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WinterFest 2015

On December 3rd the Deer Park Neighborhood Association and Highland Court will again join together for the our annual FREE neighborhood WinterFest.

The gathering will run from 6-7:30 PM at the apartment complex at 1720 Richmond Drive, across from Highland Middle School.

Santa will attend, take pictures with the children and give out gifts. You can also get your face painted! There will be drawings for Kroger gift cards and light refreshments.

In addition, students from the dePaul School will be on hand to sell handmade holiday greeting cards.

Come meet with neighbors and families for a lovely, compassionate way to start the holiday season!

Tree Plantings

This fall Deer Park Neighborhood Association planted 42 additional canopy trees. Twenty-seven are growing at the Passionate Earth & Spirit Center, on Newburg Road and 16 are in neighbors' yards. Because the trees were smaller, most residents were involved in planting their own trees. Please notice the "One More For The Canopy" signs in their yards!

The Tree Canopy Project will continue in the spring of 2016. If you are interested in planting one or more trees in your yard, contact the Deer Park Neighborhood Association at DPNA@DeerParkLouisville.com.

Help bring back the tree canopy to Deer Park!



A Little Library has popped up in the 1600 block of Richmond!

Terra Long, continued

Meet Terra Long!

We all know our District 8 Councilman is Tom Owen and we know a lot about him, but what about his legislative aide, Terra Long, who has been his right hand help for eight years? Who is she and what does she do?

Terra is a native of Louisville and lifelong resident of the Highland Douglas neighborhood. She grew up on the corner of Carolina and Weitstin and moved a whole two and a half blocks to Weber Ave where she raised her son Brandon.

She went to the now closed Belknap Elementary and then Highland Middle, finishing high school a year early at Atherton. She earned a Bachelor's degree from U of L in Police Administration with a minor in Criminal Justice.

Terra had a first career as an officer with the Louisville Metro Police Department, one of the first 46 female officers hired. She retired in 2006 after serving more than 20 years. Her favorite position was as Crime Prevention Officer, which is now District Resource Officer. This position let her work with the community in a problem-solving role.



Terra Long and her personal aide, Pepe.

Before signing on with Tom & District 8, she bridged the police department, city services and the community to solve issues that arose in Old Louisville. Part of her duties as legislative aide is attending neighborhood association meetings and sharing the latest happenings in the Council as well as upcoming events in the city.

She answers any questions attendees may have or makes notes for issues she needs to research. She is also responsible for compiling *The Bugle*, Tom's twice a year publication to the residents of District 8.

When you need a sidewalk fixed, to check on street paving, if the street light is out, or for questions of who to go to in government, give Terra a call! AND -- if you see a vintage yellow Mercedes convertible in the neighborhood, she's behind the wheel. Flag her down & thank her for all the work she does behind the scenes for and with District 8 residents.

Deer Park Welcomes Major Parks!

LMPD Fifth Division has welcomed a new leader, Major Shara Parks.

Major Parks has been with the police force for 15 years. She started as a narcotics officer in the Fifth Division and later worked in the Third and Fourth Divisions. She went on to serve as Lieutenant in the Chief's Office and most recently as the Commander of the Professional Standards Unit (aka Internal Affairs).

Major Parks is head of a Division of 91 people, 75 of whom are officers and detectives; 14 are commanders and two clerical staff.

One of Major Parks' goals is to improve communication between police and citizens. With this in mind, she has started Crime Safety Walks in the Fifth District. The first walk was on October 29, in the Original Highlands. Police, Police Advisory Board members and neighbors met at Broadway and Baxter and walked the neighborhood seeking citizen input on safety and other concerns.

She hopes to make new contacts by visiting other neighborhoods-- walking and talking, sharing ideas for a safer community.

Deer Park Neighborhood Plan Update

The Deer Park Neighborhood Plan Advisory Board has met twice. We are in the process of working with Metro officials to get our neighbors' input on what is good and what is not so good about life in Deer Park. These viewpoints are essential to our Neighborhood Plan – actually, they're the whole point of the Plan!

