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THE CHEROKEE TRIANGLE ART FAIR CELEBRATES ITS 40TH YEAR!

BY LINDA GRASCH

The 40th annual Cherokee Triangle Art Fair will be held on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 from 10 AM to 6 PM both days. The Art Fair is always held the weekend before the Kentucky Derby.

The Cherokee Triangle Art Fair is a juried fair with more than 200 artists' booths. The two-day event is free and open to the public. The Art Fair is located near Cherokee Park in Louisville's beautiful and historic Cherokee Triangle neighborhood on tree-lined Cherokee Parkway between Willow Avenue and Cherokee Road. The Art Fair is bordered on the west by the General Castelman statue and on the east by Willow Park. Access to the long-running event will be easier this year because the Derby Festival's marathon has been re-routed away from the fair area.

This year's participants include many Art Fair veterans as well as new artists from the Louisville area, Kentucky and other states. Art Fair patrons can view and purchase original art, meet and talk with many of the artists and also enjoy food, drink, entertainment and music. On Saturday evening, music and food service will continue until 8 PM.

Other attractions of the Fair include the plant booth with a lush variety of plants and herbs, the Cherokee Triangle Association booth featuring items with the Cherokee Triangle logo and the popular Children's Tent with a variety of activities.

"Juicy Lucy, the Blowin' Hot Rod" will be on hand, too. Juicy Lucy, a brainchild of Louisville's Glassworks, is the first mobile glassblowing studio of its kind. Artists will do glassblowing demonstrations, and the members of the public will also have the opportunity to try their hand at blowing glass themselves with the assistance of Glassworks artists.

The annual Cherokee Triangle Art Fair is the major fundraiser for Louisville's Cherokee Triangle Association, and the event's profits are returned to the community and neighborhood in numerous ways. Annually, the

Cherokee Triangle Association uses profits from the Fair, along with other revenue sources, to help fund summer concerts in Willow Park, to maintain the General Castelman statue and its landscaping, and to



The Glassworks' Juicy Lucy Hot Rod
Photo provided by Glassworks

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NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Adopt-A-Park continues in 2011	March 19, 2011, and third Saturday of each month
Legal Aid Society Brush, Bottle & Barrel	Friday, April 29
Cherokee Triangle 40th Annual Art Fair	Saturday & Sunday, April 30—May 1
CTA Summer Concert Series	Sundays, May 29—August 7 Monday, Sept. 5
Tyler Park Jazz Concerts	Sundays, September 2011



Enjoying the 2010 Art Fair
Photo by Jerry Grascch

MESSAGE FROM CTA PRESIDENT

PEGGIE ELGIN

Accolades are in order for the Cherokee Triangle Board. This neighborhood is alive with activity to save trees, study the patina of historic statues, plan community social gatherings and save historic treasures.

The key to a successful neighborhood organization is a volunteer board that pitches in and carries its weight in the Cherokee Triangle. Board members of the CTA take their jobs seriously. They are active across the board, from the finance committee, where key reforms are being studied and implemented, to the membership committee which organizes gatherings, like the winter potluck, where neighbors get together, renew friendships and catch up.

Tree issues command priority this year and after a two-year study, the compilation of an extensive report and offering of recommendations, action will begin with a treatment program for trees suffering from Emerald Ash Borer disease (approved in the February CTA meeting). It is one of our most active committees, co-chaired by Monica Orr and James Millar, with a member list of 24 individuals, including representatives from the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the University of Louisville and Metro Parks.

Regular committees, such for the popular summer concert series, the newsletter, the art fair and historic preservation, have all been active and involved. Other sub-committees are dealing with Willow Park and studying underground electrical wiring.

While our CTA committees operate at many levels, with some involved in initial research or locating experts in historic preservation, the CTA also can point to accomplishments. For instance, during the current fiscal year the CTA made a \$10,000 donation to Metro Parks for the reconfiguration of land surrounding Willow Park aimed at improving road safety around the park. The CTA's \$10,000 was matched by a \$10,000 donation by District 8 Councilman Tom Owen. Long-time Cherokee Triangle resi-

dent and PVA Tony Lindauer coordinated funding and worked with Metro Director of Public Works and Assets, Ted Pullen toward the contribution of labor services from the public works department to complete the planned park improvement.

The other big issue underlying the very basis of the CTA's existence is historic preservation. The CTA discusses pertinent issues and urges its representatives in Metro Government to support Landmarks ideals in decisions such as the effort to save the Whiskey Row iron facades. While disappointed with the recent decision, the CTA will look to the future and work to ensure a process that is both transparent and open to the input from our neighborhood and others for future decisions affecting historic preservation.

