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# Motorcycle Rally Comes to Newport Again!

*By Bruce Murray*

The Newport Motorcycle Rally will again be held on the waterfront during the fourth of July week and weekend. Scheduled for July 1-4, the rally will have several changes from last year.

This year there will be no carnival rides and only one "Ride" for attending cyclists on Saturday morning. For the "ride", cyclists will meet at the waterfront and ride throughout Campbell County. There will be motorcycle exhibits throughout the weekend, including a display of cycles by custom cycle shops.

According to Mike Shulkens, the Rally organizer, they expect about 10,000 cycles, the same number as estimated last year. As a 4th St. resident I noticed no cycles on the streets last year and I would expect little noise this year, however, there were several "rides" last year which took the cycles away from the Newport Waterfront.

For those attending, the best time to see a variety of cycles will be Saturday morning but there will be motorcycles parked on the waterfront throughout the four days of the rally. If you're a cyclist and want to participate, call (859) 292-3666.

## New Advertising Policies

As we develop more advertising, we are developing new pricing and policy for our advertisers. The new price for a card size ad is $28. We have spent a lot of time deciding whether we should include classified advertising and continue to experiment. For now, classifieds will be limited to two lines at a cost of $20. In the future they may be limited to East Row residents or possibly eliminated entirely. Watch for changes and **Patronize our advertisers!**

# Start Thinking of Riverfest

*By Ian Budd*

Summer has just begun and that means that the Labor Day weekend is really not that far off. So the East Row neighborhood is starting to look for volunteers to organize prior to the event and work the day of the event in the neighborhood T-shirt booths at Riverfest. This is a major fundraiser for the neighborhood and as always, we really need you to help.

For those working the event, you get a great front row seat for the fireworks since our booths are right on the riverfront.

Please e-mail me if you are interested in helping or stop in at the neighborhood meeting on Tuesday. ***ian.budd@icbaudio.com***


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# Historic Preservation Tax Credit

*By Bruce Murray*

The City of Newport and Preservation Kentucky Inc. hosted a panel discussion on June 8, to introduce all interested parties to the new Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit program. About 25-30 people attended the meeting, which was divided into two sessions

Created earlier this year through Governor Fletcher's Tax Modernization plan, the credit makes available $3 million a year in tax credits for certified rehabilitation projects. To be eligible, a building must be individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or be a contributing resource within a National Register district.

There is a 30% credit available for residential properties, and income-producing properties can receive a 20% credit. Individuals must spend a minimum of $20,000 to be eligible for the credit, and all work must be pre-approved by the Kentucky Heritage Council.

This discussion introduced the guidelines and review process for the credit, as well as the standards applied to the work.

If you have any questions, please contact Newport Historic Preservation Officer Emily Jarzen at 859-292-3666, or ***ejarzen@cityofnewportky.org***.

# Sex Offender Resource

*By Bruce Murray*

With the recent murders of little girls in Florida by convicted sex offenders, one of our neighbors thought this information and resource should be shared. Currently there are thirty convicted sex offenders living in Newport — several of them in the East Row Historic District. The website: ***http://kspsor.state.ky.us/*** lists convicted sex offenders, their addresses, and their photos.

Concerned residents should check the registry and sign up for the phone alerts from the Kentucky State Police. The safety of our children — and each other—can be at risk here. This person claims not to advocate persecution of these neighbors of ours — just awareness that they are in our midst.


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# East Row Design Review Guidelines Revised

*By Emily Jarzen*

For the past several months, the Newport Historic Preservation office and the Newport Historic Preservation Commission have been working on revisions to the East Row Historic District Design Review Guidelines. These are the first updates since 1999, and the second revision since their drafting in 1990. These updates strengthen the guidelines and make needed clarifications. The revisions are a

culmination of Historic Preservation Commission, city staff and public input. The revisions were reviewed and approved by the NHPC at the April 2005 meeting, and adopted by the Newport Board of Commissioners on June 13. The updated guidelines are to be referred to for all new projects in the historic district.

**As always, property owners in the East Row historic district should refer to the guidelines when planning exterior work.**

The new guidelines are already available from the preservation office, and will soon be online at the city's website, ***www.cityofnewportky.org***. The revisions will help serve to protect the East Row's historic resources, and be more useful to property owners.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Historic Preservation Officer Emily Jarzen at 292-3666, or ***ejarzen@cityofnewportky.org***.


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# Hints For a Good Yard Sale

*By Joyce Chastang*

The 3rd Annual Yard Sale will be held on July 9 from 9am to 3pm. Joyce Chastang is coordinating the sale and submitted the following hints for a successful sale. Call Joyce to sign up, 431-0539

**Be prepared**

➢Have all the items clearly marked.

