



Cherokee Triangle Association Newsletter

Serving the Service Industry: APRON Supports Restaurant Row

By Kristen Miller

For years, Louisville residents have referred to Bardstown Rd. in the Highlands as “Restaurant Row” thanks to the large number of locally owned eateries that dot its length. Proximity to these restaurants (and the watering holes that have sprung up around them) forms one of the perks of living in our area, where an evening of great food and entertainment often remains just steps away.

The engines that make these local businesses run are the chefs, cooks, servers, bartenders, and staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to give their customers a fun and relaxing experience. But this year, when efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 forced restaurants to close their dining rooms, then later had to restrict capacity and operating hours, many service industry employees found themselves out of work—and out of options.

In a business where employee pay depends on tips from customers and where typical benefits such as employer-sponsored health plans are uncommon, restaurant closures were a real crisis for friends and neighbors who are part of the food and beverage economy. Luckily, a local nonprofit offers support services for industry employees and was ready step into that void.



APRON, Inc. was founded in 2011 to assist employees of independent restaurants who are experiencing financial distress, and while it has typically supported individual service workers going through personal health issues, they pivoted quickly to respond to the industry-wide challenges posed by the pandemic. The organization had awarded close to \$250,000 in grants to members of our local independent restaurant community over its entire lifetime. In the weeks after the pandemic began, APRON approved more than 550 additional grants to the tune of another \$250,000.

Chef Dallas McGarity of The Fat Lamb, which sits adjacent to the Cherokee Triangle at the corner of Bardstown Rd. and Grinstead Dr., has been a supporter of APRON. He says the service it provides to restaurant employees is a lifeline:

“APRON has helped a few of my restaurant friends get through some pretty serious times. A good friend had cancer and he needed their assistance throughout some of the therapy. They basically helped keep him from becoming homeless. I think APRON is an important organization in our community because there aren't a lot of resources that restaurant workers have if they become unemployed, injured or ill. They are a foundation of stability in a very unstable working environment.”

Cherokee Triangle neighbors can contribute to APRON to continue its mission to support the service industry employees who mean so much to our local economy. Make a donation at their webpage, www.aproninc.org, or designate APRON as your charity of choice when you shop at Kroger or on AmazonSmile.

Hello Cherokee Triangle Neighbors!



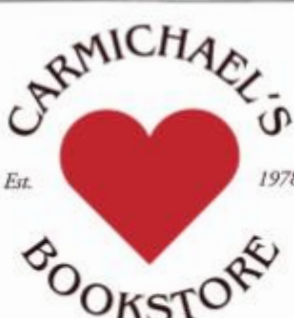


It is an honor to be your Metro Council Member-Elect, and I look forward to working with you all over the next four years. I hope that we will be able to engage in significant projects together. One of the things I hope to focus on is making our district more walkable—improving our crosswalks, calming our traffic, promoting public art and green spaces. I hope that we can make improvements to our infrastructure that will help our district grow and thrive. We also have a role to play in thinking about ways to make our city more equitable and just. Recent events have shown us just how interconnected every part of our city is, and I hope that we can find ways to form meaningful relationships with other districts as we all work for systemic change.

I'm already working closely with Council Member Coan to ensure a smooth transition on January 4th, and I'm spending the next several months getting myself up to speed about the needs of our neighborhoods. I hope that you will reach out to introduce yourself and tell me what you think we can do to make the Cherokee Triangle and our city better. My email address is cassie.chambers.armstrong@gmail.com and my cell phone is 502-705-3666.

Thank you for the role you all play in making the Highlands such a special place to live.

Warm regards,
Cassie Chambers Armstrong
District 8 Metro Council Member-Elect



CARMICHAEL'S BOOKSTORE is really excited to be open again! We have been a proud member of the Louisville community for 42 years and remain committed to serving the community. In working through the current challenges, it is amazing to know that we are doing so together as one city, one community, and one people. Reading is essential right now and we hope it brings you joy.

