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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, July 1, at The Sanctuary (Monroe and 6th Streets.)

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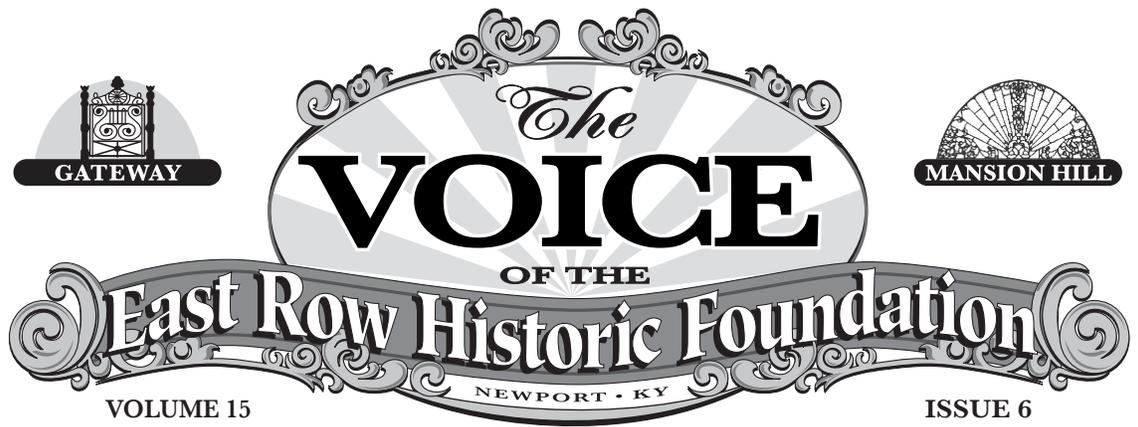
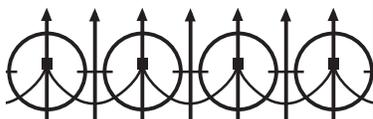
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11th Annual East Row Block Party

by Pat Budd

On Saturday, June 21, the 600 block of Monroe St. will host the 11th annual East Row Block Party from 5 p.m. to midnight.

"Block Party" has become something of an understatement, as this event has evolved from a handful of neighbors gathering and grilling, to what is certainly among the Tri-State's best community-driven events. With hundreds in attendance beneath a canopy of lights, neighbors gather to contribute their collective talents for a memorable evening of food, fun and live music.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their tastiest dishes to share in the food tents, which brim with diverse flavors from around the world. Jeff Richardson of Overton St. and Joe Webb of Lexington Ave. will provide the cornerstone entrée, authentic Carolina barbeque, slow-smoked for 36 hours prior to the party and served with a selection of sauces from his family's recipes. The event is BYOB, with most folks bringing coolers as well as folding chairs and tables, or blankets to create their own sitting and dining areas. The north end of the block will offer a wonderful play zone for kids of all ages and includes an inflatable moon-bounce and great games.

Live music has always been the centerpiece of the Block Party and this year's expanded lineup promises to be the best yet. The East Row is home to many of the area's leading bands and recording artists, several of whom have recently released albums nationally. The covered, lighted stage will host an array of blues, jazz, world, alternative and original rock performed by neighborhood residents and East Row-based bands. The current lineup includes Liebenwurst, Evening Redness, Annette Shepherd, Soul Pushers, The Ready Stance, Cowgirl, and more. Many of the artists can be found online, with MP3's available on their websites.

The 2014 event will also introduce a new commemorative T-shirt, designed and printed by neighborhood residents. T-shirt sales help to fund the Block Party and can be pre-ordered by **June 6** for \$8 each. There will be only one printing, so make sure to order yours ASAP! Forms can be found on the East Row Pool and Social Club's website <http://erpsc.org/> or the East Row site at <http://www.eastrow.org/Events.html> under the Block Party event information.

The East Row Block Party is among the many reasons that this neighborhood is extraordinary and it provides a great opportunity to invite friends to come and experience this special place. The fun begins at 5 p.m. on Monroe between 6th and 7th. If you would like to volunteer with any aspect of helping with our great block party, please contact Paul Johnson at PAUL.F.JOHNSON@HUNTINGTON.COM or call 859.801.3656.



