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The Highland Commerce Guild elves are busy planning the Holiday Season with another Say Hello to the Highlands and get Happy “Open House” celebration on Saturday, December 6, 2008, from dusk ’til 10:00 pm. This festival of shopping, eating, drinking and merriment is celebrating 23 years of bringing people from all walks of life together. This event has become a highlight of the Holidays and the Highlands thank you for spending the first Saturday of December with them!

Boutiques, eateries and businesses all along Bardstown Road and Baxter Avenue open their doors offering entertainment, food, drink, discounts, live entertainment and much more. Another holiday highlight is the two trolleys filled with elves riding up and down the corridor for an old-time family tradition! Once again, Bardstown Road Aglow will feature musicians singing, bagpipers piping and shops-a-glowing. There also will be another decorating contest for every kind of business from car garage to eatery to doctor’s office.

This wonderful and exciting competition not only brightens up Bardstown Road and Baxter Avenue but brings out the child in us all. WHAS-TV anchors, Rachel Platt and Doug Proffitt and kin are on board as the Aglow Honorary Judges and will ride with style in a limo provided by Herman Meyer and Sons! Santa is back this year and will be ready for a sit and pic at the Bearnos’ Highlands Winter Wonderland.

All picture proceeds will benefit Gilda’s Club of the Highlands.

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For further information and to view photos from last year’s event, visit www.bardstownroadaglow.com, or call 721-8636

Hope to see all of you there!
MESSAGE FROM CTA PRESIDENT

JOHN DOWNARD

My immediate response to the devastation caused in the Triangle by the remnants of Hurricane Ike was relief that I did not live on the Gulf Coast. While we have all experienced wind damage, this event was quite different. The entire Midwest, with many areas experiencing greater damage than Louisville, lost homes, trees, and much more. And before we were finished clearing up that mess the world’s economy goes into freefall and suddenly we’re not as worried about losing a tree or two. Quite a month.

Most appropriately, a longtime Triangle resident made a proposal at the October CTA meeting involving a comprehensive study of trees in our neighborhood. It is a very interesting proposal that would result in a more logical, health and attractive long term plan for our neighbors and the city to go about planting trees in the Triangle.

Most of us who live in the Triangle appreciate the grandeur of the stately trees which line our streets and fill our yards. While many remain, we all realize that it’s going to be a lot sunnier around here than it has been in our lifetimes. While the responsibility to replace lost trees is shared by individuals and various city agencies, I believe that we all want the placement of new trees to be well thought out and appropriate for specific locations. I urge Triangle residents to give careful consideration to several factors, including utility lines, when selecting the species of replacement trees. While I know very little about trees, it is obvious that, in some instances, the wrong tree was planted in the wrong place. I hope that we can all learn from past mistakes.

The coming weeks are always

MESSAGE FROM LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCILMAN FOR DISTRICT 8

TOM OWEN

Happily, in our latitude, Louisville during the Winter is not in the “Land of Perpetual Darkness.” Our cold, longer nights do suggest a shopping list of extra civic responsibility. Here are the TOP TEN:

1. When you’re out walking in the darkness, be sure to wear light-colored clothing or apparel with reflective patches. In addition, carry a whistle or cell phone in case you go down and need assistance quickly.

2. Cross streets with greater care. Motorist visibility is often diminished and pedestrians are especially hard to see when cars are making turns at intersections.


4. After dark, turn your front porch light on to add security light for the pedestrians out front.

5. REPORT STREETLIGHTS THAT ARE OUT TO METROCALL (311) BY ADDRESS IF YOU CAN!!!! Metro Government or LG&E doesn’t have street-light checkers looking for darkness. If YOU don’t report an outage, you and your neighborhood stay dark.

