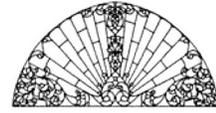




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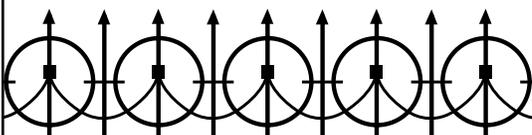
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**Next Meeting:** Joint meeting for Gateway and Mansion Hill neighborhoods  
Tuesday, June 7th, 7:30 p.m.,  
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### East Row Garden Club's 9th Annual Garden Walk

*By Rene McPhedran*

Newport's East Row Garden Club's annual Garden Walk, including ten gardens in the City's Historic District, will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 25th & Sunday, June 26th.

Tickets are \$15.00 and will be sold during the tour at the exhibitor area at the Watertower Square parking lot, located at 6th & Washington Streets. Children 12 and under will be admitted free of charge. Tickets sales will end at 3:00 p.m. Vendors will have plants and garden-related decorative arts and crafts available at the exhibitor area.

Live music will be provided in several gardens for the enjoyment of guests. There will be a relaxation area for all guests. Port o lets will be available at both the relaxation area and the exhibitor area.



### Message from the Chair

Over the past year, many members of the ERHF have expressed their support or opposition to a variety of solutions put forth by city officials to address certain issues or problems we face as a community.

The most recent topic of discussion has been whether or not parking meters should be installed in the business district. The question is not whether you are for or against the installation of meters. The question is do you have all the facts to make an articulate argument one way or another. Just as important as having all the facts is the timing of your stated support or opposition.

The question about installation of parking meters has been around for years. If you recall, the commission voted in 2003 to postpone the installation of meters when citizens came forward and offered reasoned opposition.

An inclusive and deliberative form of engagement between citizens and local government is highly desirable. To increase our chances of government responsiveness to our concerns and

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## East Row Park Improvements

By Bruce Murray

Nick Rouse, Newport Director of Parks and Recreation, spoke at the East Row Neighborhood meeting on May 3rd, describing improvements to the three parks and playgrounds in the East Row.

The biggest change may come at Providence Park, at the east end of 4th St. The city is considering a dog park for some of this area which would include a fenced area with two sections, for large and small dogs. The group agreed that this might be a worthwhile project but raised concerns about parking and fencing.

The playgrounds in the other East Row parks will be renovated. Gateway Neighborhood Park, at the east end of 8th St. will have new fences, new signage and a new playground structure. The project at the Mansion Hill Neighborhood Park playground at 3rd & Park Sts. will be similar but includes the installation of a watering system for the 3rd & Park garden, now maintained by members of the East Row Garden Club. The greatest concern expressed was the vinyl fencing proposed for the playgrounds and possibly Providence Park. Nick was reminded that we must follow rules within the Historic District.



## Hello East Row Village

By Beverly Simon

I have lived in and traveled throughout America. Newport is special, but the neighbors who volunteer their time and energy are amazing. I see Jeff Hall planting the flower urns at the corners of our streets. I am out driving and see Gerri Jones, who sold me my house, planting flower in pots on Tenth St. When I go to the Historic Preservation meeting, I see my friend Judy Wilson serving on the committee. I notice Julie Smith-Morrow, who works with my sister Kim at The Freestore, in attendance. I know that Tom Holley, my neighbor, is co-hosting the appetizers for the Progressive Dinner on June 11.

A BIG THANKS to all who volunteer and make this a great place to live.

Steve Chute, the Elvis impersonator from King Jewelers on Monmouth, will be performing at the May 28 auction at the Coconut Grove. I understand it goes back to being the Syndicate?

Thought for the day: Good friends are like angels, you can call on them anytime to help. Even if you

don't see them, you know they are there. Call me (859-292-8664) with ideas you want covered.



## East Row Authors Release New Books

By Bruce Murray

Two local authors are releasing new books this spring. Sheila Williams, a 4th St. resident, released her third book, titled, *On the Right Side of a Dream* in April, and Jack Kerley, an Overton St. resident, will release his latest book, *The Death Collectors* on June 23, 2005. While Sheila's book went on sale in April, a formal introduction was held on May 14 at the Midwest Culinary Institute at Cincinnati State College. Profits from sales at the introduction were donated to PanCAN, the Pancreatic Cancer Society, in memory of Sheila's mother.

