Message from Your President
By Jerry Lyndrup

Neighborhood Forum
Did you attend the Neighborhood Forum in January? Many neighbors attended, despite the cold and icy conditions. The Forum speakers provided us with a solid historical perspective along with the current status of challenges facing our neighborhood. These include deteriorating apartment houses, traffic, parking, trees, unsightly alleys, and our neighboring commercial district. The open discussion period dealt with these and other issues. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Forum, especially my fellow Trustees who worked so hard to create an opportunity for neighbors to come together and share their concerns and ideas for possible solutions.

Your Board of Trustees now has to determine the best way to resolve these issues. We cannot accomplish these tasks without your help. Please volunteer your time and expertise on one or more of the committees assigned to these projects.

Cherokee Triangle Art Fair
Once again, on the last weekend in April (the 24th and 25th), we will host the best neighborhood art fair in the region. Check out the center section of the newsletter for details. Call one of the chairpersons and be one of the 300 volunteer workers who help make this fair so unique and friendly to visitors. See you there.

Please help make the Triangle shine for our 40,000 guests. An Alley Blitz is scheduled for April 17th. Organize some of your alley neighbors and spend two hours cleaning up the debris that has accumulated over the winter.

THANKS.

Spring Cocktail Party
Don’t miss the opportunity to tour the U of L President’s beautifully renovated home on Longest Avenue. This is the site of our Spring Cocktail Party, which will be held Friday, May 21st. I promise I won’t ask you to volunteer for anything at this fun event.Δ

Come and see the $1 million renovation of Amelia Place, 2515 Longest Avenue. This is the home of University of Louisville President Dr. John Shumaker, his wife, Lucy, and their two sons.

The transformation of Amelia Place includes
a 1,600 sq. ft. addition, a new handicapped accessible side entrance, new limestone front porch and steps, and new brick sidewalks.

The design firm Bittners selected the paint, wallpaper, and furnishings of this truly stunning home.

- David Rateau

Last year, the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair (above) attracted more than 40,000 visitors.

University of Louisville President and Mrs. John Shumaker and The Cherokee Triangle Association Invite You to a Cocktail Party At the Shumakers’ home, Amelia Place 2515 Longest Avenue Friday, May 21, 1999 From 6 until 8 in the Evening To Celebrate Spring in the Cherokee Triangle $20 Per Person Reply: 459-0256
Preservation

"Reading" Your Building – A Crash Course

One of the more important things to keep in mind when planning changes to your house in a preservation district is appropriateness. The following excerpt from "Cherokee Triangle Preservation District" (a brochure available from the Louisville Landmarks Commission, 574-3001) provides guidance.

Property owners planning to make exterior changes to a historic building should start by identifying the key features and materials that give their structure its unique character, as well as its historic and nonhistoric elements.

Learning to "read" a building and identify its significant elements is not complicated. Begin by thinking about and answering the questions below.

Step One: Identify the overall visual aspects of a building. Do not focus on the details, but on the setting and architectural context. Work through this checklist:

- Shape: What is there about the form or shape of the building that gives the building its identity? Is it short and squat, or tall and narrow?
- Roof and Roof Lines: How does the roof shape or pitch contribute to the building’s character? Are there unique features like weather vanes, cresting, or cupolas?
- Openings: What rhythm or pattern does the arrangement of the windows or door openings create? Are there unusually shaped window openings or distinctive entryways?
- Projections: Are parts of the building character-defining because they project from the walls of the building, such as porches, cornices, bay windows, or balconies? Are there turrets or widely overhanging eaves, projecting pediments, or chimneys?

Step Two: Identify secondary features that contribute to the character of the building. Be sure to consider the decoration, color, or patterning of the trim. What about secondary features like shutters, decorative gables and railings?

Materials: From a distance, what contributions do the color, texture, and combination of exterior materials make to overall building character?

Setting: What aspects are important in establishing the visual character of the site? Think about the building’s setback, alignment with adjacent buildings, plantings, fencing, terracing and outbuildings, and its relationship to the street and alley.

