

Cherokee Triangle Association Newsletter



Urgent: Complete the CTA/BHA Neighborhood Plan Survey!

By Deirdre Seim

The joint Cherokee Triangle/Bonnycastle Homestead Neighborhood Plan is the master document that will guide decision making for development and zoning, land use, roads, and transportation for our area for many years to come.

The original Cherokee Triangle Neighborhood Plan, passed by Metro Council in 1989 after eighteen months of dedicated work by a committee of Triangle residents and Louisville city government staff, successfully guided zoning and development until 2012. That plan articulated the hopes of the Triangle citizens to build the environment that residents enjoy today—a neighborhood with well-maintained and carefully restored historic homes, high quality duplex and small apartment rentals, and safer intersections and roads. For the past twenty-three years, the Neighborhood Plan has driven positive change in the Cherokee Triangle.



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In 2012, the Metro Council decided that our 1989 plan was out of date and therefore no longer a meaningful guide for development in the Triangle. This determination was key in Metro Council granting approval of building projects that failed to meet the former Neighborhood Plan guidelines.

The Triangle is now taking part in the process of creating a new Neighborhood Plan in partnership with the Bonnycastle Homestead Association and Louisville Metro government. The CTA and Bonnycastle neighborhoods have provided funding, and Councilman Brandon Coan appropriated the remainder of the cost from District 8 discretionary funds.

Mayor Fischer appointed twelve residents from the Cherokee Triangle and six residents from Bonnycastle to an Advisory Committee to work with the Louisville Metro Office for Advance Planning and Sustainability (along with three consulting firms) to develop an updated plan for both Bonnycastle and Cherokee Triangle.

Despite the disruptions of the last few months, the Advisory Group has met twice (virtually) to begin the process. Gathering input from neighborhood residents is now our most urgent task. The planning committee needs to know what Triangle residents envision for the future. The Neighborhood Plan will influence development, transportation, and zoning in our area for at least the next twenty years. To collect the input of neighborhood residents and stakeholders, the survey is now underway.

Do you have thoughts about what can sustain and improve the Cherokee Triangle? What do you consider to be the most important elements of our neighborhood? What most needs attention? What kind of future development do you feel would be most appropriate? Do you have input about high-rise buildings, cell towers, power lines, traffic lights, intersection signage, historic preservation, zoning, short-term-rentals, or other issues?

Now is the time to share your concerns. The survey will ensure that Triangle residents' voices will be heard in the process. Please complete the survey today! The survey closes on July 31.

Access the survey through the UR code or go to <https://www.ctbplan.com/> and click "Take our Survey" in the upper right hand corner of the landing page.



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Highland Community Ministries Celebrates 50 Years in the Highlands

By Nick Morris

Highlands Community Ministries has reached the milestone of a half century of service to our neighborhood of Louisville. HCM is an interfaith, non-profit organization that unites the efforts of twenty-four congregations throughout our community. With the guidance of HCM, these faith organizations come together to offer programs and activities to all segments of the population, including children, families, seniors, and all who are in need.

Many long-time residents of the Highlands may remember Stan Esterle. Stan became the first Executive Director of HCM when it was incorporated in 1970. He retired after 43 years of dedicated service to HCM. Troy Burden now serves as the Executive Director and has been in that position for the past seven years.

HCM headquarters operates from the property at the corner of Breckinridge Street and Barret Avenue. It took ownership of the complex, which has become known as the Highlands Community Campus (HCC), about 6 years ago. This centralized location provides ample office space for all HCM programs and includes conference rooms, a historic 1902 sanctuary, and a gymnasium (with a stage) for event rental.



The Covid-19 pandemic has had a major impact on how HCM administers its many social services. Mary Beth Rother, HCM Administration & Communications Director, offers the following update on how they continue to meet ongoing community needs.

Rother says, "Highlands Community Ministries has remained open during the Covid-19 shutdown to provide essential services to our clients in ZIP codes 40204, 40205, and 40218, with preventative measures in place, including our food pantry, emergency financial assistance program, and Meals on Wheels. Our childcare centers, youth sports leagues, senior outreach lunch/activity centers and classes, acupuncture clinic, and event rentals have been suspended until recommendations for re-opening are given by the state and/or local agencies."