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Progress on the Neighborhood Plan

By Leslie Millar, CTA President

Claire Yates, an Urban Planner with the Louisville Metro Office of Advanced Planning & Sustainability, met with several members of the Cherokee Triangle and Bonnycastle Advisory Group to craft a vision statement, a challenging and significant milestone in the neighborhood planning process. With the great help of the vision statement focus group (Alison Cromer, Tiffany Fabing, Tim Holz, Leslie Millar, Debra Harlan Richards, and Deirdre Seim), the passage below has been refined from a rough draft to a shared vision for the future:

“Cherokee Triangle and Bonnycastle, situated between Cherokee Park and the vital Bardstown Road and Baxter Avenue corridors, are desirable areas with tree-lined streets and an eclectic mix of architectural styles. Both represent unique and livable urban edge neighborhoods that maintain a healthy mix of residential and commercial activity. The National Register-listed Cherokee Triangle Historic District is also distinguished as a local preservation district by the Landmarks Commission. The Bonnycastle neighborhood, part of the Highlands National Register Historic District, maintains its historic assets while it adapts to the lifestyles of new generations. Both neighborhoods originated as streetcar suburbs, and they continue to value the preservation of their historic urban design. This plan builds upon a long and rich history and seeks to ensure that these neighborhoods remain safe and walkable and that they continue to sustain a diverse and inclusive community.”

The planning process is on-going. Please check in often and leave comments on the website—www.ctbplan.com—and subscribe for news and updates. Your feedback is vital for shaping the future for our historic neighborhood.



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The Beckham Bird Club

By Carol Besse

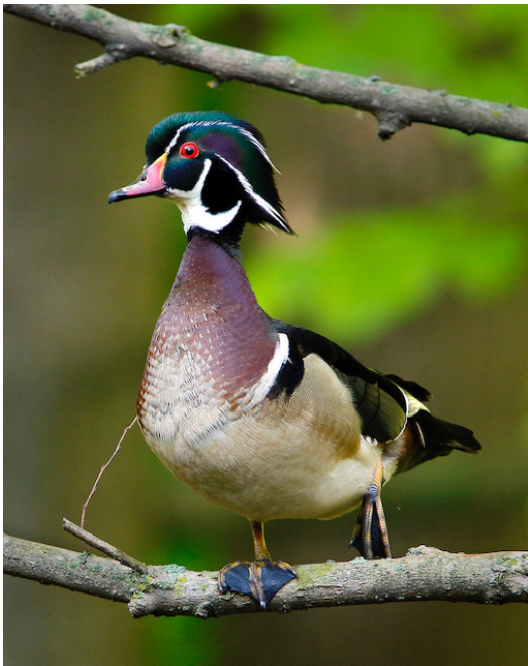
The coronavirus has caused many changes in the way we interact with the outside world. One of the most encouraging is how many more people are noticing and appreciating nature. Perhaps because they're home a lot, perhaps because the outdoors is a safer place, and perhaps it's simply that the pace of life has slowed. The Beckham Bird Club has noticed an uptick in interest in the hobby of birding, and our experience is matched at clubs and nature centers across the country.

If you've found yourself paying more attention to the goings-on in your backyard or your local park, especially with the birds, the Beckham Bird Club (BBC) is a great resource. The club dates to 1935 when it was formed by a group of local people interested in birds, nature, and conservation. BBC is named for Bardstown native Charles Wickliffe Beckham, the first Kentuckian to gain a national reputation in ornithology. The club caters to anyone interested in birds, from backyard observers to experts in ornithology and ecology.



Prothonotary Warbler by Pam Spaulding

Over the past 85 years, the club has encouraged and engaged thousands of Louisvillians in the appreciation, identification, and study of birds. In normal times, the club holds monthly meetings featuring presentations and talks on birds and nature, and leads field trips every weekend throughout the year. You may have seen Beckham birders out conducting a bird census in Cherokee Park. Unfortunately, social distancing guidelines have forced the club to cancel activities for the remainder of 2020.



Wood Duck by Pam Spaulding

Luckily, Cherokee Triangle members have several nearby spots to pursue a newfound love of birds on their own. In Cherokee Park, the Nettelroth Bird Sanctuary can be found on the Scenic Loop at the foot of Maple Road (currently closed to cars). The sanctuary was established in 1958 and is managed by the Olmsted Parks Conservancy and BBC. For a two-minute virtual tour of Nettelroth visit olmstedparks.org and choose Projects and News. Another wonderful place is Cave Hill Cemetery, which is home to many bird species year-round including owls, ducks, and songbirds plus a wide variety of migrants in spring and fall.

If you're someone whose interest in nature has been piqued recently, we invite you to join BBC. You'll find a welcoming group of enthusiastic birders willing and anxious to help you learn more about this fascinating hobby. Follow news of the club at our website beckhambirdclub.org and keep looking up!

