

Cherokee Triangle Association Newsletter

2021 Cherokee Triangle Art Fair Cancelled

By Jim Gibson and Leslie Millar

The 2021 Cherokee Triangle Art Fair has been cancelled. Jerry Lyndrup, one of the longtime Art Fair Co-Chairs, says: "Our committee spent weeks evaluating every possible option, and at this time we feel like this is the only safe and responsible decision. With the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, April is just too soon for a large-scale public event."

Preparations for the annual Art Fair continue year-round, and the intensity ratchets up in November when artist applications begin rolling in and the members of the jury start selecting the artists who will be included.

With critical decision points looming (and security deposit deadlines approaching) the committee remains reluctant to begin planning in earnest as COVID-19 infection rates climb across Louisville.

Art Fair Co-Chair Antonia Lindauer, who oversees artist selection says, "As Artist Co-Directors, Glen Elder and I had detailed discussions about logistics for holding an art fair during a pandemic. We kept returning to the safety factor. We all recall clearly when we had to evacuate the event area some years ago during a tornado threat. The safety of our artists and guests is always at the front our minds, and we didn't feel we could guarantee that safety during this time."

Lyndrup cites concerns not only about attendee safety but also the safety of the many Art Fair volunteers and artists who travel from across the country to participate in the annual event.

Lyndrup reassures, "We have big plans to really do it right in April 2022."



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Dear Neighbors,

In this season of thankfulness, celebration, and reflection, I am grateful for our community. Many of you may already know that my husband and I welcomed our second son shortly before Thanksgiving. Adding a new child to the family can be a chaotic event under ideal circumstances, and I have to admit I was worried that—with everything going on in the world-it would feel more isolating than normal. But I was wrong. Over the past several weeks, many friends and neighbors have stopped by with food, dropped off new baby essentials, and called to see if we need anything. People have offered words of encouragement and neighborly help. We have been surrounded by kindness and thoughtfulness from friends both old and new.



It has been a nice reminder that, even though we are not physically present for each other in the same ways, we are still all very much connected. And for me, it has been a privilege to feel how strong those bonds have remained despite the challenges that we have faced in 2020. I feel lucky to live in a neighborhood where people come together to help each other, and I commit to doing what I can as your District 8 Metro Council representative to make those connections even stronger as we begin a new year. Thank you for the ways you support and build that sense of community for us all.

Contact me with any questions or concerns. My email address is <u>cassie.armstrong@louisvilleky.gov</u>, and my cell phone is 502-705-3666.

Wishing you a healthy and happy 2021, Cassie Chambers Armstrong, District 8 Metro Council Member

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Financial Update

By Wes Cobb, CTA Treasurer

For most neighborhood associations, with budgets of a few thousand dollars and few financial obligations, the job of treasurer is an easy one. The Cherokee Triangle Association has been fortunate to have significant resources at its disposal. Weather permitting, the CTA Art Fair can generate a healthy amount of revenue for the Association. After paying fixed costs associated with the Art Fair itself, the profit is used by the CTA to benefit our neighborhood. This includes Willow Park maintenance and improvements, tree plantings and tree maintenance, infrastructure, numerous charitable donations, forms of communication (like this newsletter) and funding a small part time staff. The profits also fund numerous neighborhood social events (including the annual Potluck Dinner, Membership Forum, Summer Concert Series, Membership Party, and Fall Family Festival.

Our sound financial footing was disrupted last year when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the CTA to cancel the Art Fair and all other events indefinitely. With the Association's major source of revenue gone, the Board went from a break-even enterprise to one burning cash. Complicating matters, the Association's fiscal year runs from July through June, meaning the Art Fair occurs in our fiscal fourth quarter; as a result, the CTA had already amassed nearly a full year's worth of expenses prior to the cancellation.

My predecessors in this role have been excellent stewards of the CTA's resources, building up a kitty of roughly three years of operating expenses. That buffer has now gone down to two years' worth of reserves, but that amount is dwindling, albeit at a much slower rate than last year. Coming in to fiscal 2021, the CTA Trustees approved a budget that dramatically reduced expenses—particularly for events—and backloaded discretionary expenses, like capital projects and charitable donations, until fiscal Q4, so that we could monitor whether the Art Fair would happen.