THE TRIANGLE IS A PRESERVATION DISTRICT

Cherokee Triangle residents – Please be aware that you live in a historic preservation neighborhood. All exterior changes, including new windows and doors, must be approved by the Landmarks Commission prior to installation. For more information, call Landmarks at 574-6230, or Dave Marchal, AIA, Urban Design Supervisor, directly at 574-6929.



The bronze Century Markers are still available. With proof of your home's age, you can purchase one of these special plaques for \$40.

Call Anne Lindauer at 456-6139 if you would like to display one on your 100-year-old home.

DID YOU NOTICE?

The Cherokee Triangle Association Newsletter takes on a new look with a new masthead designed by Cherokee Triangle Association Trustee James Millar.

The focal point is a stylized black and white logo featuring General John Castleman astride his horse Carolina. The logo rests against a background of street names representing all the streets in the Cherokee Triangle.

(Do you know where Everett Terrace, Ridgeway Avenue and Watkins Avenue are located?!)

Thank you, James, for your creative work.

MESSAGE FROM LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCILMAN FOR DISTRICT 8

TOM OWEN

Here are a few calendar entries that will make your life easier, your neighborhood safer, and your citizenship deeper.

1. Get involved in Operation Brightside's Community-wide Litter Pickup on Bardstown Road, Saturday, March 26, 8:30 AM. Meet at Mid-City Mall front parking lot. Call Councilman Owen's office for details (574 1108).

2. Attend Councilman Owen's first "Talk With Tom" event at Heine Brothers Coffee at Douglass Loop, Saturday, March 19, 9:00-11:00 AM.

3. Pick-up after my your dog on your daily walks, every day.

4. Clean the leaves and litter collected over the storm sewer grate out front every day.

5. Visit the Highland's newest Farmer's Market behind the PNC Bank at Douglass Loop, Saturday, April 16, 10:00 AM.

6. Report burned-out streetlights to MetroCall at 311 or 574-5000. Be sure to give the best address you can as well as any numbers that may be on the pole, every day.

7. Ride the #23 TARC on Baxter-Bardstown Road going downtown, week-days. It'll arrive every 15 minutes from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Enjoy!

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SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

BY JIM GIBSON

Do you want to support your neighborhood? Join the Cherokee Triangle Association today. The Cherokee Triangle Association (CTA) is a group of over 300 dedicated neighbors who contribute to our community in many ways. Like our neighborhood, the CTA is interesting and diverse. We participate in a number of fund-raising, preservation and restoration projects, make donations to local charities, publish a newsletter four times a year, sponsor seasonal activities for our residents and strive to promote a sense of belonging and neighborhood, that has all but disappeared today in many large urban cities like Louisville.

The Winter Potluck Supper, the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair, the Summer Concert Series in Willow Park and the annual Cocktail Party are all events sponsored by the CTA. We have also published a hardback book detailing the rich history and architectural integrity of our historic neighborhood.

To join the CTA, simply complete the Membership Application Form found on the CTA's web site, www.cherokeetriangle.org under the Resources tab and mail it with your payment to the CTA office. You may also call the CTA office (459-0256) and request a form be mailed to you. Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year and dues are modest in price:

Home Owners	\$20
Renters	\$15
Seniors (60 + yrs.)	\$15
Lifetime	\$200

Business Owners	\$50
Business Lifetime	\$400

Choose to become a Lifetime member and you will receive a copy of *Cherokee Triangle, a History of the Heart of the Highlands*, our beautiful coffee table book filled with numerous photographs of our historic neighborhood (a \$40 value). After joining, call the CTA office to arrange for pickup of your book.

Current members of the CTA, living within our neighborhood's boundaries, are eligible to run for a seat on the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in serving as a Trustee, see the "Trustees Needed" article located below.

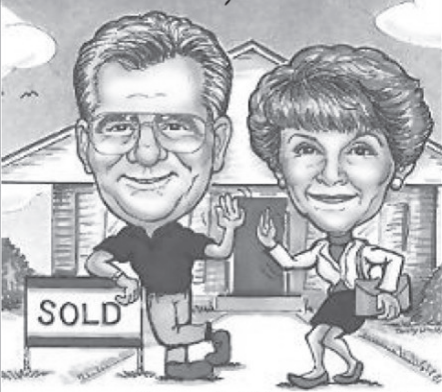
The CTA is a strong and healthy neighborhood association with many active members. Joining allows one to support the CTA without committing to being a volunteer. Whether you choose to become involved or not is solely your own decision. The CTA welcomes your support.

TRUSTEES NEEDED

Another way to support your neighborhood is to become a trustee of the Cherokee Triangle Association. Information regarding the responsibilities and requirements to be a Trustee, as well as the application, are found on the CTA's web site, www.cherokeetriangle.org, under the Resources tab. The completed application must be received by the CTA office by March 25th. Just print off the form, complete it and mail it in. Hurry, time is running out.

