

Second Street Neighborhood Association



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SECOND STREET FALL CLEANUP & MEETING SUNDAY, SEPT 25



Anne & Tonja sprucing up entrance to Magnolia Park.

The 55th Annual Saint James Court Art Show is almost here! Starting Friday, September 30, over 200,000 visitors and artists from around the country will descend on the Old Louisville neighborhood for the Annual Saint James Court Art Show. This event is a real showcase for Old Louisville because it provides many people with their first look at our historic neighborhood.



Dismas volunteers taking a break before pizza arrives.

In preparation for our visitors, the SSNA encourages members and neighbors to come out this Sunday, September 25, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, for our Annual Fall Blitz. As we do every year, volunteers should meet at Magnolia Park on Second St., just south of Magnolia Avenue. From there, we will organize cleanup crews for the sidewalks, park, alleys, and tree trimming. Neighbors should bring rakes, shovels, brooms, bow saws, pruners, work gloves, etc., if you have them. If you don't have clean-up tools, we always have extra.

If you cannot work full time or have to come late or leave early, every minute you give is appreciated and leaves the neighborhood looking a little better! If you have other commitments for Sunday and cannot participate, please do the neighborly thing and do a cleanup before Sunday around your residence. And, if you have some elderly neighbors, give them a little help too! Also, be sure to give a big Second Street "thank you" to our Dismas Charity volunteers who will be helping Sunday!

P.S. Another reason to come: SSNA will be giving out a newly designed T-shirt to everyone!



FREE PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA!!

When the cleanup is finished around 4:30 pm, everyone should regroup in Magnolia Park. By this time, everyone should have worked up a good appetite because we will have plenty of delicious Papa John's hot pizza for our volunteers. **After pizza, the Association will hold a short business meeting in the Magnolia Park Gazebo around 5 pm.**

SAINT JAMES COURT ART SHOW FUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS



Todd provides information for customers going to the Art Show



Stan & Susan catch customers at the 2nd Street gate.



Mary, Melanie, & Ken staff the JCTC parking lot on Sunday morning.

Although people in Louisville often take the Saint James Court Art Show for granted, it is nationally recognized and ranked as one of the top art shows in the country. The Art Show (www.stjamescourartshow.com) attracts artists and visitors not only from the US, but from other countries as well. We hope they will all leave with a favorable impression of Old Louisville!

The Art Show, which runs Friday, Sept. 30th through Sunday, Oct. 2nd, provides the primary fundraiser for most OL neighborhood associations as well as the OL Neighborhood Council. The monies raised during this event fund neighborhood activities and improvement projects such as our Victorian street lights, benches, urns, plantings etc. that we all enjoy. None of this would be possible without the help of hundreds of volunteers. That is why we need you! This year we need extra volunteers – PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!

As we have done for several years, the SSNA will provide parking for Art Show patrons at the Jefferson Community & Technical College at Second and Broadway and provide a shuttle service to and from the Art Show. Jo Ann has already begun calling SSNA folks to help operate the JCTC parking lot. We need parking attendants, van drivers, and miscellaneous jobs. We hope everyone can volunteer at least one shift - or more! If you have not received a call, or if you are not an SSNA member but would like to help your neighborhood, please call: **Jo Ann: (H) 636-1751 (C) 548-3823 (after 6 pm) or (Email) jo-ann-lockhart@insightbb.com**. Most shifts are 8:15 am to 1:45 pm and 1:45 pm to 7 pm but partial shifts can be accommodated. Meeting people attending the Art Show and being part of this great event is really more fun than work and everyone has a good time. Hope you can be there!

THE GARVIN GATE BLUES FESTIVAL

Lovers of the “blues” will be happy to know that the **16th Garvin Gate Blues Festival** is nearly here. The festival will feature a number of local and out-of-town bands. For a complete listing of bands, performance schedules, and other information, visit <http://garvingatebluesfestival.com/> online. The stage will be set up on Oak St. at Garvin Place (that’s between 4th & 6th Sts.) Admission is free! The festival will run two days:



Friday, October 7, 6:30 – 11:15 pm, & Saturday, October 8, 3:00 – 11:15 pm,
All the cool cats will be there and you should be there too!