Step Three: Identify the characteristics of the building at close range. Assess the color and texture of the building materials as they convey the craftsmanship and age that give the building its unique appearance. Work through this checklist:

- Materials at Close Inspection: Are there one or more materials that have an inherent texture that contributes to the close-range character, such as stucco, exposed aggregate concrete, or brick textured with vertical grooves?
- Craft Details: Is there high-quality brickwork with narrow mortar joints, or hand-touched or patterned stonework? Are there hand-split or hand-dressed clapboards or machine-smoothed beveled siding? Craft details, whether handmade or machine-made, contribute to the character of a building because they are manifestations of the time in which the work was done and of the tools and processes used.

West Main Street Tour

Year-round, the Louisville Historical League offers opportunities for sharing our rich historical and cultural heritage. These organized activities permit visits to places not usually accessible to the general public. Participants gain a better understanding of the people and events that molded Louisville’s past.

On Sunday, May 16, the League is hosting a walking tour of the 600, 700, and 800 blocks of West Main Street downtown. Three buildings are now being restored: the Bernheim Building, the St. Charles Hotel (one of the oldest structures on Main), and the Fort Nelson Building.

The tour group will gather at Fort Nelson Park, 7th and Main, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 16. For more information, call Nick Norris at 507-8773.

Other Louisville Historical League events of special interest to Triangle residents include a presentation about Louisville’s Carnegie libraries in August; a September river cruise aboard the Spirit of Jefferson to historic West Point, Ky.; and an October walking tour of the Crescent Hill neighborhood.

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Cherokee Triangle Association Newsletter

To our Readers: We welcome news of interest to Triangle residents. Please send your information typed and in time for the next deadline: May 1, 1999. Thanks!

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Spring 1999
Neighborhood Forum
By Sandy Phillips and Linda Grinch

Eighty-five neighbors braved the cold to attend the January 9th Neighborhood Forum at the Baxter Theatres to consider Triangle issues and priorities for 1999. Panel moderator Bill Warner gave a history of the Triangle to show the development of emphasis on preservation. Gerry Toner discussed the 1989 Neighborhood Plan, the implementation of which created R-50 zoning classification for most of the Triangle, which meant that after 1989 an owner could not divide a structure into more than two units. Toner stated that one of the plan’s goals that has never been implemented is the creation of a nonprofit corporation to purchase and restore distressed properties.

Tony Conder addressed issues of multipletamily housing; Sandy Phillips commented on parking and traffic issues; Tony Lindauer spoke about limiting inappropriate commercial developments along Bardstown Road, graffiti removal and trash problems.

Guests Charles Cash of the Landmarks Commission and Bill Schreck of the city’s Inspections, Permits and Licenses department provided information regarding preservation guidelines and property maintenance.

The second half of the meeting opened the discussion to members of the audience. Neighbors expressed concerns about deteriorating properties, noise, crime, litter from businesses on Bardstown Road, alley cleanup, trash, dog waste and excessive barking, traffic and parking, urban reforestation and maintenance, and the (expired) moratorium on carriage houses.

Many residents’ concerns are the same as those addressed in the 1989 Neighborhood Plan. Obviously, these problems have yet to be successfully resolved.

With residents’ help, CTA will prioritize these issues and work on a new 1999 Neighborhood Plan. Please call 459-0256 to become involved and share information and concerns.

If you missed the forum, we have an audio tape at the CTA office.

Each of the three remaining CTA newsletters for 1999 will contain an update on work toward a 1999 Neighborhood Plan.

Maintaining Our Neighborhood Character
By Tony Lindauer

Let me share with you some important ideas concerning the future character of the Bardstown Road corridor.

We live in the Highlands because it’s a unique blend of the residential and the commercial. With the Bardstown Road and Baxter Avenue business corridors as the focal points, our community has almost everything we need within walking distance.

But, because our neighborhood is so healthy and vibrant, we are targets for the national “drugstore war.” The Walgreen, CVS, and Rite Aid drugstore chains have their eyes on prime locations. They buy up smaller shops, raze them and build behemoth boxes to house their stores, thereby depriving residents of adequate facilities for small neighborhood enterprises.

These box-like structures have no relevance to the urban architecture and character of the area. If we permit these sorts of intrusions, our neighborhood will be irrevocably altered.