Cave Hill Cemetery Seeks New Arboretum Status

By Nick Morris

Cave Hill Cemetery, the beautiful city of the dead, may well be the quintessential good neighbor. The Cherokee Triangle and Cave Hill share a common history and border along Grinstead Drive. It is a real privilege to have a 300-acre green space in such close proximity. The Cemetery got its start in 1848 with the unique purpose of operating as a garden cemetery. With great leadership through the years, Cave Hill has become not only a beautiful final resting place, but the city's only accredited arboretum. An arboretum is defined as a place where many kinds of trees and shrubs are grown for study and display. Cave Hill has long been recognized as a green oasis in the heart of the city, a wildlife habitat now totally surrounded by an urban landscape.

Cave Hill is well known as one of the finest arboretums in the United States. The grounds crew maintains over 600 varieties of trees and shrubs making a visit an unforgettable experience. Since 2014, Cave Hill has established itself as a horticultural leader, having proudly attained the official status as a Level II Accredited Arboretum. They are not resting on their laurels. The Cave Hill Heritage Foundation is looking forward to taking their accreditation to the next level. The Foundation has set their sights upon moving to Level III Arboretum status, catapulting Cave Hill to be among only four cemeteries across the globe with such a distinction. This effort will involve a multi-step project that will consist of three phases. Completion is expected by the end of 2021.



Historic 'Henry Clay' Ginkgo tree, section N

In Phase One, Cave Hill will partner with The Davey Tree Expert Company, a leader in the arboricultural industry. The process will start by walking all 296 acres of the cemetery to create a full and accurate tree inventory. Crucial data will be collected, and a formal assessment of every tree's overall health and condition will be catalogued. It is estimated that over 6,000 trees will be involved in this process.

With **Phase Two**, the results of the tree inventory will be interpreted, allowing the teams to accurately gauge the health and vitality of the canopy. A formal management plan will be created to enhance the value of the tree collection to the community. This plan will also help guide future generations of horticultural leaders at Cave Hill.

Phase Three will begin upon being fully accredited as a Level III ArbNet Arboretum. This will allow the internal teams to access other arboreta around the world, learn best practices and be ahead of issues that may arise. Externally, you will see enhanced educational programming, new interpretive signage, along with many more initiatives. There will also be collaboration with universities and peer organizations to solidify an environmental stewardship model to address long term landscape management needs and biodiversity within Cave Hill.

The Cave Hill Arboretum Accreditation Project is certainly an ambitious endeavor and will offer tangible benefits to the Cherokee Triangle, as well as the entire Metro area. The inventory and collaborations will result in cleaner air, help offset the urban heat island, offer educational opportunities, and a lift of the spirit with a walk or drive through the cemetery.

A good neighbor indeed! And, there is the recent creation of an Apiary - a collection of beehives. The Cave Hill Honey is now available for purchase at the Baxter Avenue main entrance.

For those neighbors interested in learning more about this important effort to enhance Louisville's only urban arboretum, here is their contact information: www.cavehillcemetery.com/arboretum Michael Higgs, Cave Hill Heritage Foundation, (502) 813-7761.

He who plants a tree
Plants a hope.
Rootlets up through fibres blindly grope;
Leaves unfold into horizons free.
So man's life must climb
From the clods of time
Unto heavens sublime.
Canst thou prophesy, thou little tree,
What the glory of thy boughs shall be?

Lucy Larcom

A Profile of Cindi Sullivan of TreesLouisville

By Susan Rostov, the Roving Reporter

If ever our country was in need of hope, it is now. If ever there were a person qualified to deliver hope via trees, it is Cindi Sullivan. Yes, that Cindi Sullivan---the one who has spent her entire life planting, educating, collaborating with other like-minded folks on saving and improving the environment, and creating and expanding our tree canopy. Nurturing action! While you may have lost track of her because she no longer appears on TV on a regular basis, Cindi continues to be active in word, thought, and deed in the tree community.

Cindi's roots reach long and deep in the local horticulture culture. She grew up in Lexington. At her father's side, she learned the techniques of gardening and also gained a respect for preservation of the environment. Early in her childhood, her dad got a job managing a UK research farm. Living on a farm reinforced Cindi's love of land. Her mother worked for 61 years in the UK College of Agriculture. It comes as no surprise that Cindi earned a degree in Horticulture from UK.

Cindi will be the first to say that from early on in her long career her real passion has been Horticulture---not always working the soil but some aspect thereof. Every job she has had, starting with developing a community gardening program at Operation Brightside, has allowed her to develop skills that would lead to her next career move.