The CTA knows there will be no Art Fair in 2021. Other upcoming in-person events will stay on hold for the time being. As a result, the Board remains in a sort of financial hibernation, with minimal revenue and minimal expenses for the foreseeable future. Fortunately, the Association has sufficient cash to operate in this

scaled-back fashion for several years to come.

The good news is that the Triangle will need to tighten its belt for too long. With vaccines rolling out across the country, it seems nearly certain that 2021 will witness the minimizing of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CTA hopes to be a ble to resume "normal" operations by the beginning of calendar 2022.

I look forward to the day when the Treasurer can once again sign checks for our traditional events!



Getting Social in a Time of Social Distancing

By Kiera Murphy, CTA Social Media Manager

Last December, the CTA Board of Trustees decided to increase their social media presence and hire a designated manager. Who could have anticipated the year we would have ahead of us and the changes that would happen in how we could interact? The coronavirus has made everyday life difficult: having to cancel special events and limit seeing friends, family, and neighbors, and having to work from home. We still want to feel connected during this time of isolation, and we've had to get more creative with the ways we communicate.

Just like many of you, The Cherokee Triangle Association has had to cancel social events during 2020, including the beloved Art Fair. But also like you, we've tried to adapt. For instance, since March, the CTA Board of Trustees started having their monthly meetings over Zoom, instead of in person. (Triangle residents are still welcome to attend! Please contact me for login and password.) As lucky as we are to live with technology, we still

miss being together and attending events like the Willow Park Summer Concerts with family and friends. However, until the time comes where we can safely interact again, let's continue to be patient and to connect in alternative ways.

The CTA has been able to up our social media game this year, and we hope that those who follow us on various platforms find the content helpful and enjoyable. Our Communications Committee has some fun ideas and activities in the works for this year. We welcome your input, and we'd love to have you join us as a volunteer.

Always feel free to send a direct message via the



cherokeetriangle.com platform or get in contact with me, Kiera Murphy, Social Media Manager, by emailing digitalmarketing.cta@gmail.com The CTA hopes to have our neighbors interacting online and sharing/tagging more photos and posts this year. We want to create a fun and safe digital presence that promotes a grater sense of community in the Triangle while keeping our neighbors healthy, safe, informed, and connected in a positive way.

If you're not following the CTA social media, here's how to find us!

Facebook: @CherokeeTriangleAssociation Instagram: @Cherokeetriangleassociation

Twitter: @CherokeeTriangl (not a typo, there is no "e" due to space allowed)

Nextdoor: Cherokee Triangle, Cherokee Triangle Association (group)

Pinterest: @CherokeeTriangle

Spotify: Cherokee Triangle Association

^{*}All accounts listed and linked on the CherokeeTriangle.com website

Charging Stations

By Susan Rostov, the Roving Reporter

The Roving Reporter definitely likes to rove hither, thither, and yon in her gas-guzzling Toyota convertible. While the Cherokee Triangle and the Highlands take great pride in their historic ambiance, not all is of a historic nature. New gadgets are springing up. Lately as I've tooled around, I've noticed more and more small, inconspicuous geometric objects. Finally, I realized these unusual sightings are charging stations, that is, outlets to charge environmentally friendly electric cars. For me this occurrence creates a dilemma—should I continue roving in a gas-guzzling car, while at the same time philosophically embracing protection and preservation of the environment? More and more others share this dilemma. One obvious partial solution, which many people are choosing, is to buy an electric vehicle.

As a matter of fact, last year American purchased 242,000 electric cars. That figure represents about 2% of the 17 million new cars sold annually, but the number is increasing and will probably continue to do so under an administration that takes climate change more seriously.

President Biden is taking a three-pronged approach to reducing oil dependence: funding for a network of a half million charging points; tax credits to buyers of electric cars; and money to fund research. His transition team has advocates for the new

technology. General Motors CEO Mary Barra joined forces with the Biden initiative (and also with California's effort) to at reducing carbon levels. At long last, the planets have aligned.





