

Second Street Neighborhood Association

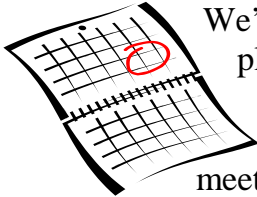


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SSNA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING AND DINING OUT



We've had a rainy June (great for the garden) and an achingly hot July (only the native plants have endured). Summer vacations have come and gone. Our trees are still standing despite the 70 mph winds a couple of weeks ago. Those yellow buses are rolling (finally!) for the new school year. And SSNA starts up its monthly meetings again. We invite all our neighbors and SSNA members to join us this **Sunday, 5:00 PM, August 28, at the Kling Center, 219 W. Ormsby**, as we resume our schedule of monthly neighborhood meetings. Second Street meetings are open to all and children are always welcome. See details inside Newsletter for prize drawings! After the meeting, please join us for a neighborly potluck dinner, hosted by Ken Herndon, 101 W. Ormsby Ave.

S. THIRD STREET CLOSED MIDDAY ON SUNDAY AUGUST 28

On Sunday August 28 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, S. 3rd Street from Liberty Avenue to Winkler Avenue will be closed due to Ironman Triathlon events taking place that day. From 11:30 to 2:00 pm, traffic will be allowed to cross the S. Third St only at Breckinridge, Kentucky, Hill, Cardinal Blvd, and Central Avenue and only when the area is clear of runners.



SSNA DONATES TO 'BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK' PROGRAM

President Jeff Call has authorized a donation of \$100 to an initiative organized by 3rd Street Neighborhood Association Mary Martin to cover the costs of including all children in the *Blessings in a Backpack* program at Old Louisville's Cochran Elementary School, 500 W. Gaulbert Ave, where 94% of the children receive a free or reduced-price lunch. The program is administered by Kentucky Harvest, which makes food deliveries weekly to the school. Volunteers put the food into the children's backpacks, which they then take home on Friday and return empty on Monday.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The neighborhood needs your help to coordinate the maintenance and improvements to our public spaces. The neighborhood is deeply committed to our improving and maintaining The Second Street Greens, Magnolia Park, and the numerous other public assets that we have installed and continue to support, including our benches, lamp posts, urns, and trash cans. We are blessed with terrific and active volunteers who love to get their hands dirty and work tirelessly. We need someone who can assist with planning and coordination: we need a longer term plan for our public spaces, some coordination of annual activities like planting and making sure that the Park and Greens are mowed and kept tidy, and help with the SSNA budget in planning any new improvements and maintenance. We will be asking for volunteers to help with this important and needed job. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jeff Call (502.635.7449).

SUMMER ACTIVITIES WRAP UP

SHOWING THE COLORS:

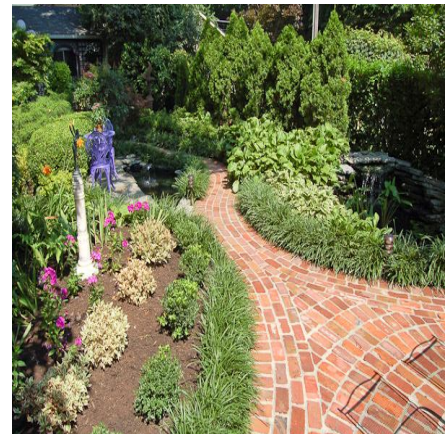
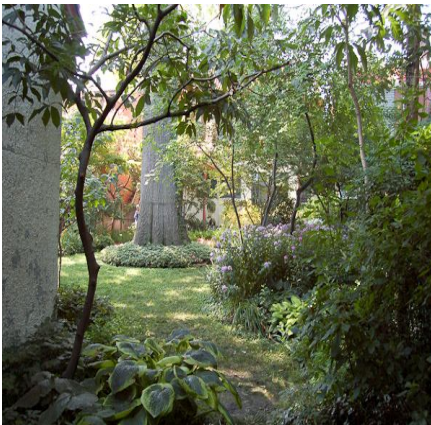
The Second Street neighborhood showed off its true colors on July 4th by flying hundreds of American flags along the Second Street corridor in front of houses, in the urns, and around the sign at the South Second Street Greens. Thanks to the volunteers who put them out for the 4th and collected them a day later--Ginny Keen and her granddaughters Savannah, Lily, Katie & Ava Keen (in the photo to the right), John Pierce, Cindy Cavelo, and Triza Wilkinson.



