

The VOICE

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Dates to Remember

NBA January Meeting **01/31**

NBA February Meeting **02/28**

NKY Restoration Weekend **03/10**

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The Voice Is Your Voice

BY CAITLIN AYERS, EDITOR

Happy New Year, East Row! I hope you're recovering from the holiday commotion and staying cozy during this recent polar freeze.

I've made a lot of changes to the look and format of The Voice over the past year, and in 2018 I'm shifting my focus to the content. So, I'm taking this opportunity to remind and encourage everyone to please consider contributing stories to The Voice. One of the most important purposes of this newsletter is to give community members a platform to share thoughts, ideas, and opinions. We all have something interesting to say. And after all, The Voice is your voice.

Here are a few ideas of types of stories you could share:

- Local restaurant reviews
- Home histories (and pictures if you have them!)
- Trivia questions about East Row/Newport history
- Personal stories about life in the East Row
- Q&A/advice column about historic preservation
- Resident profiles

Whatever is important and interesting to you is a great topic for The Voice. As long as it's respectful and relevant to the East Row, it is valuable.

One idea that's been shared with me is a column of "Neighborly News" with informal updates about the lives of East Row residents – birth and wedding

announcements, job promotions, new home sales, pet adoptions, new neighbor welcomes, etc. If you'd be interested in reading this, or have items to add to next month's column, please let me know.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing what The Voice can become in 2018! 🌸

NBA January and February Meetings

BY BEV HOLIDAY, NBA VICE PRESIDENT



The Newport Business Association (NBA) will be discussing "Tax Updates – Personal & Corporate" by Michael Bach CPA at its meeting on Wednesday, January

31, at 8:00 am at the City Building, 998 Monmouth Street, in the Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting is free to attend and open to the public.

The NBA will be hosting its Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers/Board of Directors and Award Presentations on Wednesday, February 28, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Newport Syndicate. The meeting is free to attend with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar provided for attendees. 🌸

Commissioner Meeting Schedule and More

BY CITY MANAGER TOM FROMME



On behalf of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, we wish you a Happy New Year! 2017 was a good year for the City of Newport! We are looking forward to new

developments planned for 2018. The 2017 Year-End report will be featured in a future issue of The Voice.

Here is the listing of the Board of Commissioner meetings and other Committee meetings for 2018.

2018 Newport Board of Commissioner Meetings

January 22 (Regular)
February 12 (Caucus)
February 26 (Regular)
March 12 (Caucus)
March 26 (Regular)
April 9 (Caucus)
April 23 (Regular)
May 7 (Caucus)
May 21 (Regular)
June 18 (Regular)
July 16 (Regular)
August 20 (Regular)
September 17 (Regular)
October 1 (Caucus)
October 15 (Regular)
November 5 (Caucus)
November 19 (Regular)
December 10 (Regular)

All meetings of the Board of Commissioners are open to the public. Unless otherwise advertised, meetings are

held at 7:00 pm in the 1st floor Multi-Purpose room of the City Building at 998 Monmouth Street. Any special meetings will be announced a minimum of 24 hours in advance by notice to the media and posting at the city building. Regular meetings are televised on local cable Public Access Channel via Spectrum Cable on channel 200. Caucus meetings are not televised. Agendas are posted at newportky.gov or call the city clerk at 859-292-3668.

2018 Regular Meeting Dates for Other City Boards

Code Enforcement Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm as needed.

Board of Adjustments meets on the third Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm as needed.

Planning and Zoning Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm as needed.

Historic Preservation Commission meets as needed on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Newport Recreation Commission meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

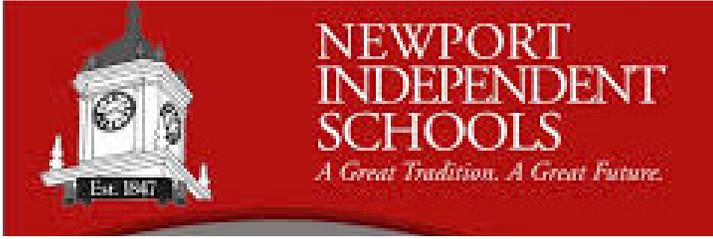
Urban Design Review Board meets as needed.

