

CHEROKEE TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Carole Jean Rogers, Editor

A Message From the PRESIDENT

By Mark A. Thompson

MEMBERSHIP PARTY

Please join your Board of Trustees at this year's annual membership party. This event expresses our appreciation to members for their contributions of time and resources.

"BOONE" & "PAN" RESTORATION

The Cherokee Triangle Association and the Bonnycastle Homestead Association have mutually agreed to restore the Daniel Boone and Pan statues sculpted by Louisvillian Enid Yandell. Utilizing the 50/50 matching "Adopt A Monument" grant program of the City of Louisville we will be seeking your financial support to fulfill the private sector participation in this endeavor.

Enclosed with our newsletter is a pamphlet produced by the Bonnycastle Homestead Association promoting a "Walk in the Woods." This is planned to be an annual event for their Association but this year is particularly special as the proceeds are to financially support the statue restorations. Moreover, it is a great way to use Cherokee Park. We are coordinating this event with Metro Parks so that it coincides with the opening of the new walking path on the interior Park road on October 9, 1993. Please enjoy your park and help us restore the statues by joining us for a "Walk in The Woods."

ALLEY COMMITTEE

CTA Alley Committee, chaired by Tony Lindauer, has been very active and innovative. Significant improvements have been noted in many alleys. With your help we can expand the cleanup programs to all alleys. Please see Tony's column on the back cover.

WILLOW PARK TOT LOT

As many parents may have observed the Willow Park Tot Lot is in need of repair and replacement of deteriorated equipment. CTA would like to form a committee to address this matter and is in need of your input. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

*All Cherokee Triangle Residents
Are Cordially Invited to the Annual
Cherokee Triangle Association Membership Party*

*Friday, October 22, 1993 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
at the home of John Braseh 1240 Everett Avenue*

Please join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the upcoming annual membership party. It is a wonderful opportunity to see neighbors as well as meet new friends. As we continue in our efforts to preserve the unique character of our neighborhood, we urge you to renew your membership, or become a new member of the Cherokee Triangle Association. We hope you will be a part of something really special while enjoying the many benefits of our organization:

- Quarterly newsletters with information about neighborhood activities, city projects, association projects, and programs and events as they occur.
- Opportunities to participate in the annual Olde Time Fair in April, and other volunteer opportunities.
- Keeping up to date on how your association is spending its money—always in the neighborhood, for beautification, safety, improvement, cleanup.
- Sense of belonging and pride in a wonderful neighborhood.

In this newsletter is an envelope for your convenience in renewing or starting your membership. The date above your name on your mailing label is the date in our records of the last year for which dues were paid. CTA membership year October 1 - September 30.

We hope you will attend our gathering and bring a friend. You too can improve the quality of life in our wonderful neighborhood by simply joining the Cherokee Triangle Association!

Annual membership dues are:

Seniors	\$7.00	Renters	\$7.00
Homeowners	\$12.00	Business	\$25.00

OLMSTED PARKS ENHANCEMENTS & CONCERNS

Cherokee Park is near and dear to many Cherokee Triangle members. Because of great appreciation for the genius of Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of landscape architecture, and designer of Cherokee Park, the Association participates in the Olmsted Stewardship Council (OSC). The OSC consists of interested park users, neighborhood associations, Louisville Friends of Olmsted Parks and other specialists and meets on occasion to review recommendations emanating from an outside consultant and Metro Parks.

One of the main recommendations to expand park usage is to open part of the interior park road to foot and bicycle traffic. Cherokee Triangle is in support of this proposal.

We are, however, deeply concerned about another proposal which would allow mountain bikes on multiple user trails. (See *Deep Roots*.)

URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

The Urban Forest Committee established by Mayor Abramson, at the urging of CTA and other neighborhood associations, is set to present its recommendations in a few months. While joining about 150 individuals in a recent conference to establish a vision statement for Louisville and Jefferson County, I was gratified to observe a persistent theme calling for greening and re-forestation of street-scapes. This prevailing vision lends its support for Mayor Abramson to act boldly and innovatively when the opportunity presents itself.