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The mission of the Cherokee Triangle Newsletter is as follows:

- 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,
- 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,
- To provide a medium for news and views of the Triangle residents,
- And to provide information about opportunities to serve the neighborhood as volunteers and information about opportunities for residents to meet their neighbors.



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TRIANGLE BLOCKWATCH LIVES ON

BY ANNE LINDAUER

Thirty years after its inception in 1977, the Highland, Everett, Dearing, Grinstead (HEDG) Blockwatch continues to meet regularly. Its longevity can be attributed to wide participation by a wonderful group of past and present neighbors who believe that a neighborhood is an extended family that cares about one another. Everyone participates on some level.

Initially the group formed to look out for one another because of on-going crime in the mid '70s. The neighborhood experienced a spectrum of illegal activities including vehicle burglaries, rape and home invasions. Ida Severt, a vigilant neighbor, read about a locally-funded initiative called Unicorn from a brochure in the library and shared that information with our family. Several of the neighbors agreed to get organized and made phone calls, stopped people on the block and did a neighborhood literature drop suggesting that they form a Unicorn block watch group. The group's message about crime prevention and neighbor looking out for neighbor was well received and before long HEDG had engaged a large group interested in trying to reduce crime in the neighborhood.

At the first meeting, approximately 40 folks showed up. The group was diverse, including long-time residents and young apartment dwellers and a common bond was established. They cultivated a great working relationship with then 3rd District police officers, some of whom attended the second meeting and handed out a list of effective crime-reducing tips. Together they moved forward with the task of eliminating crime.

The newly active group created and distributed a phone tree. When someone observed unusual activity, that person would call the police and activate the phone tree, alerting other neighbors. Because the police knew the neighborhood was organized and alert, within minutes they were on the scene.



HEDG Blockwatch Brightside Award Presentation circa 1998
Photo provided by Anne Lindauer

Usually a crime was either prevented or a criminal caught.

In addition to being a crime watch neighborhood, the Blockwatchers share many social activities: spring spruce-ups and plantings (winning several Brightside awards), alley clean ups with the help of the Girl Scouts, summer picnics and fall cookouts. A holiday tradition is

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THE RIVERS—LONG-TIME TRIANGLE-ITES

BY LYNNE LYNDROP

This is a love story of a young couple who married and has grown old together and of their love of the Triangle. The years that Martha and Dick Rivers have lived in the Cherokee Triangle add up to 174 - minus a few for college and a couple of brief jobs elsewhere. They grew up within two blocks of where they now live: Martha on Cherokee Parkway and Dick on Everett Avenue. Both homes housed extended families, including doting and much-loved grandmothers, and for Dick a great-aunt and an uncle. Dick and his siblings attended Bloom Elementary School while Martha and her sisters went to Kentucky Home School. For the three girls, this meant, in decent weather, walking across Cherokee Park to Douglass Boulevard. When Baringer Spring got its elegant restoration, Martha was surprised to discover that she had crossed over the mound of dirt hiding the spring hundreds of times!

Three schoolgirls walking unaccompanied through the park seemed perfectly normal, and there were no lines of SUVs at schools morning and evening. But one recent automotive innovation, electric power, is no novelty to either Martha or Dick. Martha's grandmother owned an electric car in the late 1920s, and Dick remembers another that appeared on Everett occasionally.

Dick recalls that a streetcar with just four wheels ran up Longest to Everett, over to Cherokee Parkway and made a loop there. Manual High School students (all boys, of course) could, and did, make the car rock back and forth, much to the driver's chagrin. One of these Oak Street trolleys figured in a

Halloween "trick" Dick and a neighborhood friend carried out. In the dark, they constructed a fence with toilet paper across Longest to make it appear that the street was barricaded. The trolley driver, who may have been somewhat nearsighted, stopped the trolley car, and climbed down to inspect the "fence". He dispatched it with a furious stroke of his arm, and some muttering, while the boys fled to safety. In

those days, no one had thought of "treating", so the streets were empty, and they could avoid complications.

Dick and Martha married in 1955 and live in the same house on Bassett Avenue where Martha had lived since 1946. They have three boys, Bruce, Robert and Doug, and three grandchildren. The oldest grandchild attends college, and the younger two

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The Rivers with grandchildren Anastasia and Isaac Bardin, circa 2005
Photo provided by Dick Rivers



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40TH ART FAIR

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make donations to the Highlands/Shelby Park branch of the Louisville Free Public Library, the Highlands Communities Ministries, and to the Olmsted Parks Conservancy.

