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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, January 7, at The Sanctuary (Monroe and 6th Streets.)

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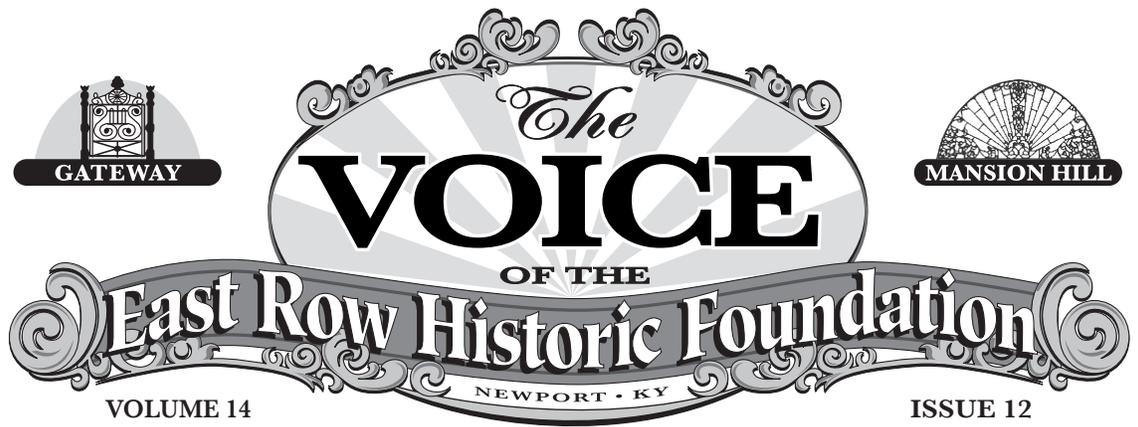
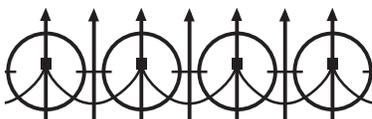
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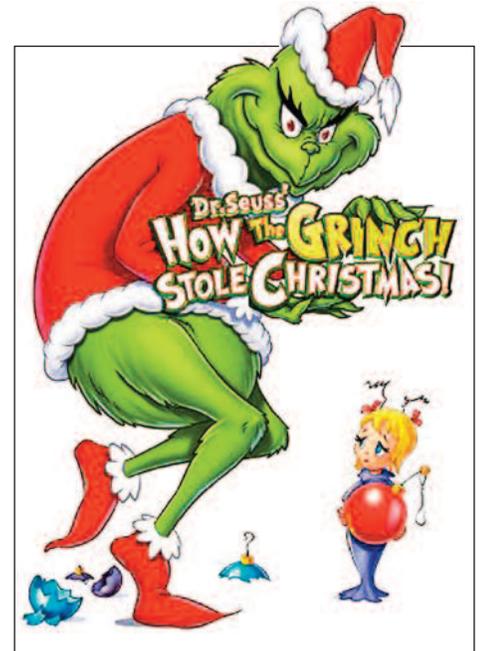


Whobilatious Holiday Entertainment

by Susan Whitehead

Last December students in the Newport School District, with a grant from Macy's and the Bill Feldman Fund, presented the play "Yes Virginia The Musical". The production elicited an enthusiastic response from the students, parents, school administration and the public. This event renewed interest in adding a Visual & Performing Arts program to the curriculum by Superintendent Kelly Middleton. So for the 2013-2014 school years the Visual and Performing Arts position was created and Ms. Brittany Stacy was hired to fill the position. Ms. Stacy is a graduate of Morehead State University with a major in Theatre Arts K-12th grades and a minor in Journalism and is continuing with graduate work in Communications. She taught for 5 years in the Breathitt County School System and also worked for Lexington Children's Theatre and Jenny Willey Theatre prior to coming to Newport.

Along with the teaching Visual & Performing Arts classes in the Middle and High schools Ms. Stacy is directing the Christmas favorite "The Grinch". This production includes about 25 students from the Newport Intermediate, Middle and High schools. Some of the children were part of the "Yes Virginia" cast and came back for "The Grinch" casting as they have caught the acting bug. The students have been practicing since early October and beyond memorizing lines and remembering cues they are learning the dedication, focus and discipline it takes to put on a play. As Ms. Stacy said, "I am excited to rekindle a theatre program for the Newport Schools and so proud of the 'Whovillians' who have been a part of this first production. These students are a part of something big that they will carry with them through their lives, not only in memories but in communicative life skills."