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CTA MEMBERSHIP

1933-94 Membership Drive

1992-93 was a great year for membership growth—many new members joined and many are already involved in neighborhood activities. We will continue to aim for a goal of at least 600 memberships during 1993-94. The membership dues envelope enclosed in this issue will help you remember to send in your renewal—if you need more envelopes for new neighbors, let us know, and share your newsletter! This issue also goes to residents who have not yet joined—now's your chance!

Welcome New Members This Summer!

Please join us in welcoming these new CTA members since our last newsletter:

John Brasch1240 Everett Avenue	Sandra J. Nairn & Paul F. Connors.....2023 Baringer Ave. #2
Jane Goldstein.....1432 Cherokee Road	Teresa Leezer & Tim O'Connor.....1435 Willow Ave.
Candy Parrack.....1277 Bassett Avenue	Eagle Color Design1031 Lexington Road

Welcome These New Home Owners!

We extend an official welcome to these new residents in the Triangle. As you meet your new neighbors, tell them about the Triangle and encourage them to join the Association! If we have missed anyone, please let us know!

Sean & Billy Elmore1126 Everett Ave.	Nancy Jo Reis1127 Hilliard
Nancy & Edward Schickli, Jr.1102 Cherokee	Charles Thornberry & Stephen Brittingham.....Cherokee Rd.
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Halloween House Decorating Contest



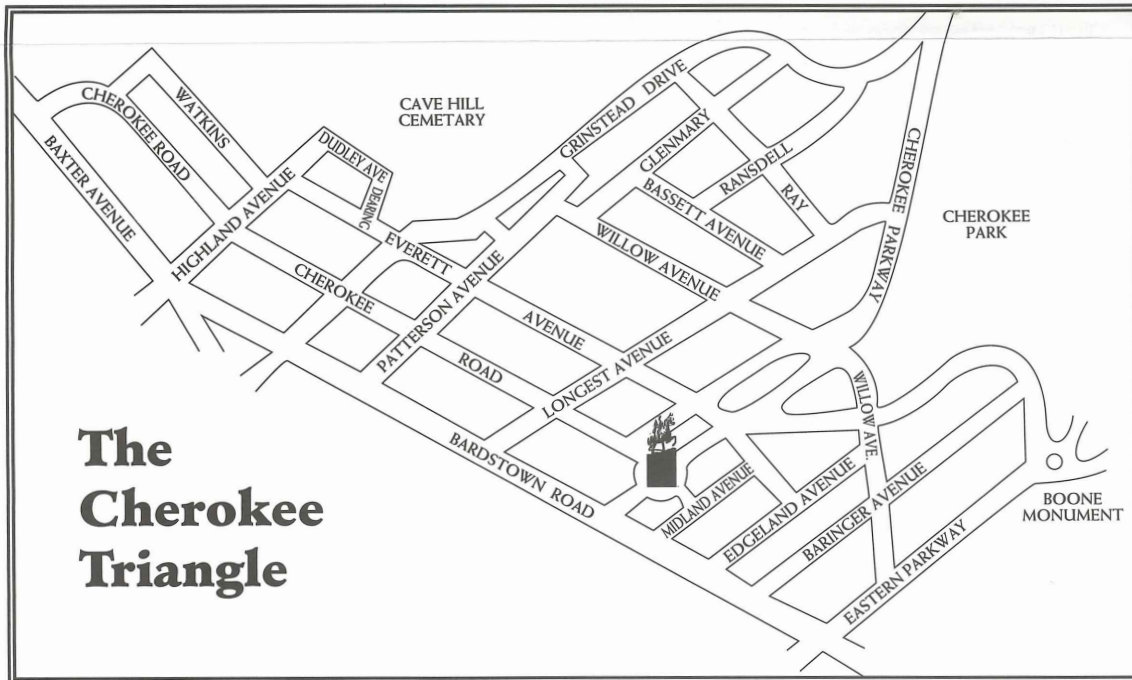
This is an invitation to all the ghosts, goblins and witches in the Triangle to decorate your houses this Halloween. No entry form to fill out or fee. All you must do is have your house decorated by Saturday, October 30th. At 6:00 p.m. sharp, on the 30th, a neighborhood witch will climb on her broom and haunt the neighborhood searching for winners!

