



# Cherokee Triangle Association Newsletter

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## President's Letter: Updates and Future Plans

While the calendar may have turned over to a new year, COVID makes me feel a bit like Bill Murray's character in the movie *Groundhog Day* - *another winter and cases are spiking, the kids are in-and-out of school, and everyone's uncertain about their plans for the next few months.* I am normally an optimistic person, but I find myself more than a little frustrated by our inability to return to "normal," and I know many of you feel the same way.

In times like these it's especially important that we remain persistent in our work as an Association. Coming into fiscal 2022, my main theme for our work was visibility - how we create value for the neighborhood, and how we tell that story effectively. At the halfway point of the year, I'm pleased with our progress to date in this effort:

- Successfully launched our new logo, with positive reception from our neighbors, favorable coverage in the press, and some really solid merchandise.
- Outreach to new homeowners in the Triangle, with "welcome packets" going out once a month that include a letter from CTA, a sticker with the new logo, a copy of the architectural handbook, and a membership envelope. Early trends indicate the welcome packets have directly resulted in several new members.
- Held a handful of well-attended and well-received events, including the relaunch of our summer concert series and the fall family event in October. While we were forced to cancel the cocktail party and are going to defer our winter potluck into the spring, I'm proud of how we've worked to adapt events to COVID.
- Forged stronger connections with several non-profit organizations in the neighborhood, including Highland Baptist Church, Kentucky Refugee Ministries and Louisville Collegiate School.

While I am pleased with what we've accomplished, I am certain we still have more work to do. To that end, we are planning several more events for the neighborhood in the spring. First, we will be holding an annual meeting for the Association in March - exact date and venue TBD. We plan to hold a hybrid event, including both in-person and online participation options. Watch for updates via email and social media. We are also planning on the return of the art fair in 2022 on the last weekend in April (assuming the City is issuing event permits.)

Finally, if you'd be interested in becoming more involved with the association or possibly serving as a Trustee, we are recruiting candidates to join the board beginning in July. If you'd like to apply, or simply want to learn more, send us an email or reach out on social media and we'll be in touch.

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and happy, despite the challenges of the season.

Best regards,

Wes Cobb  
President, CTA

## Let's Get Social!

We want to see the Triangle through the eyes of its neighbors. So, one of our goals for our social media presence this year is to get Cherokee Triangle residents more involved in sharing and connecting with our neighborhood. For 2022 we've come up with a fun photo challenge that we encourage you to snap and share your personal pics in. Each month our theme will change, so if you don't have anything you'd like to submit for one challenge, you can wait for the next month's.

In order to participate or be featured on our Cherokee Triangle accounts, please follow us on both Instagram and Facebook at @CherokeeTriangleAssociation. When you share a photo, it's important that you tag our account in the post and enable the share feature. You'll also need to include the hashtags #CherokeeTriangle and #CherokeeTriangle<insert month>Challenge so that your photo will be visible and included with others being posted for that month's theme. (For more detailed instructions, write to Kiera Murphy at digitalmarketing.cta@gmail.com)



### *Instagram Monthly Challenge Schedule:*

- January- Wonderful Windows
- February- Pets of Cherokee Triangle
- March- Past and Present
- April- Architectural Details and Colors
- May- Gardens and Landscaping
- June- Carriage Houses
- July- Porches and Patios
- August- Streets Scenes and Alleyways
- September- Doors (Exterior or Interior)
- October- Spooky Spaces and Stories
- November- Stairways and Steps
- December- Holiday Decorations + Lights



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## Input sought on New Window Design Guidelines for Triangle Residences