The cast and crew will see the professional production of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at the Aronoff Center as a treat from the school district for their participation in the play. The students are excited about seeing the performance and most interested to see "their" character on the stage.

I have had the privilege of helping with the school production again this year and want to invite everyone to find the true Christmas spirit by visiting Whoville on Wednesday December 11th or Friday December 13 for a Whobilatious performance of "The Grinch". The performance begins at 7:00 pm at the Newport Primary School auditorium, located at 11th and York Streets, and donations will be accepted. Maybe you will see a little Whovillian from your neighborhood. 🐾

2013 City Recap

by City Manager Tom Fromme

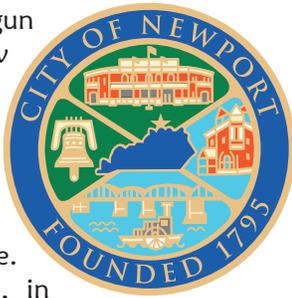
As 2013 winds down, I felt that it was appropriate to write about some of the accomplishments, during the year, and an overall state of the City. At the beginning of the year, several goals and projects were developed and I am pleased to report that many of them have been completed or are significantly underway. This year, we also welcomed approximately seventy two (72) new businesses to our community and added approximately six hundred (600) jobs.

There has also been a tremendous amount of development activity that has begun and we anticipate some exciting new ones as we enter 2014 and beyond.

During the recession of the last several years, the City struggled, as did many of our residents, with dwindling resources and revenue. Many proactive steps were taken, in order to weather the storm, and to position the City for success when the economy rebounded. Currently, payroll revenues seem to be on the rise, which is a good indicator of local economic recovery. The General Fund Budget is balanced and we are looking at much needed infrastructure repairs and improvements as we move forward. This also includes the continuation of the street repair program that was instituted a couple of years ago. We are still not to where we want to BE, but I am confident that we are heading in the right direction.

Many residents have stepped up to the plate this year and have helped to make Newport a very nice and livable community. Due to this public involvement, we have accomplished a lot. As we develop our goals for 2014, I would love to hear from you. We have had input on recycling, charging stations for hybrid vehicles and many other suggestions for considerations. The most important thing is that we continue to move forward and work together in the betterment of our City.

Please feel free to contact me at **859.292.3666** at any time. Things are happening in Newport! 



Newport Christmas Walk, Tree Lighting and More

by Bev Holiday

Saturday, December 7 – Beginning at 11:00 am in the Historic Downtown Newport Business District on-and-off Monmouth Street:

The “Animatronics Bears” at Monmouth Street Antique Gallery - 822 Monmouth. These former Pogue’s Arcade Animatronics life-size bears have been electronically refurbished by Gateway Community and Technical College and will be on display (in the windows and inside the Gallery) until the end of December. **FREE!**

Holiday Bazaar Marketplace - The Southgate House Revival - 111 East 6th - 11:00 am-4:00 pm - Artists & Artisans with hand-crafted designs for purchase. **FREE** is admittance.

FREE Photos with Santa - 2:00-4:00 pm - Newport Firehouse, 998 Monmouth Street

City of Newport Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with Santa -5:00 pm - 998 Monmouth - Tree decorations provided by students at Newport Primary School. Refreshments served – open to the public.

In addition to the Special Events planned, store owners will be participating with their specials as well:

Peluso Market - 623 Monmouth - Old-fashioned candy, roasted peanuts and chestnuts and live Christmas trees and pine rope garland.

Costume Gallery - 638 Monmouth - Santa's are retiring and their full suits, Wig & Beard Sets, Elves and Santa Babies costumes are for sale.

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Christmas Open House and Fundraiser

by Elaine Kerley

Monday, December 16th Newport Adult Learning Center is planning an Open House/Fundraiser.

The event will be from 3 pm - 7 pm. There will be live music, food, door prizes and of course plenty of opportunities for Christmas shopping.

