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**Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month.**

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#### Next Meeting

Joint meeting for Gateway and Mansion Hill neighborhoods

**Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.,  
St. Mark Lutheran Church,  
corner of Monroe & Eighth Streets.**

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## Seventh Annual Garden Walk

The East Row Garden Club will host its 2003 Garden Walk on Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22. The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Eleven gardens are on the tour; each was chosen by committee for its distinctive imagination and design. At least three of the gardens have been recognized by the Cincinnati Horticultural Society.

Tickets are \$15 per person, and will be sold during the hours of the tour at Watertower Square parking lot, Sixth and Washington streets. Children age 12 and under will be admitted free. (Tickets will be sold until 4 p.m. each day.)

Among the tour highlights this year:

- The tour has been selected as an official event for master gardeners during the annual International Master Gardeners Conference 2003, which is scheduled June 18-22 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in nearby Covington.
- An English Garden Tea, a special fund-raiser, is planned for 3:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the garden of Gerri and Bill Jones. Tickets, which do not include the cost for the tour, are \$25 per person. A limit of 25 tickets will be sold each day.

Tickets to the tea are available in advance. For information, call 291-2565.

The Garden Club welcomes new members—from novice to experienced gardeners. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Hannaford, 803 E. Sixth St. Annual dues are \$25 per household. For information, call Monica Gardner at 581-6484

## Mark your calendar East Row Yard Sale Saturday, July 12— 9-3

Clean out your attic, basement and garage! It's almost time for the East Row Yard Sale. As mentioned last month, the ERHF will get the permits from the city, pay for advertising in the Enquirer, Post and Campbell County Recorder, all you need to do is set up a table in your yard and SELL! Or, walk around the neighborhood and BUY!

Reserve your spot early call Joyce at 431-0539

## Benches and Trash Cans Arrive

The ERHF's beautification committee working with the City and Southbank Partners have recently installed Stewart Ironworks benches at Providence Park and trash cans through the neighborhood. It should give us a place to sit and enjoy the summer, and someplace for people to put their trash. Kudos John Brewer and to the beautification committee for their hard work.

### June Agenda:

- New Neighbors
- Tall Stacks Costume Presentation
- Discussion with City Commissioners Kneppshield and Fennell
- Update on Newport Arts & Music Festival
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business



# Hellow East Row!

by *Beverly Simon*

I missed you guys last month. I started a new job at Ohio Custom Closets as their Head Designer and it took all of my time and then some. But I have been out and about in Newport. I went to the opening of the L& N Bridge. Where were all of you? I think the City really doesn't promote it's events well. Here is a list so you won't miss what's coming up in the next couple of months.

**Italian Fest:** June 12th -15th call 859-299-3668 for details 5K run, golf outing, food , music, games and fireworks what else could you want? Oh yeah and an Italian Navy Boat Race???

**Irish Heritage Fest:** June 20th - 22nd call 513-761-9911 food, music and games

**East Row Garden Tour:** June 21st - 22nd 10am to 4pm Come see our local gardens with music and some light snacks.

**July 4th** down on the river extravaganza. Big Firework display, music and food.

July 12th: **East Row Yard Sale** ...clean out your basements! Homefest is in July in Newport and Homearama is in June in Cincinnati.

**Arts and Music Festival:** July 26th and 27th Performance art, music, local artists show call 859-292-3666. I wish my talents were good enough to be entered.

Mark your calendar the **Boys and Girls Club Chili Cook off**

**and Big Car Show** is August 24th. Hot weather, Hot Cars and Hot Chili...WOW.

I have now eaten at the Mansion Hill Tavern for lunch several times. The Fish Sandwich served on Fridays is outstanding, comes with fries and coleslaw for \$5.50 includes tax. The hamburgers are delicious and also served with fries and coleslaw. I hear their Fried Chicken is GREAT. I am trying that next.

I am having trouble parking on the weekends. How about you? I want to start a 5th St. Petition to get residential parking only...like 3rd. and 4th Sts. have done. Are you interested...call me 859-292-8664 and I'll get the forms etc. I understand there is already a petition out for Washington Ave. between 2nd and 5th.

I know you are reading this in June...however, we are having a progressive dinner for 20 on May 17th. I can t encourage you enough to do the same with your neighbors. Let's all get to know each other. It s is very helpful to attend the monthly Historic Row community meetings to get events started and get the word out. Come!!!! 1st Tuesday of every month.

I have a friend who is our local Psychic...Jill Bruener...859-441-1077. She tells me there are haunted houses here in Newport. Do you have one?

Call me with any ideas, events or history of our neighborhood at 859-292-8664.

## Newport Public Library a gift to the people of Newport

*Robert Yoder*

The Newport Public Library is a unique building in Newport, for it was a gift to the people of Newport from Andrew Carnegie. The Newport Library has stood proud as the city changed from a prosperous streetcar suburb of Cincinnati to "Sin City" to now standing proudly during Newport's renaissance.

The Newport Library was the first Kentucky Library to receive a grant from the Carnegie Foundation. Though more importantly it was one of the few Kentucky Libraries at the time to have been open to all citizens regardless of race. Its doors have been open to all, from the richest to the poorest — from the youngest to the oldest without regard to race, gender or creed. It is and always has been the people's building. From the members of the original Newport Library Board to the current Campbell County Library Board, all have been stewards of Mr. Carnegie's gift.

