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THOUSANDS EXPECTED TO KEEP BARDSTOWN ROAD AGLOW “GLOWING”

BY PEGGIE ELGIN

Bardstown Road Aglow launches the holiday season on December 3rd, the first Saturday in December starting at 6 p.m. just as it has for the last 26 years, except this year families can expect a corridor filled with caroling, entertainment, food, contests for best decorations and the best holiday cocktails, and two trollies to take everyone from one end of the celebration to the other.

And as one store owner who has attended almost every one of the celebrations put it, “the party will go on.”

“No matter what the weather, it is always crowded,” says Nancy Peterson, owner of the Edenside Gallery, located at 1422 Bardstown Road. “It can rain. It can snow. It can be freezing. It can be warm. It doesn’t matter. People come out for Bardstown Road Aglow.” Peterson, whose store opened on Bardstown Road 21 years ago, says business is always brisk. “We will be open 12 hours that day, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. We wouldn’t think of not doing it.”

Another business owner, Kelli Milligan of Renaissance Interiors of 544 Baxter Avenue, who has attended every “Aglow” ex-

cept the first, notes the original theme was St. Nicholas Day. On the first Aglow five to six shop owners put candles in their windows to welcome family, friends and clients to a holiday open house. “We fed each other basically and each traveled from store to store,” Milligan notes. The celebration was started by a woman named Rosemary Bailey who ran a small neighborhood newspaper called the Pine-apple Press, Milligan adds.

Over the years the event has grown and has added various entertainments and events, ranging from caroling Elvis impersonators in years past to bag piper troupes that Aglow-goers can expect to see in this year’s celebration.

The rest is history. Sponsored now by the Highland Commerce Guild, this year’s celebration will feature two trollies filled with holiday musicians offering free rides up and down Bardstown Road, Baxter Avenue and the Douglas Loop. Additionally, parking and shuttle service will be available at Winston’s at Sullivan University. The event is aimed at being non-denominational and family-oriented in a community of mainly independent, non-chain owned businesses, Milligan notes.

The audience for the celebration has grown and Caroline Knop, of Simply PR, notes that estimates for the 2011 crowd range anywhere from 10,000 to 15,000 people. Ninety stores, restaurants, businesses and churches will be open, featuring wonderful holiday sales, activities, food, drink and music.

Santa and his elves will be a prominent part of the festivities. The team from the North Pole will arrive in the 21C Red Glitter Limo and will be located at Bearnos at the Commonwealth Bank and Trust Winter Wonderland. The sale of Santa pictures will benefit The Gilda’s Club of Louisville. Other sponsors include Four Roses Bourbon, Commonwealth Bank and Trust, 21C, Councilman Tom Owen of the 8th District, The Highlands of Louisville.com and Winston’s as well as the Highland Commerce Guild.

Judges for the Decorating Contest will be radio personality Terry Meiners, Mary George of Clear Channel, Sara Havens of the Leo and Jim Rutledge of Four Roses Bourbon.

SAVE THE DATE!

WHAT: The Cherokee Triangle Association is sponsoring a Mid-Winter Pot Luck Supper for the neighborhood.

WHEN: Friday, February 3, 2012

WHERE: To be decided

CTA members will receive a post card with detailed information in the mail the first week of January.

The price of admission will be a pot luck dish, determined by last name initial. The CTA will provide beverages. Therefore, you must let the CTA know you are coming.

For further information prior to the January post card, contact Glen Elder at glenandjim@aol.com and/or check the CTA website in early December.

Cherokee Triangle residents, we hope that you will want to join your neighbors for a nice, casual gathering and a chance to meet more of your neighbors.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CTA Pot Luck Supper	Friday, February 3, 2012
Adopt-A-Park continues in 2012	Saturday, March 17, 2012
Cherokee Triangle 41st Annual Art Fair	Saturday, April 28, Sunday, April 29, 2012

MESSAGE FROM CTA PRESIDENT

PEGGIE ELGIN

There is plenty of evidence that preserving our historic district is ongoing in the Cherokee Triangle. There are plenty of reasons to follow rules and regulations set out by Landmarks to keep our neighborhood authentic yet up-to-date with the most recent plumbing, electrical, heating and all the modern conveniences that make life in the neighborhood comfortable and pleasant.

