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Deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month.

Next Meeting:

Joint meeting for Gateway and Mansion Hill neighborhoods is 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, at The Sanctuary (Monroe and 6th Streets.)

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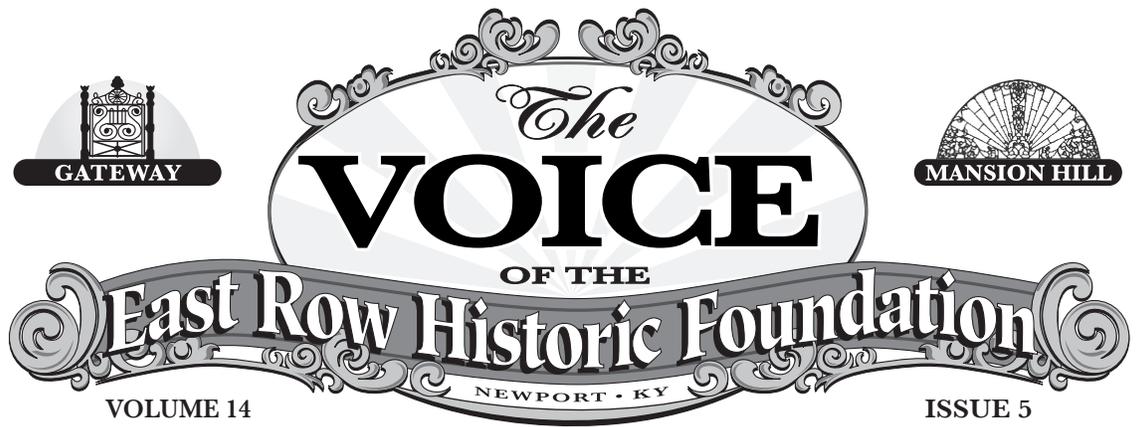
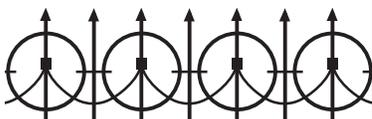
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East Row Garden Walk June 1 and 2

by Mike Whitehead

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2** for the **17th annual East Row Garden Walk**, sponsored by the East Row Garden Club. The Walk will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, in the East Row Historic District, the second largest local historic district in Kentucky.

The 2013 Garden Walk's lineup of eight private gardens will include six gardens never open to the public, all chosen for their creativity, design and plant materials. A portion of the proceeds will go towards to the newly-initiated Newport Urban Tree Replacement Program, in an effort to begin indentifying and replacing damaged trees throughout the city.

Major sponsors include:

Bank of Kentucky, Michael Bach CPA, and Annalee Taylor Ferrante. Other sponsors are Bloomfield Interiors, Fort Thomas Florist and Greenhouses, Reser Bicycle Outfitters, The Purple Chandelier Gifts, 6.2.Eight Design and Melody Manor Grooming Salon. Be sure to patronize the businesses who have invested in our community.

Near the ticket booth at the Watertower Square parking lot, the East Row Vendor Market will offer plants and garden-related decorative art, antiques and accessories for sale.

Ticket Information:

Tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets will be sold both days at the ticket sales area at the Watertower Square parking lot, located at Sixth Street and Washington Avenue. If accompanied by an adult, children aged 12 and under will be admitted free. Tickets will be sold until 3 p.m. each day, and the tour will continue until 4 p.m.

NOTE: Only cash and checks will be taken on the days of the tour; no credit cards will be accepted. **Tickets can be purchased online by going to www.eastrowgardenclub.org.** For further information, call 859.491.1690.

Vendors include:

Greenfield Plant Farm (offering a wide array of plants, including annuals, perennials, herbs, grasses, trees and shrubs, and, this year, local delivery during the Garden Walk), Studio Vertu (tiles, trivets, garden markers), Lia Sophia Jewelry (beautiful, fun, affordable fashion jewelry), One Small Garden (raised garden bed kits and tools), and Margie's Glass Creations (fused and stained glass, wind chimes, vases and sun catchers), among others.



Come Be Part of Newport's Memorial Day Parade

by Tom Fromme, Newport City Manager

The City of Newport would like to invite you or your organization to be a part of our annual Memorial Day Parade. Come either as a participant or a parade watcher and join us on Monday, May 27. The parade starts at 9 a.m. at York and Sixth Streets, and last approximately 45 minutes.

This day is a very special tribute in honor of our veterans. Your participation will help to recognize this special group of people, as well as to contribute to the success of our parade.

The parade route will proceed as follows: South on York Street to Sixth Street; East on Sixth Street to Monmouth Street; South on Monmouth Street to Tenth Street. The parade ends at the City Building on Tenth Street.

Following the parade, a ceremony in honor of our veterans will be held in front of the Newport City Building, Tenth and Monmouth. A continental breakfast will follow in the City Building's first floor multi-purpose room.

To obtain an Entry Form to participate in the parade, please contact Julia Crout at jcrout@newportky.gov. Forms need to be completed and returned by **May 22**.

Thank you in advance, for your support of our veterans and our Newport community. 🐾

Irene Deaton, Former City Commissioner and Mayor, Dies

by Mike Whitehead



Last month saw the untimely passing of Irene Deaton, one of the unsung heroes of modern Newport politics. She was a city commissioner from 1972 – 1980 and mayor from 1980 – 1984. Her career was important for several reasons. Mrs. Deaton was the first woman ever elected to office in the history of the City.