She continues, "HCM's food pantry is providing all services while only allowing three clients in the building at any given time and requiring all staff, volunteers, and clients to wear masks. Emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, and medications has been conducted by appointment only and primarily over the phone. HCM closed completely to the public for a two-week period when an employee exhibited unconfirmed symptoms of Covid-19. Consequently, a Dare to Care mobile food pantry was setup in our parking lot for one afternoon."

Rother describes that "Our Senior Outreach Program, primarily governed by Louisville Metro Senior Nutrition and KIPDA (Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency), is only operating Meals on Wheels and in a very different way than normal. Instead of hot food being received daily by Masterson's Catering, then laded into individual containers for delivery to our fifty+ home-bound clients, a pack of five frozen meals is being picked up at a Metro-designated location and delivered once weekly. Some clients had initially expressed concerns for their safety and others have said they miss the daily interaction with our volunteers. Our senior centers that provide socialization, activities, and lunch have been completely suspended. To make up for the loss of face-to-face discourse, HCM staff is conducting regular phone calls to our clients for wellness checks and reassurance. We are awaiting instruction from the various agencies for when and how to reopen all programs safely."

Finally, Rother reminds that "HCM is committed to our community and very grateful for the outpouring of support received during this time of crisis including financial donations, heeded calls for volunteers, and donations of supplies. Our childcare centers are preparing to reopen under strict guidelines by the state and we hope more of our programs can safely reopen soon. We thank everyone who makes our mission possible to accomplish, especially during these uncertain times."

Throughout HCM's long legacy of assistance, their approach has remained the same. HCM believes in a dynamic, evolving, shared-responsibility approach to community support, and programs have been designed to best facilitate this approach. HCM creates an interfaith unity that drives action—and creates a stronger, more empowered experience for all.

For more information about the services and needs of Highland Community Ministries, please call 502-451-3695, visit their website, www.hcmlouisville.org, and follow them on Facebook.

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Meet the New Trustees of your CTA Board

In May, the CTA Board of Trustees voted to approve four new members. We said farewell to Deb Aubespin, Clay Cockerham, John Elgin, and Lea Hardwick this year. Bob Picken and Ted Shouse have elected to remain on for another term. Thanks to all for serving.

Jamie Conti

We moved into the Cherokee Triangle upon the purchase and extensive renovation of our home on Midland Avenue in 2017. I was formerly the head of Human Resources for two global consumer products companies, Unilever and Kao, and was most recently responsible for the leadership of a 100 person HR organization, facilitating the people processes for Kao in North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Australasia. Currently, I am semi-retired, owning and managing several rental homes throughout the city.

I want to be on the board in order to help preserve the charm and unique character of the neighborhood. We need to ensure we have a collective vision for our future and work with our neighbors and local government in order to achieve our collective vision. I have contributed to CTA committees, helping set up and in the food court for the Art Fair, and have been active in local communities we previously lived in: Weston, CT; Ridgewood, NJ; and Northport, LI.

During my career, one of the areas of specialization was collaborating with the other members of the leadership team, developing the strategy and action plans for the organization. I'd like to bring this skill, and my passion, to help the Cherokee Triangle continue to thrive well into the future.



Anne Lindauer



I was born and grew up in London, England and moved to Louisville and raised our family in the Triangle since 1975. I'm a retired English teacher and librarian and a Lifetime member of the CTA.

As a strong advocate for literacy, I volunteer with organizations needing tutors, mentors and advocacy. My Triangle involvement is extensive: I have served as past CTA Vice President, current Block Watch Organizer, Willow Park Summer Concert Committee, Tree Committee, Art Fair volunteer and Alley Clean-Up worker and organizer. I help with the charitable outreach aspect of the Summer Concerts, collecting needed food and school items for Highland Community Ministries.

I love living in the Triangle where so much great community work continues to be accomplished. My future goals are to continue working closely with LMPD on safety issues, encouraging and increasing resident membership and tending to our neighborhood preservation initiatives.

Melissa Lowe

Melissa Lowe currently serves as Vice-President, Human Resources Director for Global Finance and Information Technology at Brown-Forman Corporation. As HR Business Partner, she supports teams in the areas of executive coaching, organization design & development, performance & career management, talent acquisition and strategic workforce planning.