6. Check regularly on fragile neighbors.

7. Do the very best you can to clean the snow and ice off your public sidewalk as quickly as possible.

8. STOP! Clean your windshield before driving away.

9. DRIVE like you’ve got EXTRA good sense!

10. ABOVE ALL, ENJOY THE BEAUTY AND DELIGHT OF WINTER! BE SAFE!

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2008 Summer Concert Series

By Tony Lindauer

Kids dancing and running around in front of the gazebo. Tim Krekel and TKO singing "Rain, Rain, Rain, Rain, Rain" as a storm rolled through barely missing Willow Park. Blair Carmen playing the piano with his feet. Young and old cutting a rug to the rock, soul, swing and salsa music. Those are some of the memories I'm taking with me from the 2008 Cherokee Triangle Summer Concert Series.

This year's series was the best yet! (Don't we say that every year?) We were fortunate to have beautiful weather every Sunday night this summer. There was no need to postpone or cancel a single concert, giving us continuous music all summer long.

Here in the Cherokee Triangle, we welcome everyone to enjoy music and our sense of community on Sunday evenings. The community supports our Cherokee Triangle Art Fair in the spring and we are proud to offer our appreciation with music and fun at our neighborhood park.

Special thanks goes to Rob Townsend, Tim Holman and my daughter Antonia for helping with this summer's series. Also, we thank our webmaster Virginia Taylor for keeping everyone informed and the Louisville Federation of Musicians for their support.

Stan Esterle, his staff and volunteers at Highland Community Ministries say a huge "Thank You" for the generous donations of food, personal items and money that you all brought every week to the concerts.

The end of each summer series is bittersweet. The nights draw in earlier and the kids go back to school, signaling the onset of fall and some relief from the hot weather. On behalf of the Cherokee Triangle Association, thank you for making this a great season, and we'll see you all next spring at the Art Fair and at the first concert Memorial Day weekend.

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Cherokee Triangle Association Newsletter Statement of Purpose:

The mission of the Cherokee Triangle Newsletter is:

1. to keep members informed of current issues directly affecting the Cherokee Triangle neighborhood, including residents' responsibilities and benefits by reason of living in a historic preservation neighborhood;

2. to inform members of the activities and identities of the Board of Trustees and to answer residents' questions about those activities and respond to suggestions of residents;

3. to provide a medium for news and views of the Triangle residents;

4. and to provide information about opportunities to serve the neighborhood as volunteers and information about opportunities for residents to meet their neighbors.
KEITH’S HARDWARE
NEIGHBORHOOD STORE HELPS COMMUNITY DEAL WITH
STORMY WEATHER AS WELL AS SOLVING EVERY DAY
PROBLEMS

BY PEGGIE ELGIN

Storm and weather related emergencies give Keith Burger
and his staff at Keith’s Hardware an opportunity to show how well
he has planned for all contingencies in a community he has been
living and working in for nearly 25 years.

When the winds from Hurricane Ike blew through Louisville
September 14, Keith Burger and his employees at Keith’s Hardware
were ready, willing and able to offer a helping hand in the
Cherokee Triangle and Highlands. It is a role he has assumed time and again as
a “man for all seasons” in the store he has
owned and operated with his wife
Pamela for 25 years as of next year.

“We try to specialize in being ready for emergencies,” Burger
notes. “We have been doing this for nearly 25 years at this location
so we are able to pick up extra supplies that we don’t normally
have.”

For a half day following the wind storm, the store ran on batter-
ies and then staff got a generator up
and running. People did come in those first few days. They were
looking for lamp oils, lamps, batteries, flashlights and generators. “We
sold a lot of chain saws,” he adds.

out of batteries and got another supply in. We ran out of generators and
got another supply in.”

Generators were one of the surprises for Burger. “We have been
trying to sell these generators for quite some time and nobody was
buying,” he says. “I kept thinking buying those generators was a mis-
take.” But the storm that came through in September proved to
him that buying the generators
was no mistake. “We lucked out in that we were able to get a sec-
ond batch in.” He has already re-
stocked generators for the next
emergency.

Burger takes a personal interest in keeping the store well sup-
plied for emergencies, “because these are people I have known for
years. They are friends. In the
storm, they are desperate, so we
try to do everything we can.”

He notices a spirit of coopera-
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CTA TRUSTEES NEEDED
WANT TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE ‘HOOD?