Today Cindi works as the Executive Director of TreesLouisville. In this position, she utilizes her horticultural talent and knowledge, her lyrical verbal gift, and her organizational expertise, which is a must in any collaborative endeavor. Her high energy level ensures her success in the position.

TreesLouisville's mission is ambitious:

TreesLouisville is a catalyst for conserving and increasing the community tree canopy to achieve and maintain 45% overall canopy coverage. Our goals are to catalyze broad civic engagement through education and public awareness that promotes preservation and expansion of the Louisville and regional tree canopy as a necessary and invaluable asset, and to optimize the public and private financial stewardship plan to increase the community tree canopy.



Collaborative programs: Beechmont Community Center Tree Giveaway, Where Art Meets Science: Planting at Falls Art Foundry, Replanting Rubbertown. A major focus today, in addition to regular neighborhood engagement and partnerships, is the three year goal of planting 10,000 landscape-size trees in the expansive Rubbertown section of Jefferson County ----the highly industrialized part of Louisville that is the historic source of air quality issues.

Advocacy: Successfully revising the land development code.

Sustainability: Community Canopy Program

Education & Engagement: Canopy Corps Volunteer Program

Funding: Tree Rebate Program

Education: Teaming with JCPS

Sustainability + Collaboration: Roadside Reforestation

TreesLouisville President Henry Heuser says, “Cindi is a terrific leader and a strong collaborator. She is equally comfortable with her distinguished board and Metro Council members as JCPS maintenance crews on the 70 school campuses where TreesLouisville has planted to date.”

Please visit the website: treeslouisville.org

One last word about the energetic, charismatic Cindi Sullivan---she also has her own consulting firm chs consulting, llc. The Roving Reporter is so happy to have had the opportunity to chat with and interview the indomitable Cindi Sullivan. So Say I!



Photos by Mike Hayman

5 Steps to Researching Your Historic Home

By Nancy Gordon Moore

Many Cherokee Triangle residents live in homes that are 100+ years old, which means a lot of history has occurred in your house. Finding out about the house itself, the people who lived there, and other historical information is like solving a puzzle. It takes some sleuthing, but the curious will find an extensive list of resources available. Researching in the middle of a pandemic is more challenging, since only some of the necessary references are online, but the public library computer system (with their extensive microfiche records and databases) is now open by appointment only. (lfpl.org/appointment). Those interested in getting a library card or seeking research help can call Ask a Librarian by phone: (502) 574-1611.

1. Start by learning about the neighborhood and its development from the History section of the CTA website (cherokeetriangle.com), the book Cherokee Triangle: A History of the Heart of the Highlands, by Samuel W. Thomas or The Cherokee Area: A History by Anne S. Karem.
2. Next, identify the architectural style of your home, which will provide clues about when it was built. Houzz has a lot of resources or try "House Style Guide to the American Home." Notice not only the exterior, but any original interior details.
3. Talk with neighbors, particularly long-time residents, who may know more about the people who lived there and other stories.
4. Begin searching for documents and photos. For example, the annual Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps or Mendenhall's Maps (online) show which parts of the Triangle were built during what time period. Between Cave Hill and Patterson was the Henning-Speed subdivision, and it was the first to be developed (1880s – 1900). At that point, the Slaughter, Longest and Barringer families joined in (early 1900's). This 1905 Sanborn Map (Vol 5) shows Cave Hill and Cherokee Park, but there were no homes for 1.5 blocks on the northeast side of Everett beyond between Grinstead Dr. (Transit Ave).



5. Great information about the occupants (and sometimes professions) can be found in the old City Directories, organized by street address. It's free to access at the library or \$8/ month on Fold3.com (You'll need to keep in mind the city renumbered all the houses in 1907, so if your home is older, you'll have to figure out the original number.) The UofL Library Archives has a treasure trove of information about the Triangle, including access to the enormous Caulfield & Shook photo library. Old census records, newspapers and even Cave Hill's records can help you discover who lived in your home and when they passed away.

Researching your home is very satisfying and helps you feel connected to the rich history of the Cherokee Triangle neighborhood

Review of Draft Guidelines for Preservation Districts

By Savannah Darr, Planning & Design Coordinator, Planning & Design Services

Exterior changes to properties in Louisville Metro's local preservation districts, including Cherokee Triangle, go through the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) process. Staff or the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) review these changes with the Standard Design Guidelines. There are Guidelines for windows, doors, siding, paint, roofing, retaining walls, fences, and more. The last update of the Guidelines was in 1997. Since then, there have been advances in sustainable technologies and building materials. Additionally, preservation methodologies have evolved.