That was a significant achievement in itself, but it was also a testament to her fortitude that she maintained her beliefs and expounded them in the face of the opposition she faced, simply because she was the first woman in an all-male arena. But more importantly, she was a beacon of decency in a very indecent time in Newport politics, when the strip bars and other adult entertainment businesses had enormous sway over the political life of the City. Her attempts to have city government exert some control over these businesses also produced much opposition and personal attacks on her, but she never wavered.

She was also one of the first important advocates for neighborhood development. The various neighborhood councils were in their formative stages in the late 1970's, and for many years she was the one of the few elected officials to listen to our concerns and even advocate for them in public meetings. Like her, we did not have much support, but it was the beginning of a political alliance that helped transform politics here. She was not flashy and her speech, though effective, was plain and down to earth. Because of that, she did not always receive the recognition she deserved, but her contributions were crucial. That needs to be acknowledged.

I worked for the City as an alcoholic beverage control administrator/occupational license inspector for 26 years. In the interest of total disclosure, I must admit that I owe that career in part to Irene Deaton. In the early years, my position was controversial and I was only hired on a 3 to 2 vote. One of those votes was from Irene Deaton. I know that my career was most fulfilling for me and I hope productive for the citizens of Newport. Without Mrs. Deaton, a lot of things would be much different for everybody. 🐾



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Newport Citizens Advisory Council (NCAC) to be Discontinued

The Newport Citizens Advisory Council (NCAC) was created by the City of Newport during the 1970's as part of a citizen-input plan for using federal revenue-sharing funds. The membership consisted of representatives from each of the nine neighborhood groups and three members appointed by the mayor. The federal revenue-sharing program was started in 1972 and was discontinued in 1986. There were very few restrictions placed on the use of these funds and the advisory council provided part of the input the city used to determine how the funds should be utilized.

When the revenue-sharing program was eliminated for most cities, they were somewhat replaced by community development block grants (CBDG). These grants, unlike the revenue-sharing funds, had a specific use and had their own requirements, making the citizen-input plan obsolete.

With the changed requirements, the NCAC lost the main purpose for which it was created. The time has come for dissolution of the NCAC and the board of directors has started that process. We believe that, over the years, the many members of the advisory council have made important contributions to the improvements made in the city over the past several years. The funds being held by the council are being distributed to several local worthwhile causes and to neighborhoods, to be put to good use for the community. It is also anticipated that one of our most popular events, Wine Over Water, will continue under the direction of Brighton Center.

I want to thank the current and past members of the council for their service to our city. We all look forward to continued success by Newport as we begin a new chapter.

Thank you.
Tom Fromme, Newport City Manager 

Just a Reminder...

As we live in a historic district, it is important to consult with the city's historic preservation representative prior to making any changes to the exterior of your home. This ensures the work conforms to the guidelines for the Historic District. It is also necessary to display a permit that shows the work has been approved. The new (part-time) Historic Preservation Officer is Scott Clark, City of Newport, **859.655.6347**, sclark@newportky.gov 

A Fit Community

by Mary Soller

There are so many ways to be social in our neighborhood: Garden Club, East Row meetings, swim club, etc. How about sharing a workout with friends and a personal trainer; take your kids to a fitness camp; practice yoga; take a Pilates class; learn kickboxing; or how about a hip hop class? All this combined with a decor that consists of works by local artists, in an environment with lofty ceilings, steel trusses and exposed brick walls. What is this place? It's Soller Fitness.....the art of living. My new studio will be opening this month and it will be about bringing the community together with fitness/wellness options and social events.

I have to confess. Soller Fitness will be located in Covington, but it's incredibly convenient for all of you. Walk or ride your bike over the 4th Street bridge and the doors will be on your left, across the street from Molly Malones.

Step out of your box. Take a class that is outside of your comfort zone. Do something you haven't done. Do something that you already love. Sign your kids up for a Yoga Camp. Grab a friend and spend time doing something fun!

I invite all of you to be a part of raising the statistics in living healthy. Take care of yourself, be social, and become part of a "Fit Community".

Join Soller Fitness on Facebook and follow the details on the opening date and see what we are up to in your neighborhood and throughout the city.

Peace, love, and health! 

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East Row Listserv – How Do I Sign Up?

For those who may know about it, but may not know how to sign up to be part of it, here is the information on the East Row Listserv.

Just as an aside, a listserv is an electronic mailing list software application, consisting of a set of email addresses for a group, in which the sender can send one email and it will reach a variety of people.

To subscribe to the East Row Listserv, send an email to east_row_subscribe@yahoo.com. The group is moderated and you will receive an email when you have been accepted. 

Newport Then and Now

by Brian Malone



Park Avenue School

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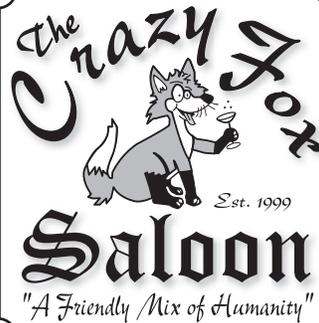
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