PLEASE NOTE THAT OAK STREET BETWEEN 4th & 6th STREETS WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM FRIDAY TO MIDNIGHT SATURDAY FOR THE BLUES FESTIVAL

HAVE YOU HAD A CLOSE ENCOUNTER?



Louisville Metro's new "Close Call" reporting system allows pedestrians, motorists and bicyclists to notify authorities about near-misses with other bicyclists and motorists who are not sharing the road. Reporting the time and place of your close call will help the city collect data about the frequency of near-misses and the places that merit some safety improvements or monitoring. As you may know, bicycle- and pedestrian-related crashes are under-reported. This offers a way to address issues before they result in a crash. To report, go to www.louisvilleky.gov/BikeLouisville/close_call_form.htm.

To Get Crime Alerts!

To get alerts from the LMPD 4th Division crime alert text system via text message or e-mail, send a message to Lt. Steimle at johann.steimle@louisvilleky.gov. In the message, give your electronic address and indicate whether you want the alert via text message or e-mail.

ATTEND & WIN for SEPTEMBER 2011



2 Deluxe Folding Arm Chairs



8 GB Cruzer Thumb Drive



ProSource 15 pc pliers and screwdriver set

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 the versatile 15-piece pliers and screwdriver set. Congratulations to Tim Bottorff of Burnett Avenue who won the Playmate Cooler at the August meeting.

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

SPECIAL \$55 DRAWING FOR SSNA MEMBERS: In addition to the attendee drawing, SSNA members are eligible for a special cash drawing. Last meeting's winner was Jane Clark of Second Street who won \$45. Unfortunately Jane 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 **\$55 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)

OAK STREET TASK FORCE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE



The Oak Street Task Force, initiated by Councilman James to revitalize the Oak Street Corridor, has been meeting the last Tuesday for each month since April. You can find minutes of those meetings at <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroCouncil/Members/06/> by scrolling down to the bottom and clicking on “Follow the Oak Street Task Force.” In addition to meeting minutes for April, May, June, and August, you will find a “scope of work” plan for a stretch of Oak St from Garvin Place to S. Third St.

"SHRED DAY" ON OCTOBER 22!

Destroying old documents is one of the most efficient and simple ways to make identity theft and financial fraud much more difficult to carry out. On Saturday, October 22, Councilman James is sponsoring a “shred day” at the Beacon House, a non-profit in District Six that strives to help individuals recover from both substance abuse and serious illness. The Beacon House is at 963 S. 2nd St. Bring any documents you want – by the trunk load or the truck load. A donation of \$10 or up to this worthy non-profit is suggested. For more information about the Beacon House visit its website at <http://www.beaconhouse-ky.com/>.



HANDS ON HISTORY WORKSHOPS



PRESERVATION
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Preservation Louisville has announced the 2011-2012 schedule for its popular preservation maintenance workshop series *Hands on History*. Throughout the series, participants will learn practical, hands-on techniques for working with original materials and finishes to maintain, restore and preserve historic elements such as plaster, windows, and gutters. Adapting "green" concepts for historic structures and winterizing your historic home will also be explored.

Workshops will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 1-4 pm, September through April. The October 8th workshop will be “Maintaining and Winterizing your Historic House.” The November 12th workshop will be “Roofs, Gutters, Downspouts, Underground Drainage, & Flashing”. The registration fee is \$20 for Preservation Louisville Members or \$30 for non members. Please call 502.540.5146 or email director@preservationlouisville.org for more information.

BOOK OF OLD LOUISVILLE HOMES PLANNED

David Domine is collaborating with the well-known husband-and-wife photographer team of Franklin and Esther Schmidt to produce a coffee table book devoted exclusively to the architecture and interior design of Old Louisville homes. The working title is *Old Louisville: Exuberant, Elegant and Alive*. The tentative release date is set for fall 2012 and the Schmidts will be making several more trips to Old Louisville before the November 2011 deadline to take pictures. If you think your home has an architectural or design feature that represents the style and elegance of our neighborhood especially well, please contact David at bluegrasspeasant@insightbb.com about possible inclusion in the book. All types of houses are needed. Space is limited, so David and the publisher will consider candidates on a first come, first served basis.