Special "treats" will be awarded for the three best-decorated houses. The use of spiritual mediums or other unnatural powers is strictly prohibited and will not influence the judges' decisions.

Any questions or inquiries – contact Greg or Susan Clare at 458-3905.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The general boundaries of the Triangle are Cave Hill Cemetery (N); Cherokee Park (E); Bardstown Road (W); and Eastern Parkway (S).
- The area was so named for the Cherokee, a major Indian nation that occupied southern Kentucky until the late 18th century.
- Cast-iron hitching posts for horses, stepping stones on curbsides for mounting carriages or horses, several barns and a former livery stable (2032 Midland Ave.) can be found in the Triangle.
- In the late 1890s, a bridge at Willow Avenue and Cherokee Parkway led into Cherokee Park. Guards sounded bugles at regular times, and children knew which notes meant it was time to run home for dinner.
- Grinstead Drive was known as Daisy Lane until 1899 because of a huge daisy field on its east side.
- Patterson Avenue used to be called Slaughter Avenue, but residents sought a name change as "slaughter" brought to mind gruesome images. Actually, the street was named for one of the early landowners.
- Chigger Hill is now Ransdell Avenue and Mary's Glen is now Glenmary.
- The first block of Cherokee Road was originally named New Broadway.



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CHEROKEE PARK TRAFFIC CHANGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Cherokee Park Committee of the Olmsted Parks Stewardship Council [on which Mark Thompson and Monica Orr sit] met in July and heartily endorsed converting, on a trial basis, a continuous segment of Olmsted's scenic park drive to one-way traffic. The counter-clockwise drive will run from the Eastern Parkway entrance past Hogan's Fountain, down Dingle Road, along Beargrass Creek, to Christensen Fountain, toward the Golf Course and around Barringer [that's the historic spelling] Hill.

The proposed one-way loop will have separate lanes for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Beginning on October 9, it will be tested on an experimental basis on four successive weekends, with significant volunteer support and extensive pre-publicity. If the public response is positive, the experiment would continue on a daily basis (Monday through Sunday) throughout November. Then, in December, a public review would be conducted to evaluate the results of the experiment and determine future action.

Volunteers are needed to help make this experiment a success. Persons interested in helping this experiment to succeed or in becoming members of the Cherokee Park Stewardship Council should call the Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy at 456-8125.

A NEW LOOK FOR THE MID-CITY MALL

By Polly Anderson

Sandy Metts, Vantage 7 Realtors, advises that Midcity Mall will be undergoing renovation, inside and out, beginning August 19th. Winn Dixie, too, is planning renovation and negotiations should be complete by early September for eight mini-theatres in the space last occupied by craft booths. With Taylor Drugs moving to the Baxter Avenue side of the Mall (to have an outside entrance) and the neighborhood Library moving into the Taylor space, the Mall will be 99% occupied by November. It is expected that when the other spaces are full, a tenant will be found for the only empty space remaining—previously occupied by the Dollar Store.

This is good news for residents of all the neighborhoods the Mall serves, as the new uses give the Mall a whole new atmosphere.

