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### Holiday Party:

The Holiday Party for Gateway and Mansion Hill neighborhoods is Tue. Dec. 6 at 7 p.m., at The Sanctuary on the corner of 6th and Monroe.

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## New Businesses and More!

by Tom Fromme

November will celebrate the opening of two new businesses in the York Street Local District area: Wooden Cask Brewery and Hampton Inn & Suites. Wooden Cask Brewery at 629 York will host its Grand Opening on Saturday, November 12 and a mid-November opening is planned for Hampton Inn & Suites on 3rd between York and Columbia Streets. Specific details will be distributed via the East Row list-serve.

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held on Friday, November 11th at 11:00am at the City Building at 998 Monmouth Street. Please join us in showing your respect and appreciation to our Veterans. The City offices will be closed in observance of the holiday but our emergency personnel are always on duty.

Other upcoming events:

**Saturday, Dec. 3** – The City Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the City Building. Complimentary refreshments will be served after the ceremony in the Multi-Purpose room.

**Sunday, Dec. 4** – A Pearl Harbor Remembrance service at noon at the General James Taylor Park on Riverboat Row. Open to the public.

Keep Up! Now you can stay up-to-date when you like the City of Newport, KY on Facebook and check our website [www.newportky.gov](http://www.newportky.gov) to sign up for regular updates via email. 🍷



## Victorian Christmas Tour and Tea

The East Row Historic Foundation proudly presents the 23rd annual Victorian Christmas Home Tour, December 3 and 4 from noon to 6 p.m.

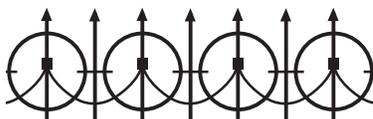
Among this year's highlights:

- A gorgeous Queen Anne townhouse with decorative painting
- Two never-before-featured homes
- A popular Italianate townhouse

Purchase tickets online in advance for \$16 at [www.eastrow.org](http://www.eastrow.org) or the day-of during tour hours for \$18 per person at Mansion Hill Custom Floors (324 E 4th). Children 12 are free (with an adult).

The Victorian Christmas Tea will also be held on December 3 and 4 in a beautiful East Row home at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4 p.m. A traditional savory-sweet English tea will be served alongside tea sandwiches and assorted baked goods. Purchase tickets in advance for \$30 per seat at [www.eastrow.org](http://www.eastrow.org).

A portion of the proceeds from the tour will benefit three northern Kentucky charities. To volunteer at the ticket headquarters or inside one of the homes, contact Heidi Fausz at [heidi.fausz@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.fausz@gmail.com). Volunteers receive a free tour ticket in exchange for a three-hour shift. 🍷



# Tweed Bike Ride and Light Night Events

by Steve Mathisen,  
ReNewport Health, Wellness & Safety Chair

Don't miss the Tweed Bike Ride, Antique Bike Show, and Light Night Bike, Walk, Run Events on Saturday, November 12 beginning at 3:00pm

Schedule as follows:

**3:15pm** – Greet Tweed theme riders for a bike ride across the Purple People Bridge and meet back at Reser Bicycle Outfitters. Free to participate and prizes will be awarded for best tweed attire. FYI: Costume Gallery welcomes the opportunity to assist you with your tweed outfit!

**5:00pm** – Vintage Bike Show at Reser Bicycle Outfitters

**6:00pm** – Light Night Registration at Reser Bicycle

**6:30pm** – Light Night Bike/Run/Walk

**8:00pm** – Wooden Cask Brewery for after-party

We're empowering large groups of people to improve public health and safety with fitness-based night traffic. LEDs will be given away at registration and the safety briefing. Maps provided at registration. 🍷

# Say Hello To Our New Trees!

by Clare Finney

On Oct. 15, over 90 volunteers came out for the East Row Garden Club's fall event to plant 135 new trees. Stop by and say hello to "Happy" on 7th Street, "Tupelo" on Overton, "Ted, Ed, and Fred" on 9th Street, and many others.



The event was organized by the Garden Club's Tree Revitalize Team and was their third planting campaign. The total of all three events has resulted in 351 new trees.

The Tree Revitalize team extends a warm thank you to:

Central Lawn, The City of Newport, Dixie Chili, East Row Garden Club, East Row Historic Foundation, ReNewport, Roy Davis & Audrey Ann Photography, St. John's United Church of Christ, Newport residents and other generous donors, all volunteers, and the new tree owners.