Art Fair proceeds also fund the Cherokee Triangle Association web site, (www.cherokeetriangle.org), and the quarterly Cherokee Triangle Newsletter. In the past, proceeds from the Art Fair have helped provide funding for the creation and publication of a history book by Sam Thomas entitled, *Cherokee Triangle, A History of the Heart of the Highlands*, which will be available for purchase in the CTA booth during the Fair. Members of the recently formed Tree Committee of the Cherokee Triangle Association, whose responsibility is to assist property owners with maintenance of trees and with appropriate tree selections, will also be at the Association booth to provide information.

Setup for the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair begins on Friday, April 29. The streets of the Art Fair and immediate surrounding area will be closed to through traffic Friday morning and will reopen to traffic at 8 PM Sunday evening after the shutdown and cleanup following the Fair.

Adding another dimension of "green" to the springtime Cherokee Triangle Art Fair, there is a major emphasis on recycling. Art fair volunteers have been recycling for more than a decade. Workers recycle plastic, paper, cardboard and some aluminum. The group purchased bins from Louisville's Operation Brightside in order to make the recycling emphasis more obvious to Art Fair attendees. Recyclables collected during the Art Fair's weekend run typically constitute two heaping truckloads of materials.

For the safety of all patrons and following the lead of other festivals in Metro Louisville, the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair has been declared a pet-free zone. Attendees are asked to leave their pets at home. Art fair organizers also request there be no skateboards, skates, or rollerblades, and that cyclists walk their bikes within the Art Fair. Close-in parking for the handicapped is available.

This fair is completely run by volunteers, which include both homeowners and renters in the Triangle, as well as friends from outside the Triangle boundaries. Volunteering is a great way to see your friends and make new ones. If you would like to volunteer, please call **Jerry Lyndrup (451-3534)** to learn what you can do to help.

For directions to the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair or other fair information, please check the Cherokee Triangle Association web site at www.cherokeetriangle.org.

THE ART FAIR'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARADE

This year's Cherokee Triangle Art Fair annual kickoff Children's Parade's theme is *It's a Small World*. Kids should have fun wearing costumes representing their favorite countries. The Parade will be held on Saturday morning, April 30.

Participants should gather at the corner of Longest Avenue and Cherokee Road at around 9:45 AM to get organized. The Parade starts at 10:00 AM, travels down Cherokee Road to the Castleman Statue, proceeds down Cherokee Parkway towards Willow Park and back up the Parkway. Wagons and strollers are welcome; decorating them is encouraged!

Should anyone want to help organize, coordinate or help in any other way, call Tonya Williams at 458-2753. She would love to hear from you and could certainly use some help.



Children's Parade 2010 Photo by Jerry Grasch

SECOND ANNUAL POT-LUCK SUPPER

The second annual Mid-winter Pot Luck Supper held on January 21 was another great success. Funded by the CTA, members and other residents of the Triangle were invited to attend by bringing a pot luck dish, organized by alphabet, and the turn-out was outstanding. Even with ice and snow still on the ground and streets, over 100 people attended. The Triangle has a large number of great cooks - from appetizers to desserts, salads and sides to main dishes. Yum! Let's do it again next year - maybe in February?

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LEGAL AID SOCIETY'S 8TH ANNUAL BRUSH, BOTTLE & BARREL FUNDRAISER

This is the eighth year for the Legal Aid Society's signature fundraising event, the Brush, Bottle, and Barrel of the Bluegrass. The event will be held Friday, April 29, 2011, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at the Mary Rodes Lannert Athletic Center at Louisville Collegiate School located at 2427 Glenmary Avenue. Fifteen select artists who participate in the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair will be on hand to display and sell their art in advance of the Fair. The event also features tastings of Kentucky wines, bourbons and beers, great food and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased in advance or at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, please visit www.laslou.org or call (502) 584-1254. Free valet parking is available. The event is wheelchair accessible.

NO MARATHON IN THE TRIANGLE!

For the first time in nine years, the Cherokee Triangle and its annual Art Fair will not be surrounded by the Derby Festival's marathon. People who work on Saturday mornings and parents who have children in sports and other extracurricular activities can get those kids to where they need to be. More importantly to the CTA, our major fundraiser won't be compromised by street closings for the first three to four hours of the Art Fair. The closest the route will get to the Triangle will be when the runners approach Eastern Parkway from Barret Avenue and turn back down Baxter Avenue. So come on out early and enjoy the Fair on Saturday morning!

ORDER EARLY FROM THE PLANT BOOTH THIS YEAR!

The Cherokee Triangle Art Fair's Plant Booth is offering something new this year. In order to help our patrons get the plants they want and enjoy the Fair, the Plant Booth is taking pre-Fair orders. Patrons can now get the plants they want with no worries that they will be sold out or not have the color or variety they desire. The order form can be found on the CTA's web site, www.cherokeetriangle.org. Resources, Art Fair. Please order early and don't miss the order deadline of April 25. The Plant Booth's chair, Fred Holden, can be reached 417-7852 should you have questions. Happy planting!