Outside of Brown-Forman, Melissa has volunteered at the Cherokee Art Fair, and has served on the Board of Trustees and/or volunteered for several local organizations including Louisville Collegiate School, The Morton Center, Stage One, Bridgehaven, Actor's Theatre of Louisville, Louisville YMCA, Repair Affair, Jefferson County Public Schools, Art in the Highlands, Habitat for Humanity; and Covenant Community Presbyterian Church.

Melissa, her husband Jeff, and their two daughters have lived in Cherokee Triangle for nearly seven years. She is interested in both preserving and developing the special character of the neighborhood. With two daughters at Collegiate, Melissa sees the integrated use of the neighborhood, as well as its safety and aesthetic charm are of utmost importance. In addition, Melissa would like to work on projects related to bringing neighbors together, such as Art Fair, family fun events, Cherokee park events, and membership gatherings. Melissa would also like to engage local businesses to connect to the association in productive and generative ways.

**Nancy Gordon Moore**

Over the thirty+ years I've lived in Louisville, I've had a 40204 ZIP code for a total of twenty years, and lived in Cherokee Triangle proper for about ten of those at different points, as a renter and later as a homeowner. I recently returned to Louisville after working for ten years in Washington, DC, and I moved to Everett Ave. in May 2019.

I have extensive volunteer and staff leadership experiences in member associations. At the Kentucky Psychological Association, I variously served as Treasurer, Convention Chair, Newsletter Editor and later Executive Director, plus ten years at the American Psychological Association on the Executive Staff, overseeing Governance, Conventions, Communications and Strategic Programs.

Goals:

- To ensure the unique characteristics of the Triangle are preserved and enhanced
- Help CTA be prepared to meet the needs of both an aging-in-place population and future generations of residents in a rapidly changing world.

A very special thank you to John & Peggie Elgin for their many years of service to the Triangle. We wish them all the best in horse heaven, Aiken, SC.



KentuckyRefugee Ministries Celebrates 30 Years!

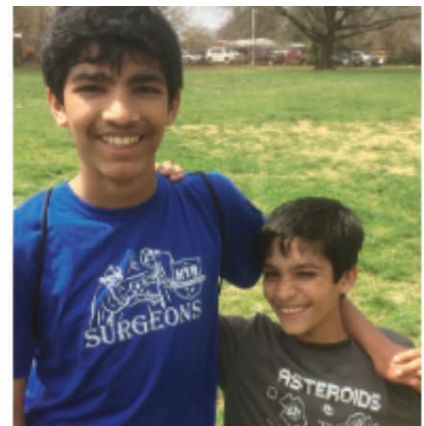
By Jackie Cobb, Kentucky Refugee Ministries Volunteer, Cherokee Triangle Resident

On the corner of Highland Avenue and Cherokee Road sits the headquarters of Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), a non-profit organization providing resettlement services for refugees making Kentucky their new home. For the past thirty years, KRM has helped refugees as they arrive at the airport, set up a new apartment, learn English, enroll in school, find a job, and discover a sense of community.

Since its founding in 1990, KRM has resettled families from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bosnia, Burma, Burundi, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iraq, Kosovo, Liberia, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, and Vietnam, among others.

Normally, volunteers can support KRM's efforts by teaching English, spending time with youth or elders, or teaching citizenship classes. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has limited the ability to volunteer in person. Triangle residents can still support KRM in this challenging time:

- First, learn more about KRM at www.kyrm.org. Read the stories of our refugee neighbors who've made Kentucky home.
- Second, lend your voice to advocacy efforts at all levels of government to make sure that the Highlands remains a welcoming place for the world's displaced.
- Finally, make a donation to Kentucky Refugee Ministries.



