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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, April 5, at The Sanctuary (Monroe and 6th Streets.)

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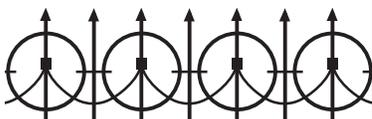
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Street Cleaning Reminder and Restoration Weekend

by City Manager Tom Fromme and Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark

Street cleaning returns in March, weather permitting. Please check the signs posted on the poles for your designated week and day.

NKY Restoration Weekend March 11-12

On Friday, March 11, NKY Restoration, an organization committed to providing educational opportunities to help foster vibrancy in the Northern Kentucky River Cities that promotes economic development, place making, and preserving our historic assets, will host four accredited professional development workshops for architects and planners in Covington. The programs will be held at Baker Hunt Art & Cultural Center and include a light continental breakfast and free boxed lunch.

Friday topics/presenters at Baker Hunt Art & Cultural Center; 620 Greenup Street 8 a.m.

Historic Preservation and Conservation Easements - 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. - Eric Russo - Hillside Trust and Eric Everett Landon - Frost Brown Todd LLC

The Stabilization of Historic Buildings - 9:45-10:45 a.m. - Eugene Jacob and John Hillenbrand - SSRG

Historic Preservation in Community and Economic Development - 11 am to noon - Briana Grosicki - PlaceEconomics

Brownfield Basics - 9:45-10:45 a.m. - Elishia Chamberlain - City of Ludlow, KY

Registration and refreshments open at 8 a.m. on March 11. Architects and planners seeking CEU credits will need to email nkyrestoration@gmail.com and include their name, AIA or AICP member number, phone number and zip code in the body of the email.

Saturday Activities at Gateway Urban Campus; 525 Scott Blvd, Covington, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Saturday, March 12 enjoy a day of practical advice, demonstrations, workshops and services for the historic homeowner, property owner or building professional. There will also be a vendor fair with a free lunch, "Taste and Talk", from noon to 1:30 that will be a mini-taste of Northern Kentucky. Although NKY Restoration is free, participants are asked to register online at www.nkyrestoration.com. There is free parking for the event at the Midtown Parking Garage, located adjacent to the Gateway Urban Campus at 501 Scott Street. The event has been partially funded with a generous Certified Local Government grant given to the Cities of Bellevue and Covington from the National Park Service and administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council.



New Neighbor Welcome Party is April 14

by Heidi Fausz

Are you new to the East Row? Have you lived here and never had a chance to meet key people who represent clubs and activities held in the East Row and Newport? Did you come to the last New Neighbor Welcome Party, have fun and want to come back again?! If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this invitation is for you (and your neighbors)!

Save the date now to join us for an informal New Neighbor Welcome Party on Thursday, April 14 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the East Row Pool and Social Club/Clubhouse at Linden Street and Nelson Place.

Please bring an appetizer to share. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be provided. Learn about our Historic Foundation monthly meetings, the East Row Garden Club and Garden Walk, our annual Block Party, Labor Day Fireworks/WEBN T-shirt fundraiser, the Victorian Christmas Tour, historic preservation and restoration, the Newport Dog Park, and much more.

Please RSVP to Heidi Fausz at Heidi.Fausz@gmail.com or 513-498-7323. Walk-ins and repeat attendees are welcome! A reminder also be sent to the Listserv one week prior to the event.

Additionally, the East Row Historic Foundation and the Welcoming Committee would like to thank Elaine Pearl for her years of support and leadership of the Welcoming Committee.

The East Row Welcoming Committee: Michael Jackson, Ian Budd, Kristi Broghamer, Stacey Varley, Bob and Jan Weiler, Diane Setter, John and Elizabeth Robson, David and Heidi Fausz. ✍

Newport Business Association (NBA) Award Presentations

The Newport Business Association (NBA) Annual Meeting and Presentation of Awards were held Wednesday, February 24 at The Newport Syndicate.

Mayor Jerry Peluso presented the 2016 Officers and Board of Directors and administered an oath upholding the NBA's Mission Statement which is to serve the local businesses through its problem-solving forum, unified voice to policy makers, and through its member support, education and networking.

Officers and Board of Directors were installed and awards were presented. ✍

Empowering Newport Independent Students with Project Lead the Way

by Kelly Grayson

Empowering students to question what is possible to solving exciting medical mysteries are lessons that every Newport Independent student will have the opportunity to experience in the 2016-2017 school year. The Newport Board of Education and administration are proud to announce a new commitment to students with Project Lead the Way (PLTW). PLTW is the nation's leading provider of K-12 STEM programs that broaden student's knowledge and experience with real world, cross-disciplinary learning experiences in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

"I am so excited that our students will be able to learn 21st century skills through real-world experiences and careers. They will develop problem solving strategies and critical thinking skills through these programs. The future careers of our students depend on their ability to create, design, and collaborate with others and PLTW will engage them in activities that involve these skills," explains Amy Gilkison, Newport chief academic officer. The following PLTW programs will be implemented: Launch in grades K-5; Gateway in grades 6-8; and Biomedical Science in grades 9-12. By merging our 1:1 technology initiative with PLTW, we will transform the learning environment for Newport students.