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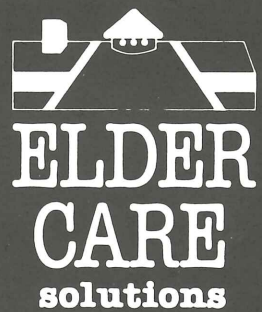
HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR TO BENEFIT NEW LIBRARY

To financially support the new library to be built at the Mid-City Mall, The Cherokee Triangle Association is sponsoring a Holiday Tour of Homes in the Cherokee Triangle to benefit the new Library Friends. To be held Saturday and Sunday, December 11 & 12, 1993, from 4-8 PM the event promises to present some of the most beautiful homes in the Triangle and clearly is for a worthy cause. If we can find a sponsor(s) we would like to provide horse drawn carriages and carolers to give the event a turn-of-the-century theme. More information is forthcoming, but please post this on your calendar for your holiday and Christmas events. It will be fun!

The Cherokee Triangle Association has approved a matching grant of \$1,100 to the Louisville Public Library to fund a restoration of a bust, sculpted by Enid Yandell, of John B. Castleman. It is to be placed in the new library at Mid-City.

Barely forty-eight hours in office, County Commissioner Steve Henry followed up on a campaign commitment and offered, at a CTA Board of Trustees' meeting, a \$5,000 matching grant from his discretionary funds, to the new Library Friends. To the Cherokee Triangle Association, this was a very important grant because it was the first financial and public commitment by an elected official to establish and support a new library to serve the Cherokee Triangle, greater Highlands and Shelby Park areas. We appreciate Commissioner Henry's understanding of our needs and his leadership.

See you at the membership party!



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KUDOS TO NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY SUPPORTERS

The Ridgeway Runners, the world's only alley association, had one of their semi-occasional "allege soirees" Sunday evening, August 29. Voluntary contributions to the new neighborhood library opening this fall in the Mid-City Mall were requested, and before the evening was over the Runners had chipped in \$1,000 to help outfit the facility.

The Ridgeway Runners, who have neither dues nor duties (other than an occasional get-together), comprises residents of the 2300 to 2500 blocks of Longest Avenue and Cherokee Parkway whose property abuts on Ridgeway Avenue, a brick-paved alley.

THREADING THE LANDMARKS MAZE

By Bill Axton

Cherokee Triangulars are no squares, but finding one's way through the labyrinth of local planning, zoning, and historical preservation bodies can be a curvilinear experience for anyone who likes to toe the straight-and-narrow. Let's suppose you have a project you want to do on your property: where do you go to get the necessary official OKs?

You begin by recognizing that you're going to be dealing with one or another body that belongs to the City of Louisville Department of Inspections, Permits and Licenses, better known as DIPL, pronounced dipple, that includes Taxicab Complaints, Elevator Inspection, and Alcoholic Beverage Control, among others. DIPL does what its name implies—it inspects and then either permits or forbids.

CLEAR SO FAR?

Since the Triangle is an historic preservation district, you're likely to have to start with the Landmarks Commission, which, through its professional staff and its Architectural Review Committee, monitors all repairs, maintenance, new buildings, and demolition activities that affect the physical appearance of historic neighborhoods like the Triangle. Painting masonry buildings, repairing or replacing roofs, cornices, and gutters, building fences, decks, garages, garden structures, and porch enclosures, replacing or removing siding, doors, or windows, putting in storm doors and storm windows, for example, can require the approval of the Landmarks staff and/or of the Commission itself—UNLESS you are simply reproducing the existing or original design using exactly the same materials. Often the Architectural Review Committee will be called in for consultation with you and the staff to resolve difficulties or problems along the way, since their aim in disputed cases is to work toward solutions that all parties can accept. In most cases you'll discover that official approval of your project is either not needed or can be given by a staff member. Only the most sensitive or disputed cases make their way to a Commission hearing. It's a good idea to check with the Commission at 574-3501 before you get started, just to see what bases you'll need to touch. It's better to be safe than sorry!