➢Have an adequate amount of change available the day of the sale.

➢Don't have piles of clothes heaped on the table. Nothing turns off a yard saler more than heaps of clothes unorganized.

➢If you say you are going to be open at a certain time make sure that everything is already laid out.

➢Hang clothes if possible. They will sell better.

➢Things will sell better if they are clean and shiny.

➢Be prepared to dicker. People come to yard sales expecting to dicker.

Most importantly have a good time and sell, sell, sell!

# Delivery People Needed

*By Ian Budd*

There are a lot of people who help to put this newsletter together. Not only do editors gather stories and writers write, but there are people who gather advertising, and take payments from our advertiser. And there are people who deliver the newsletter right to your door and to our advertisers.

David Wolff has handled getting our newsletter to the individual distributors in the Gateway neighborhood for ten years. He has provided an incredible service to us, reliably getting the newsletters to where they need to be every month and we thank him very much for this effort. Unfortunately the time has come for David to pass this role to somebody else and we are in need of someone to take his place.

This volunteer position takes only a short amount of time each month but needs someone who is fairly consistently available in the week before the meeting.

A batch of newsletters is delivered to you and you must divide them up into 13 bundles and drop them off to the individual distributors within one day. This usually occurs on or about the Thursday before the meeting. The meeting is always held on the first Tuesday of each month. Total time commitment is probably about one hour per month.

If anyone is interested in helping out with this very important job, please e-mail Ian Budd at ***ian.budd@icbaudio.com***.


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# Hello East Row Village

*By Beverly Simon*

Well what a night June 11th was. The Red's were playing, Italian Fest was happening on the Ohio River and our East Row Progressive Dinner taking place in the neighborhood. Our theme was a "Night of Italian Feasting", accidentally falling in step with the festival on the River. It was fun and very successful, we had 40 people participating. I want to thank the Rains/Peters duo for hosting appetizers. Thanks also to the Laymans, the Stephens, the Murphys and the Crocker/Goodwin duo for hosting the dinners. What amazing cooks they all are. Dessert was held at two houses the Siddell's and the Brewer's.

Our hosts and hostesses could not have been more gracious and generous. It was such a unique opportunity for neighbors to meet neighbors and to see three different historic homes. As I was talking to everyone, a few things stood out…one; we all have very different careers. I am a closet designer, Kelly Layman works for Borghese, Katlin Friery (who made a killer tiramisu) is an engineer, Paul Goodwin is a photographer, Laura Rains is a journalist, and Jim Peters is golf pro and so forth and so on. Another thing that stood out is how healthy, good looking and bright eyed everyone was. This group had a special energy shining from the inside out. I really enjoyed myself and want to give a special thanks to Nancy Hollingsworth, my co-chair. Without her we would have never pulled it off.

The next Progressive Dinner will be held in September and the Braeckles have already volunteered to host the appetizers. They live in the church that was converted into two condos on Overton. That should be something to see…they, like the rest of us have been working away on the rehabbing of their home.

We need two new people to volunteer to organize the Progressive Dinner in September. Nancy and I will be glad to give you all the things we learned in organizing this one.

I can't encourage you enough to be a part of this next dinner in some way.

Newport is so unique, where else after a Progressive Dinner with 40 people, in June, can you then walk to the corner and watch fireworks on the River? I love it here, don't you?

Something to think about: everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all of our growth and most of our happiness occurs while we're climbing up it.

Call me with any ideas, people or events you would like me to include next time 859-292-8664.


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# Trash Container Help!

*By Etta Massengale*

I have a dilemma and I hope you can help. I thought perhaps a note to residents in *The Voice* might do the trick.

My trash receptacle has disappeared so I called Rumpke and was a little surprised by what I was told! When she looked up my address the woman told me the serial number on the can that was assigned to my address when the City of Newport contracted with them to handle waste collection. Those cans are valued at $100.00 and if you have one on your property that has not been assigned to you, you can be fined.

The Rumpke spokesperson told me to look around the neighborhood and if I found it to call the Newport Police and tell them where I had found it, they would come out and write a ticket to the neighbor who has the can on their property.

I told her I didn't think a neighbor had "stolen" it, but had maybe taken it by mistake. She said, "Oh, it happens all the time. People decide they need an extra one so they just take someone else's."

Personally, I would be very offended if my neighbor

came onto my property to look for something (with or without my knowledge) so I will not cause embarrassment to my neighbors and to myself by doing this.