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While implementing PLTW, the district will reach out to community partners and stakeholders to provide on-going support for our students involved in the program. "Through

these partnerships, our students will be exposed to a wide variety of STEM-related careers. We want to prepare our students to successfully enter the workforce. They need to have the tools necessary to work in our ever-changing world. Through quality partnerships and PLTW experiences, our student will be empowered with the necessary skills and experiences to be a productive contributors to our economy," continued Gilkison. PLTW prepares students to be the next generation of problem solvers, critical thinkers,



Mr. Thompson, 6th grade science teacher observes Marquise Thomas using a microscope.

and innovators, while sparking interest in future careers. Research has proven the PLTW's world-class curriculum and high-quality professional development have earned recognition of education and nonprofit organizations, state and national governments, and Fortune 500 companies.

PLTW not only prepares students to be scientist, engineers, or mathematicians, but also teaches them effective communication skills to become the leaders for the future. These are exciting times for the students and community of Newport. "PLTW will allow our students to work in a self-directed learning environment in which their curiosity will be supported, discovery will be encouraged, and creative thinking will be fostered," said Gilkison. Amazing discoveries are in store for Newport students beginning August 2016. 🐾

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Tree Topping Hurts Trees

by Rachel Comte, Tree Revitalize team member and ISA Certified Arborist

One of the most common, yet most damaging, injuries to trees comes from tree topping. Sadly, it is a practice seen across the country (and in our own neighborhood). Topping is the drastic removal or cutting back of large branches to stubs in mature trees (example shown in Figure 1). It can also be called “heading,” “tipping,” “hat-racking,” or “rounding over.”

Topping is considered the most harmful tree pruning practice known, as it stresses trees a myriad of ways:

1. Starvation. When a tree is topped, this often removes 50-100% of foliage - a tree's food factory. If no food gets to the roots, the tree can starve.

2. Shock. When an entire umbrella of leaves is suddenly removed, a tree can suffer sun scald. Bark tissues suddenly exposed to full sun may be burned and develop cankers (dead sections on limbs).

3. Disease. The practice of topping leaves stubs that can't heal properly (the location and size of wound prevent healing). Open wounds and exposed tissue invite disease, insects, rot, and thus make trees weak and more dangerous.

4. Unsafe Structure. Unfortunately, people are afraid of trees getting too big and often ask for them to be topped, citing fear that a strong wind might knock large trees over. This is largely unjustified, for the extensive root system of a healthy tree (if left undisturbed) provides adequate support for the tree.

Topping makes trees even more dangerous. After a tree is topped, it goes into emergency response mode through rapid and extensive new growth. These new shoots, termed water sprouts (see example in Figure 2), are poorly attached and prone to breaking. As these new shoots age, the tree is extremely vulnerable to falling limbs in future years. Ironically, by having trees topped to prevent future damage, people actually create the very situation they are trying to avoid. Many cities across the country assess fines when property owners top street trees for this reason, as it creates a serious future liability issue.

5. Rapid, Unsafe Growth. According to the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the most common reason given for tree topping is to reduce the size of a tree. People believe they need to top their trees to control their height and spread, when actually the opposite happens. Trees respond to the injury by rapid new growth, quickly surpassing the size it once



Figure 1: Topped Tree



Figure 2: Water Sprout Rapid Growth after Topping

was, though now weaker. Each cut sprouts multiple new branches and the condition become exponentially problematic with each cycle of topping.

6. Expensive. Often homeowners cite topping as a cheaper alternative to removing the tree. However, while topping may be cheaper right now, actual costs are exponentially higher from increased future pruning needs, falling limb damage, resulting liability, and eventual removal of declining or dead tree.

So if it's so bad, why is done across the country? The answer centers on a lack of education on proper tree care - by property owners and tree care companies alike. It does, however, provide a good way to judge the quality of a local tree company. If any tree company promotes topping as a service, you can be sure there is a lack of quality knowledge of arboriculture in general, and you may want to find another company. Tree services that follow industry standards will refuse to top your tree. 🌿

Those crazy tree people are at it again...

The Tree Revitalize team is at it again, planning for another street tree planting campaign on the east side of Newport this fall 2016. Sign up notice will be announced in The Voice very soon! You will be able to sign up for a tree and to volunteer to help plant this fall. Stay tuned!

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