The Landmarks Commission's writ is limited to supervising the architectural dimensions of structures and

repairs, and does not extend to matters of construction, planning, or zoning codes. These latter considerations are monitored by another agency of DIPL, the Zoning and License Enforcement Board and its creature, the Board of Adjustments, which holds public hearing of cases where building or repair projects are found by the professional staff to violate some provision of the zoning code covering that location. You may want to build an addition to your garage, even though it comes closer to your neighbor's property line than the set-back allows or its door is too close to the alley. Or you want to build a second-story apartment, complete with kitchen, over your existing garage, even though putting in a kitchen would make the apartment a second dwelling unit on your property, which is zoned for single-family residence only. In such cases, the staff issues a report that identifies for the Board of Adjustments the zoning code violations involved in doing what you want to do, together with their implications. At a public hearing you are given the opportunity to make your case, as are any interested parties—your neighbors, often—who oppose your plans. The Board of Adjustments then decides.

If the decision goes against you, you can, of course, appeal, first to the Zoning Commission, then to the Board of Aldermen—supposing you can get on the agenda—and thence on into the legal system right up to the Supreme Court, for all I know.

It's probably unnecessary, but it is a fact that DIPL enforces the various codes covering building, plumbing, electrical installations, and the like, and it is the responsibility of your contractor—or you, if you do the work yourself—to have your installation inspected and approved as it conforms to the code standards.

You may also need to be reminded that public notice is given of your intention to repair, build, or demolish where you want to do affects the public interest—that of your immediate neighbors if not that of your neighborhood generally, you can confidently expect that they will take issue with your plans if they see their interests threatened. Instances where major issues are raised may also engage the concern of the Cherokee Triangle Association in the interest of its membership, the residents and homeowners of this area.

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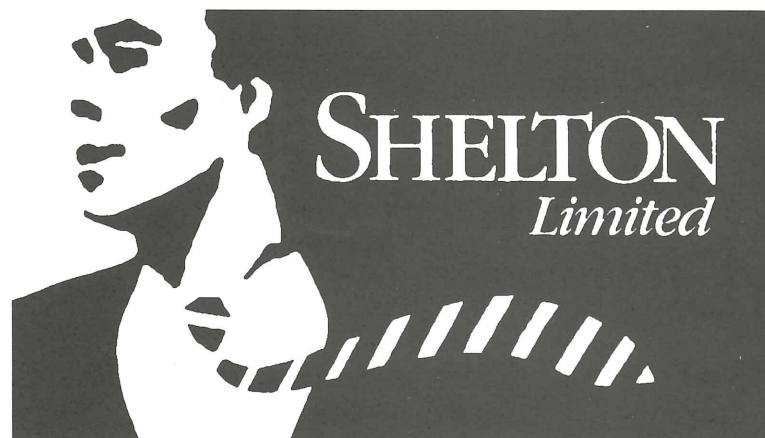
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- Information about Louisville's historic neighborhoods and structures.
- Tax certification applications for property owners interested in taking advantage of investment tax credits for rehabilitation of income-producing property.
- A complete set of The Old House Journal, one of the best sources for rehabilitation information and techniques.
- Preservation Briefs from the Technical Preservation Services Division of the National Park Service on masonry cleaning and tuck pointing, windows, roofing, simulated siding, etc.
- Publications of the Department of the Interior related to tax certification and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

As an agency of the City of Louisville, the Landmarks Commission staff provides the following free services:

- Investment consultation, locating available buildings for rehabilitation and assisting property owners preparing certification applications for federal tax benefits.
- Documentation of a building's historic and architectural characteristics.
- Building evaluation and design assistance regarding proper rehabilitation techniques.
- Assistance in meeting requirements for the city property tax moratorium, in conformance with Commission standards for exterior changes to historic properties.
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- October 7 – Bobbie Ann Mason at Prospect
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NEW NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY UPDATE

By Anne Axton

It's official! Taylor's Drugs in the Mid-City Mall—all 9,400 square feet—will become the home of our new neighborhood library sometime in early November. It will house 50,000 volumes when fully stocked: general reference, nonfiction, homework support materials, and popular reading for adults and children. New technology is also part of the plan. Computers will be hooked up to a Wide Area Network permitting patrons to access information now only available on computers at the Main Library. Patrons will be able to use the library from 10:00 am–9:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and from 10:00 am–5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday—51 hours a week!