Organizations like the Cherokee Triangle Association can point residents in the right direction when they want to repair the siding on a house, paint it a new color or replace antique windows with the old wavy glass.

But the Cherokee Triangle Association is a neighborhood association, and as such, covers a whole range of topics that affect our lives in this neighborhood.

We are interested in Willow Park, which we have adopted through the Adopt-a-Park program, and spend work days in the park and nearby green areas once a month from March through October.

Sometimes special hints are offered to help neighbors deal with mosquitoes in the summer or advice is offered on invasive trees which may volunteer in yards or the easements. (featured in this issue on page 8)

We are interested in the tree canopy. In short, we are interested in the quality of life in our historic neighborhood.

We maintain a close relationship with our elected Metro Council representative Tom Owen and try to keep up with activities that affect life in the neighborhood. Because the neighborhood is beautiful and inviting, running and bicycle races frequently are scheduled in parts of the neighborhood. Residents bear the inconvenience of street closures, some of which are not well publicized.

Notification of some events to the neighborhood has been lacking recently. Those directly affected usually receive some notification. But closure of a main street such as Cherokee Road affects far more than the residents of Cherokee Road. Additionally, the CTA is not always aware of special events that may be planned in time to do anything about them.

Following the staging of the Tap 'n' Run race in the Cherokee Triangle in October, we wrote letters to metro officials in charge of approving special events permits and others, asking to be notified of special events and seeking the opportunity to comment on events prior to granting them approval.

We will attempt to keep residents of the Cherokee Triangle informed of road clo-

sures and/or the approval of special events in the future on our website --- Cherokeetriangle.org --- where residents can subscribe to updates.

NEED A CHEROKEE TRIANGLE GIFT?

Triangle-ites, want to welcome a newcomer to the neighborhood by giving them a house warming gift? Realtors, need a gift for a client who just purchased a home in the Triangle? The CTA has the ideal suggestion! How about purchasing the perfect coffee table book for new residents? You can purchase the book, *The Cherokee Triangle, a History of the Heart of the Highlands* directly from the CTA office or Carmichael's Bookstore.

The CTA office can also provide you with Cherokee Triangle logo coffee mugs, cocktail glasses, stemless wine glasses and Cherokee Triangle flags. The books and flags are \$40 each and the mugs and glasses are \$7 and \$5 respectively. To order, call the CTA office at 456-0256 and leave a message, or email us at cherokeetriangle@bellsouth.org. Your clients and new neighbors will appreciate and enjoy these thoughtful and appropriate gifts.



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MESSAGE FROM LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCILMAN FOR DISTRICT 8

TOM OWEN

Your Cherokee Triangle Neighborhood is an exciting and comfortable place to live because there is an overlay of separate elements that give it life. The neighborhood is like a healthy organism with many parts—past and present—that come together make the Triangle what it is.

Historically it took some fifty years plus to build your neighborhood out, one small subdivision at a time. The result is a broad tapestry of residential architecture using all kinds of building materials, designs and densities scattered throughout. There are also old-fashioned brick paved alleys and sidewalks, limestone curbs, and even carriage mounting blocks left over from long ago. Even your street names carry stories of past luminaries and former farm folk.

The Triangle also hearkens to another time because it is truly a "walkable" neighborhood with tree-lined sidewalks that lead to big-city mass transit, favorite restaurants and coffee shops, movies, groceries and stores of many types, sweet shops and watering holes, schools, and great parks and a library. We just don't build convenient neighborhoods like this anymore!

The living organism called Cherokee Triangle also boasts an engaged, caring citizenry. You know there's civic health when neighborhood volunteers know how to put on a grand festival, gather for outdoor concerts and provide care for both public and private outdoor spaces. In addition, your neighborhood always wants to be heard on the controversial issues of the day.

I'm committed to working with Cherokee Triangle leaders to keep your neighborhood as a great place to live. There'll always be challenges associated with change but you have the resources, good will, tradition and imagination to meet them.



The bronze Century Markers are still available. With proof of your home's age, you can purchase one of these special plaques for \$45.