Perhaps, like me, they are unaware that those numbers on the cans are actually serial numbers that mean something!

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**It still sounds like our neighborhood, doesn't it!**

Gerri Jones: **Living and working in our neighborhood**
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# "I'd Like to See"

*By Bruce Murray*

We would all like to see some improvements in the neighborhood. Since taking on this task a few months ago we've printed an article praising an idea for new street lighting in the neighborhood, and another describing an animal neutering clinic in Covington. A plan for streetlights takes a long time to develop and implement but there has been a spay/neuter clinic at the Campbell County Library branch here in Newport.

Perhaps you would like to see a change or have an idea to improve the city or neighborhood. If you do, send the idea to ***voice@eastrow.org***, or drop it at 401 E. 4th St. and we'll pick some good ones and print them.

Perhaps we'll find some new significant ideas that could be implemented quickly, or over a number of years.

We look forward to hearing from you.

## This Month

**July 1-4:** 2nd Annual Newport Motorcycle Rally. Waterfront

**July 3:** "Wish Upon a Star" On the Purple People Bridge. Call Kentucky Haus 261-4287 to purchase a star.

**July 3:** "Dinner with a Bang!" On the Purple People Bridge. Call 859 655-7700 for reservations

**July 6:** East Row Historic Neighborhood Meeting, 7:30pm St. Mark's Church, Corner of Monroe and 8th St.

**July 9:** 3rd Annual ERHD Yard Sale 9am-3pm. Call Joyce to reserve a place on the map 431-0539

**July 11, July 25:** City Commissioners' Meeting. 7pm, Multi Purpose Room, City Hall

**July 20:** Sundaes in the Parks. All City Parks. Call (859) 292-3686 for times and details

**July 27:** Historic Commission Meeting, 7pm, Multi Purpose Room, City Hall

**July 30 – 31:** Newport Arts & Music Festival. Newport Riverfront

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## Library Happenings

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**Animals of Harry Potter**
**3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 5**
Meet Hedwig the Owl and other animals straight from the world of Harry Potter. Appropriate for children of all ages.

**Book Club**
**7 p.m. Tuesday, July 5**
Meet others who enjoy reading. New members welcome. The book club discussion will be about *Behind the Scenes at the Museum* by Kate Atkinson. In August, the book will be *Skinny Dip* by Carl Hiaasen.
No registration required. The Newport Book Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

**Weekly Movies**
**2 p.m. every Thursday in July**
Come watch a movie with us on July 7, July 14, July 21 and July 28! We will show a popular children's movie at 2 p.m. every Thursday at the Newport Branch through July. Especially for ages 6-11. Free. Check in at the Library for what's showing each week.

**Soap Making Workshop**
**6 p.m. Thursday, July 7**
Make your own soap using a mold and a base of either glycerin or goat's milk, adding your own scents, herbs and colors. You get to keep your mold and soap recipes so you can make more soap on your own. Especially for adults. $5.00 materials fee. No registration necessary.

**Heraldry**
**2 p.m. Saturday, July 9**
Ever wonder about the various symbols on coats of arms? The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will present a program on making coats and arms. Join us for this hands-on program. Especially for teens.

**Harry Potter Quidditch Tournament**
**3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12**
Hogwart's School has recruited players for the Quidditch Tournament. Who will catch the snitch? Who will win the House Cup? Come for fun and learn to play Quidditch. Especially for ages 6-11.

**Three Part Investment Series**
**6 p.m. Thursdays, July 14, July 21 and July 28**
Jim Sexton, a financial consultant, will lead a three-part seminar on investments. The topics are July 14, retirement planning; July 21, investment basics; and July 28, advanced investing.

**Anime Film Fest**
**1:30 p.m. Monday, July 18**
Join us for a manga meeting movie fest watching great anime. Ages 11-18. Snacks served.

**Make It, Take It Craft**
**3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19**
Come make a fun craft! Especially for ages 6-11.

**Storyteller Mary Hamilton**
**1 p.m. Saturday, July 23**
Renowned storyteller Mary Hamilton will enchant you with spellbinding tales of Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds. Appropriate for children of all ages.

**Medieval Faire**
**3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26**
Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Journey back in time to a Medieval Faire. Visit booths and play games of all kinds. Join us for this exciting finale to the Summer Reading Club. Especially for ages 6-11.

**Dungeons and Dragons**
**Noon Saturday, July 30**
Come to play a tabletop role-playing game of Dungeons and Dragons with Mark Craddock from Comic Book World. Teens and older.

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