President’s Message
By Jerry Lyndrup

This is my last opportunity to write to you as your CTA President. My term as trustee will end in June. Nancy Reed and Mary Kay Fleige will also be leaving the Board of Trustees at that time.

Without getting too maudlin, this is a unique and wonderful neighborhood. I thoroughly enjoy being an active participant in our effort to maintain and improve where we live. I am much more aware of and appreciative of the architectural beauty and rich heritage of the Triangle, thanks to being involved in its preservation. Of course, most of you know I love a good party, so it is a special treat to be Co-Chair of our giant springtime “party,” the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair. I will continue my duties with the Art Fair, assuming the CTA Board approves. More about the Fair later.

CTA TRUSTEES

The elections held in March for CTA Trustees returned Gerry Toner and Jeff Been to office and brought on three fresh members: Monica Orr, Gary Barch and Bill Seiler. When you see them, wish them well and offer your support in any way you can.

TRIANGLE ART FAIR 2001

The weather was beautiful for the entire weekend of the Fair – again. I could get used to this pattern. Needless to say, our major fund-raising event was a huge success. My thanks to all of you who came out to help staff the booths and other functions and to support the fair. Our Art Fair is unmatched for the quality of our Arts & Crafts vendors, for our emphasis on fun for the whole family and for the ambiance and friendship that so many visitors come to enjoy. What a great way to spend the weekend before Derby.

The Cherokee Triangle Association’s 2001 Summer Concerts
In Willow Park

All concerts on Sundays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

These performances, organized by Tony Lindauer and paid for by the Cherokee Triangle Association, are free and open to the public.

June 10...........Walker & Kays (Jazz)
June 17.............Nervous Melvin and The Mistakes (Rock ‘n’ roll)
June 24.............Ron Jones Quartet (Jazz)
July 1..............Another Mule (Originals & eclectic R&B)
July 8..............Caribbean Conspiracy (Caribbean/steel drum)
July 15...........MR2 Blues (Down & dirty blues)
July 22...........Gary Brewer & Kentucky Ramblers (Bluegrass)
July 29...........Jive Rockets (Hip-Swing)
Aug. 5..............Cuba Mix (Salsa) (Tentative)
Sept. 3.............John Roy and Ovation (Big band)

We also invite you to support the Dare to Care Food Pantry of Highland Community Ministries by bringing food items or other necessities to the concert to place in the Dare to Care barrel.
Meet Your New Trustees

At the March election of the Cherokee Triangle Association, five trustees were selected; two current trustees, Jeffrey Been and Gerry Toner, were re-elected and three new members chosen: 

Monica Orr has lived on Longstreet Avenue for nearly four decades. Currently, she is secretary of the Louisville Friends of Olmsted Parks and was active in the movement to create the now popular Scenic Loop in Cherokee Park. She is a member of the Triangle history book committee involved in the production of a comprehensive history of the neighborhood. As a realtor, she is acutely aware of the uniqueness of the Cherokee Triangle and concerned that the elements that contribute to the texture of the Triangle, such as its tree stock and alleys, be preserved and properly maintained. In the late 1970s, she headed up a volunteer program at the old Highland Library.

Bill Seller has lived in the Dartmouth for 13 years; he has resided in the neighborhood for some 35 years. Bill has always loved the diversity and urban lifestyle of the neighborhood. He enjoys its convenience and accessibility to his downtown office, where he practices law. As a Triangle resident, Bill feels an obligation to help his community. The main issues he is concerned with are parking problems, crime and safety. Smart development is something he believes we must constantly stress.

Gary Barch and his wife Margaret have lived in the Triangle for nine years including the past seven at their home on Edgeland Avenue. He is Senior Director of the Development and Marketing for Volunteers of America of Kentucky, having previously held development posts in Louisville with St. Jude Children's research Hospital, the Louisville Deaf Oral School and as a fundraising consultant to the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center project of the Clarksville Riverfront Foundation. Gary has served as an Art Fair Co-Chair, a board member for the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community and has been named a member of the community committee helping to develop the Louisville Police Department’s proposed Community Oriented Policing Program.

Trustees are eligible to serve up to two three-year terms. Congratulations and welcome new Trustees; we know you will work hard for us!

— Anne Lindauer

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Fusion Home ...  
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by Donna Neary

Beautiful 250-year-old, hand-painted Tibetan cabinets are some of the unique items that can be found at Fusion Home, a wonderful new retail addition to the neighborhood. The shop is located at 2008 Eastern Parkway near the corner at Bardstown Road. The loft-like Fusion Home store features classic contemporary furnishings, accessories and Asian antiques.

The Tibetan cabinets, which measure 40-by-40 inches, are made of songmu wood, and feature intricate scroll patterns including dragons and plants. "It is really unusual work," says David Mount, co-owner with wife Kelly Mount.

Fusion Home also sells advertising posters printed in Shanghai during the 1920s and 1930s. The posters advertise tobacco, medicines, and sewing products such as fabric and thread. These posters and items like the cabinets are what make this shopping experience so different from others in Louisville.