The Historic Landmarks & Preservation Districts Commission acknowledges the need for historic properties to take advantage of green options as well as new building materials and technologies while retaining historic character. In 2015, a grant was awarded to Louisville Metro, and in 2016, a consultant (Nore Winter and Associates) was selected to prepare Draft Guidelines. Serving as an update to the existing Guidelines, the Draft Guidelines continue preservation policies that were in place, clarify provisions, and utilize many of the same illustrations.

The Commission is forming a subcommittee to review the Draft Guidelines and hold public meetings for discussion and feedback. The most recent version of the Draft Guidelines is available on our website for download. There is also a comment area. We are encouraging everyone governed by the Standard Design Guidelines to provide feedback.

To view or download the most recent version of the Draft Guidelines, please visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/standard-design-guidelines-update>. If you have any questions regarding the Draft Guidelines, the approval process, or anything preservation related, please contact Landmarks staff at (502) 574-6230.



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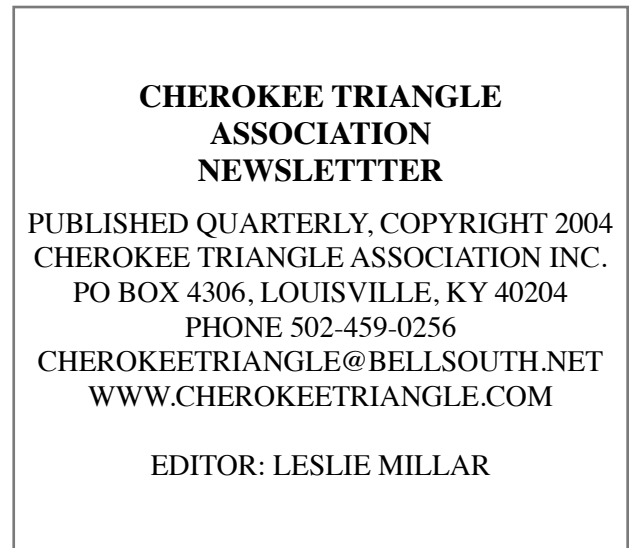
By Kristen Miller, CTA 2nd VP

Following the city's removal of the Castleman statue in June, the Cherokee Triangle Association Board of Trustees Rebranding subcommittee sprang into action to begin the development of a new neighborhood association logo. This team of volunteers is comprised of several neighbors with previous professional experience--or interest in--communications, message development, and graphic design.

The subcommittee's objective is to create a new logo that represents today's Cherokee Triangle neighborhood and its residents. The Rebranding group plans to create a positive, forward-looking logo that will unite our neighborhood, express our shared priorities, and serve the area for decades to come.

The subcommittee started work by drafting a detailed creative rationale document that combines elements of the neighborhood's history with the stated mission of the Cherokee Triangle Association and initial results from the recent resident survey (conducted as part of the neighborhood planning process). The team used this information to bring forth a brand personality for our neighborhood and to identify challenges, opportunities, and key audiences. Once completed, the rationale was submitted to a team of volunteer graphic designers to inform their design work.

When draft designs are completed, the subcommittee will evaluate each potential logo and solicit the input of neighborhood stakeholder groups before submitting any approved designs to CTA members for a final vote. The CTA will keep you updated as this process progresses. Stay tuned for more in the coming months.



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Registration is \$25 and comes with a performance t-shirt & an Olmsted Parks Conservancy membership (discount for existing members). All proceeds from this event will go towards new signs in our Olmsted Parks to improve the park user experience.

www.olmstedparks.org/challenge





Open House

In-person: Sunday, October 25
JK-12th Grade, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Reservations are required for this event.



Virtual: Sunday, November 1
Lower School, 12:30-1:45 p.m.
Middle School, 1:45-3:00 p.m.
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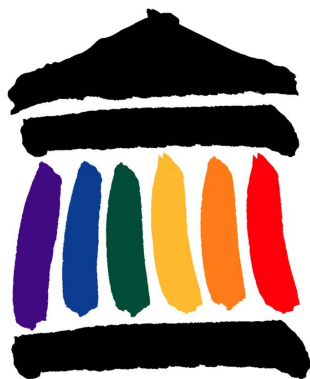

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