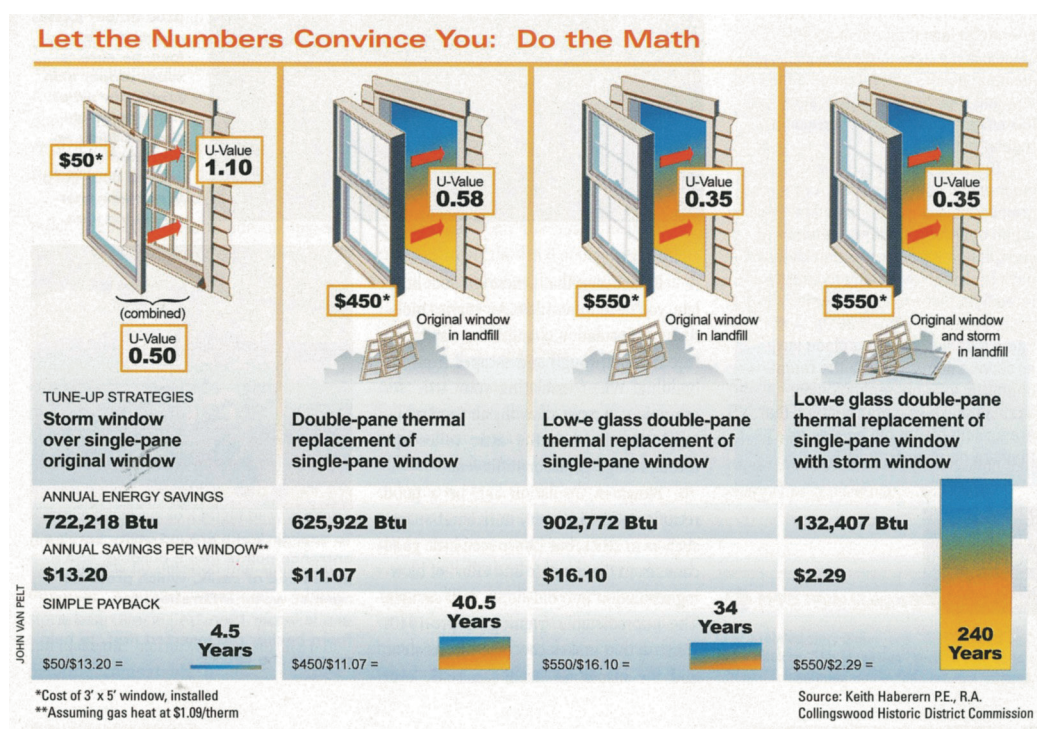
By Savannah Darr, Metro Planning & Design Coordinator for the city of Louisville

*Window Design Guidelines govern changes to historic properties in the Cherokee Triangle. Last updated in 1997, new guidelines are being developed to account for advances in sustainable technologies and building materials. Additionally, preservation methodologies have evolved. The Historic Landmarks & Preservation Districts 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 (<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/standard-design-guidelines-update>.) There is also a comment area. We are encouraging everyone to provide feedback.*

Review Process: 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, etc. Many of the guidelines follow federal regulations by focusing on preservation first and replacement last.

The Window Design Guidelines are a prime example as windows are generally character defining features of historic buildings. Historic wood windows were custom made for each building with old growth wood. They were also made to be easily repairable. Windows account for only 10-20% of energy loss in a typical home (much less than attics and doors), but when maintained properly, historic windows can be efficient. The attached chart compares the upfront cost, annual savings, and simple payback for four window strategies. However, the guidelines emphasize preservation of the front façade over the side and rear facades, which can have more leniency.

Download the most recent Draft Guidelines at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/standard-design-guidelines-update>. If you have any questions, please contact Landmarks staff at (502) 574-6230.



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## Community Safety Tips

By Nancy Gordon Moore

Cherokee Triangle is among the safest neighborhoods in the city. Factors include strong community ties and the willingness of residents to work with the police. I recently spoke with Major David Allen of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division, who noted that even within the relative safety of the Triangle, there are still incidents. They've seen a slight uptick in robberies and car jackings, when normally months may go by without such events. The police are actively pursuing all leads and working with adjacent divisions in the Highlands area who have reported a similar pattern. (He indicated that most stolen cars are recovered within 24 to 48 hours.)

Maj. Allen's tips for situations where one might be confronted are to make no sudden movements, give them everything they ask for, then quickly find a safe place such as a neighbor's home and call the police immediately, even before contacting family or friends. The best breaks they get in solving crimes are quick reports from victims and also when uninvolved witnesses call 911, which helps them narrow the areas to search. The proliferation of home security cameras and video doorbells also assist the police in identifying suspects.