We had a booth during Cyclouvia to gather opinions, and we will be holding other meetings in the next few months for the same purpose. In the meantime, PLEASE take this online survey: or complete the insert in this newsletter and mail it in. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWS2YL9
Survey results will be included in the next Deer Park newsletter.

Also, we'd like to recognize and thank our neighbors who've given their time and talent to serve on the Advisory Board:

Alan Scherer
Jody Caldwell
Susan Harmon
Jason Greenberg
Drew Shryock
Larry Rother
Jason Cissell
Eddie Kupper
Dr. Cathy Hammond

Please check our Facebook page for continuing updates on the progress of our Neighborhood Plan.





Solar panels installed on Deer Park garage roof.

Growing Cluster of Deer Park Neighbors Going Solar

Some years ago our Quadrant Avenue neighbors, Tim Darst and Angela Lincoln, put solar panels on their home. Being concerned about climate change and the fact that Kentucky is so coal dependent and polluted, we decided to talk with their installer, Jeremy Coxon of *SunWind Power Systems, Inc.*, about the possibility of going solar ourselves.

Jeremy came over, checked out our roof, and spent some time talking about possibilities. He told us we should first reduce our electrical demand by following some simple steps. After that, we could determine just how much electricity we needed, which would determine how many solar panels were required. Over the next year, we reduced our consumption over a third by doing the most impactful things on his list. They included:

- Reducing phantom energy leaks by plugging TV's and computers and such into power strips and turning them off at night and when we're away;
- Heavily insulating the attic;
- Changing light bulbs to CFLs or LEDs; and

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Welcome New DPNA Members

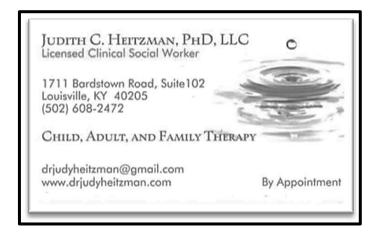
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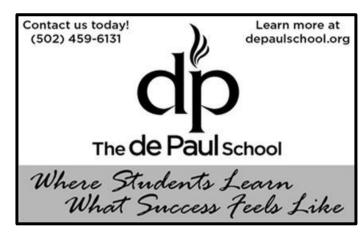
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Solar Panels, Continued from Page 3

 Replacing an air conditioner (the only expensive item) that was a million years old and ran pretty much nonstop over the summer, with an air conditioner that had a 19 SEER rating. (SEER ratings refer to the energy efficiency of the air conditioner. The higher the SEER rating, the less energy used.
 We got a nice energy tax credit on this, by the way.)

Still, the price then of going solar was just too high. It would have taken over 25 years to pay for itself and we balked.

Recent years have seen a huge drop in solar costs and the government is offering a 30% tax credit on systems installed before the end of 2016. A number of our neighbors are considering solar. Jackie and Cindy Green, around the corner on Stevens Avenue, have paneled their entire garage roof and plan on producing more energy than they need just to help the environment. We found the most logical option is to stay connected to the energy grid. That way you don't have to purchase batteries or notice any change in your energy use. Sometimes you might be overproducing and feeding the electrical grid and other times you need some energy from the grid. LG&E charges or credits your bill depending on your monthly use, but you cannot get a check if you overproduce.

We got back in touch with Jeremy (*SunWind*) and have just installed a system that should meet 100% of our electrical energy needs and pay for itself in about 11 years, probably less when taking into account the rise in energy costs over time. It was pretty painless and I'd highly recommend it to anyone who can go solar. The company is local and uses panels manufactured in Oregon. The inverter is made in Indiana. Find him at sunwindpowerinc.com.

David Maxwell



DPNA Board Member Profile

Charles Puckett and his wife, Marsha, have lived at the northeast corner of Stevens and Hartman since 1996. Their cat CiCi joined them in 2004.