To confirm if there are meetings scheduled, please call 859-292-3637. If you have any questions or need additional information, please give me a call at 859-292-3687 or email bholiday@newportky.gov.

Great things are happening in Newport! Thanks for your efforts to continue to make Newport a great place to live, work, shop, and play. 🌟

Lisa Rizzo Named Food Service Director at Newport Independent Schools

BY KELLY GRAYSON



Newport Independent Schools has named Lisa Rizzo the district's new Food Service Director. Rizzo is an Eastern Kentucky University graduate with a bachelor's degree in physical education. She began her Newport career as an elementary physical education teacher, and volleyball and basketball coach.

Rizzo has spent the past 18 years promoting wellness-related programs and activities throughout the school district. In 2013, the schools were awarded the Carol White Physical Education Program Grant. Rizzo then became the FIT for Life Coordinator for the district.

Newport Independent Schools Superintendent Kelly Middleton said, "Rizzo has enthusiastically embraced her new position including the development of new meals and food options for students and visiting other school districts to observe their nutrition and food programs."

"Lisa already has a lot of great things going on," Middleton said. "She will be tremendous in this position and will help provide our students with food that is not only nutritious, but also tastes good."

In addition to lunch, Newport Independent Schools provides breakfast at all three schools serving a hot entree, six cold entrees, fresh fruit, and milk every morning. Newport Primary and Intermediate schools have also been awarded Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grants totaling nearly \$50,000 for the 2017-18 school year. This enables students to receive a snack of fresh fruits or vegetables after breakfast or lunch three days a week. The grant was awarded through the United States Department of Agriculture. 🌿

Save the Date for NKY Restoration Weekend

BY SCOTT CLARK, HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Newport will host the NKY Restoration Weekend on Saturday, March 10, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The day-long event will be held at Newport Intermediate School. There will be multiple concurrent workshops geared toward residential and commercial restoration projects. The event is free to attend, open to the public and coordinated by the Historic Preservation Officers of Newport, Covington, and Bellevue. More info to come in the following months. 🌿



Before You Renovate...

Before making changes to the exterior of your home, it's important to consult the city's Historic Preservation Officer, Scott Clark (859-655-6347, sclark@newportky.gov), to ensure the work conforms to the historic guidelines. It is also necessary to display a permit that shows the work has been approved.

Laura Bailey, Newport Abolitionist

BY PETER LLOYD

Ever have someone ask you if anyone famous hails from Newport? When I get that question, I usually say, “Ever hear of Muhammad Ali?”



WM. S. BAILEY.

Most folks balk or ask incredulously, “Ali comes from Newport?”

“No,” I reply, “but Laura Bailey did.”

Try it sometime. And then you can relate this true story.

Laura’s father, William Shreve Bailey, ran a machine shop in Newport, built steam engines and printing presses. But he’s better known for publishing several Abolitionist newspapers. Not a popular thing to do in the mid-1800s. And he and his family paid a price for it.

One of his eleven children, Laura, risked her life helping her father publishing antislavery newspapers. When pro-slavery vigilantes intimidated male compositors from working on her father’s publications, she and her siblings stepped in and took over the work.

Our less-enlightened forebears wanted the Baileys out of town and did what they could to drive them across the

river to Cincinnati. Their presses were destroyed more than once by angry supporters of slavery. In one assault, they destroyed the Bailey shop, commandeered a press and printing equipment, and dumped it all in the Ohio River.

But the Baileys refused to stop. They went so far as hosting parties for slaves at their home. Their courageous behavior brought them to the edge of financial ruin, still they kept at it.

Laura gained a bit of fame in a pamphlet published in England in 1859. It describes her short, heroic life helping her father and family. She died at the age of ten. [Little Laura, the Kentucky Abolitionist](#), was written to encourage children in England to support the Abolitionist movement in the United States.

Some records have Laura buried in Evergreen Cemetery, on Alexandria Pike in Southgate, also know oddly enough as Newport Cemetery. But the cemetery today has no record of her being interred there.

Even though William, Laura, and their family may not be as well-known as other Abolitionists, their antislavery efforts deserve a place in Newport’s history. Our town has been and still is home to a good number of brave and self-sacrificing Americans. 🌿

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