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Neighborhood Forum

Approximately 70 of our neighbors braved the cold on Feb. 11 to attend a public forum at Deer Park Baptist Church to express their opinions about the Neighborhood Plan. The shepherds of the plan, DPNA, Louisville Metro Planning and Design, and EHI Consultants, hosted the event.

Ken Baker, of Planning and Design, related the purpose and benefits of a neighborhood plan. Rachel Phillips, of EHI Consultants, described efforts made since October to gather input on key issues our plan should address. According to some 76 respondents to the survey, the best things about living in Deer Park are its location, character, "walkability," and great people. Among dislikes are noise, parking problems, rental housing issues, and sidewalk disrepair.

(If you didn't get a chance to fill out a survey, you can still do so at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWS2YL9.)

During breakout sessions, residents then discussed transportation and mobility issues, Bellarmine University growth, and land use.

Neighbors were also asked to give thought to a vision statement for the plan.

In the coming months, the Neighborhood Plan Advisory Group will receive an analysis of the forum's input and will share that report with the neighborhood in this newsletter.

Thanks again to everyone who attended!

Join Us: Volunteer

Deer Park is home to over 2,500 households. The neighborhood association strives to preserve the unique character of one of the best areas in Louisville to live, raise a family, and retire.

It is hard not to be excited about all the positive things going on in Deer Park. This year as we plant trees, develop a neighborhood plan, and hold events such as NeighborFest and WinterFest, we recognize the importance of every one in the community.

Renew your membership or join the Association by sending in the membership application. Help us to continue to make a difference.

From 1974 to now, our leaders have made DPNA one of the most active and respected associations in Louisville. We are looking for new board members. The election of officers and board members will be held on May 12. Service on the board requires attending one board meeting a month, on the second Thursday. To accommodate busy couples, we also allow a couple to share one position, with one vote between them.

If you are interested in the Deer Park neighborhood and its growth, contact a board member, or attend a board meeting held at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, March 10th or April 14.

Remember: the difference we make today makes all the difference tomorrow.

Debate for District 8 Seat

Candidates for Tom Owen's seat in District Eight, which will be vacant at the end of the year, plan to debate on Sunday April 17 at a location central to the district. Watch media for the exact location and time.

The debate will follow standard rules and guidelines, with one or two well-known moderators. Campaigners will answer questions from each of the 13 neighborhood representatives and area residents.

The last day to register to vote is April 18. A representative of the Jefferson County Clerk's Office will be present to register voters and share information on where to vote.

Follow-up news will appear on the DPNA website (DPNA@DeerParkLouisville.com).

The election will be on May 17, 2016.



Contributors

Thanks to the following writers who contributed articles to this newsletter: Estelle Benner; Art Cestaro; Carolyn Cromer; Marilyn Hrbek; David Maxwell; Carol Miracle; and Alan Scherer.

What Happens at DPNA Monthly Meetings?

Every resident in the Deer Park neighborhood is welcome to attend the association's board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month (except December). That's right! Your \$10 yearly membership dues not only pay for this newsletter and other activities, but also give you the right to participate.

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, 1722 Bardstown Road, graciously offers a room that is accessible at street level right in front of the church, where usually 10 to 20 neighbors gather for about an hour. Meetings are moderated by the board's president. Although only board members may vote, discussion is open to everyone present.

Certain things always happen. After minutes and treasurer's report are approved, Officer Kevin Mumphrey, of Metro Police Division Five, reports on local crimes. Then Councilman Tom Owen or his assistant, Terra Long, explains issues being worked on for the Highlands. Recent additional topics discussed include: development of the neighborhood plan and progress of the Tree Committee in planting more canopy trees in Deer Park. In new business, several candidates for District Eight Metro Council briefly introduced themselves and described their priority issues.

Some neighbors come a few times a year. Others come when they have a problem they hope the board can resolve, such as issues with businesses, parking, Bellarmine, or other neighbors. It's a good idea to let the board know prior to the meeting of any new business you wish to discuss. Attend as often or as seldom as you wish. You are always welcome. It's your neighborhood.

DPNA does not endorse any candidate.

Inspiring Neighbor

"Let us now honor inspiring Deer Park citizens." That is just what Tami Schott is. The woman saves lives and teaches others to save lives. Founder and chief instructor of CPR Solutions, she has been providing American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Classes since 1984. The courses include BLS HCP CPR, Heartsaver CPR AED and Heartsaver First Aid. CPR Solutions has been opening its doors for the past 13 years.

Tami and her mannequins are familiar faces at the St. Patrick's Day and Halloween parades, and the CPR Solutions sign in front of 1733 Shady Lane is hard to miss.

In a recent interview, she discussed past, present, and future challenges and plans of her company. With a background in trauma and ICU, Tami, a respiratory therapist, was hired 33 years ago by the American Heart Association. Popular demand for her classes led her eventually to quit her day job to teach life-saving skills full time.

She is proud to have participated in the AHA 2010-2015 effort to raise the number of out-of-hospital saves. That figure rose from five percent to 64 percent.

Medical workers, coaches, physical trainers, electricians, blasters, and LG&E Hydrodam employees seek CPR Solution's services. She does advertise on FaceBook and on the AHA website. Her customers must re-certify every two years.

She offers three classes weekly from her home. Often a company will "rent" her.



Recently a group from Planned Parenthood occupied her living room.

Teaching sites outside her home include classes for UofL Medical Associates, Treyton Oak Towers and daycare centers. She also instructs in the offices of doctors, dentists, and corporations, as well as in private homes.