The aldermen whose wards will be served by the new library have generously given their support. Alderman Tom Owen has contributed \$50,000 from his fund:

\$30,000 for new books and \$20,000 for new equipment. Alderman Steve Magre has committed to contributing \$16,250 as he did previously for the Shelby Park Branch. Jefferson County Commissioner Steve Henry has encumbered \$5,000 to be used as a challenge to the neighborhoods and community to raise money for the new library.

Many volunteers will be needed to help make a Grand Opening that our neighborhoods can be proud of. There will be something for everyone to do, from helping with the opening events to shelving books. If you would like to volunteer, you can call the Library Committee Relations office at 574-1655 and your name will be passed on to the volunteer committee. Please be sure to leave your neighborhood association name as well as your phone number.



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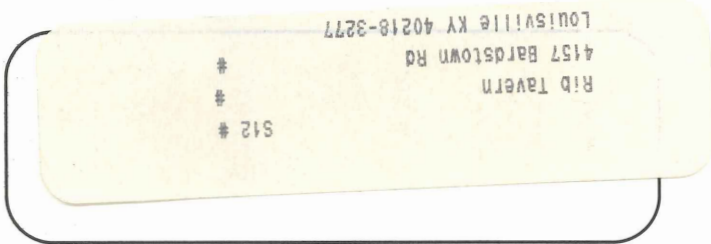
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PROJECT PICKUP will accept all bulky items such as old furniture, old mattresses, household appliances, and up to 4 tires. There is no limit to the number of items from each household.

Your PROJECT PICKUP collection dates for 1993 have changed to four times a year. Your first pickup is the week of September 27th.

All items must be set out by 6 AM where you put your regular garbage on the MONDAY of your PROJECT PICKUP collection week. (If a holiday falls on Monday, your collection will begin on Tuesday.)

LENGTH 4FT LIMIT Tree limbs must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and weigh less than 60 pounds.

QUANTITY NO LIMIT Special trucks will collect tires and appliances with Freon, such as air conditioners.

If you set out a freezer or refrigerator, remember to remove the door!

WEIGHT 60 LIMIT If you have several small items, bundle them or put them in plastic garbage bags. Each bag or bundle must weigh less than 60 pounds, but there is no quantity limit.

If your items have not been picked up by the week after your collection date, phone CityCall 574-3333. Don't miss the truck! Know your collection dates

PROJECT PICKUP GUIDELINES

NO construction or demolition materials (wood, shingles, gutters, siding, etc.)

NO hazardous materials (Watch for announcement of special household hazardous waste collection days for safe disposal of pesticides, herbicides, car batteries, etc.)

NO auto parts (engine blocks, transmissions, rear axles, body panels, etc.)

Unacceptable items or items placed out for collection on the wrong dates could result in a citation and fine.

PROJECT PICKUP DATE IS SEPTEMBER 27TH

The Triangle Alley Committee reminds you not to place debris out before or after the week of September 27th and to put out only those items listed above as collectible, or you will be subject to a citation and a fine. Should you need construction or renovation debris removed, your Alley Committee can assist you with our shared-cost removal program whereby you contact us or your Block Coordinator and we'll arrange for a private carrier to dispose of yours and other people's debris, pay the contractor and you in turn reimburse the Triangle for only your share of the load. For more information call one of the numbers listed below.

The Alley Committee is in place to assist you but you are responsible for maintaining your property to the middle of the alley behind you. Our alleys are unique and together we can keep them clean and enhance the neighborhood.

By publication time we will have completed weed-eating all alleys in the Triangle and we hope to keep this service as an annual event. If you wish to help, send your contribution payable to the Cherokee Triangle Association to: Jerry Lyndrup, 2208 Dearing Court, 40204.

Thanks you your support and enthusiasm, your Alley Committee.:

Tony Lindauer 456-6139

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