Charles is a proud graduate of Ohio State University with degrees in Education and Business
Administration. He retired as an administrator from the Kentucky Office of Vocational Administration in 2013. In retirement, he is putting to use his forty-year-old Education degree by substitute teaching and volunteering at Our Savior Lutheran School. Hobbies include home maintenance, reading and jogging the streets and by-ways of our Deer Park neighborhood.





DPNA President's Message

I am fortunate to share the office of President with Susan Harmon this year.

The late Marnel Moorman, President of the Kentucky Education Association, wore a button that read 'IF NOT NOW, WHEN?"

NOW is an exciting time to be a resident and a member of the Deer Park Neighborhood Association. It is certainly hard not to be excited about all of the positive things that are happening and the opportunities they present.

I am proud of our board members, who strive to represent 2500 households in the Deer Park neighborhood. Because of their determination and dedication, the difference we make today, makes all the difference tomorrow.

I am extending an invitation for you to send in the membership application (on back of this newsletter) and be part of the excitement.

 Our first community yard sale was a great opportunity to bring neighbors together for a fun weekend.

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Come visit us! We will not disappoint you!

- Deer Park is very concerned about our environment and we have initiated an active tree-planting program, with more trees to be planted this coming spring.
- Art Cestaro is chairing our team for a neighborhood plan, to assure that we continue to preserve our heritage of a wellrespected, livable, lovable place to reside, work, raise a family and retire.
- On December 3, we will be partnering with our senior friends at Highland Court apartments for our annual WinterFest. Plan to attend this fun family intergenerational event with good food, Santa and pictures.
- The NeighborFest, our fourth year as a cosponsor, occurred the second Saturday in September and drew 350 people. Seniors, families, and singles all enjoyed a beautiful day and a fun event, with free food, games, pony rides, and music reminiscent of an old-fashioned community fair. We joined with our friends Deer Park Baptist and Bardstown

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"In The Highlands"

Edward J. Kupper Owner

> 1611 Norris Place 454-3919

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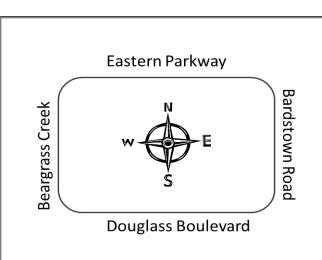
 Road Presbyterian Church to bring our community together in a free, compassionate Louisville event. (DPNA is one of three neighborhoods who have pledged to be a compassionate neighborhood)

Are you excited yet? We are - celebrating 41 years of representing our neighbors, and looking forward to 2016.

Have a great holiday season and thanks for being part of one of the most respected neighborhoods in Louisville. P.S.: A world of thanks to District 8 Councilman Tom Owen and his assistant Terra Long.

Alan Scherer, DPNA Co-President





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Metro Council – Tom Owen	574 - 1100
Mayor's Office	574 - 2003
School Board – David Jones	485 - 3566

DPNA Officers

Susan Harmon, Co - President Stevens Avenue
Alan Scherer Co-President Stevens Avenue
Marilyn Hrbek, Secretary Deerwood Avenue
Jeremy Songer and Jody Caldwell – Treasurer Douglass Boulevard

DPNA Board Members

The Deer Park Neighborhood Association (DPNA) was formed in 1974 to expand civic pride and foster a sense of cooperation throughout the neighborhood. Working with local government, the DPNA's goal is to solve common problems and maintain a high quality of life for all Deer Park residents.

The association is only as strong as its members; we encourage you to get involved! Meetings are open to all residents (homeowners and renters alike) and are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, 1722 Bardstown Road.

Join or renew today! It's never been easier!

Name:		
Address:		
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Mail this form and your dues to: **DPNA**

PO Box 5152 Louisville, KY 40205

Resident Dues: \$10.00 per year

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Membership is open to residents of Deer Park (homeowners and renters alike) and businesses physically located within Deer Park's boundaries. DPNA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Your dues may be tax deductible.

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