Flexibility and initiative are prerequisites of a one-woman business, as is a willingness to work hard. She daily finds herself learning new technologies and new techniques in her field. She regularly attends AHA national conferences, the most recent held in Florida.

Although she has no present plans to extend her Louisville business, she is working in her hometown, Fairdealing, KY, to start CPR Solutions of Western Kentucky.

What does she like about living in Deer Park? Everything! It is centrally located to the people she serves, and is a safe place for her clientele. She and her husband, Jimmy Schott, will have been here 20 years come April.

In addition to teaching, Tami has done CPR on over 3,300 people. She offers free CPR to parents and grandparents of infants (children up to age 1).

She teaches hands-on CPR at Thunder Over Louisville and Cyclavia. Even her website is a teaching tool, as it offers AHA guidelines for doing compressions. Tami is the neighbor you want to have when you need help.



WinterFest

Trite, but true, "a good time was had by all" at the Dec. 3, 2015, WinterFest, sponsored by Deer Park Neighborhood Association and Highland Court.

Activities ranged from picture taking with Santa and gifts for the children to The de Paul School Team Five's sale of holiday, hand-crafted items.



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Each year The de Paul School (1925 Duker Ave.) gives its students a challenge: to find a way to ease suffering in the world. Students brainstorm, research, and debate until they have selected one or two causes. Teachers help students design “compassion projects” to address these issues. Some students work face-to-face with people or animals in need; others organize creative ways to raise funds for a good cause.

Although these compassion projects continue through the school year, on Dec. 18, 2015, at the Nineteenth Annual Compassion Celebration, seven school teams of K-8 students, as well as an office team, presented their work. A large crowd listened as teams and students described their projects and other opportunities to get involved. Slide shows, candles, music, and songs accompanied each grade's turn at the mike.

Team 5 collected donations for the Ronald McDonald House. Team 7 devoted themselves to Dare to Care, the American Cancer Society, and Highlands Community Ministries Adult Day Center.

With Blanket Louisville and Project Night Night, Team 3 helped St. Vincent de Paul Society of Louisville. Kindergarten and Team 1-2 sold ornaments to benefit W.A.G.S. Pet Therapy. Each student in Team 6 told about visiting elderly people at Signature HealthCARE of Cherokee Park.

Thanks in part to Team 4's interest in sick children, Make-A-Wish was able to send a girl to New York City to meet a ballerina. The Office Team supported the WHAS Crusade for Children. Team 8 concerned themselves with homelessness and hunger. Slides illustrated their effort to aid Dare to Care, Volunteers of America, and Teens for Jeans.

Headmaster Tony Kemper ended the program by encouraging all present to be “soft-hearted people.” For 45 years, The de Paul School has offered bright students with learning differences specialized, internationally-acclaimed instruction and catered to their individual academic needs.





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Tree Update

The Highlands Tree Planting Initiative 2016 Summit met on Jan. 31 at First Capital Bank of Kentucky, 2735 Bardstown Road, for a social hour and a training program for project managers. The Initiative is a collection of tree planters promoting best practice tree planting in the Highlands.

Speaking of which, Deer Park is planning another canopy tree planting this spring! Toward that effort, we have gained the help of Louisville's Urban Forester and our neighbor, Erin Thompson. She printed an aerial view of our neighborhood with properties highlighted in various colors indicating the density of trees from sparse to heavy. The neighborhood's tree committee identified a number of streets in dire need of trees and distributed flyers inviting home owners on those streets to order a tree (or two). **Our goal is to plant 50 new canopy trees this spring!**

We hope we've piqued your interest and encourage you to contact us at DPNA @DeerParkLouisville.com to be part of our canopy tree program. Become a Deer Park Tree Champion!

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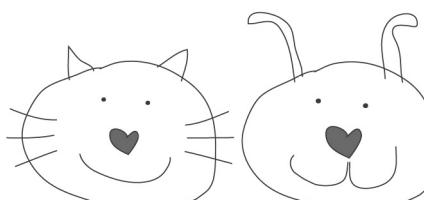


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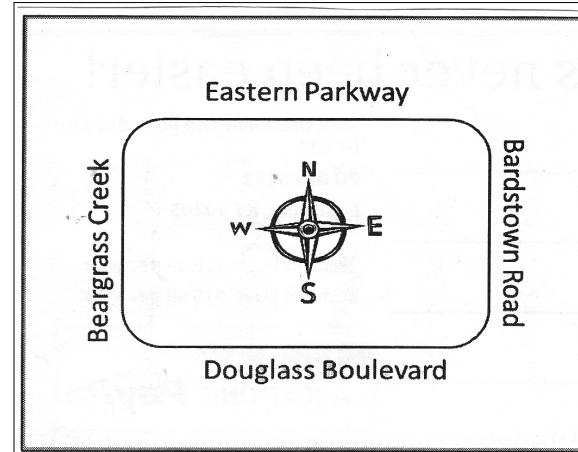
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| Metro Council – Tom Owen | 574 – 1100 | David Maxwell, Quadrant Avenue 314-2515 |
| Mayor's Office | 574 – 2003 | Tim Darst, Quadrant Avenue 459-8708 |
| School Board – David Jones | 485 - 3566 | Jeff Hughes, Richmond Drive 254-3256 |
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| DPNA Officers | | 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. |
| Susan Harmon, Co - President Stevens Avenue | 451 – 5235 | 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. |
| Alan Scherer Co-President Stevens Avenue | 459-9746 | |
| Marilyn Hrbek, Secretary Deerwood Avenue | 451-4939 | |
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