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

THE CTA IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

BY LYNNE LYNDRUP

The Cherokee Triangle Association Board of Trustees has six trustees whose term of office expires in June 2012. [The CTA's 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 (2012 – life-time 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 one Board committee and
- Be able to commit to the three-year term.

The CTA also needs people who have the energy, ideas and commitment to sustain and improve our neighborhood.

For an application, call the CTA office at 459-0256 or print it from the website, www.cherokeetriangle.org. Please write on the outside of the envelope "Trustee Application." The deadline to

receive applications is March 16, 2012. If your 2012 dues have not been paid by the time your application is received, 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 2012 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 21, 2012. New Trustees are expected to attend their first meeting on June 18, 2012.

Serving on the Board can be a rewarding and exciting experience. It helps one to enjoy the full meaning of neighborhood commitment and gives one the sense of helping to secure the special way of life in the Cherokee Triangle. Consider it.

MONICA ORR - "TOP NEIGHBOR"

The life and vitality of a city relies on the engagement of people in everyday community life. The Center For Neighborhoods (formerly the Louisville Community Design Center) envisions a community driven by an array of lively civic institutions working in partnership with local government and one another to create sound neighborhoods and community.

Their purpose is to empower citizens and citizen-based institutions to have an effective role in making their neighborhoods good, decent, and attractive places to live. Continuing 33 years of work, the Center For Neighborhoods pursues its mission and fundamental purpose through leadership education, through community planning, and by assisting neighborhood-based development and improvement.

The Cherokee Triangle Association's Newsletter is excited to announce resident Monica Orr as having been named by the Center For Neighborhoods the distinction of one of Louisville's Next Top Neighbors (LNTN) for Fall 2011. The recipients awarded the title of LNTN are asking "What's Next?" and are improving the quality of life and the environment within their community by exemplifying the following criteria:

- A good steward of their neighborhood and the community who strives to protect and preserve the environment thereby improving the lives of others.
- A neighborhood leader who understands the important role of the local community in a global world.

- A neighborhood leader who demonstrates passion for improving the neighborhood by addressing environmental concerns to improve the quality of life within the community.
- A neighborhood leader who empowers neighbors by being an inspiration for positive change and asks "What's Next Louisville?"
- A neighborhood leader who is engaged with the community to strengthen the neighborhood identity.
- A neighborhood leader who celebrates and embraces diversity of culture, thought, and ability by promoting understanding and cooperation Metro-wide.

Information for this article was taken from the Center For Neighborhoods' web site, www.centerforneighbors.org.

KENTUCKY RESEARCHERS OFFER POST-HALLOWEEN GHOSTLY ADVICE

BY JAMES MILLAR

What was that? Terror drops slowly, as it displaces airy wonderment, like a sheet over the raw organ of your skin, flushing every hair into consciousness. A stranger's uninvited presence has been made known.

Your brain spasms, as the world expands in a silent cataclysm to encompass here-to-fore unknown and spectral realms. You feel as if you have become the stranger in your home and in life as you knew it.

"When you encounter a ghost," says Carrie Galloway of Kentucky Paranormal Research, "the most difficult thing is to remain calm. Fear will overcome every other emotion or thought process. If you can re-

main calm, then treat him as you would when you meet someone new.

Acknowledge him. Try to speak to him. You won't likely hear a response but something may come up later. If you have an encounter, it's because the ghost wants you to know he is there."

Investigators of the supernatural distinguish different types of apparitions: that of the rare, "intelligent entity," which interacts physically with the living and the more common, "residual haunt," believed to be a localized discharge of energy that re-animates imprinted events from the past without conceding to the present. The latter, therefore, are not considered ghosts.

"Hauntings," Galloway explains, "are tied to house or family. That is the reason

they persist. With an intelligent, disembodied soul, consciousness remains. We believe ghosts have free will and can cross over or stay if they want. Personality remains with the spirit after death. Acknowledge their humanness. Often they appear because they recognize something they did in a previous life."