*On the Right Side of a Dream* is a sequel to *Dancing on the edge of the Roof* in which the heroine, Juanita Louis, continues her travels across the country to achieve her dream, which sometimes takes her to places and events she hadn't anticipated. Sheila's other book dealing with women who successfully take charge of their lives is titled *In the Shade of My Own Tree*.

Jack's successful first book, *The Hundredth Man*, published in 2004, followed a pair of detectives, Carson Ryder and Harry Nautilus, searching for a serial killer who leaves headless bodies with bizarre messages on their torsos. Released in hardcover in 2004, it will be released as a paperback early in June. *The Death Collectors* follows Ryder and Nautilus as they track down an infamous collection of art related to serial killings. Both novels take place in Mobile Alabama. The official release date for *The Death Collectors* is June 23.

These books are available at all bookstores and on line.

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## Improving Newport (And Saving the Earth)

*By Roger Stephens*

To keep landfills under control, there should be as much recycle as trash and more composting than garbage. In Newport we seem to lump everything with abandon. Why?

Perhaps a reason is that we have trash-garbage pickup twice weekly in the alleys and recycling retrieval once weekly on the streets (at extra cost). Couldn't we balance them weekly for each in the alleys at no extra cost?

With regard to composting, why not create our own grinding system for composting since so many of us garden or get a major community system going at the City Garage (where city planting and mulching are coordinated)?



## More Trees Please

*By Monica Stephenson*

When you think of your favorite street, do you envision nice homes, deep porches adorned with swings and hanging pots, deep green lawns, and trees, lots of trees?

Trees are one of nature's greatest gifts. Some present riotous displays of fragrant and sometimes brilliant flowers to delight the winter weary. In summer a mature specimen provides the most pleasant respite from the sun's heat taking a much appreciated load off the overworked air conditioner. In full leaf even a small grove diminishes the persistent roar of a midnight freight train or morning highway traffic.

When privacy is desired, a well placed tree may give just the right view from that upstairs window. Let's not forget the birds and squirrels that depend on the safety of high places to find escape from the neighborhood's domestic hunters, feline and canine. Lastly, just the right tree may be one of a homeowner's best landscape investments providing years of beauty and interest.

If you are curious how our Newport neighborhood looked before the trees were planted, take a look at the old postcards on our website: [www.eastrow.org](http://www.eastrow.org). The Linden Avenue streetscape is not nearly as inviting as it is today.

I am hoping you have found some inspiration to fill that void in your yard and plant a tree to make

your street that special favorite street.

A recent visitor to our East Row Garden Club, Doug Roell who oversees capital projects in our city, spoke of the 54 trees now being planted in areas where street and sidewalk improvements had been made.

"Right now," he commented, "we are forming lists of places where people would like to see a tree in front of their homes. You can call at 291-6309 to request the placement of a tree in front of your home for sometime in the future".



## Newport's Flower Show Medals

*By Bruce Murray*

The East Row Garden Club won a bronze medal for their window box display at the Cincinnati Flower Show in April. The design, created by Gerri Jones, Rene McPhedren, Larry Lewis and Bruce Murray featured black Mondo Grass, Oxalis, and an elegant orange Echinacea. While the floral design was colorful and unusual, cold weather prevented full growth of the plants, resulting in a smaller display than desired. This is the third year in a row the club has earned a medal.

In the Dramatic Table Settings category, Garden club member Nancy Stephens from TOGETHER (on Park St. in Newport) and Newport Resident Donna Salyers of Donna Salyers Fabulous Furs won a bronze medal for their entry.



## Historic Preservation Code Revisions

*By Bruce Murray*

The Historic Preservation Committee of the East Row Historic Foundation has made recommendations to the Newport Historic Preservation Commission for changes in the Historic Preservation Codes. Six specific changes were recommended and four questions were asked to clarify certain issues. You can read these recommended changes on line at [Eastrow.org](http://Eastrow.org).

The Newport Historic Commission is expected to act on these recommendations at a Recodification Workshop, probably early in June. Those who are interested in supporting the recommendations are urged to call Mayor Guiduli at 442-0022.



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## The Great American Weekend

*By Bev Holiday*

The Newport waterfront and Purple People Bridge will be the center of activity for three events over the Fourth of July weekend.

The Purple People Bridge will host "Wish Upon a Star" to benefit the Bridge maintenance fund and the Grant Janszen Wish Foundation ([grantswish.com](http://grantswish.com)). Purchase a Star, available at Kentucky Haus at the corner of 10th and Monroe for \$5. The stars will be gathered on the bridge on July 3rd and a drawing will be held for several prizes, including a \$500 Harley Davidson Certificate, and Dinners for 2 every month for a year at local restaurants.