City Has New Website

by Tom Fromme

Visit the city's new website for the calendar of events – <http://newportky.gov/> 

Annual Yard Sale is July 12

by Catherine Bach and Joyce Chastang

The East Row Annual Yard Sale, held the 2nd Saturday of each July, will be on July 12, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The sale will be listed on Craigslist and advertised in the Enquirer, yard sale signs will be posted, and a map of participants made available. There is no cost to homeowners since the East Row Foundation will pay the fees to the city.



What do you have to do? Let us know if you plan to participate. Email us at CMB2007@fuse.net with a list of any special items that could be included in the Craigslist ad. Get your items ready and spread the word to family and friends. Finally, get ready to have a great time!

Looking forward to another great turnout and successful yard sale! 



Garden Featured on Secret Tour Not So Secret Anymore

by Mary Beth Crocker-Dearing

In less than a year, Christina Anderson transformed what was once an abandoned side lot with chain-link fencing, out-of-control ivy and a lonely Japanese maple tree into such a distinctive, creative garden that it's been honored as one of the finest urban gardens in Greater Cincinnati.

Christina's garden at 735 Overton, a corner lot, is among 11 featured on the prestigious day-long Secret Garden Tour on June 21. The tour, which is sponsored by the Cincinnati Horticultural Society, also features the East Row gardens of Nina and Jim Campbell, 720 Overton St., Tracey Meade, 724 Monroe St., and Diana Willen, 724 Overton St.

After pushing what Christina calls a "dingo" from Art's Rental on May 17 of last year, Christina and her partner, Peter Schuster of Germany, broke ground a week before moving into their home. However, long before the closing, Christina, a passionate, zealous gardener originally from East Anglia in the UK, would walk by the house envisioning detailed garden plans. "For 15 years, I dreamt of this property, imagining its potential and daydreaming about the possibilities," she says.

Today, Christina's visions are a reality. The imaginative spaces — a formal knot garden, an English woodland garden, a small pond planted with sedums, and butterfly, Japanese and kitchen gardens — gently wind through the property leading into a seating area, planted with ferns, evergreen trees and grasses, and a private, covered deck. (Christina's garden is also on the East Row Garden Walk from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 7-8.)

The Secret Garden Tour, a fundraiser, runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, and includes breakfast, lunch, and transportation to all gardens. Individual tickets: \$100. Information: <http://cincinnatihorticulturalsociety.com/> 

Newport Farmers Market Opening Saturday, June 7

The Newport Farmers Market will be opening Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to Noon at 709 Monmouth in the city parking lot adjacent to the Pepper Pod Restaurant. It will be open every Saturday through Oct. 25.

The Farmers Market provides a variety of homegrown fruits, vegetables and annual and perennial flowers. When the Market opens, the farmers plan to have baked goods, herbs, tomatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, asparagus, and flower plantings. The local farmers continue to strive to provide safe food to our Northern Kentucky community.

The farmers accept WIC (Women, Infants and Children) and SFMNP (Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program) coupons.

Please continue to support the local Campbell County Farmland Work Group farmers. 

Library is hitting the road for Summer Fun Fridays

Contact: Cyndi Haren 859-781-6166, ext. 30

Cold Spring (May 28, 2014) - The Library is hitting the road this summer! Beginning Friday, June 13, Campbell County Public Library's outreach librarians will offer limited library services at two off-site locations every Friday in June and July, except Fourth of July.

Outreach Services will be outside the Newport Middle School (30 W. 8th Street, Newport) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and at the Southern Campbell Fire District station (1050 Race Track Road, Alexandria) from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.



Patrons can return library materials, pick up hold items and check out honor books at the off-site locations. There will be arts and crafts for children and one 30-minute story time at each location.

"Our goal is to provide library services to every Campbell County resident," said Michele Turner, children's outreach librarian. "We want to provide easier access to people in the southern part of the county and introduce our services to people who may not visit the Library."

Summer Fun Fridays:

June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, Cutline: Campbell County Public Library's outreach services will host off-site hours at two county locations in June and July.