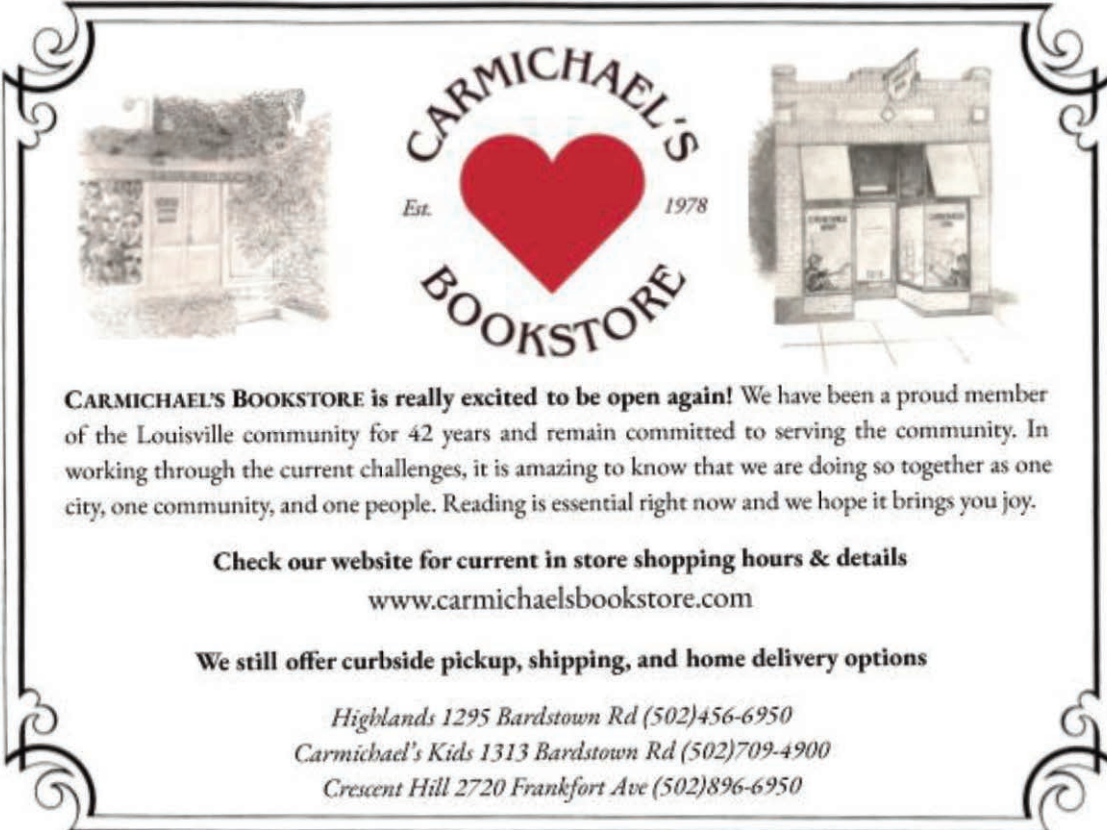
Home Improvement Projects in the Triangle

By Bradley Fister, Historic Preservation + Design Specialist

Inspired by HGTV and Pinterest, do-it-yourself (DIY) projects have appeared everywhere! Homeowners can become inundated with ideas of what they can accomplish on a long weekend after a trip to the local home improvement store. The current pandemic recommendations to stay at home as much as possible have added fuel to the DIY desires in our preservation districts, like Cherokee Triangle. One question Planning and Design Services receives on a regular basis from DIYers in Landmarks districts is: “what are we able to do to our home, without a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)?” The answer to that question varies as much as the individual projects homeowners choose to tackle. Typically, Planning & Design allows projects that fall under the category of “general maintenance.”

The term “general maintenance” covers some of the most common DIY projects homeowners in preservation districts want to tackle. From simple landscaping projects to replacing privacy fence boards, DIYers in Landmark districts can accomplish many projects without ever needing to apply for a COA. However, Historic Preservation + Design Specialists do suggest researching the Design Guidelines in the Cherokee Triangle preservation district as well as giving the Urban Design team a quick call (502-574-6230) to verify your DIY project falls under “general maintenance” prior to beginning work.

Accomplishing both of these easy steps at the beginning can save homeowner a lot of headaches later. After all, the main idea behind DIY projects is that they should save the homeowner time and money. Whether this savings is financial or a presumed time savings for a later date, do not be intimidated to take on your next DIY project! The Planning and Design Services’ Urban Design team provides a free resource to help you to reach the goals you set for your property.



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Update on our 2020 Membership Survey

By Jeff Quigley

First off, many thanks to all of those who filled out the Cherokee Triangle Association Membership Survey that was sent out in March. We had ninety-five respondents who answered a wide range of questions that were designed to help us better understand our members and their hopes for our neighborhood. The volume of responses and quality of the comments truly exceeded our lofty expectations!