2011 CHEROKEE TRIANGLE ART FAIR MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 30th

1 - 3

No Tools Loaned (Bluegrass)

4 - 8

Cosa Seria (Salsa)

Sunday, May 1st

1 - 3

King Sonic (Jumpabillyboogieblues)

3:30 - 5:30

The Jaywalkers (Blues/R&B/Rock)

2011 CHEROKEE TRIANGLE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN WILLOW PARK

May 29 - TKO (Tribute to Krekie Rock)

June 5 - The Lost Boys

June 12 - King Sonic (Jumpabillyboogieblues)

June 19 - Nervous Melvin & the Mistakes (high energy dance music)

June 26 - Stray Cat Blues Band (Blues/R&B)

July 3 - Another Mule (Originals & eclectic R & B)

July 10 - Blair Carmen & the Bellevue Boys (Rockabilly)

July 17 - Cosa Seria (Salsa)

July 24 - The Epics (hot, sweet Rock 'N Roll)

July 3 - Delicious Blues Stew (Cajun & Blues)

August 7 - The Louisville Crashers

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THE RIVERS

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live in New York City. These two, ages 12 and 8, are musicians, inheriting talent and enthusiasm from Martha's genes. The 12 year old organized a trio with two classmates, a cellist and violinist, for fun, and plays piano at parties and receptions, for cash.

Martha and Dick met at a place called the Arts Club. In Dick's words, "It offered opportunities for people interested in music, theatre, writing, graphic arts and such to perform and exhibit their works, in the days when the 'arts scene' was a lot more limited here than is the case today. There were Sunday night dinners, and hey! maybe a chance that one might meet someone *interesting* with one's own enthusiasms. Martha was in the cast of 'The Women' and I was doing the lighting. She was utterly endearing in the lead role of Mary, who in the end of the play gets her man back. I was in the right place at the right time, and maybe born lucky."

Martha was a school teacher when they met. She did her practice teaching at Bloom Elementary School. From 1951 to 1956 she taught kindergarten and first grade at Shawnee Elementary School, finding her piano skills handy for teaching little ones.

After completing college Dick signed on for a United Nations relief activity, delivering horses overseas to the rural Europeans who had slaughtered their livestock during the war. He speaks of himself as a "sea-going cowboy" at that time. After completing two runs to Europe with the UN, Dick taught physics for a couple of years at Texas A&M. He describes that part of Texas as flat and treeless, causing him to miss Louisville enough to return.

Back in Louisville he worked at the County Planning Commission, locating every house in Jefferson County to help predict future school needs. That job didn't take very long to complete, and when it was finished, he joined American Air Filter Company, where he worked for 36 years. There he was involved in research in many aspects of air-pollution control. He remains active in this field. "My desktop computer can simulate filtration devices in ways I could only dream of 25 years ago", he says. "The Internet provides technical information from everywhere, and allows daily contact with colleagues in Italy and China. We have co-authored several technical journal articles, and are working on three new ones now."

Dick served on the CTA Board of Trustees from July 1997 through June 2002. Cherokee Triangle residents had for five years sought traffic control at the Willow Avenue / Cherokee Parkway entrance to the Park. A stop sign and street striping was needed, but the State Transportation Cabinet resisted these changes. Dick was instrumental, with then-state Senator David Karem, then-alderman Bill Allison, and Jerry Lyndrup, in obtaining that long awaited safety measure for our neighborhood.

One of the great pastimes for both the Rivers has been long- and short-distance walking. They have walked many trails in Europe and the United States, often hiking with backpacks. When not out of town, the Rivers walked the Triangle and the Park. In our interview, Dick mentioned that he is glad to see that trails are being developed in Jefferson County for walkers and bikers. He lamented, though, how quiet Bassett Avenue is, even on warm sunny afternoons. He remarked that people don't seem to come outside and sit and visit as

BLOCKWATCH

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decorating the blocks with wooden candy canes, topped off with caroling and a festive Christmas party.

A few members have been lost over the years who have either moved away or sadly, passed on, but as new neighbors move in, they are welcomed with open arms and usually fit into the mix very quickly. A spring meeting is planned and is open to everyone on the blocks. The advent of email has made communication much easier. And so HEDG survives and perpetuates its tradition of looking out for one another.

much as they did in years past. He misses that. One thing that I miss is seeing the Rivers walking hand-in-hand along Bassett Avenue, as Martha's health doesn't allow them to do so much anymore. However, their love for each other and the Triangle is still strong.