If electric cars are a win-win proposition, are there any downsides? Taxes to maintain the roads and highways currently come from the purchase of gasoline. Owners of electric cars use the roads, but they don't pay the same taxes. President Biden has also said that his "electric vehicle policies will help create one million new jobs." The UAW disagrees with this. Electric cars seem to require less labor in production.

Back to charging stations. Locations are easy to find by googling ---you guessed it---"charging stations." There are numerous sites throughout Louisville. Google shows a map that pinpoints where they are located. Look to a side bar that provides exact street addresses.

Louisville Gas & Electric has an informative website: https://lge-ku.com/environment/alternate-fuels-road/ev. Those in need of a charge can find answers or can call LG&E for more information if required.

It will be interesting to see how this new technology evolves. The Roving Reporter for one is considering going to a dealership to examine electric car options! Maybe you might want to give a new mode of transportation some thought. So say I!

FYI – Many thanks to Nancy Moore for providing research for this article.

The State of Business in the Highlands

By Nick Morris, Highland Commerce Guild

The Triangle has experienced a 2020 like no other, with COVID-19 affecting us as we could never have imagined. Especially hard hit are small businesses, particularly restaurants. Many treasured institutions have been able to persevere in the face of adversity, but daily operations continue to pose a real challenge. Here is an update of the newest ventures in the Highlands, along with some major losses. We welcome these latest arrivals:

Goodfellas Pizzeria has finally secured a location after a 10-year quest. They will operate out of The Baxter, a mixed-use residential and commercial building at the corner of Broadway and Baxter Ave. Goodfellas will offer New York-style slices. They expect to start serving in early 2021. The Pizzeria is joined in The Baxter complex by Shred 415 and Carali's Rotisserie Chicken.

PG & J Dog Park Bar, 800 Baxter Ave., expects to open in January. PG & J will offer food and drink, with grooming and training for canine companions. Non-dog owners are welcome.

Maple Street Biscuit Company, 1004 Bardstown Rd., will take over the space formerly occupied by Yang Kee Noodle. This fresh-made biscuit concept is hot right now, and Maple Street offers items like all-natural chicken and a variety of appealing toppings. They provide quirky names like the "Squawking Goat" sandwich.

Parkside Beer Garden will open at 1369 Bardstown Rd. The owners plan to convert the existing structure to an open, wood-frame pavilion. The front yard will serve as a patio, and food trucks will pull in back.

I Love Tacos will take over the space occupied by Panera Bread at 1534 Bardstown Rd. The restaurant has experienced success with its first location, and so the proprietors decided that the Highlands would embrace their authentic Mexican cuisine. They will feature a simple "comfort food" menu of home-style cooking, including tacos made from scratch.

Georgia's Sweet Potato Pie Co. will have a storefront for the first time, setting up operation at 1559 Bardstown Rd. The popular pies have been available since 2017 at food outlets, including local farmer's markets. They will have an in-house bakery and a retail space, and the location will also serve as a platform for the company's "Pie with Purpose" initiative, with the goal of getting free books into the hands of children. Plans are to open sometime in January.

Fun Boba Tea has set up at 1613 Bardstown Rd. They feature a Taiwanese based tea, along with slushies and smoothies. With their unique ingredients, they create healthy drinks that are high in antioxidants.

The Highlands has also suffered a notable loss of restaurants, including some that have been fixtures for decades. Lilly's blazed a culinary trail for the past 30 years. Kathy Cary has regrettably retired, but she says the restaurant space is fully outfitted and waiting for the right restaurateur. The Uptown Café, which set a high standard for 35 years, unfortunately closed due to the pandemic. The Comfy Cow shuttered after 6 years at the busy intersection of Bardstown Rd. and Eastern Pkwy.

How can we actively support neighborhood businesses, even with restrictions on shopping and dining that have been put in place? **Buy Local** is probably the single best mantra that can help sustain our community. Challenges remain because some businesses, particularly restaurants, may be serving at 50% or less capacity. Triangle residents can get creative by utilizing outdoor dining, curbside pickup, home delivery, gift card purchases, and online shopping. As LIBA (Louisville Independent Business Alliance) often states, approximately 67 cents out of every dollar spent at a small business remains in the local economy. Ultimately, shopping local leads to job creation, keeps storefronts occupied, and contributes to vitality in the Highlands!