As the new library building is being built, the question is what to do with the building that has served the community for over a century. The answer is

simple, the building wasn't a gift to the original library board, to the city, the county or the Campbell County Library Board; it was a gift to the people of Newport. To respect the original gift, it's vital that this building remain as a gift to the people.

Part of the revitalization of Newport has lead to the destruction by developers of many of Newport's archeutural heritage. Losses include Campbell Towers, Posey Flats, the Weidemann Brewery and in likely near future the entire neighborhood along Grand Avenue. Some of this destruction has lead to positive changes in Newport, and others in spite of the developers' grandiose plans are parking lots.

It's vital that Mr. Carnegie's gift continues as a building for the people. Not as plaything for developers. Some wonder what is its value. The dollar Campbell County Library Board paid the city of Newport for the Building, or a million dollars. The answer: As a gift to the people it's priceless. I encourage Campbell County Library Board to work with the City of Newport to agree on a price that will keep Mr. Carnegies gift as the people's building.



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# What Are You Wearing To Tall Stacks?

*By Fran Blasing*

The Tall Stacks Music, Arts & Heritage Festival returns to the Ohio River, October 15-19, 2000 with all the color and excitement familiar from past Tall Stacks, plus expanded on-shore activities including national music acts performing each night of the festival. Once again, our neighborhood will be a vital part of Tall Stacks with the popular East Row Historic Homes Tour, an official Tall Stacks event scheduled for October 18-19. That brings me back to my opening question: what are you wearing to Tall Stacks? Can you envision yourself in a vintage-looking costume, strolling along the Ohio riverfront during the Tall Stacks Parade, or greeting people at the door of a historic Newport home wearing a magnificent gown or high-necked blouse and hoop skirt? What exactly would you wear if you wanted to rent or make your own costume? Does everyone have to look like Scarlett O'Hara or Rhett Butler?

In conjunction with the East Row Historic Homes Tour, Joy Galbraith of the Costume Gallery in Newport is presenting two free costume workshops about period-correct clothing of the steamboat era, on June 25 and August 20 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Monmouth Theater, 636 Monmouth Street. Refreshments will be available. She requests that you register to attend one or both of these free workshops. Call (859) 655-9140 for more information or to register by telephone.

The June 25 workshop will introduce you to a range of fashions during the steamboat era (1811-1880s) and help you on your way to making your own period-correct costume for Tall Stacks. Joy will discuss costume language, fabrics, patterns, and sources for supplies. If you or someone you know loves to sew, this is the workshop for you!

The August 20 workshop also will teach people everything they need to know about clothing of the steamboat era, with an emphasis on what type of costumes are historically accurate for the houses involved in the homes tour. For those less clever with a needle and thread, such as myself, Joy is offering substantial discounts on costume rental for Tall Stacks. Details will be announced later.

Hold the Dates!

Whether you choose to portray the grand lady or gentleman of the house or a gambler, saloon girl, steamboat worker, house maid, shop owner or cook, I encourage you to think about volunteering as a costumed greeter or riverfront booth representative for the East Row Historic Homes Tour, October 18-19. To further encourage participation, you are cordially invited to attend the Volunteer Open House on August 2-3 at Roger and Donna Weddle's beautifully 1870s restored home on Washington Street (watch The Voice for more details). This festive event will include plenty of food, drink and merriment as well as information about how you can sign up for specific duties during the homes tour. Costumed or not, we're really counting on you to help make this the most successful tour ever.

Last but not least, don't miss the special presentation by costumed tour representatives at the June 3 East Row Historic Foundation meeting!



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## This Month

### First Friday Gallery Hop

Monday June 6

6 p.m. - 10 pm,

On Monmouth in Newport and Mainstrasse Village in Covington. Visit [www.come2newport.com](http://www.come2newport.com) for more information.

### Newport City Commissioners Meetings

Monday June 2 and 16

7 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, City of Newport, 998 Monmouth Street. Information: 292-3666

### Historic Preservation Commission

Wednesday, June 25

7 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, City of Newport, 998 Monmouth Street. Information: 292-3666

### Newport Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, June 25

7:30 p.m., Central Office 3rd Floor, 301 E. 8th Street, Newport, KY (859) 292-3001

## Library Announces Summer Reading Expedition!

Registration for the Summer Reading Clubs begins Saturday, June 7 in person at the library, or anytime thereafter. The Reading Expedition runs from June 7 through July 26. There are three different clubs.

### Read-To-Me Club

For all pre-readers from birth on up. Read to them a total of 10 books to earn your book prize!

### Reading Expedition Club

For grades 1 and up. Read 10 books to earn your book prize.

### Teen Club

For ages 12 and up. Read four non-fiction, juvenial, or young adult books to earn your book prize.

### Special Events:

**Meet Mother Goose:** Wednesday, June 18 at 11:00AM.

**Living History Encampment:** Thursday, June 19 at 7:00AM  
Travel back in time to the early 1800s for a night.

**Harry Potter Party!** Saturday, June 21 at 1:00AM

Hop on the Hogwart's Express for an afternoon of magic & fun!

**Teen Mystery Night!** Wednesday, July 16 at 7:00PM

A murder has been committed, and you are the detective. Join us for fun & pizza.

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