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CTA's TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

BY JAMES MILLAR

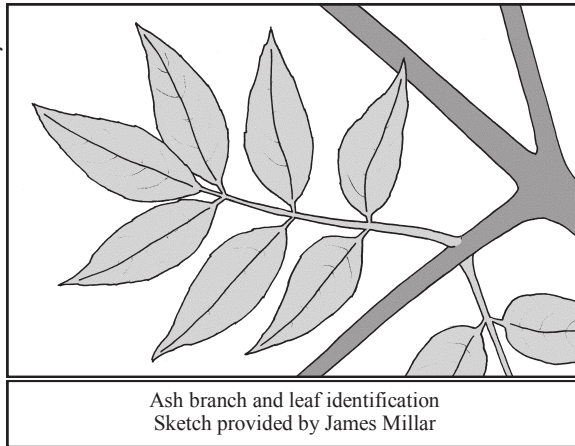
Residents concerned with storm damage to the neighborhood tree canopy formed the Cherokee Triangle Association Tree Committee in 2008. With guidance from professionals from the Kentucky Division of Forestry and the University of Louisville, the committee set out to identify problems, plan for maintenance, educate homeowners and ultimately restore the health, diversity and density to the canopy.

A survey of the 1,233 street trees in the Triangle, classified as to species, size, and condition, was recently completed. The full report with recommendations and upcoming tree-related events soon will be available on the CTA website. While street trees contribute to the character of the Cherokee Triangle historic neighborhood, the survey reveals that only a third of them are flourishing. Confined growing space and overhead wires compromise easement plantings. The Committee therefore encourages a dual approach to future cultivation. Recommendations will include asking residents to place medium-sized trees between street and sidewalk, pairing them with large canopy trees in yards where space exists to fulfill growth potential. Private property plantings represent the best chance to restore the tree cover. The report offers lists of tree species (grouped by size), which are best suited to city conditions and the Kentucky climate.

Data show that about 15 percent of our public trees (primarily maple and pin oak) are approaching the end of their anticipated life span. The report notes that those two species along with Japanese zelkova make up nearly half of all the neighborhood street trees. The population as a whole suffers from a lack of diversity, raising the possibility of mass mortality due to species-related disease. Invasive insects pose an immediate threat to area ash trees. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) leaves a clear path of destruction, and all ash trees will die unless residents take measures to save them. Some estimates say that up to a third of the trees in Council District 8 are ash trees (identified as one of a few species with opposite branch and leaf formation). Leaves emerge late and are compound, composed of five or more leaflets. Its distinctive bark is grey and diamond-furrowed with age. Homeowners with ash trees on their property may treat the tree for infestation or expect it to decline in a few years.

The EAB entered the U.S. a little over ten years ago and appeared in Jefferson County in 2009. (Metro Louisville lies in a quarantine zone that restricts the movement

of firewood, a primary transfer method of wood-infesting insects.) The EAB emerges around mid-May, eats, mates and lays eggs. By early June, the hatched larva will begin to tunnel into the tree, girdling it with serpentine trails in the ash's characteristically shallow conductive layer, cutting off the flow of water and nutrients. The small, adult beetles live little more than a month, concentrate in the leafy reaches of the trees and usually go unnoticed. If untreated, the ash will first show crown thinning. Decline begins from the top down. Signs of woodpecker activity can indicate the presence of the larvae, and the bark will often split over the feeding chambers. A dead ash tree poses a particular hazard because of its brittleness.



Ash branch and leaf identification
Sketch provided by James Millar

Spring preventive treatments assure that the tree will be toxic to the larvae when they enter the wood. Some reports indicate Emamectin benzoate (sold as Tree-age) provides effective control without environmental side effects. When directly applied through minimally invasive trunk injections, this chemical will remain potent for at least two years. However, the treatment needs to be repeated biennially for the indefinite future. As activity peaks, trees will die, and the insect wave will pass through. The EAB will persist, however, as a threat from woodland reservoirs. Cave Hill Cemetery has no plans to treat its trees. The Parks Department, with over 1800 ash trees in public areas, not counting forested tracts, has a management plan that includes a few experimental treatments. They will primarily allocate resources for removing infested trees before they become a liability and will dispose of the accumulated waste.

The CTA has approved a treatment program that will treat some but not all ash trees in the Triangle. The data gathered by the Tree Committee determined, using a cost benefit analysis, that collectively easement trees provide residents advantages worth \$181,042 per year, or about \$146.83

per tree. Size matters. Large canopy trees have more leaf mass and provide more dollar bonuses. Therefore, it is easier and more cost effective to remove smaller ash trees and plant different trees while treating larger ash trees (as their environmental rewards will offset the cost of treatments).

