were involved in initial launch in August, 2010. Since then, the program has expanded and currently looking to increase its reach to help those students transitioning into adulthood.

The Academy has also forged partnerships with both the University of Louisville and Spalding University, where the school serves as a practicum site for these institutions' Masters Level programs.

Kudos to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, who saw a need and filled it, and to the Academy at St. Andrews, whose dedicated staff are helping their unique students acquire life skills to help them transition successfully into the adult world. They are a welcome addition to our neighborhood!

Kelly and Matt engaging in social learning at The Academy at St. Andrews.

For more information about The Academy at St. Andrews, please visit **www.theacademy-standrews.org** or contact Susan Fowler, Executive Director, at 502-473-7219. The Academy at St. Andrews is a non-profit organization and relies on your generosity. If you would like to make a donation, you can mail it to 2233 Woodbourne Ave., Louisville, KY 40205.

– Laura Grubb

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2012 Plant for the Planet!
TREE GIVEAWAY HELD AT DOUGLASS COMMUNITY CENTER

A Joint Highlands Arbor Day Committee partnered with global Plant for the Planet! on April 7, 2012 and handed out 1,610 bare-root seedlings purchased from the KY Division of Forestry. Visitors numbered 128 and included Congressman John Yarmuth and Mayor Greg Fischer. The Master Gardners and Beargrass Creek Alliance had a table to educate about rain water runoff. Special thanks to the staff at the Douglass Community Center for their help throughout the day. Volunteers from the neighborhood associations, the Master Gardeners and Chief Forester Robert Bean (state cutbacks brought him for half a day) helped our visitors decide what to plant and how to plant their seedlings.

Congressman John Yarmuth (KY-3) chatted with Highlands-Douglass Beautification Committee Chair and Board Member Jeff Hogue.

Sarah Wolff, Volunteer Coordinator with the Olmsted Parks Conservancy placed 571 seedlings privately and had arranged for volunteers to plant 20 in Cherokee Park, 150 in Tyler Park and 100 in Bingham Park. A total of 1,509 trees were planted in the Louisville Metro area.

Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association Volunteers Rich Campbell, left, and John Norton, wrap bare-root seedlings for distribution.

Special thanks to Cary Campbell for refreshments, Jack Francis for signs and posters, Heine Brothers at the Loop for coffee, The Blossom Shop for balloons, The Bakery at Sullivan University for bread and Horton's Hardware for 15 five-gallon buckets.

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WELCOME MAJOR EDDIE JONES

Major Eddie Jones

Major Eddie Jones was assigned as the Fifth District Police Commander in August, 2011– he is energetic and excited to be Fifth District Commander.

Major Jones became an officer with the Jefferson County Police in 1988, and has served in a variety of responsible positions. He has been recognized as the recipient of the Medal of Honor, the Exceptional Merit Medal, and two Meritorious Unit Citations.

He supervises 94 police officers in the Fifth District and is striving to build upon the 5% reduction in all crime in 2011 within our district and has established the following Goals:

- Reduce Auto Theft by 10%
- Reduce Theft from Autos by 5%
- Reduce Street Robberies by 5%
- Reduce AggravatedAssault by 25%
- Increase Community Outreach

Please feel free to contact Major Jones. He considers communication and team-building very important in the relationship between the police and the citizens of the Fifth District. You can also report any suspicious activity by calling **574-7636**, and continuing to support such programs as the annual Holiday Adopt-A-School.

– Wayne Anderson

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TORNADO SAFETY TIPS

Tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds and every state is at some risk. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. Tornadoes are most frequently reported east of the Rocky Mountains during spring and summer months.

Louisville Police's Fifth Division's April newsletter featured these Tornado Safety Tips:

- Prepare for tornadoes by gathering emergency supplies such as food, water, medications, batteries, flashlights.
- When a tornado approaches, anyone in its path should take shelter indoors – preferably in a basement or an interior first-floor room or hallway.
- Avoid windows and seek additional protection by getting underneath large, solid pieces of furniture.
- Avoid automobiles and mobile homes, which provide almost no protection from tornadoes.
- Those caught outside should lie flat in a depression or on other low ground and wait for the storm to pass.

For more information, visit **www.ready.gov/tornadoes.**

– D.G. Mawn

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Louisville Police (LMPD) 574-7111
Fifth Division 574-7636
MetroCall ..... 574-5000 or 311
Louisville Gas & Electric
Customer Service 589-1444
Power Outage 589-3500
Transit Authority of River City (TARC)
Customer Service 585-1234
Metro Animal Services 361-1318
Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD)
Customer Service 540-6000
Board of Elections 574-6100
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Board meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Douglass Community Center, 2305 Douglass Blvd., for members and residents to plan neighborhood activities and present and address neighborhood topics. At each meeting, you will speak directly with your Metro Councilman, Tom Owen or a member of his staff and discuss safety concerns and receive updated crime reports from our fifth district officers.

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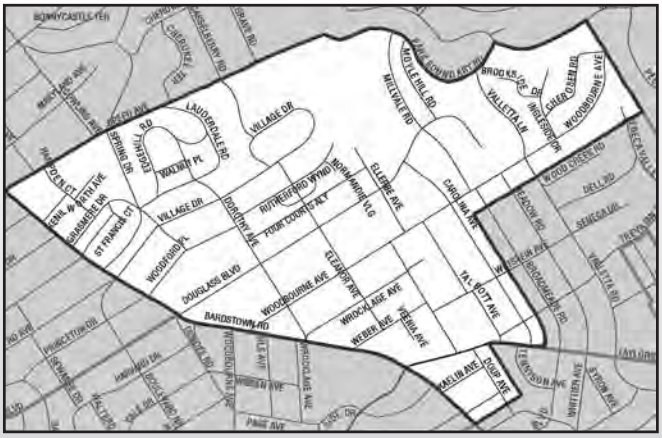
WON'T YOU BE OUR NEIGHBOR?

For just $12 per household per year, you can become a member of the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association. Your membership will help us serve our community by:

- Working with your Metro Council representative to improve our neighborhood
- Promoting safety and security in our area
- Bringing neighbors together by sponsoring neighborhood events, such as block parties, the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social, the Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest, and more…
- Maintaining and improving the integrity of our park side neighborhood

To join, please mail your check for $12 to Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 5194, Louisville, KY 40255 or email **hdna@gmail.com**.



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