In the 2012-2013 fiscal year, 681,701 people visited the Library, checking out more than 1 million items. In addition, 40,713 people attended 2,008 programs offered by the Library, and more than 2,359 public meetings took place the library's meeting rooms. Public computer use topped more than 117,400 users.

The Library makes every reasonable effort to accommodate patrons with disabilities. Please allow 72 hours before the event when requesting such accommodation. All facilities and meeting rooms are ADA compliant.

The Campbell County Public Library operates three branches. The Cold Spring Branch is located at 3920 Alexandria Pike in Cold Spring, phone 859-781-6166. The Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch is located at 1000 Highland Ave. in Fort Thomas, phone 859-572-5033. The Newport Branch is located at 901 E. Sixth St. in Newport, phone 859-572-5035.

Hours for all three branches are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The Web site address is www.cc-pl.org.

2014 Summer Feeding Program for Children 18 and Younger

June 10 – August 8, 2014

Newport Independent School District Food Service will sponsor the 2014 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) at the Newport Middle School this summer. This program is administered by the Kentucky Department of Education, School and Community Nutrition. Children – ages 18 and younger – can receive a free breakfast and/or lunch from June 10 – August 8 at the following site:

NEWPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

30 West 8th Street, Newport, KY 41071

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Breakfast: 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Lunch: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

No meals will be served on July 4 or July 25

SUMMER FUN FRIDAYS —

Presented by Campbell County Library

June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Story time at 10:30 am

Library Read Van at the Middle School —

Books and Magazines to Read On-Site and to Check Out (for All Ages). Due Library Materials May be Returned, delivery of On-Hold Items, 30-Minute Story Time, simple Crafts and/or Games for Children

If you have any questions, please contact:

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New Tree Planting Opportunity for Property Owners

by the East Row TreeVitalize Team

The East Row Garden Club and TreeVitalize Team are excited to announce a very special opportunity for East Row property owners. A selection of street trees will become available for planting (in area between the sidewalk and the street), and will be planted by a team of volunteers with assistance from city crews on October 11 (rain date Oct. 12). Homeowners are encouraged to complete sign up forms now, as there are a limited number of trees available.

Numerous tree choices are being offered, all suitable for our urban environment. Your choice of trees will be dependent on whether the planting site is under a utility line. Tree options include Redbud, Hawthorn, Tree Lilac, Black Gum, Zelkova, Gingko, Tulip Poplar, Yellowwood and more. All trees will have a trunk size of 2" diameter (approx 6-15' high at planting, dependent on species).

The cost to the homeowner is only \$40 per tree and payment is required with sign up. Normally for trees of this size, with delivery and planting from a local nursery, the cost can be anywhere from \$300-\$600. But funding has been obtained through the East Row Garden Club and East Row Historic Foundation, with hopes for additional funding through grants. Planting will be a community volunteer effort.

SIGN UP FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Sign up forms can be obtained in any of the following ways:

- Download a form at eastrowgardenclub.org/trees
- Pick up a form at the East Row Garden Club meeting (3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm, The Sanctuary, 6th and Monroe Streets) or at the East Row Historic Foundation meeting (1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm, also at the Sanctuary.)
- Call Susan Whitehead at 859-491-1690 for a form if you are unable to obtain one otherwise.

COMPLETED FORMS AND PAYMENT

Drop off completed forms and \$40 per tree payment (cash or check only, payable to East Row Garden Club) to 617 Maple Avenue. Forms and payment are due no later than July 31, 2014 but note that a limited number of trees are available and could go sooner.

SAVE THE DATE – Volunteers are needed for this exciting community effort to plant the trees on October 11th. What a great way to meet your neighbors and take part in this street

beautification and revitalization project. Sign up now at www.EastRowGardenClub.org/trees.

QUESTIONS? – Check out the “Frequently Asked Questions” at eastrowgardenclub.org/trees or in the FAQ section on the sign up form. If you have additional questions, please email it to trees@eastrowgardenclub.org.

TreeVitalize is a group of East Row residents who have started an independent program to assess, maintain and build our urban forest. This is the fourth in a series of articles to educate homeowners about their street trees. If you have a question about your tree that you would like to see covered in a future article or want to join the group, contact us at trees@eastrowgardenclub.org. Funding is provided by the East Row Garden Club in partnership with the city of Newport.



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