The Tree Committee has requested funding from the CTA for a spring treatment of healthy street ash trees measuring a foot or more in diameter. Councilman Tom Owen has agreed to contribute a matching amount. Large trees belong to the common canopy, serve the entire neighborhood and should be seen not in isolation but as a public asset. Having solicited several bids, the Committee will recommend that the CTA contract with the Bob Ray Company, which has offered to extend homeowners the reduced treatment rate for private trees while they are in the neighborhood. The CTA Tree Committee will work with neighbors interested in participating. Contact Jason Sharman at 269-1190 to schedule an inspection from a certified arborist. Also remember, City and Landmark ordinances require a permit or approval to trim or remove trees in easements and front yards. Contact city arborist Mark White at 574-2565 for an assessment.

The Tree Committee will be hosting informative demonstrations this spring, expanding the tree survey this summer and planting trees this fall. For questions call tree committee co-chair James Millar 459-3960.

DON'T OVER-WATER NEWLY PLANTED TREES

Fall planted trees and shrubs need plenty of moisture to overcome the stress of planting, but don't overdo it. Plants will die in constantly wet soil. Soak the lightly mulched root zone when first planted and then re-soak every three to four weeks until winter sets in. Don't pile mulch against trunks! Mulch should never be deeper than three inches.

PLEASE – NO YARD WASTE IN THE PARK

Olmsted Parks and dedicated volunteers have made a concerted effort to clear underbrush and invasive plants from Cherokee Park. Please refrain from dumping yard waste and debris that both becomes an eyesore and reintroduces unwanted vegetation. Use bags or plastic cans for your yard waste and set them out for collection on your regular recycle day. Guidelines are available on www.louisvilleky.gov under Solid Waste.

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

HCM Regular Programs

Senior Services: 459-0132

- Weekday lunches and activities at Douglass Blvd. Christian Church.
- Meals delivered weekdays to shut-ins.
- Newsletter about activities and trips for seniors.
- Adult Day Health Center at St. Paul United Methodist Church (459-4887).

Highlands Court: 454-7395

One bedroom apartments are available 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.; call 451-3626.

Caregiver Support Group beginning in February 2011. Are you a caregiver in need of support? HCM Senior Services is offering a Caregiver Support Group. This support group will meet every second Friday of every month at 10:00 AM. For more information, please call 459-0132.

Special Event:

HCM Trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse Sunday, May 15, The Drowsy Chaperone, Cost is \$32 which includes TARC bus, buffet and pay (\$29 without transportation), Bus departs from Highlands Court, 1720 Richmond Drive at 11:15 AM. Register and pay at HCM one month in advance, all 451-3695.

PETS IN THE TRIANGLE

BY LYNNE LYNDRUP

The Cherokee Triangle is populated with a large number of dogs and cats. Many of those who own pets know that they are required by law have their pets vaccinated and licensed with Metro Animal Services. The title of the ordinance is: Ordinance No. 290, Series 2007. It appears that there are those pet owners in the neighborhood, however, who do not know or who ignore other sections of the law because infractions of said law are witnessed every day. Two sections of the ordinance of which the CTA office is often made aware by resident complaints are the "Poop-Scoop" Law and Leash Law.

"Poop-scoop"

§ 91.010 SANITARY DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL FECES REQUIRED.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge of a dog, cat, ferret, or other four-footed mammal, poultry or other fowl to permit such animal to be on school grounds, metro parks or other public property, or on any private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal without the permission of the owner of said property, or on any streets, sidewalks, highways, or rights-of-way of the Metro Government other than duly designated bridle paths, unless the owner or person in charge of such animals:

(1) Has, in his or her possession, a suitable device for the picking up, collection and proper sanitary disposal of the animal feces or manure.

(2) Immediately removes all feces deposited by such animal (s) and disposes of same in a sanitary manner.

"Leash Law"

§ 91.002 RESTRAINT REQUIRED.

All animals shall be kept under restraint at all times, as defined in this chapter, except as otherwise provided herein, and any deviation or violation thereof is strictly prohibited.

RESTRAINT is defined in § 91.001 as:

(1) For all animals except puppies and dogs, RESTRAINT shall mean on the premises of the owner or on premises which the animals presence has been explicitly allowed, or, if off the premises of the owner where permission has not been granted, under restraint by means of a lead or leash or in a cage or carrier and under the control of a responsible person.

(2) For puppies and dogs, RESTRAINT shall mean on the premises of the owner or on premises which the animals' presence has been explicitly allowed, and confined in a secure enclosure, or accompanied by the owner and under his/her direct control. If off the premises of the owner where permission has not been granted, the animal must be restrained by a lead or leash and under the control of a responsible person physically able to control the dog, or except for dangerous dogs and potentially dangerous dogs, accompanied by a responsible person into an enclosed "off-leash" area designated by the Kentucky Department of Parks or the Metro Department of Parks and in conformance with all regulations and/or requirements imposed as a condition of utilizing such "off-leash" area by such Departments of Parks, or their designees.