Three previously reported projects are all on track, but the virus has impacted when they open. At the historic property at 900 Baxter Ave., Weyland Ventures is still planning a boutique hotel and an adjoining restaurant. The former Wash-O-Rama at 1125 Bardstown Rd. is slated to be razed and replaced with a new building consisting of 40 hotel rooms, including a bar and restaurant. And the beleaguered "Ballet Building" at 1300 Bardstown Rd. is finally undergoing restoration, with plans for a 21-room apartment-hotel and an accompanying restaurant.

These ambitious projects should be good additions for the Highlands. In the meantime, stay safe—and Buy Local!

Winter in the Triangle

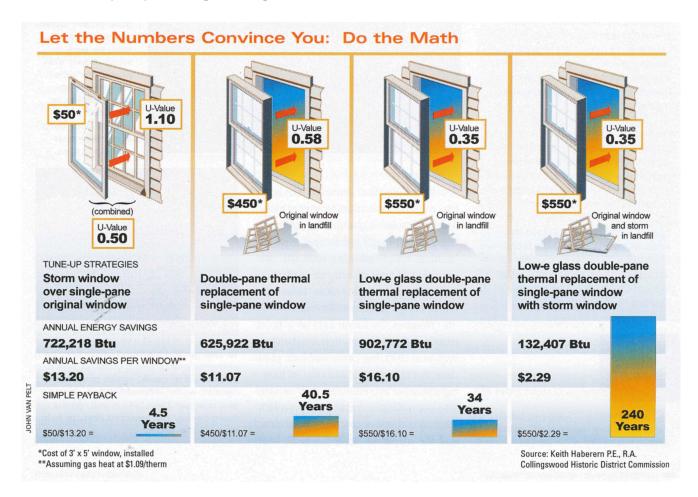
By Savannah Darr, Planning & Design Coordinator, Develop Louisville

Weatherizing your historic home can make the difference between feeling warm and cozy or freezing during the winter months. Loose fitting windows and doors, gaps in exterior walls around plumbing and electrical conduits, and poor wall and ceiling insulation are typical sources of air leaks. Plenty of misinformation abounds about the efficiency of historic windows and doors. According to the National Park Service, "The common misconception that replacing windows will save as much as 50% in energy costs is simply not true. The windows in many historic buildings have functioned for more than 100 years and, with regular maintenance, will usually survive longer and work better than any replacement window. A replacement window does not generally pay for itself in a reasonable length of time. Unlike historic windows, new window assemblies cannot be repaired; they can only be replaced once again."

For your historic Cherokee Triangle home, first, ensure that windows and doors have been weather-stripped properly. Choose a product that lasts more than one season and covers gaps of various sizes. One suggested material is spring bronze. Not only is it effective and durable, but it looks beautiful and ages to a nice patina. Second, ensure that your windows and doors are painted and properly glazed. This maintenance helps prevent rot and deterioration of the wood and damage to the glass. Lastly, Landmarks strongly encourages storm windows on the exterior or interior. Many attractive storm windows are available that compliment historic houses. These can make a dramatic difference in the efficiency of your historic windows and doors and can improve your comfort.

Have a wonderful winter!

As always, if you have questions, please contact Landmarks Staff for assistance 502-574-6230.



The Opening of the Legislative Session

By State Senator Morgan McGarvey

The General Assembly just gaveled to order and this session is going to be an important one. Because last year's session was cut short, we'll have to pass another one-year budget. On top of that, we have to address the fallout from the global pandemic. However, increased Republican supermajorities in each chamber aren't going to make it easier. Already we're seeing their priority bills focus more on direct, partisan power grabs and less on helping people. While we will have differences, I hope some of the partisanship can be put aside so we can get people and small businesses the relief they need. That's my plan and my commitment as your neighbor and as the Minority Leader.

