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**Next Meeting:**

The joint meeting for Gateway and Mansion Hill neighborhoods is Tue. Nov. 1 at 7 p.m., at The Sanctuary on the corner of 6th and Monroe.

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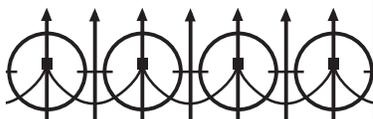
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## Letter From the New Editor

Hello fellow Newportians, I'm very excited to be a part of *The Voice*. I was born and raised in the East Row, and have been here most of my life. I've seen the publication change and grow over the years, and can't wait to continue the tradition. My main goals as Editor are to optimize the content based on resident insights, include voices from more community members, and to expand the digital reach of the newsletter

Please feel free to send me your ideas and feedback at [voice@eastrow.org](mailto:voice@eastrow.org) about what you'd like to see in *The Voice*, what you like best about it, and what you think could use improvement. I'm looking forward to the great things to come!

-Caitlin Ayers

## Historic Downtown Newport Presents "Harvest the Arts"

by Bev Holiday

The City of Newport will be holding an arts and crafts festival October 8th, 2016, from 11am to 6pm at 8th and Monmouth Streets—rain or shine. This nonprofit event is hosted by The Newport Foundation, Artifact, Jamie Anton, Ryan Hill, Molly Meyer, and Matt Meyung.

The event will feature more than 40 fine arts and crafts vendors, live music, local food vendors, live art demonstrations, and art activities for kids. All attendees are encouraged to donate to the Food and Coat Drive for The Brighton Center.

For more information, call **859-655-6341**, email [bholiday@newportky.gov](mailto:bholiday@newportky.gov), or find the event page on Facebook by searching "2016 Harvest the Arts."

## We need your help to combat vandalism!

by City Manager Tom Fromme

Newport is a great community with many wonderful residents. A small percentage of people do not respect our City and take out their frustrations on private and public property. These acts of vandalism range from graffiti or tagging to willful and costly destruction of property.

During the past several weeks, we have experienced vandalism at three of our public parks and have discovered graffiti on private property. We are asking for your assistance in sending a message that vandalism is unacceptable. Many times these acts are either not observed or people simply do not call the police. Many of the areas that have been vandalized are heavily travelled and are very visible to the public.

Vandalism is not only destructive, it can also lead to a perception of a high crime rate in an area or neighborhood. The costs to the taxpayer is significant as we spend limited resources on repairing damage rather than spending on other useful initiatives.

Please keep an eye out for such acts and call the police at **911** or the non-emergency number **859-292-3622**. The City offers a reward of up to \$250 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone committing vandalism to public property.

# Proposed Revision of ERHF By-Laws

by the ERHF Board

This is to serve as a notice that the ERHF is proposing a revision to amend Article VII, Section 7, D, of the current ERHF By-Laws; "Assist in obtaining moneys and be authorized to sign checks. Such checks shall be countersigned by the Chairperson or a Director in the Chairperson's absence. Such disbursements may only be for those expenses approved by "ERHF"."

Because our financial institutions no longer use countersignatures as a security measure, the proposed revision would read; "Assist in obtaining moneys and be authorized to sign checks. Such disbursements may only be for those expenses approved by "ERHF". For auditing purposes, bank statements shall be delivered to the Chairperson to be reconciled with monthly Treasurer's report."



After a full month of notification in *The Voice* newsletter and on the ERHF website, the revision of the By-Laws

will be read at two consecutive ERHF monthly meetings to be voted on for approval. 🐾

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# September Meeting Highlights

by Heidi Fausz

## Motions Passed

- Lease of a \$2,860 audiovisual system for use at meetings for the next 10 years.
- \$1,000 sponsorship of the Junior League's "Tour of Kitchens" featuring Newport on Nov. 5.

## Initiative Updates

- This Labor Day's WEBN t-shirt sale was a success
- The GoVibrant Walking Tour is being partially funded by ReNewport and the Westside Citizen's Coalition, and seeks additional funding from the ERHF. A vote will be held at October's meeting.