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Guest Editorial by Deirdre Seim

Good local schools are a basic building block of any successful neighborhood. Young families just won’t settle for a community without them. Fortunately, the Cherokee Triangle has long enjoyed the benefits of an excellent elementary school. Since 1896, many children of the Triangle and the Original Highlands have walked to I.N. Bloom Elementary on Lucia Avenue for a quality public school education. Bloom’s small size and neighborhood location have made it one of the most successful and sought after public primary schools in Jefferson County.

But if local authorities prevail, Bloom will soon close its historic doors for good. JCPS is planning to close our last neighborhood elementary school and build a larger elementary on the Atherton High School campus. The proposed school would accommodate 650 students rather than the 460 children who now attend Bloom.

Despite a large, persuasive body of research concluding that small neighborhood-based schools produce better educated students with far less truancy and fewer discipline problems, JCPS is systematically closing smaller (often historic) schools and replacing them with large, sprawling schools in suburbia.

“If these guidelines are followed, urban Louisville will never build another school.”

This policy is driven by both economic factors (larger schools may have a smaller administrative cost per student) and an utterly unrealistic acreage policy in state guidelines.

These guidelines require an 11-acre elementary school site (high schools require a whopping 28 acres). In addition, the guidelines suggest no more than 10 percent of total school project cost be spent on land acquisition. Unfortunately, renovations as well as new construction fall under these guidelines. If these guidelines are followed, urban Louisville will never build another school. Gradually, as existing schools age and need renovation, these guidelines would force their closure (Although Kentucky offers “waivers” down to six acres for an elementary, few of urban Louisville’s elementary schools could acquire even close to six acres in their current locations). Are all of Louisville’s children to be bused to the suburbs each day? Clearly, this is a disastrous policy for urban neighborhoods, including the Cherokee Triangle.

In other states, officials are throwing out acreage requirements in order to preserve the small neighborhood schools that anchor communities and provide excellent public education.

As research proving the superiority of small neighborhood schools accumulates, parents and communities nationwide are rejecting mega-schools and demanding the preservation of neighborhood schools. Renovating Bloom at its current location and capacity would cost less and provide a higher quality education for our neighborhood children than driving or busing them to a high school campus several miles away.

I am not the only parent fighting to keep Bloom on Lucia Avenue; 76 percent of the Bloom parents (recently surveyed by school board member Steve Imhoff) prefer to renovate Bloom.

To join the effort, email me at sseim@att.net.

The National Trust has made school preservation a top goal for 2001. Their Web site (www.nationaltrust.org) provides a wealth of information on the value of neighborhood schools and how other communities have preserved them.

A New Bloom!

Guest Editorial by Ruth Terry-Durham

In 1896 a new school, I.N. Bloom Elementary, was opened with hardwood floors, huge rooms with large coat closets and a winding staircase, a garden for the children and the latest in modern advances. I.N. Bloom Elementary has tried hard to keep up with the changes and needs of children. The winding staircase (purportedly a fire hazard) was torn down. The coat closets house an art teacher, speech clinicians, and ECE teachers year round without the benefit of heat or air-conditioning. With additions all around, the building kisses alleys on two sides and is surrounded with pavement.

Traveling to various elementary schools as a substitute teacher, I have become frustrated with the constraints of our wonderful building. As a parent and teacher, I want to give talented minds every opportunity available. I see schools with art and music rooms, science labs, greenhouses, gardens and computer labs. I want these assets for our children.

Classrooms of new schools are wired with fiber optics to expand upon the immediate resources. Classes can communicate with each other, by phone and/or computer.

A new Bloom could provide: lockers for privacy, a grassy field instead of a patch of concrete, a running track, playground, maybe even a small amphitheater for outdoor teaching, ceremonies or plays.

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In the morning, there are outdoor activities and a craft project. After lunch, participants enjoy a Summertime performance and a movie or outdoor activities. Pick up your children at 3 p.m. in the church gym. The phone is 451-3695.

Dear neighbors,
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COLEGUITE APPEAL TO LANDMARKS DENIED

Tom Conder, chair Neighborhood Preservation and Development Comm.

Louisville Collegiate's appeal was heard at a special meeting of the Landmarks Commission on May 24, 2001, at the Louisville Development Authority. The appeal was denied. Here are some details:

At the Architectural Review Committee level, the Master Plan and Phase I construction of the gym and addition to the Upper School were approved with conditions. The conditions were that: 1) the demolition of 1108 and 1110 Ray Avenue was denied, with plans to be resubmitted; 2) the proposed joining of 2465 and 2467 Glenmary was made the subject of a later submission, since it was not part of the Phase I project; 3) Collegiate was asked to reconsider its proposed creation of a parking lot at 2467 Glenmary Avenue, and 4) Collegiate resubmit landscaping and lighting plans for Ray Avenue to provide a denser screen that would be effective during the wintertime (the current plan only shows deciduous trees and hedges) to screen from adjacent residential uses.

At the appeal to the Landmarks Commission, demolition was denied, the decision being that "the findings of the ARC were not clearly erroneous," and that the two structures on Ray Avenue were "contributing structures" to the preservation district.