As I come to Frankfort every day to fight for us, please never hesitate to reach out. You're my boss. I really do appreciate hearing your thoughts and concerns on everything from traffic plans to racial justice. Please send me an email at morgan.mcgarvey@lrc.ky.gov, call or text my cell at 502.432.1979, or connect with me on social media. I'm always glad to hear your feedback and try to help out, or even just add you to my legislative newsletter so you can keep up with what's going on in Frankfort.



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Call for Tree Volunteers

By Wes Cobb, CTA Treasurer

Would you like to participate in a tree-related project in the Cherokee Triangle? Read on!

In the member survey conducted in 2020, one of the most consistent responses that the Trustees heard was that the Triangle's trees and green spaces remain among the most valued assets in the neighborhood. Year after year, the CTA has invested several thousand dollars' toward park and tree maintenance, showing a commitment to maintaining and improving the Triangle's green spaces.

The Board decided that we should celebrate the 10th anniversary of our first survey of trees planted in the public easement between the sidewalk and the street by refreshing the survey and identifying opportunities for tree canopy "in-fill."

The plan will be to recruit "block captains" to lead an outdoor, socially distant survey of each block to identify and report the missing street trees. The Association will organize a tree planting for the early spring to fill in some of the holes.

The CTA needs you to help identify good locations for tree plantings! If you would like to serve as a block captain or to participate in the tree survey, please email cherokeetriangle@bellsouth.net.

Cherokee Triangle/Bonnycastle Neighborhood Plan

By Leslie Millar, CTA President

The Advisory Group of the Cherokee Triangle/Bonnycastle Homestead Neighborhood Plan continues to help to refine the vision and goals of the neighborhoods, examine existing conditions, and make recommendations for development and public policy. The final, publicly-vetted and approved plan will offer a to-do list and advocacy guide for residents and businesses in the future.

Louisville Metro Government's Office of Advanced Planning & Sustainability (along with consultants from Lord Aeck Sargent, Gresham Smith, and Envrons, Inc.) conducted a virtual workshop from October 28th until December 4th so that neighbors would have additional opportunities to provide input on the plan elements, design best practice recommendations and proposed open space and mobility project recommendations.

On December 11th, the Advisory Group met with the planning team to finalize the Vision statement and review the four major plan components: Historic Preservation, Land Use & Community Form, Mobility, and Open Space & Environment. A first draft of goals and objectives will be reviewed by multiple agencies and organizations (such as TARC, Public Works, and the Olmsted Parks Conservancy) before moving on to the next stage of approval.

The city's planning team will soon conduct a third public survey in which they seek: to gather feedback on prioritization of the plan's recommendations; to check in with the Advisory Group and discuss the plan contents and implementation strategy; and to publish a draft plan document for public review and comment.

The Cherokee Triangle Association Board of Trustees is represented in this process by Leslie Millar, Jen Schultz, and Deirdre Seim, along with many other neighbors and business leaders.

Please continue to check in and give feedback via https://www.ctbplan.com



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Highlands-Shelby Park Library

By Susan Rostov, the Roving Reporter

Now is definitely not the time to tarry. The future of our Library branch remains unclear. The Highlands-Shelby Park Library in the Mid-City Mall is in danger of downsizing, which will impact users, neighbors, and staff. This library's geographic service area includes the 8th, the 10th, and the eastern half of the 4th Metro Council Districts. Changes will depend on the budget process to be worked out between Louisville's Mayor and Metro Council. Any reductions will happen now, not down the road.

Exactly what does a severe budget cut mean for all the people who frequent the library? Paul Burns, Communications Director for Louisville Free Public Library, and Beth Nahinsky, Branch Manager of Highlands-Shelby Park Library, provided the Roving Reporter a complete list of the services now offered:

Youth Services - weekly:

- Storytimes—are geared to families with preschoolers, babies, and toddlers and emphasizes language acquisition techniques for parents and caregivers. Participants will acquire skills to help prepare preschoolers for learning to read.
- After School Program—emphasizes Makerspace and STEAM activities (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). During Makerspace, youngsters will design a project from start to finish, utilizing techniques such as knitting or book binding. The After School Program helps students with homework.