The Cherokee Triangle Association Board of Trustees has six trustees whose term of office expires in June 2009. [Our fiscal year runs from July through June. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the Highlands – Shelby Park Branch Library in the Mid City Mall, from 7:00 until 9:00 in the evening.] The Board is seeking nominations for Trustees from our membership base. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current paid member of the Cherokee Triangle Association (2009 – lifetime date of 2050);
- Reside within the Cherokee Triangle boundaries;
- Be able to regularly attend CTA Board meetings;
- Be able to actively serve on at least three Board committees;
- Be able to commit to the three year term.

We also need people who have the energy, ideas and commitment to sustain and improve our neighborhood. For an application, you may call the CTA office at 459-0256, or print it from our website, www.cherokeetriangle.org. Please write on the outside of the envelope “Trustee Application”. The deadline to receive applications is March 27, 2009. Remember that if your 2009 dues have not been paid by the time we receive your application, you will not be considered as having met all the criteria! If the number of applications exceeds the number of vacancies, a general election will be held via a mailing to all current 2009 members who live within the Triangle’s boundaries. Only one ballot per household is permitted. Instructions for voting will be included on the ballot. The counting of the ballots will be held at the CTA’s annual meeting, May 18, 2009.

Serving on the Board can be a very rewarding and exciting experience. It helps one to enjoy the full meaning of “neighborhood commitment” and gives one the sense of helping to secure our own special way of life in the Cherokee Triangle. Think about it!
CTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Cherokee Triangle Association would love to have you as a member! There are approximately 2400 residences in the Triangle, which includes condos and apartments. The CTA has 156 Lifetime members, but only 185 people returned membership forms in 2008. Of those 185 memberships, 31 of them are from folks who do not even live in the Triangle. They picked up membership forms at the Association Booth at the Art Fair or at the summer concerts, and sent them in with their checks in order to show appreciation and support for our efforts.

I’m hoping that you as a resident of the Cherokee Triangle, will fill out the form that came with this Newsletter and send it in with your check to become a member of the CTA this year. Be a supporter of this great neighborhood in which you live. Let’s make 2009 a “bumper crop yield” in terms of memberships! Please.

OUR TREES: A MOST IMPORTANT INFRASTRUCTURE

BY MARY HOLDEN

As we all delight each year in the fixing up of neglected homes, in the fresh paint jobs on some of our Victorian wooden painted ladies and the copper lined box gutters that gleam in the sunlight, residents of the Cherokee Triangle have had a shocking wake-up call via Hurricane Ike to that one area that we have woefully neglected and avoided over the years —- our trees. They are everyone’s problem when they smash cars and roofs, cause power outages and shower the neighborhood with fallen branches. There is no one among us prepared to fork over a thousand dollars or more for tree removal. The metro government will come along and gather the limbs for now but we all realize (Continued on page 10)

COCKTAILS, ANYONE?

The Cherokee Triangle Art Fair is one of the best ways for friends and neighbors to get together. Other social gatherings that the Cherokee Triangle Association sponsors are cocktail parties. Unfortunately, finding a home large enough to accommodate 200-300 people with owners willing to “host” such an event is difficult! CTA Trustees arrange for food and beverages, hire bartenders and kitchen help, purchase or rent plates, napkins and flatware and clean up afterwards. The owners get to meet and greet their “guests,” possibly make new neighborhood friend and show off their beautiful home.

Are you interested in the prospect of “hosting” a Triangle cocktail party? For more information on how we do it and what all it entails, e-mail the CTA at cherokeetriangle@bellsouth.net or call the office at 459-0256 and leave a message. We’d love to hear from you.

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Keith’s Hardware

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tion. “Everybody is helping one another. Employees who work at Keith’s hardware were without power and still came into work.” Burger finds people in the Highlands tolerant and kind, always helping one another.

Normally Burger finds the emergencies his staff has to deal with usually happen in the winter. “For winter emergencies we really plan it out,” he says. “There was a huge snow storm in 1994. It closed us down for a week.” People came in for snow shovels, sleds and ice melt.