18th ANNUAL HIDDEN TREASURES GARDEN TOUR:

Located in the nation's largest Victorian residential area, the varied private, often hidden landscapes of the 18th Annual Old Louisville Hidden Treasures Garden Tour offered one-of-a-kind surprises to more visitors than ever from the Louisville Metro Area, Southern Indiana, and even points beyond. On the first weekend after the 4th of July, great weather graced eleven beautiful, private gardens and a carriage house along 2nd, Ormsby, 1st, & Ouerbacker Court. Visitors were also treated to complimentary refreshments and a silent auction in Haskins Hall and vendors' booths at the Conrad-Caldwell House, an ice cream social at the Kling Center, and an Art-in-the-Garden event at the DuPont Mansion B&B.

Many, many thanks to the good people contributing to the tour's phenomenal success this year: the hardworking co-chairs Judy Payne, Mary Chase, and Susan Marquardt and the rest of the committee who planned and organized the Garden Tour, the more than 80 volunteers who assisted with the event, and record-breaking 51 sponsors throughout Louisville who supported it with their donations. The two principal expenses of the event were underwritten by The Plant Kingdom, who sponsored our fan maps, and Judy and Larry Franklin of Franklin, Grey and White Law Firm, who sponsored the signature plaques given to the garden hosts for their participation. To see more photos and a full list of donors of this year's garden tour, go to <http://www.oldlouisvillegardentour.com/> and click on both the Photos and Sponsors tabs. The committee is already looking forward to the 2012 Old Louisville Garden Tour and hopes you are too!



SSNA OFFICER OF THE YEAR:

SSNA Board President Jeff Call selected Officer Dave Hall from the 4th Division for SSNA's 2011 Officer of the Year. Officer Hall, commended by a fellow officer for a number of remarkable apprehensions, is an Iraq War Veteran and has been in the 4th Division since 2005.

POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS & EMS PICNIC:

More than 80 police officers, firefighters, EMS providers, neighbors and special guests attended this year's SSNA-sponsored picnic on June 16, including Councilman David James and the 4th Division commander Major Kim Kraeszig. Many thanks to all the SSNA members, businesses, and organizations who donated food and money for the picnic. After the picnic, Helga Ulrich and Sonya & JoAnn Lockhart took food to the night shift officers at the 4th Police Division in Central Park. This event is an important way we let "first responders" know how much we appreciate the job they do.



Socializing Under the Tents



Bill Nunery Talking with Guests



Officers and Neighbors

SHARROWS ARE COMING TO S. SECOND STREET

At PIC's (Property Improvement Committee) Bicycle Sustainability Subcommittee meeting on August 8, Dirk Gowin of Metro Public Works indicated that this fall, where a bike lane does not currently exist on S. 2nd St, the center of the right lane will be painted with sharrows to indicate that bicyclists may use the full lane. A sharrow, a contraction for "shared roadway", is illustrated at the right. It is hoped that such markings will make it safer and easier for bicyclists to navigate 2nd St on their way to downtown. Bike lanes are also planned for S. First Street and for Brook Street (now two-way streets) after LG&E completes its work and after the streets are resurfaced. CM James has announced in his August 12 *District Six Dispatch* that this resurfacing will take place next spring.



ST. CATHERINE EXIT TO BE RE-LANDSCAPED

The Old Louisville Neighborhood Council has received funding from Councilman David James to re-landscape the St. Catherine exit. Luv-It Landscaping will be doing the work. In addition, the OLNC has adopted SSNA's sign design at the 2nd St. Greens (S. 2nd & Cardinal Blvd) for a new sign to be placed at the St. Catherine exit to welcome visitors coming off I-65 into Old Louisville. The SSNA Board has voted to contribute \$100 to OLNC for the St. Catherine exit sign project.