"Dinner with a Bang" will also be held July 3rd on the bridge giving dinners the best view of the FOX fireworks. Tickets are \$45. Call 859 655-7700 for reservations.

And the 2nd annual Newport Motorcycle rally will be held on the waterfront on July 1-4.

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**Flower Alley**

*By Roger Stephens*

Flower Alley did not sweep the Kentucky Derby and may not show in the Preakness but we can clean and plant our alleys.

Since most gardeners around the District are women (with men doing the heavy lifting) we men can take charge in the alleys. That's just what we are doing in the alley between Maple and Park in the 640 area.

Try it in your alley. Maybe there can be a prize for the most attractive flower alley. We could even have gender garden awards.



**Cattin' With Cindy**

*by Cindy Calvert*

It is that time of the year when we want all of our gardens to bloom. If you are like me, you love the flowers and plants inside your home too. To all cat owners, please make sure the plants and flowers you put in your cat's reach are not fatal to them. I know we can't control what the outdoor cats nibble on, but we can control what we plant in our own gardens.

I have gathered the names of a few common indoor and outdoor plants and flowers that are poisonous to our felines: aloe vera, asparagus fern, baby's breath, lilies, geranium, periwinkle, iris, primrose, marigold, tulips, azalea, oleander, and rubber plant. Even a few household items such as mothballs, potpourri oils, fabric softener sheets and pennies (something about the copper) may harm your cats.

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**Sounds like our neighborhood, doesn't it!**

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**National Trust for Historic  
Preservation Annual Meeting**

*By Bruce Murray*

Julie Smith Morrow and husband John Morrow attended the Annual Meeting for the National Trust for Historic Preservation in April and documented the meeting in an extensive report. We will be printing this report in sections over the next several issues of "The Voice". Watch for it and perhaps you may want to comment on the organization and the meeting. We hope to post the full report on line.



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 citizens need to educate themselves on the issues. To make sure our voice is heard during the decision-making process, there must be a willingness to actively participate in open debate.

Through knowledgeable and reasoned civic activism, members of the ERHF can greatly influence local government and help ensure greater accountability and levels of responsiveness.

**THIS MONTH**  
(and a little next month)

**June 9-11, 2005:**  
 14th Annual Newport Italianfest 2005  
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**June 11:** Progressive Dinner 6:30PM  
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**June 13:** City Commissioners' Meeting  
 7:00pm Multipurpose Room, City Hall

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**June 15:** Snow Cones in the Parks.  
 For information call 859 292-3686

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**June 24-26:** Irish Heritage Festival  
 Newport Riverfront  
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**June 25, 26:** East Row Garden Walk, 10AM –  
 4PM See article this issue

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### Fashoo the Fool

**1 p.m. Saturday, June 4**

This jester will astound and amuse you with his show of magic, juggling and foolishness. Fun for all ages! Don't miss this great kick-off event for Summer Reading Club 2005.

### Tournament of Knights

**3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7**

Test your courage and skills with challenging games. May the most honorable and brave win!

### Weekly Movie

**2 p.m. Thursday, June 9**

Come watch a movie with us! We will show a popular children's movie at 2 p.m. every Thursday at the Newport Branch through June and July.

### Make It, Take It Craft

**3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14**

Come make a fun craft!

### Weekly Movie

**2 p.m. Thursday, June 16**

Come watch a movie with us! We will show a popular children's movie at 2 p.m. every Thursday at the Newport Branch through June and July.

### Puppet Show: The Reluctant Dragon

**10 a.m. Saturday, June 18**

Rainbow Show Puppets presents a fun family affair.

### Magical Creatures Quest

**3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21**

The Queen has given you a task. Make your way past dragons, unicorns and other magical beasts in this fun quest.

### Weekly Movie

**2 p.m. Thursday, June 23**

Come watch a movie with us! We will show a popular children's movie at 2 p.m. every Thursday at the Newport Branch through June and July.

### Marionette Show: Beauty and the Beast

**11 a.m. Monday, June 27**

Stevens Puppets brings the enchanting tale of Beauty and the Beast to life with incredible marionettes. Great for all ages.

### Make It, Take It Craft

**3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28**

Come make a fun craft!

### Weekly Movie

**2 p.m. Thursday, June 30**

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