Before purchasing the gas station where Keith’s Hardware is now located, Burger managed a little hardware store across the street where Lilly’s restaurant is currently located. When asked what was his goal when he first opened the store, Burger had no hesitation… his response was “to survive.” He had a feeling, however, that the store would be a success. When he was working at the previous hardware store, he could see “what the community was like. I wanted to live and work here.” A music education major might not have been the direct experience he needed but Burger did have some experience with a community store. “My family owned a small plumbing shop,” he says. He worked on housing renovations. When the store’s current location became available for purchase, he and his wife, “hocked everything” to purchase it. He stocked the store, began business, and now has over 24,000 items for sale.

“It has been great,” he says. “I learn something every day. When you own your own business you are the ad guy. You are the finance guy. You are the buyer. You are the customer relations manager. We are good at buying and the reason is, we listen to what you all want. You all tell us and we get it in.”

In addition to selling hardware items Burger and his employees pride themselves on being able to help people. “A couple of the guys could rebuild your house,” he says. Answers to customers and neighbors include everything from helping choose the proper tool to the agronomy behind planting the locally blended grass seed mix that will produce a healthy lawn in the Highlands.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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Toddler Story Time—10:15 AM

Mother Goose Time—10:15 AM
Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, and every Thursday in Feb.
For "walkers" up to 2 yrs.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

Cute Overload
Tuesday, November 25, 7:00 PM
One hour of all things adorable!
Ages 3-8

How to Make it Snow
Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 PM
Ages 3-8

Make a Polar Fleece Scarf
Saturday, December 13, 2-4:00 PM
Call 574-1672 to register
Ages 8-12

Annual Gingerbread House Party
Monday, December 22, 2:00 PM
Help decorate a gingerbread house for the library.
All ages

Cozy Cocoa Stories
Tuesday, December 23, 7:00 PM
Wear pajamas and bring your favorite mug and we'll provide the cocoa and stories.
Ages 3-8

Teddy Bear Tea
Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 PM (ages 3-8) and Wednesday, January 14,
10:15 AM (ages 2-3)
Bring your Teddy or favorite stuffed animal for stories and treats.

TEEN OUTPOST

Anime Club—4:30-6:30 PM
Third Wednesday of each month
Ages 12-19

Homework Help
Monday—Thursday 5-7:00 PM

ALA National Gaming Day
Saturday, November 15, 2-4:00 PM
Participate in fun video and board games.

3rd Wednesday Pitch-In
Nov. 19 & Dec. 17, 5:00 PM
Bring a covered dish to share with your friends!

Holiday Decoration
Wednesday, December 3, 5—6:00 PM

Deck the Outpost and enjoy holiday treats!

ADULTS' PROGRAMS

Book Discussions
Condoleezza Rice: An American Life
By Elisabeth Bumiller
Monday, February 2, 7:00 PM

Lincoln’s Two Mothers
Presented by Mary Margaret Mulvihill
Monday, February 9, 7:00 PM

The Highlands-Shelby Park branch is now developing classes on online job searching. Call the library at 574-1672 for information.

For additional information, call the library at 574-1672. You can also pick up their newsletter at the library in the Mid City Mall.

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Newsletter about activates and trips for seniors. Adult Day Health Center at St. Paul United Methodist Church (459-4887).

Highlands Court: 454-7395
One bedroom apartments for low income elderly and the physically handicapped.

Day Care for infants to age 5 years:
St. Paul United Methodist Church and Douglass Blvd. Christian Church: 458-3045; Eastern Star Home: 458-8723

Individual & Family Assistance for rent, utilities, medicine, food, etc.; 451-3626

HCM is again asking for help from the community in providing food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas time for those in need. The Christmas program also includes two gifts per household member as well as food.
For more information on how to help, call 451-3695.

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May 25—29, 2009
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The Entertainment 2009 Book is now available by calling Highlands Community Ministries at 451-3695.
The cost is $20.00. $4.00 from the sale of each book supports the ministries of HCM. Call to order yours today. They make great stocking stuffers!
Come **Home for the Holidays** at Farmington

Farmington Historic Plantation Begins the Holiday Season with an Open House!