Feeling strongly about issues on Bardstown Road, I assembled a coalition to work as a subcommittee under the auspices of the Highlands Connection (the assembly of neighborhood presidents). Our aim is to better educate ourselves and inform others about the ramifications of proposed changes to the character of the Bardstown Road corridor.

For example, in December negotiations for the Walgreen’s at Bardstown Road and Trevillian included the issue of Walgreen’s refusal to incorporate storefront windows along the Bardstown Road side and abide by Bardstown Road Overlay rules regarding signage. Consequently, the Overlay Committee turned down the construction plans. The issue went to Bill Schreck at Inspections, Permits, and Licenses for a final ruling.

Several neighborhood association presidents and I wrote letters supporting the Overlay’s decision. The outcome: Mr. Schreck concurred with the Overlay rules and denied the proposal.

There were further negotiations, and Walgreen’s agreed to a more urban look for their store, to better fit the neighborhood.

We must continue to be vigilant and muster all community resources to protect the small business economy and to maintain the character of our neighborhood.

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Their son, J. Geo. A. Buffat II presently serves the company as estimator and his two teenage sons work in the business during summer vacation.

Four generations serving the community!
1999 CHEROKEE TRIANGLE ART FAIR

April 24th & 25th (the weekend before Derby)

Saturday, April 24th
10:00 AM  Children's Parade; Booths Open
Noon-1:00 PM  McClanahan Irish Dancers
2:00-3:30 PM  Juggernaut Jug Band
4:30-8:30 PM  Nervous Melvin & The Mistakes
6:00 PM  Booths Close
6:00-8:00 PM  Food and Music

Sunday, April 25th
10:00 AM  Booths Open
1:00-3:00 PM  New Horizons
3:30-5:30 PM  MR2 Blues
6:00 PM  Fair Closes
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Arts & Crafts
There are over two hundred booths with painting, sculpture, jewelry, clothing, ceramics, iron-work, and furniture.

Children's Art Tent
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Plant Booth
The fair started many years ago as a neighborhood plant exchange. The plant booth will once again have a beautiful assortment of annuals, perennials, shade plants, herbs, and hanging baskets.

Food Court
* Brats * Hot-dogs * Sandwiches * Beer *
* Bottled Soft drinks & Water * Rib Tavern *
* Vegetarian fare * Baked Goods * Snacks *
Children's Parade

Saturday, April 24th 10AM
Meet at the corner of Cherokee Road and Longest Avenue. Decorate a wagon, bike, tricycle or anything that can be pushed or pulled down the parade route! Prizes!
Contact Amy Byck at 451-0630

Calling All Cooks

Baked items are needed for sale at the fair. Show off your cooking talents or have one of your kids make something out of a box. Please contribute non-refrigerated, packaged and labeled goodies.
Contact Maria at 456-4854 or Mary Ann at 458-4520.

Association Booth

T-shirts, sweatshirts and home items with the Cherokee Triangle logo are for sale. Stop by to check out this year's new items.
Contact Lynne Lyndrup at 451-3534

A Special Thank you:
The residents of the fair area deserve a great deal of thanks for putting up with the inconveniences and parking problems caused by the Fair. On behalf of the Trustees, Fair Chairs, and all who attend the fair, thank you.

We Need Volunteers

If you're interested in volunteering, contact any of the booth chairs listed above, or call one of the four Fair Co-Chairs:

Jerry Lyndrup  451-3534
Gary Barch   451-2134
John Lisherness  451-8269
Stevie Finn     456-9747
From City Hall

Third Ward Alderman Bill Allison wrote the CTA newsletter to tell us that he and his aide, David Horlander, enjoyed the Neighborhood Forum and heeded residents’ concerns about parking and traffic.

He notes that he is developing a ward-wide plan to address alley trash cleanup, and he “will do everything I can to protect our trees and parks.”

Allison says his attendance at the Bardstown Road Overlay Committee meetings “has convinced me that they are an invaluable asset in protecting small businesses, protecting our investments and monitoring business practices.”

Our City Hall representative promises to provide special attention to street sweeping and trash removal prior to the art fair.

Alderman Allison’s office number is 574-3756, his home, 452-1889, and his pager is 346-0745.