SPECIAL THANKS!!

Thank you to Jeff Call from the 1500 block and Stazi Fafilious from the 1700 block who together conducted a neighborhood walk last weekend to trim the lower branches from trees along the sidewalks from Hill Street to Cardinal Boulevard. This area was very overgrown, and the two worked for several hours trimming and cleaning up afterwards to get ready for the start of the new school year. It is now much easier for our neighbors and visitors to walk down the sidewalks without ducking under branches. Many thanks also to Patrick Garvey and Councilman James' office for lending support to haul off the two full pickup truck loads of limbs. Thanks also both to Jack Omac for the notification and to John Pierce for quickly coming to the aid of the neighborhood by repairing the damaged urn and lamp post in the lower 1400 block of S. 2nd Street before anyone got hurt.

ATTENTION ... ALL COFFEE LOVERS



Have coffee cravings? Smokey's Bean Coffee Shop at 1451 S.1st Street is sure to please. Smokey's Bean is owned and operated by Erin Lee with the help of four of her grown children. And, of course, Smokey, Erin's service dog, a chow/lab mix is there every day. Smokey was adopted from a Portland animal shelter when he was about 1 1/2 or 2 years old and a few years later, enrolled in a new program at Oregon Health & Sciences University that trains dogs to be service animals to people with diabetes. Now, Smokey is trained to recognize when Erin's blood sugar level gets dangerously low. He can punch in 9-1-1 on their home phone, or any phone with big numbers. He has even saved her life a couple of times. **YOU GO SMOKEY!**

Wi-fi enabled, Smokey's Bean is currently offering a 2-for-1 coffee or espresso discount to neighborhood customers. Coffee drinks can be served hot or iced, decaf or regular and with your choice of milk. Several kinds of frappes are also on the menu. Smokey's signature drink is the Smokey Carmel. A few other coffee drinks are named after Erin's kids. There is the occasional specialty drink--like the Madagascar Latte - made with Madagascar vanilla. It is "OUT OF THIS WORLD " The food menu offers bagels, pastries, pulled pork sandwiches, chips, hot drinks, bottled water and several kinds of cookies. Hours are: Mon-Thursday 7 AM-7 PM, Friday & Saturday 7 AM-2 AM, Sunday 12 PM-5 PM. What a nice place to go after work or on your neighborhood stroll. And, be sure to say "Hi" to Smokey.

– contributed by SSNA member Candy Price

ATTEND & WIN for AUGUST MEETING



2 Deluxe Folding Arm Chairs



8 GB Cruzer Thumb Drive



Igloo Playmate 16 Quart Cooler

One of our lucky attendees at Sunday's meeting will win their choice of prizes shown above. Choose a pair of deluxe folding arm chairs - just the thing for camping and outdoor activities. Or choose the high-capacity 8 GB thumb drive to back up files on your PC. Or, choose this versatile 16 qt Igloo cooler that holds up to 30 canned drinks. Congratulations to Michael Harper of Ormsby Avenue, who won a 4-piece bakeware set at the May meeting.

Must be present to win door prize! Membership not required!

SPECIAL \$45 DRAWING FOR SSNA MEMBERS: In addition to the attendee drawing, SSNA members are eligible for a special cash drawing. Last meeting's winner was Mary Ann Ray of Ormsby Avenue, who won \$35. Unfortunately, Mary Ann was unable to attend the meeting so \$10 will be added to the drawing for the August 28th meeting. At the end of the meeting, a name will be drawn from all paid-up SSNA members and if that member is present, they will win a **\$45 cash prize**. If the member is not present, \$10 will be added to the pot each meeting until someone wins.

Must be present to win cash prize! Current SSNA membership required!

(Potluck hosts will be counted as present. New memberships accepted at the meeting upon completion of Membership Application and payment of \$10.00 annual dues)