On a brisk, December evening, seasonal carols, hearth cooking and holiday arts and crafts gather friends and families together at Farmington’s Home for the Holidays open house. Step back into the 19th century as you enter the Speed family home delightfully, yet modestly, decorated with fresh greenery from the grounds for the holiday season.

The event will be held Sunday, December 7, 2008 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m., at Farmington, 3033 Bardstown Road. Home for the Holidays will be a cozy evening, complete with: holiday music, refreshments, crafts, historic re-enactments and more. Admission is $12.00 for adults and $4.00 for children, with a special family ticket offered for $25.00. Tickets are all inclusive.

A highlight of Home for the Holidays is guest speaker Donna D. McCreary author of *Lincoln’s Table: A President’s Culinary Journey from Cabin to Cosmopolitan*. Her lecture will focus on Lincoln’s favorite dishes from the time that he was a boy, living in Kentucky, all the way to his Presidency in the White House. From Lincoln’s meals of cornbread and gingerbread to the elegant White House dinners with French inspired menus, participants will have a rare glimpse into the stomach of Abraham Lincoln. The audience, through the lecture, will be able to identify with Lincoln by way of food.

Additional Activities at Home for the Holidays include:
- Arts and crafts for children including candle rolling, silhouettes and the opportunity to decorate their own wreath and/or build their own gingerbread house
- An open-hearth cooking demonstration
- Free tours of the 1815 museum house
- Refreshments, holiday items for sale from the Farmington Museum Shop
- Costumed re-enactors interpreting Farmington residents’ life in the 1830s

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OUR TREES

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that this will continue to happen unless we act. Drive along the Triangle streets and you will see trees that have been trimmed to the point of danger by LG&E, trees that have been damaged by the old practice of trenching by the MSD and the utility companies, and opportunistic trees that have grown way too large like Mulberry trees and Water Maples. We need a major focus and overhaul in our tree plantings.

There is a proposal under consideration by our Board of Trustees to hire an arborist for a year to assess the situation, offer removal of problem trees at a deep discount to homeowners and, best yet, plant new trees, ones that have shown to behave themselves in an urban setting. This proposal also addresses our need for help to set up a guardianship to protect our trees from the current methods of the Townsend Company (the trimming subcontractor for LG&E.)

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for this proposal? Would you like an e-copy of the proposal? Please mail written ideas to CTA, P. O. Box 4306, Louisville, KY 40204 Attn: Arborist Proposal or you can send your ideas via email to maryonwillow@gmail.com.

THIS TREE WENT BATTY!

The wind storm on September 14 took out many of the Cherokee Triangle's old, diseased trees. Some young trees and older but healthy trees were broken or unearthed as well. One such tree came down across Bassett Avenue and landed in the alley between two homes. Three houses were damaged, two on one side of the alley and one on the other side, as were two utility poles, one actually broken off at the base.

One of the many neighbors who was looking at the downed tree observed that it was an ash tree, the type of tree used to make baseball bats. The next day, another neighbor saw a tree service truck in the neighborhood and told them that there was a tree blocking Bassett Avenue and asked if they could take care of it? Monday found the tree service company's foreman at the tree, carefully measuring the huge trunk and length of the downed tree. Bob Osborne, a longtime resident of Bassett Avenue, happened to be home that afternoon and noticed the measuring going on.

A short conversation ensued ... "I bet I know what you're going to do with that tree." "I'll bet you do." "Looks like a good ash tree." "Looks like a lot of home runs to me," replied the foreman, and a large boom truck came by and hauled the pieces of the ash tree away, presumably to Hillerich and Bradsby. I haven't been able to get confirmation of the arrival of the Bassett ash, but where else would it go? The good thing is, the tree service took care of all the debris left by the tree as well as debris hauled over and added to the pile of leaves and branches from the neighbors' yards.

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CHEROKEE TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES (2008-2009)

The CTA holds meetings the 3rd Monday of the month except July & December, at 7:00 p.m. at the Highlands-Shelby Park Library branch in the Mid-City Mall. All are welcome to attend.

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