What then to make of this nebulous horror that shrouds your mind? It is not the fear of death, for if death be the end of life, this eidolon (phantom) has not embraced that end. Dread rests not with the phantasm but rises from the recognition of an in-between. Agitation accompanies the incomplete: the soul damned by a life undone. These sepulchral insomniacs thwart our instinct for resolution; with empathy, fear is how we mourn.

"Some people have the talent to see; the

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SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Do you want to support your neighborhood? Join the Cherokee Triangle Association today. The Cherokee Triangle Association (CTA) is a group of dedicated neighbors who contribute to our community in many ways. Like our neighborhood, the Association 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 Pot Luck Supper, the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair, the Summer Concert Series in Willow Park, Adopt-a-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 in this Newsletter or online on the CTA's web site, www.cherokeetriangle.org. New this year is the option to become a member by paying your dues online. 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:

Home Owners	\$20	Business Owners	\$50
Renters	\$15	Business Lifetime	\$400
Seniors (60 + yrs.)	\$15		
Non-Residents	\$15		
Lifetime	\$200		

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 article located on Page 3 of this newsletter.

The CTA is a strong and healthy neighborhood association with many active members. Joining our association in no way commits you to becoming a volunteer. Whether you choose to become involved or not is solely your own decision. Thank you for your support.

YOUR LEAVES DO NOT BELONG IN THE STREET

It is against the law to rake or blow your leaves into the street and leave them there. You are responsible for your lawn care crew as well. Be advised that leaves must be bagged. This city combines recycle and yard waste pick up on the same day. Take advantage of both and be a good neighbor.



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veil is thinner for them." When Galloway and her associates study anomalous occurrences, they employ apparatuses to pick up electromagnetic disturbances that signal the presence of ghosts. But Galloway stresses: "the person is the agent, the tuner for the energy. The ghost may be able to pick up on her sensitivity and then interact with the living, not the machine. Often one person is targeted to experience the anomaly first. She may not even realize it until it has passed, but then will talk about it and others will realize something weird is going on."

What acts would these specter's circumstances incite? Are the living a channel by which to cope, or an object of calloused rancor? The barbed worm of mistrust twists inside your skull. Have the spirits known violence?

Galloway insists: "People can live with ghosts. You can even see how a spirit reacts to changing environments, to music for example, with a change in their energy. Mischievous elements, those that have an overall negative energy, make up only 7 percent of our study. If you need to, you can say 'You scare me. I'm uncomfortable. 'Please stop.' Draw boundaries; respect is mutual."

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COCKTAIL PARTY FUN FOR (F)ALL

BY LYNNE LYNDROP

Bucking tradition, the Cherokee Triangle Association's cocktail party was held this year in the fall, on Saturday, September 24, at the home of Curtis Hawkes and David Barkley, 1474 Cherokee Road.

This spectacular home's layout is ideal for entertaining and was the perfect location for this year's fund-raising party. While the owners did some of the design and restoration work themselves, they were guided throughout the process by Todd Stengel of Todd Stengel Construction, Inc.

Hawkes and Bartley also credit architect Frank Pierce and landscape architect Jeff Skelton for their vision and help in completing the project. Guests were welcome not only throughout the entire indoor living space, but also enjoyed the beautifully landscaped back yard pool and patio area, as well the renovated carriage house.

Over 100 people, most of whom are Cherokee Triangle Association members, attended the party. While the CTA provided the beverages, delicious appetizers were provided by several generous local restau-

rants. Food items included various types of egg rolls, green chili won tons, pizzas, cheeses with crackers and breads, fruits, cookies, chocolates and even gazpacho drunk from small plastic cups. The spread was varied, offering many different tastes and food preferences.



Guests on the patio by the pool.
Photo by Willie Harshaw

Although the CTA Membership Committee members as well as several Board and Association members worked hard to make this party a success, all had a great time. Even as the clean up committee was finishing up

in the house, Hawkes and Bartley continued to exclaim how much they enjoyed hosting this event. "Can we do this again next year?" they asked.