Tree Revitalize is a group of East Row residents who have started an independent program to assess, maintain and build our urban forest. If you have a question, comment, or want to join our team, email [trees@eastrowgardenclub.org](mailto:trees@eastrowgardenclub.org). 🍷

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# Ghosts On Park?

by Brian Malone

With recent Halloween parties and trick-or-treating in the East Row, I'm dwelling on some recent spooky discoveries in my research of our East Row home. Part of the charm of our historic homes is the stories they hide and the past lives that have occurred in them over 100-plus years. After finding a photo of a past resident of our house online in a Facebook group, my curiosity got the better of me and I started searching Google for bits and pieces of our homes' history.

One search led to another and I found myself in the Enquirer database of newspapers back to 1840. My first search for our address produced dozens of hits. In the preview section, my eye skimmed down bits and pieces of 100-year-old articles. Immediately, several words jumped out at me – "found" "died" "at home."

Someone died in our house.

I fumbled with the keyboard to see what I had unearthed. I then opened window after window and saw many names I recognized from past afternoons pouring over census records and city directories. Nothing could have prepared me for what I discovered. Several people died in our house. At least six. Maybe more.

Our house has seen a lot of living in its 120 years. It has contained a rental unit since the beginning so there have been a lot of families here. Most of the owners tended to stay for a long time - in one case 40 years. It also seemed more common at the turn of the last century to live out the end of your life at home. In all but one instance, no cause of death was given and the people were of an age that the death could have been natural. In two cases, the funeral for the person happened in the house. I was alarmed by this until I searched for information on some of our neighbor's houses and discovered many similar stories. Funerals at home were very common before 1930, so death and funerals likely occurred in all our East Row homes.

One unnerving fact is that I don't know specifically where most of these events happened. At any time, I could be within several feet of where someone died. Some more research can turn up which floor the people lived on and thus a more precise location. The first owner of our home died while crossing Overton Street at Ninth Street while returning from a doctor's appointment. Of course, the body was then carried back to the house. The second owner of our house passed in a particular, tragic manner, in the attic. Someone died where I watched "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." "Good grief," indeed.

I can't say that I've ever experienced anything paranormal here. I like to think the house and whatever spirits linger are happy we're here and that the past residents of 822 Park loved the house like we do and were content in their final days here. I still might sleep with the lights on tonight, though. 🐾

# October Meeting Highlights

by Heidi Fausz

Motion Passed: \$2,500 to fund GoVibrant Walking Tour in partnership with ReNewport and the Westside Citizen's Coalition

Initiative Update: Newport City Commission purchased a new pole mass for replacing the stoplights at the 3rd and Saratoga intersection.

Announcement: 2nd Annual Newport Trash Bash was a success with over 1,800lbs of trash picked up in 1 hour by 143 volunteers.

Full Meeting Minutes are available on the Listserv and at the ERHF Monthly Meetings. The next meeting is Nov. 1 at 7 pm. 🐾

# Newport Business Association Heroin Update

by Bev Holiday, NBA Vice President

The NBA meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 8:00 a.m. will feature a panel discussion on Heroin Update. The panel will consist of representatives from Newport Police Dept., Newport Fire/EMS Dept., Campbell County Fiscal Court, St. Elizabeth Hospital and the NKY Health Dept.



The meeting will be in the Multi-Purpose Room in the City Building (998 Monmouth St.), and is open and free to the public. Complimentary coffee provided at 7:45am by Trailhead Coffee, located inside Reser Bicycle Outfitters.

For more info, contact Bev Holiday at **859-512-0360**. 🐾

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# Newport Independent Schools Awarded \$2 million Federal Literacy Grant

The Newport Independent School District has been awarded a nearly \$2 million federal literacy grant that will utilize new programs, books and technology to increase the reading proficiency of students in pre-school through high school.

Newport was one of just 29 recipients nationwide of the Innovative Approaches to Literacy grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Education. Newport's grant of \$1,938,845 over two years is approximately \$500,000 more than any other school district in the country.

"Reading is the most fundamental academic skill our children need to master to become successful in school and in life, said U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. said in a press release announcing the grants. "Access to books and proven literacy instruction are critical to narrowing the achievement gap in education to help children thrive."

Newport's grant was written by District Curriculum Coordinator Diane Hatfield and Paul Baker, the district's grant writer. It will be used to increase by 30 percent number of pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade students who gain proficiency in reading and/or language arts, while also increasing by 35 percent the number of pre-K students who are ready for kindergarten based upon their oral language skills. 🍀

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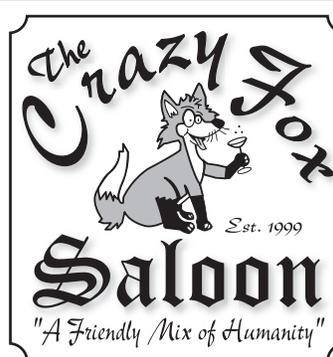
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