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## Fall Family Festival

By Jamie Conti

On a beautiful day in late October 2021 the Cherokee Triangle Association held a Fall Family Festival, for the first time in a few years. The goal of the festival was to bring our community back together, have fun activities for multi-generational residents in a safe and responsible way. The weather was beautiful, and scores of people turned up for food, fun, and community. The festival had a little something for everyone: a book fair; children's' activities; classic brats and dogs plus beer and wine (provided **Falls City Beer** and **502 Winery**); and a Bourbon pull (some high-end bourbons were donated by the Triangle board and residents, along with 4 VERY special bottles generously donated by our friends at **Old Town Wine & Spirits**).

Special thanks to **Carmichael's Bookstore** for donating over 1000 books, to the **Filson Historical Society** for their generous book donations and to our top sponsors: **The Bellweather Hotel** and **Parkside Bikes**. Music was provided by two great local bands, Pat Younger and the Paloverde, and Nervous Melvin and the Mistakes. A heartfelt thank you to Leslie Picken and Kim Maney for their herculean effort in the book fair and the 30+ neighbors and board members who turned up to help make the day a success. We were thrilled so many people were able to get out and enjoy. It served as a very small tune up for the much-anticipated return of the **CTA Art Fair**, which will be held April 30 to May 1, 2022. We hope to see you all out there!



**The Volunteers of the Cherokee Triangle Association** are always looking to serve you and the neighborhood.

Please take 5 minutes to tell us about what matters most to you as a resident, guest, or business in the neighborhood.



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## Focus on Triangle Homes: 1289 Cherokee Rd

By Nancy Gordon Moore

I had the pleasure to connect with the owners of a beautiful home on Cherokee Road near Longest, Kris and Wendy Sirchio. It is a lovely 3-story home built in 1900, and featured in the Samuel W. Thomas classic book on the Triangle. The home is on a lot and a half, allowing for one of the few driveways in the neighborhood, exiting into the rear alley. The driveway features beautiful original stage coach doors, that have been lovingly maintained over the years. (Wendy credits Cunningham Doors with keeping the doors in peak condition.)



The dining room wallpaper, featuring leaping zebras on a deep red background, has a lovely backstory. It was originally designed for an upper east side restaurant called Gino on Capri. The building was severely damaged in a 1973 fire, and the owner, Gino Circiello, sought help from the House of Scalomandre, makers of iconic fabrics and wallpapers, to try to reproduce the original. It is now one of their most popular designs and has been seen in films by Woody Allen and Wes Anderson. Another unique feature of the home is found in the semi-finished basement. The Sirchios transformed an old brick-floored coal room into a private tasting room, complete with wine cellar, in keeping with Kris' consulting work for the beverage industry.

The third floor was originally split into small rooms with a low ceiling. They called on contractor and designer Ben Tyler to

transform the 3rd floor into an open, airy space with exposed brick and exposed beam ceilings. The carriage house in the rear now functions as a guest cottage, where their parents can stay when visiting.

Wendy is particularly proud of the extensive landscaping they have done in both the front and rear yards. Originally ringed with boxwoods, they wanted a less formal, low maintenance space for relaxing and entertaining. In search of an environmentally friendly design, they eliminated the grass to avoid the use of chemical weed controls.

**Focus on Triangle Homes** is a new recurring feature of the Newsletter. If you know of an interesting home or renovation project others might be interested in, please send a note to [cherokeetriangle@bellsouth.net](mailto:cherokeetriangle@bellsouth.net).

### ***Cherokee Triangle: A History of the Heart of the Highlands*** by Samuel E. Thomas

This gorgeous coffee table book chronicles the development of the Cherokee Triangle with stories of historical events and beautiful full-color photos of many of its iconic homes.

A limited number of copies of this book are available for purchase (\$40). The book is also available free of charge with the purchase of a Lifetime Membership, as long as supplies last. See enclosed membership details or contact CTA at (502) 459-0256.



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