The CTA is thankful to the generous restaurants and markets that donated their delicious food items to help make this event a success. They are as follows:

- * Asiatique
- * Bristol Bar & Grill
- * Burger's Market
- * Café' Mimosa/ Egg Roll Machine
- * Cellar Door Chocolates
- * The Cheddar Box
- * Cumberland Brews
- * Dragon King's Daughter
- * Fleur de Lis Café
- * Impellizzeri's
- * Jack Fry's
- * Kashmir Indian Restaurant
- * Kizito Cookies
- * LaQue
- * Lilly's
- * Molly Malone's
- * Palermo Viejo
- * Seviche
- * Stevens & Stevens
- * Uptown Café
- * ValuMarket
- * Volare Ristorante
- * Wick's Pizza



Membership Committee members Chair Antonia Lindauer, Jim Gibson & Lynne Lyndrup.
Photo by member John Downard



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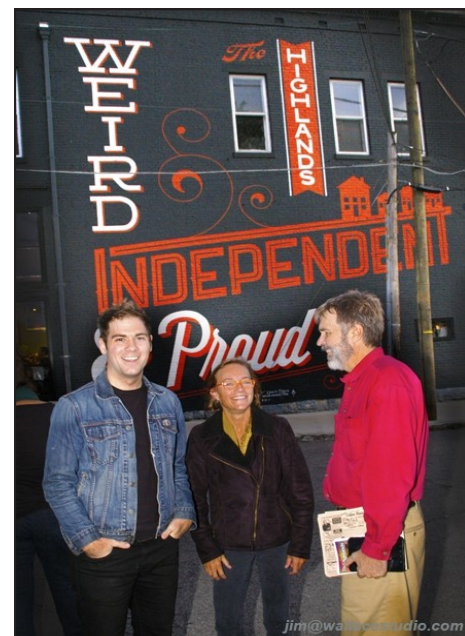
BY NICK MORRIS

The Highland Commerce Guild recently sponsored a Mural Contest for the Highlands. The theme was "Celebrating Life in the Highlands" and a total of 16 artists submitted their entries.

The contest was won by the team of Bryan Todd (graphic designer) and Kirby Stafford (mural artist). The mural was painted on the side of The Wine Market building located at 1200 Bardstown Road. The building provided the perfect large "canvas" and the wall location allows for great visibility. The mural was completed in late September and measures about 30' by 30'. Paint for the project was donated by Dages Paint.

The Highland Commerce Guild is happy to have sponsored this project - and hopes it may inspire additional murals in the Highlands, continuing to help make it a great place to live, work and play.

On September 30, the Wine Market in conjunction with the Highland Commerce Guild held a wine and cheese tasting to officially dedicate the mural and introduce Todd and Stafford. The photos on this page were taken at that gathering by Jim Wallace of Wallace Studio.



Bryan Todd with The Wine Market owner Claudia Jackson and Highland Commerce Guild President Larry Rother.

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TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE FOR CHEROKEE TRIANGLE PROPERTY OWNERS

BY CHRISTOPHER QUIRK

For the historic homeowner, the most valuable and yet most underutilized tool for home improvement, repair or remodeling is the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Tax Credit. Created in 2005, the credit is restricted to properties listed individually or as contributing to a district listed in the National Register of Historic Places, which qualifies almost all properties in the Cherokee Triangle neighborhood.

Unlike an income tax deduction, which reduces the amount of taxable income, a tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in taxes owed. Tax credits exceeding taxes owed result in a refund. Read that again, a refund! This credit is available for all work done to permanent components of the building within the footprint of the historic structure including new roofs, electrical and plumbing upgrades and interior remodeling.

Professional fees required for the work, such as those paid to architects and engineers or attorneys, are also eligible expenses. The credit cannot be used for additions or for items such as appliances that are not permanently affixed to the structure. Appropriate design, materials and craftsmanship are important.

While the tax credit is available for both commercial and residential properties, discussion here is limited to owner-occupied residential properties. For those properties, a minimum investment of \$20,000 over a 24-month period is required. The credit is up to 30 percent of qualified expenses, with the total credit for a project capped at \$60,000. Currently, the total amount of available tax credits statewide for all properties is \$5 million for each calendar year. When approved projects exceed that limit, an apportionment formula is used to distribute the credit

among all projects. The final credit awarded to each project may be less than the full percentage for which the project is eligible.