What shall we do with this information?

Our first goal is to better understand priorities for the neighborhood. Among the highest are historic preservation, the maintenance of our tree canopy, and neighborhood design. The CTA has heard your input and plans to focus on these areas for the rest of 2020 and into 2021. Our second goal is to raise engagement with current members, while getting more folks to join the Association. More than forty respondents offered to serve on various Cherokee Triangle Association committees, and we are reaching out to those people to get them involved. Finally, we aim to improve the quality and attendance at our existing events and offerings by incorporating your feedback into future planning. While the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair and Summer Concert series got generally high marks, we found low historical attendance at many of our other events like the Winter Potluck and the Annual Membership Forum. These are key areas for improvement.

Obviously, the COVID19 pandemic has affected our ability to gather and to plan new events for the foreseeable future. We are optimistic that by raising our communication and engagement with all CTA members, we can better understand how to make the neighborhood a better place—whether we can see each other up close or at a distance. We are taking this opportunity to rethink some previously established ways of carrying out our mission. We regret that we will not be able to host the Summer Concert series this year.

Once again, many thanks to all of the survey respondents. If you would like a copy of the full survey, you can reach out to me at jeff.quigley@gmail.com, and I'd be happy to send the results along. We will also be sharing the full results electronically on our website in the not too distant future.

Become a member of the Cherokee Triangle Association by mailing in the envelope from the Spring newsletter or at <https://cherokeetriangle.com/membership/>

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A Fond Farewell to Lilly's

By Susan Rostov, the Roving Reporter

How many people do you know who everyone agrees is an icon, an institution, a powerhouse? Perhaps you can count these people on one hand? In our community, Kathy Cary represents that institution, the woman respected as an entrepreneur, the founder of Lilly's, a mentor to Louisville chefs, a person using her culinary talents and expertise to help nonprofits. For over forty-one years, Kathy has created a place where our neighbors have enjoyed fine dining in a warm, welcoming setting. Unfortunately, Kathy has announced that Lilly's will close at the end of June.

Kathy shared the path she followed to become a culinary pioneer. As a youngster growing up in Louisville, she started reading *Gourmet Magazine*. Her mother had taken cooking lessons with Camille Glenn, another famous Louisville chef who wrote for *The Courier-Journal* and who lived in the Cherokee Triangle. So between her reading and learning to cook from her mother, Kathy gravitated to the restaurant world.

Her first culinary gig was in Washington, D.C. where she began catering. She landed small jobs because she could specialize. Many people preferred intimate gatherings— she cooked from an apartment she shared with a friend. She was in D.C. when the movie *All the President's Men* was filmed and was hired to cater a party.

Word got around about Kathy's great food and attention to detail. She continued to hone her skills. She supplemented her income by working at a retail store. An upscale restaurant, The Big Cheese, hired her to be their lunch chef. She helped with catering Henry Kissinger's wedding reception!

Kathy, who is deeply rooted in Louisville and attached to her family, returned home. She met her husband, Will Cary, while he was working at the posh Fig Tree at Third and Broadway. Kathy auditioned for a job there by preparing a meal for the decision-makers. Of course she was hired, but after a year she gave it up to become a fashion director at Stewart's Dry Goods. That position provided her the opportunity to travel to New York City with all of its fabulous restaurants

In 1976, she and Will married. Again the cooking world beckoned. She opened La Peche in 1979 at 1147 Bardstown Road. In 1984, she expanded LaPeche. In 1988, she opened Lilly's at its present location and named it after their daughter. She expanded that space in 1989. Then in 1994, she moved LaPeche to Holiday Manor. At this point, the two restaurants employed eighty-five people; the business required constant attention. Training, cooking, customer service— it was a huge undertaking to consistently operate fine dining, catering, and carry out. In 2006, Kathy decided to consolidate, and she closed the Holiday Manor outpost.

Kathy also found time to fulfill her commitment to community. Her grief at the loss of two special people—her grandmother and her good friend Michael Lyles—propelled her to start a cooking program at The Cabbage Patch, a long established community center in the heart of Old Louisville.