Horlander’s pager number is 346-8731.

New Business

Welcome to Ringo’s Rags at 969½ Baxter Avenue (near Highland Avenue). Owner Karen Mansella stocks new clothes, primarily imports for women.

In Memoriam

On December 29, 1998, the Triangle lost one of its treasures. Bill Lortz, who was called, variously, “Walking Bill” and the “Mayor of Bardstown Road,” made it his duty to go about doing good works. He was determined that the Highlands would be cleaner wherever he passed.

Bill worked (without pay) at SuperAmerica, doing his part to make this chain store a vital corporate citizen of our community.

With Bill’s death, the rest of us will have to redouble our efforts to keep our neighborhood clean and personal.

- Joseph Phelps, pastor
Highland Baptist Church

The Cherokee Triangle Association also wishes to report the death, January 16, 1999, of Martha Lee Rube, a longtime resident and a former trustee of the CTA.

Mrs. Rube was an associate professor and former chair of the modern languages department at Jefferson Community College. Memorials may be sent to the Jefferson Community College scholarship fund.

Deep Roots

Residents of the Triangle recently had a pleasant surprise when they returned home from work to find new trees planted in their easements.

Thanks go to city arborist Alan Bishop and Triangle resident Monica Orr, who walked the area to determine placement of trees based on what is most appropriate for each particular spot.

Third Ward Alderman Bill Allison is working with Ms. Orr and other residents to develop a tree ordinance for the city.

If you need a tree for an easement, you can call Mr. Bishop at 574-2565. Although funds are tight, he says he will do his best to procure appropriate trees.

Watch for the Summer Newsletter for the list of SUMMER CONCERTS in Willow Park!

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Laurie Stiers, 1420 Everett Avenue
Frank B. Bennett, 1478 Cherokee Road
Woodson McGraw, Jr., 1412 Willow, Unit 77
Laura A. Bieniek, 2454 Glenmary Ave., Unit 11
Rae L. Stitt, 1412 Willow Avenue, Unit 22
John P. and Anne Marie R. Brown,
1287 Everett Ave.
Larena J. Stratton, 2150 Baringer Avenue
David L. Shaprio, 2524 Glenmary Avenue
Paul F. Nugent and Katherine C. Constable,
1278 Bassett Avenue
Timothy Mollopb, 1299 Willow Avenue
Judith J. Greer, 1400 Willow Avenue, Unit 501
Stephen M. Cull, 1486 Cherokee Road
Gerald L. and Dana E. Chresta,
2250 Grinstead Drive
O. Leo Cave III, 2121 Baringer Avenue
Richard L. and Loretta A. Woolley,
2130 Grinstead Drive
John H. Downard and Mary V. Alexander,
2526 Glenmary Avenue
David E. Smith, 1040 Cherokee Road, Unit E4

(Information for this listing is obtained each week from the real estate transfers in the Sunday issue of The Courier-Journal.)

Please help us welcome the following new CTA members:
Ed and Carolyn G. Bennett, 2525 Ransdell
P. Martin Riche, 1292 Cherokee Rd.
Susan Lawler, 2409 Ransdell
Peggy Kirschten, 2118 Longest
Fred Greaves, 1412 Willow
Randy Deaton, 1121 Hilliard
Raymond O’Leary, 2219 Dearing Ct.
Rita Shea, 1400 Willow
Diana and Sid Murphere, 1139 Cherokee Rd.
Bill and Jodi Young, 2551 Glenmary
Sharon Sparrow, 1412 Willow
Allen Duffin & Kathy Jones, 1268 Cherokee Rd.
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I would like to volunteer to work on:
- Neighborhood Events
- Newsletter/Publicity
- Alley Cleanup/Beautification
- Planning & Zoning
- Fair
- Parks/Trees
- Membership
- Trustee
- Historic Preservation
- Library

Membership Year: January 1 - December 31

I am interested in these issues:
- Cherokee Park
- Collegiate Traffic Study/Preservation
- Willow Park Tot Lot Improvement
- New Landmarks Ordinance
- Repairing/Replacing Sidewalks
- Saving/Monitoring New Trees
- Statue Restoration (Boone and Pan)
- "nic Street Lighting

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