Securing the credit is a three-part process. Part I establishes National Register status. The Cherokee Triangle Local Preservation District is both a local preservation district and a National Register District, so the first step in the application process is simple for contributing structures.

Part II is the most involved. It documents the planned preservation work including written and photographic documentation of the existing architectural features as well as a detailed description of the planned work including any impact on the existing features. It often requires architectural drawings. While not required, it may be a good idea to involve an architect or preservation consultant for assistance in preparing the necessary documentation and to insure that the work meets all standards.

Part III is a Request for Certification of Completed Work, submitted after the work is complete. Photo documentation is required to demonstrate that the completed rehabilitation work, including all exterior and interior features and spaces, is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation and is consistent with the work described in the Part II application form. Part III also documents project expenses and the final cost of the rehabilitation work.

The Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit program is administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). All projects are reviewed for conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The SHPO's experienced staff should be consulted regularly

throughout the application and rehabilitation process. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. However, be aware of the application deadlines. The credits will be allocated to approved projects whose complete applications are received by April 29 of each year. The Kentucky Heritage Council will notify the applicants on or after June 29th of the allocated credit amount.

Before beginning any work on a potential tax credit project, visit the Kentucky Heritage Council website at www.heritage.ky.gov or consult with staff by calling 502-564-7005.

Christopher Quirk is a Cherokee Triangle resident and an architect specializing in historic preservation. Locally, he has worked on the U.S. Marine Hospital, Locust Grove, and Union Station as well as numerous residential projects. He has served as staff to the Landmarks Commission and as a member of the Cherokee Triangle Architectural Review Committee.



Cherokee Triangle

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, or visit www.louisvilleky.gov.

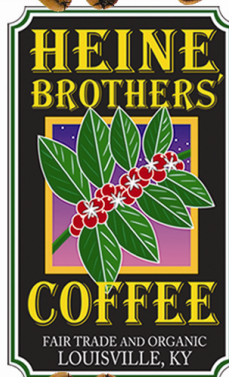
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NO VOLUNTEERS (AS IN WEEDY SPECIES) NEEDED

BY JAMES MILLAR

Taking stock of the current crop of saplings is a good way to predict what the tree canopy in the Cherokee Triangle will look like in future years. By this reckoning, the urban landscape will tend to be increasingly weedy species, reducing the overall diversity.

The city does not offer an encouraging environment for trees, which we rely on to beautify and make our neighborhoods hospitable. The temperature extremes that trees ameliorate and the pollution they remove from the environment tax their health. Wires above trees and the pavement and plumbing below constrict growing space and impair their stability. The US Forest Service estimates the average lifespan for a downtown tree is 10 years. Only resilient, tenacious and competitive species which can best be described as invasive, actually prosper in a stressful urban setting.

Weedy trees tolerate a range of conditions, grow quickly to compete with surrounding trees for light and resources and then aggressively spread by seed or sucker. Once they have a hold, they are hard to displace. In the city's altered landscape, nuisance greenery thrives but provides less visual interest and more work. Therefore, homeowners must practice selection and continue to manage their property.

A detailed survey of plot samples taken from around the city by University of Louisville researcher Shannon Scroggins gives an ominous premonition of the future. By com-

paring the species represented by the largest, oldest trees with those of the smallest, youngest trees, Scroggins concludes: "Thirty percent of the smallest size class from my study are weedy/volunteer tree species--Northern Hackberry, Box Elder and Red Mulberry. If this trend continues, then these volunteer tree species will comprise a greater portion of the residential urban forest than they have in the past."

Of those trees that represent the elder generation of the tree canopy, "only Northern Hackberry is still in the top five in the smallest size class. There were no representatives in the smallest size class of Pin Oak and Black Oak. Unless residents choose to plant these trees, there will be fewer--and possibly none--represented in the future forest of our residential neighborhoods," say Scroggins.

The most common trees homeowners choose to plant tend to be showy ornamentals that contribute few environmental benefits and will never create a canopy. Weedy species get around on their own, possessing forgotten, in-between spaces, such as fence lines where seeds tend to be blown or dropped by birds. Fences also protect seedlings from routine cutting. Sometimes these sprouts are simply ignored because the leaves provide privacy and delineate a property line. Eventually, the big trees become problematic and perpetuate their spread.