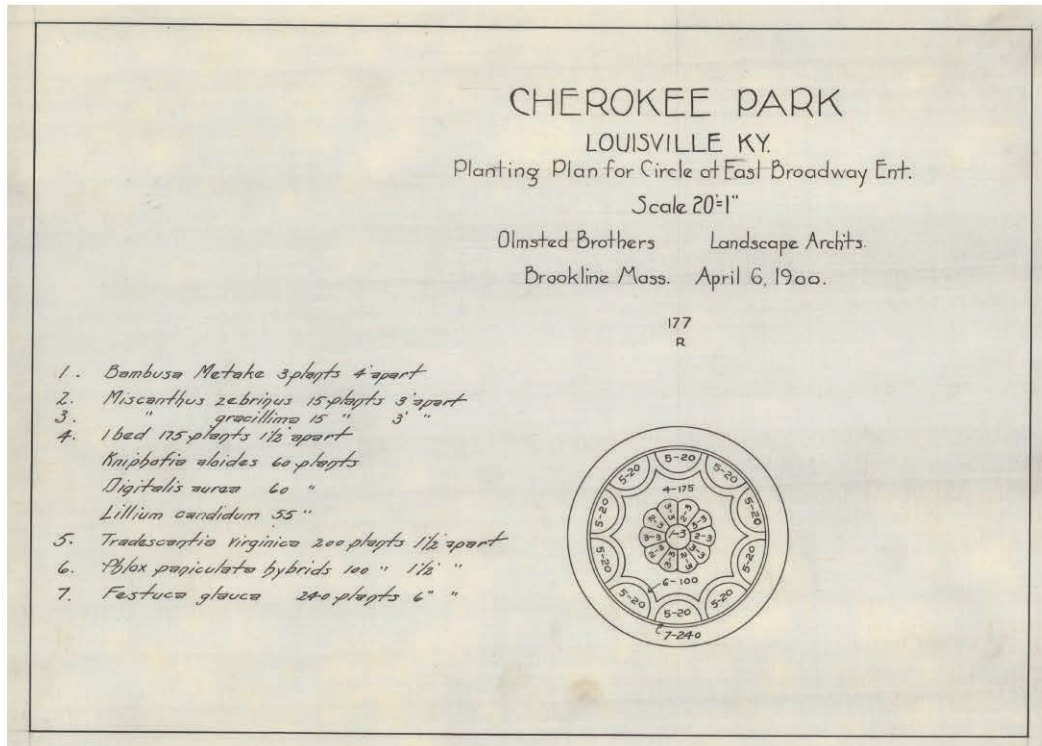
No doubt about it, Kathy Cary has provided amenities for many special events in the Triangle. She has contributed to the fabric of our city, often behind the scenes. Kathy has left a big footprint, and she stands as an icon, an institution, and a power house. While closing Lilly's and LaPeche, she is considering other options. She would love to see someone step up to take over Lilly's name, menu, and staff, and continue the tradition of premier restaurant that she and Will have worked for years to provide. Good luck, Kathy. Our neighborhood will miss your hospitality. We wish you well in all of your future endeavors. So say I!



Camille Glenn celebrating her 100th birthday at Lilly's

National Trust for Historic Preservation Statement on Confederate Monuments

(Excerpted) “Although Confederate monuments are sometimes designated as historic, and while many were erected more than a century ago, the National Trust supports their removal from our public spaces when they continue to serve the purposes for which many were built—to glorify, promote, and reinforce white supremacy, overtly or implicitly. While some have suggested that removal may result in erasing history, we believe that removal may be necessary to achieve the greater good of ensuring racial justice and equality. And their history needs not end with their removal: we support relocation of these monuments to museums or other places where they may be preserved so that their history as elements of Jim Crow and racial injustice can be recognized and interpreted.”



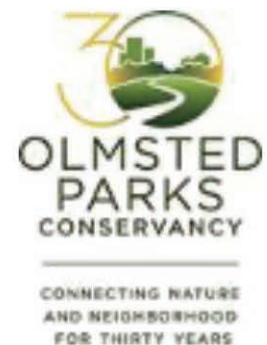
Cherokee Triangle representatives met with members of the The Committee on Public Art, Olmsted Parks Conservancy, and Metro Public Works—and have decided to reference the Olmsted Firm’s original Planting Plan for the roundabout site (1900).

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