Vendors include: Thirty One - Craft Items - Origami Owl living lockets - Felted/Wool items - Pampered Chef - Hand knit scarves - Tupperware - Home Video Studio - Tastefully Simple - Nicana Beads

The proceeds of the fundraiser will be used to buy textbooks that correlate with the new GED exam starting in 2014. 🐾



Northern Kentucky Gambling Museum

by John Gilliam

At the corner of Sixth and Monmouth stands the Northern Kentucky Gambling Museum. The owner, Larry Trapp has always been a collector. As a kid it was coins but then one day he heard a gambler clicking his chips and he was hooked. Over the years he has amassed an amazing collection from the area's colorful past. And it's not just chips. There's Newport Police Chief Gugel's cigarette lighter, a hauntingly beautiful photograph of Johana Steamphar now a ghost at Bobby Mackey's, and outfits from Beverly Hills. The chairs are from the Pink Pussycat Club.

Larry was always a devoted son. Together with his mom, Ruth they ran Peyton Place up the street. Ruth was old school, a country girl, and a hard worker. Even in her late 80's she would get up at 3 am. By 4 am she'd started to peel the potatoes for the home fries. At 6 am she'd open for breakfast. Larry picked up a lot of his best items from customers. One windfall came from Shorty Mincey. You punk rockers will remember him as the owner of the Jockey Club. Before that it was the Flamingo Club and the 633 Club.

There are bullet holes in the museum's ceiling but that's not how I remember it. I used to hang out there back in 1977 when it was the Mustang Club. It was a go-go club that catered to the budget minded. No cover charge, dollar drafts and a 25 cent pin ball machine.

The museum is open by appointment only. Admission is only \$5. Allow yourself about an hour. (859) 462-3079 🐾

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Christmas Walk (continued from page 2)

Monmouth Street Antique Gallery - 822 Monmouth - 5% off all items and Free gift wrapping with proof of purchase from Historic Downtown Newport Business District.

It's Only Fair! - 911 Monmouth - Spend \$50 or more & receive a \$10 Gift Certificate towards your next visit. Bring a friend and both your names will be entered into a drawing for Fair Trade Goodies. Come Change the World with us! Extended Shopping Hours coming soon!

Purple Chandelier - 649 York - On-Line Auction Preview 10:00am-2:00pm visit <http://www.worleyauctioneers.com/> for Chic Midcentury Furniture/Murano Glass/McGuire Wicker Chairs/Gregory Gordy Artwork/Tons of Treasures! Bidding is now open. On-site fabulous new inventory of shoes, all are like new, or new, sizes from 8.5-9.5, \$10.00 per pair.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul 2013 "FREE Coat Distribution" at Newport Primary School, York & 11th Streets - 9:00 am-Noon

Funnel Cake Vendor 721 Monmouth 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Pub Crawl "Ugly Christmas Sweater and Best Mustache" - 7:00-11:00 pm - register at any of the participating locations: Shortnecks, Gangsters Dueling Piano Bar, The Crazy Fox Saloon, Birk's, Mokka and the Sunset Bar & Grill, and Bart's on York. Donate a new, unwrapped toy for registration to receive wristband for Pub Crawl specials. Toys will be given to Brighton Center's Wishing Tree for Newport children.

Other Events Around Town:

Monmouth Theatre/Falcon Theatre - 636 Monmouth - Striking 12 A Groove Lily Musical inspired, in part, by Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Match Girl - December 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, & 14 visit: www.falcontheatre.com for times/prices.

The Footlighters, Inc. at the Stained Glass Theater - 802 York Street - Nonsense Jamboree November 21-December 7 visit: www.thefootlighters.org for times/prices.

Check-out [go2newport](#) facebook for details. 🐾

What about the West side?

by Kyle Randall

Just as the East Row Historic Foundation is the representative neighborhood association of Mansion Hill & Gateway, the Westside Citizens Coalition is the neighborhood association for Two Rivers I, Two Rivers II, and Buena Vista. Or, in layman's terms, the area West of Monmouth and North of the railroad tracks.

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Citizen's Coalition

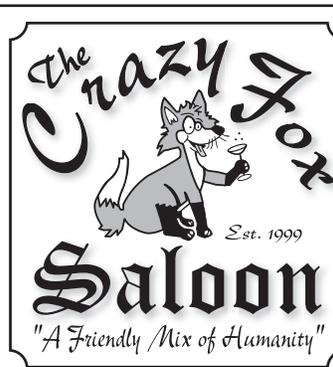
The Westside Citizens Coalition formed in 2005, with the Newport Citizens Advisory Council (NCAC) acting as a non-profit fiscal sponsor. The NCAC dissolved earlier this year, so the Westside Citizens Coalition has begun the process of filing to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit on our own. 🐾

Newport Then & Now

by Brian Malone



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