Scroggins found the oldest, largest trees in Council District 8 to be Hackberry (40 percent), Box Elder, White Ash, and White Pine (20 percent each), while the most common saplings were Sugar Maple (22 percent), Box Elder, Hackberry, Dogwood, Gingko, Magnolias and Black Cherry (11 percent each). Sixty percent of the oldest trees are considered weedy and will propagate and continue the cycle.

This survey provides only a general impression of our trees. Soon, the CTA Tree Committee will conduct private property inventories to determine species and calculate the future needs of the Triangle's treescape.

Even native species can thwart diversity models if they are opportunistic. The Kentucky Division of Forestry notes that the Red Maple is now the most common tree species in the state, with a population greater than all oak species combined. In some part, its popularity and overuse in the urban landscape have led to its spread through the rural and forest interface.

According to Dr. Margaret Carreiro of U of L, "The seedlings and saplings that appear most abundant in my plots in Cherokee and Seneca Parks are Green and White Ash and Sugar Maple. Hackberry was also prominent."

Sarah Wolff of the Olmsted Conservancy concurs: "We actually see more Sugar Maple seedlings and saplings than any other species in Cherokee once the honeysuckle is removed. We do remove Tree of Heaven, European Buckthorn, White and Paper Mulberry and Chinese Rain Tree."

The Kentucky Exotic Pest Plant Council has deemed the Princess Tree and the Callery Pear among Kentucky's least wanted plants. Mimosa also makes their invasive list along with the shrubs Japanese Honeysuckle, Burning Bush Euonymus, Barberry and Spirea.

A weed is a plant growing in the wrong place. A healthy tree depends upon proper placement, pruning and maintenance. Fall and winter are the time to plant. Choose wisely, add to the mix of species present and don't welcome all volunteers. These steps will help improve the diversity of the urban landscape in future years in the Cherokee Triangle.



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Dancers at the last Summer Concert with the Ovation Orchestra.
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FALL HAPPENINGS IN THE CHEROKEE TRIANGLE



Another view of the cocktail party crowd.
Photo by Willie Harshaw



Tony Lindauer, left, and Tim Holz, Adopt-a-Park Chair, in
Willow Park.
Photo by John Elgin



Jack-o-Lanterns light the way to Monica Orr's House.
Photo by Peggie Elgin.



A few happy Halloween visitors.
Photo by Jerry Lyndrup

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 the second Friday of every month at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please call 459-0132.

Special Events:

Enrichment Classes: HCM is offering a variety of enrichment classes that begin in early September. Each class lasts for 7 weeks and costs \$34 per person. Classes offered are:

- Oil painting
- Intermediate watercolor
- Yoga - Beginning
- Yoga - Continuing
- Sun Tai Chi for Health
- Ballroom dancing for beginners (couples)

Call 451-3695 for details and to register.

Derby Dinner Playhouse: Sunday, December 18, Sanders Family Christmas. Sunday, March 25, Smokey Joe's Café. Cost per trip for bus, buffet and play is \$32 with TARC transportation (\$29 without transportation). Depart

11:15 a.m. from Highlands Court, 1720 Richmond Drive. Call 451-3695 to make your reservations.

Christmas gifts for the needy: This year HCM will again coordinate churches and groups helping Highlands households with food and gifts this Christmas. Our goal is a Christmas food basket for each household and two new gifts (valued at \$25 each) for each person in the household. Some options are:

1. HCM can assign families for whom you will purchase food and two gifts per person. You deliver the food and gifts directly to the families.
2. Your group may commit to help households with food baskets, which you will deliver to the houses.
3. Your congregation can be given gifts needed for low income households that you put on your Advent tree. Information on how this is coordinated will be provided when your congregation signs up.


Please call Stan Esterle at 451-3695 as to how you want to participate.

HCM is selling the 2012 Entertainment Book for \$25 until December 15. You may request a book by calling 451-3695 or email hcmexec@hotmail.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore needs dedicated volunteers, who want to make a difference in their community. They need volunteers to help customers in the store, help process items in the warehouse, and help the deconstruction team. For more information visit their website at louisvillerestore.org, call them at 502-805-1411 or email them at restorevolunteer@louisvillehabitat.org. ReStore is located at 2777 South Floyd Street, 40209.