Full Meeting Minutes are available on the Listserv and at the ERHF Monthly Meetings. 🐾

**Tour of KITCHENS**  
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**Re-Elect Beth Fennell**  
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# Homes Needed for Christmas Tour

by Brian Malone

This year's East Row Victorian Christmas Tour is fast approaching and we are still looking for a few homes to be featured. This is the East Row Historic Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year.

The tour is Dec. 3-4 from 12-6 p.m. Homeowners receive a free ticket to the tour and will have their house histories researched for the program. Your home does not need to be decorated in a Victorian manner to be on the tour.

We are also looking for two people to help with publicity and sponsorships. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for the tour, or if you have any questions, please contact Brian Malone at [bfmalone@fuse.net](mailto:bfmalone@fuse.net) or **859-261-4135**.

# Help Us Plant Trees on Oct. 15!

by Clare Finney

Don't miss the East Row Tree Revitalize Team's Fall planting day event on Oct. 15 starting at 8 a.m. With your help, 150 new street trees will be planted, making a beautiful impact on our neighborhood for years to come. We still need LOTS of planting crew volunteers! Sign up now at [eastrowgardenclub.org/trees](http://eastrowgardenclub.org/trees) or email [trees@eastrowgardenclub.org](mailto:trees@eastrowgardenclub.org).

You can organize a team of your friends and neighbors to join in the effort. Please note, even if you've mentioned you'll help, it's important to sign up on the website or email us.

The East Row Tree Revitalize team is part of East Row Garden Club, which is helping to fund this effort. The City of Newport will grind any stumps, pre-dig the holes and cut out any sidewalks as needed before the event. Trees will be delivered to each site. Volunteer training will be provided, and homeowners will receive information about how to water and care for their new tree.

Please consider joining us for this exciting event!

East Row Tree Revitalize is a resident-run independent program to assess, maintain and build our urban forest. For questions, comments, or to join the group, email [trees@eastrowgardenclub.org](mailto:trees@eastrowgardenclub.org).



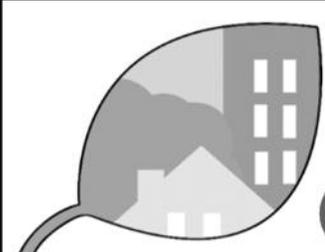
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# Newport High School Classified "Proficient" and a "High Progress School" in Newly Released State Data

by Kelly Grayson

Newport High School has achieved a "Proficient" classification and has been deemed a "High Progress School," according to new data released by the Kentucky Department of Education.

The data also shows that graduation rates at Newport High School – dubbed "a dropout factory" just five years ago by a local media outlet – have surged by nearly 30 points and have steadily increased from 67.2 percent in 2012-13 school year to 94.8 percent in 2015-16.

"What we set out to do five years ago is working," said Newport Independent Schools Superintendent Kelly Middleton. "And it is working because our teachers, our staff, our administrators, and our students are working hard, focusing on what is important, and striving to succeed." 🐾

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# 2016 Dog Park Pup Crawl

by Peter Lloyd

Our popular dog park at the end of East 4th Street and Providence Way draws dogs and their two-legged attendants from all around Greater Cincinnati. In celebration of our canine community and to help raise funds for its continued improvement, everyone is invited to join the 3rd annual Pup Crawl on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 7pm to midnight.

The festivities will begin at Coach's Corner. From there we'll crawl to Mansion Hill Tavern around 7:45. Next stop, down the road to Newberry's Prohibition Bourbon at 8:30. We'll head across the street to Pompilio's Colonel Pomp's Tavern at about 9:15, and wind up the celebration at the Crazy Fox Saloon about 10:30.

At each venue you'll find special drinks and prize raffles. Each establishment will share the bar receipts with us and our pups. All proceeds from this event go to the dog park and the awesome projects we have on the horizon such as a shade structure and paved areas at the park.

Sorry, no four legged friends at this event, but they can enjoy the rewards at the park.

To join us, please purchase this year's hoodie or T-shirt. They are your ticket to the fun. Use our Registration Form. You can pay online this year or pay when you pick up your garment at Coach's Corner starting Thursday, October 20, after 3 p.m. and until we start pup crawlin'.

Last day to register is Wednesday, October 12. Contact [newportdogpark@gmail.com](mailto:newportdogpark@gmail.com) if you have any questions. 🐾

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