Mike Ransdell, Director of Marketing & PR at Louisville Collegiate School reports that the school is appealing the Landmarks Commission's decision to prohibit demolition of the two Ray Ave. properties. School officials will meet with city representatives on June 20 to draw the three person committee to hear the appeal. The three committee members will include one from the Landmarks Commission, one appointed by the school, and one random selection from a pool of candidates approved by the mayor. Collegiate will have to prove that it is not economically feasible for them to repair and maintain the properties.

FROM CITY HALL

Third Ward Alderman Bill Allison reports:

As a member of the Landmarks Commission, I recently voted to uphold the Cherokee Triangle Architectural Review Committee (ARC) decision to deny Louisville Collegiate School the right to demolish two structures located at 1108 and 1110 Ray Ave. Although the ARC approved Collegiate's Master Plan, it denied the school a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the two structures, after which Collegiate appealed to the Landmarks Commission.

The Commission can only reverse a decision of the ARC if the ARC was "clearly erroneous as to a material fact" in its decision. Because of that high standard of review, most decisions of the ARC will be upheld unless they are way out of bounds in their initial decision.

Furthermore, if the two structures in question do contribute to the historic character of the Cherokee Triangle Preservation District. The houses are similar to other houses in the Triangle and as such are a part of a historic architectural pattern in the neighborhood.

Collegiate's Master Plan is an excellent step forward in stabilizing the school's future and at the same time gives Triangle residents notice of Collegiate's long-range plans.

Because of Barbara Groves' leadership a much better relationship has evolved between the school and the nearby residents. The school should be able to incorporate the two structures into its Master Plan as it has utilized other buildings on Glenmary without demolishing them.

The Landmarks Commission Ordinance, created in 1973, will be one of the most important ordinances that must be reenacted by the new City of Greater Louisville. After city-county merger takes place in January 2003, we will have five years to pass this ordinance.

Presently there are more than 13,000 properties in the city listed in the National Register program administered by the Landmarks Commission. The city has five locally designated Historic Preservation Districts, one of them being the Cherokee Triangle. The other historic districts are: Old Louisville, Limerick, West Main Street, and Parkland. Vigilance and unity will ensure that the Landmarks Commission Ordinance is reenacted by the new merged government. If you need to reach us for any reason please do not hesitate to call us. You can communicate directly with our Legislative Aide David Florand or me by calling 574-3797. If you have access to the Internet, my e-mail address is ballisnon@bucky.org. However, if it is a pressing concern, I don't mind if you call me at home, at night or on weekends.

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Programs for June and July 2001

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Family, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Preschool, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
Ages 3-5 years.
Toddler, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Ages 2-3 years.
Young Toddler, Thursdays, June 14 & 28, July 5 & 19, 10:15 a.m., Ages 12-24 months

Special Children’s Events
Photography Workshop
Wednesday, June 11, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, June 18, 2 p.m.
Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m.
(Sign up to attend all three sessions)

Storytelling with Suzi Schuhrmann
Wednesday, June 20, 2 p.m.

4-H Babysitting Workshop
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, June 25, 26, and 28, 11 a.m.
Learn the basics of babysitting. Participants must attend all three sessions. Call to sign up.

Sing-a-long with John Gage
Wednesday, June 27, 2 p.m.

Movie Madness, "Are You Afraid of the Dark?"
Monday, July 9, 2 p.m.
Join us for a collection of ghost stories. Refreshments will be served.

First Police District Update

The Louisville Division of Police and all the officers of the First Police District are looking forward to another summer in the Highlands. We are pleased to report that crime is down in the area thanks to the efforts of all the officers in the district.

Our resource staff is now in place and is ready to handle any complaints or quality of life issues in the district. Officer Todd Felty and Officer Bill Mattingly are your immediate contacts at the district level. Officer Chris Heaps is serving as our district warrant officer, and Officer Denise Hageman will continue in her role as the school D.A.R.E. officer. As always, Major Mike Dossett, Commander of the First Police District, is available to any citizen who has a concern about the area. All of these officers can be reached by calling the district substation at 574-7636.

The First Police District is proud to announce several exciting initiatives that have begun over the past few months. Kids Corps is a pilot program started by the district in April. This program unites both children and parents with different life saving agencies throughout the community. The program is so successful that it is planned to be adopted by all five districts in the division. A new police satellite office is now open in Mid City Mall at 1250 Bardstown Rd. This office will not only be staffed by police personnel, but will also be available to neighborhood groups to hold meetings and functions. Finally, Major Dossett has begun a proactive campaign to combat traffic and parking problems throughout the Bardstown Road Corridor.

In case of an emergency, remember to call 911. This is a tracked call, and a police unit will be dispatched even if you cannot speak or hang up the phone. If you need to report a crime or need a police report, call Louisville Police dispatch at 574-7111. Finally, if you simply don’t know whom to contact about a problem, call City Call at 574-3333. Your complaint will be recorded and assigned to the appropriate city agency to handle.

We are looking forward to another great year and lower crime rate in the First Police District. We will be out throughout the summer at various festivals and neighborhood meetings. Feel free to stop by and talk to us anytime you see us in the area. We will be delighted to talk to you.

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