Outpost – open 3pm to 9pm Monday – Thursday, 3pm to 5pm Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday. Onsite activities:

- Teen Social Club-provides fun activities with a teachable moment.
- Homework Help and ACT prep.
- Community service opportunities with organizations like the Coalition for the Homeless and KY Refugees Ministries to fulfill schoolrequired volunteer hours.



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Adult Services:

- Computers—Patrons can utilize the bank of computers from opening to closing. The Library provides classes on computer usage, job application and resume help, and offers ongoing support services.
- Proctoring—Currently, the Highlands-Shelby Park Library is proctoring five students.
- Community Groups Library staff gives outreach to community groups such as Dreams with Wings, Highland Community Ministries, and the Greater Germantown Business Association.
- Employee Recruiting-Businesses and organizations such as the US Census, UPS, and the hospitality industry send recruiters to the library to find suitable workers.
- Enrichment Programs The Library offers numerous, versatile programs for adults, including book groups, history presentations, mental health talks and "how to" classes, like making lotions and perfumes from essential oils. The branch collaborates with other community groups such as Hackerspace and Falls City Community BikeWorks.

• Meeting Room – Since 2017, the meeting room has been used by 93 community groups, including neighborhood associations, the Metro Council District 8 Advisory Board, Veritas and Women Who Write.

On top of all these year-round programs, our branch provides a summer reading program for students. Each child who reads and records ten books receives a tote bag full of rewards and prizes. The program was started in 1929. In Louisville, 30,000 students participate—more than in New York or Chicago.

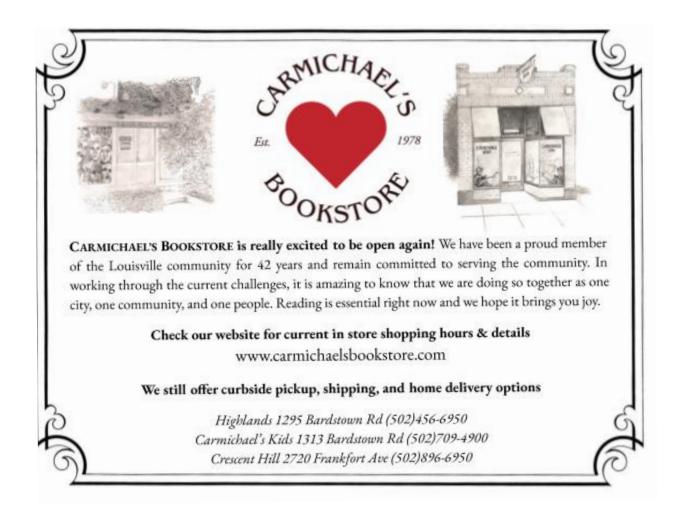
Imagine planning all of these essential activities. Imagine coordinating these activities. Imagine the challenges of staffing and finding people who have the knowledge and skills to cover the various programming. And finally, imagine accomplishing all of this with a staff of only fourteen people: three librarians and support staff. Make no mistake, being a librarian involves a lot more than just checking books in and out.

At this moment, residents can anticipate serious potential losses: a reduction in service hours including closures on Saturdays, reduced availability of the community room, and a loss of programming cutbacks due to staffing cuts.

What Can We Do? The picture seems bleak, but Triangle residents can let Metro government know how we feel about service reductions. Contact District 8 Metro Council Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (cassie.chambers.armstrong@gmail.com, or 502-705-3666). Spread the word to others in the community.

Stay informed. There's much being written about the role of libraries in the 21st century. Check out *The Library Book* by Susan Orleans, *Our Towns* by James and Deborah Fallows or *Palaces for the People* by Eric Klinenberg.

Public libraries provide a place for everybody for daily lifelong learning. Now more than ever, libraries play an essential, vibrant role in creating an educated populace. We must all do our part to continue this tradition. So say I!





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The CTA holds meetings the 3rd Monday of the month (except July and December) at 7:00 pm by teleconference. All are welcome to attend. Please contact digitalmarketing.cta@gmail.com for Meeting ID and Passcode.