Owners, please be law-abiding citizens and pick up after your pets and leash them.

This information was provided by Adam Hamilton of Metro Animal Services and Jessica Durbin, Animal House Adoption Center.



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

REGULAR STORY TIMES

Family Story Time

Every Tuesday at 7 PM

Ages 3 — 8 years.

Toddler Story Time

Every Wednesday 10:15 AM

Ages 2 to 3 years.

Mother Goose Time

Every Thursday 10:15 AM

For "walkers" under 2 years.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

Storybook Stew

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 PM

Ages 3—8.

Spring Break Make & Take Craft

Monday, April 4, all day

All ages.

Loudmouse Puppet Show

Wednesday, April 6, 2:00 PM

Ages 3—9.

Create Your Own Story

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 PM

Ages 3—8.

Celebrate Children's Multicultural Book Day

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 PM

Ages 3—8.

TEEN OUTPOST

Open Monday—Thursday 1 to 9 PM,

Friday & Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM

Anime Club

Every Wednesday, 4:30 PM

Writing Club

Every Thursday, 5:00 PM

March Art Show - All month long

Judging and prizes on Saturday,

March 26, 3:00 PM

Henna Body Art

Tuesday, March 22, 4:00 PM

Manga Discussion Group

Tuesday, April 5, 4:00 PM

Open Mic

Tuesday, April 12, 5:00 PM

Peeps Project

Friday, April 15, 1:00 PM

Grilled Cheese/Guitar Month Celebration

Thursday, April 21, 4:00 PM

ADULTS' PROGRAMS

Book Discussions are held on the third Monday of the month at 2 PM

For additional information about library programs, call the library at 574-1672. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Visit the web site at www.lfpl.org.

MONA LEITNER CLOSES THE BOOK ON HER CAREER IN LOUISVILLE

BY DEANNA O'DANIEL

Mona Leitner, manager of the Highlands-Shelby Park branch of the Louisville Free Public Library will end her 17-year career as the local branch manager and 32 years working in library services in mid-March.

A resident of Louisville for over 35 years, she worked most of that time in local libraries, first, for the New Albany Library, then later at the Highlands-Shelby Park Branch. "I have been at this branch since it moved from the Carnegie Building on Cherokee Road to this location 17 years ago," Leitner says. "I love working in this neighborhood where I live. I get to see many of my neighbors and friends frequently. Also, the people of this area are truly supportive of the library and see its need in the community."

Love of reading came to Leitner early. "When I was a child I loved to read," she recalls. "My mother thought reading was important and subscribed to several magazines, as well as the Children's Classic Literature book series. My favorite books as a child were Black Beauty and The Swiss Family Robinson.

She became a librarian due to a career change, brought about by her former husband. "My college major was History and Archaeology and I had intended to go on "digs" in Egypt and Greece," Leitner explains. "He convinced me that the long tours of duty that the digs demanded were not conducive to maintaining a good relation-

ship. I loved research, and still do, so instead of digging for artifacts I turned to digging for information as in books. I love the thrill of the hunt, and am as excited to find the information our patrons are seeking as they are to have it, I always learn something new in the process!"

Recalling the most frustrating thing that happened during her career at the library, she described the week before the new branch was opened in January of 1994. "This was the week of one of the worst blizzards in Louisville," she said. "The city had literally shut down! Even the expressways of I-65 and I-64 were closed in Kentucky. We had planned to have a Grand Opening that week, and were looking forward to getting the last minute details done on our new space. The blizzard even kept our furniture from arriving! Busses were the only form of transportation and we had a hard time negotiating the 23-inch snowfall. But, due to a friend's four-wheeler, I managed to get in here and do as much as I could. One bright spot," she noted, "I had heat here in the library, but not in my home!"

The library has changed a good deal over the time Leitner has been serving the local branch. "Technology has been a big factor," she explains. "We work hard to keep up with what is most relevant to people's lives. I believe communities will always need libraries, but as computer generations come along, we'll

need to keep adjusting our focus. We are already providing E-books and Playaways. Libraries have to evolve with the times – I see it as a good thing!"

In her retirement, she plans to move back to Tell City, Indiana, to help her father with his health challenges. "I just feel I have a need to return to my roots," she adds. "I would like to give back to that community. Of course, I love Louisville, and plan to return frequently. I'd also like to travel and perhaps to finally participate in a real dig in Egypt or the Middle East when things calm down in that part of the world."

Her friends in Louisville, and especially those in the Cherokee Triangle, wish Mona good luck in whatever she chooses to do in her retirement, and many thanks for her hard work in this community!



Mona Leitner at her desk in the library
Photo by Lynne Lyndrup

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CHEROKEE TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES (2010-2011)

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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