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HIGHLANDS-SHELBY PARK LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

REGULAR STORY TIMES

Family Story Time
Every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Ages 3 — 8 years.

Toddler Story Time
Every Wednesday 10:15 a.m.

Ages 2 - 3 years.

Baby Story Time
Every Thursday 10:15 a.m.

For "walkers" under 2 years.

Special Children's Programs

Jan Brett's Winter Tales

Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Ages 3 - 8

Cookie Count and Other Delicious Stories

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Ages 3 - 8 and

Wednesday, December 14, 10:15 a.m.

Ages 2 - 3

Winter Celebrations with Stories and Songs

Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

Ages 3 - 8 and

Wednesday, December 21, 10:15 a.m.

Ages 2 - 3

Winter Craft Day

Thursday, December 22, all day

All ages

Teddy Bear Tea

Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

Ages 3 - 8

Celebrate Year of the Dragon

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.

Ages 3 - 8

TEEN OUTPOST

Open Monday—Thursday 1 to 9 p.m.,

Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anime Club

On the final Wednesday of each month from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Rangoli Designs

Come explore the traditional Indian folk craft of rangoli

Wednesday, December 14, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 11 - 19

Teen Craft Day

Monday, December 19, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Triple Threat Trivia

Join us for a team based trivia night.

Wednesday, December 21, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Hot Reads

Warm up with some hot chocolate and learn about the hottest books of the New Year.

Wednesday, January 11, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Teen Craft Day

Tuesday, January 17, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

ADULTS' PROGRAMS

Librarian's Book Talks: Call 574-1672 for the next date and theme.

Weather on the World Wide Web:

Wednesday, December 7, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 4, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 18, 9:00 a.m.

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.

RACHEL SMITH COMES HOME TO HIGHLANDS-SHELBY PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

BY CAROL LAYNE

Rachel Smith, newly appointed manager of the Highlands-Shelby Park branch of the Louisville Free Public Library, grew up in the Highlands.

An avid reader as a child, she spent much time at the old Highlands branch in the Carnegie Building on the corner of Cherokee Road and Highland Avenue, Smith says, "My early memory of the Cherokee branch was of all those steps! For a young one, getting up the outdoor steps and then getting up all of the beautiful marble steps on the inside was quite a challenge. I also remember being awed by the peace and quiet and by all of those books. It seemed a serene and inviting place."

Now at Mid-City Mall in her new job, she still sees friends and teachers from those early days.

Smith began as the Highlands-Shelby Park (H-S) branch manager in July of 2011, but she wasn't new to the library system. She had spent 10 years with Louisville Free Public Library, beginning at the Shawnee branch as a children's assistant and moving to the same position at Crescent Hill for five years.

Other prior positions were at the Portland branch and the Main Library where she administered a grant from the Kentucky

Department for Libraries and Archives for the Job Shop. Smith calls the LFPL a "wonderful system" and says she feels lucky to work in it, commenting especially on the "amazing programs and the strong, knowledgeable, hard-working staff."

At H-S, she values the diversity, the families who use the library together, the strong readers and the reference questions from users. For H-S's future, Smith hopes to begin outreach by visiting neighborhood associations and connecting with schools and businesses to form closer ties.

Noting that the children's program is strong, she would like to increase activities for adults, perhaps with a series of speakers on local topics such as food, art, music or politics "to celebrate the wonder and beauty of Louisville." Other plans include reviving the Friends of Highland-Shelby Park, starting on-going book sales and presenting gallery shows of work by local artists.

Smith received a degree in communications from

Western Kentucky University, a Master's degree in linguistics from Ohio State University, and in 2007, a Master's of Library Science degree from the University of Kentucky. Smith and her family moved back to Louisville in 2001. Smith, her husband Darren, a USIS investigator, sons Zachary 11 and Sean eight live in Crescent Hill. Son Zachary provides another Highlands connection: he attends Highlands Middle School.

"Coming home," says Smith. "It's been nice."



New Branch Manager Rachel Smith
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