

# THE OLD LOUISVILLE JOURNAL

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## Chair Notes

By Joan Stewart

Chair OLNC/OLIC



Here's to the New Year! Many things will be changing for the New Year...New Council Member (David James), New Mayor (Greg Fischer), New Focus for Louisville Metro...here's to Old Louisville being an integral part of the new focus for Louisville Metro! Not only will "things" be new at the City level...there will be new Foundation Board Members...new Representatives for the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council...new expectations of Committee Chairs and Members...Board Reps and Board Members. Just as we all strive to make each year of our lives the best it has ever been, this is the year to strive for the absolute best for Old Louisville. Several new events are being planned... Watch the Journal; and website for information concerning these events.



**Major Green at the Holiday Party for the Shelby Elementary School he sponsored. Photo by Councilman David James.**

Many new and improved ideas are being floated around for the year 2011...much more about those in the February Issue of the Journal.

Please choose to participate in the old and new activities of the Council Board and the Foundation Board. Without you there would be no reason to have these activities.

February is going to be **SIGN UP FOR COMMITTEES AND/OR VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH A SPECIFIC EVENT Month!!!!** Get Ready!!!

I have much thinking to do, prior to the New Year...about all we are trying to accomplish this next year...**HELP!!!!**

## The Old Louisville Journal begins "In the Spotlight ..."

January starts a new entry for the OL Journal. This entry will be an Old Louisville Resident "In the Spotlight...". This is patterned after the Character feature done by the USA Network in 2009. Each month a person will be showcased who has done or is doing something most interesting for the betterment of the Neighborhood or the World. If you have someone you think fits the criteria, please call the Information Center 635-5244 or email [olnc@bellsouth.net](mailto:olnc@bellsouth.net) with your suggestion.

***A huge Thank You to the outgoing Foundation (OLIC) Board Members...Andrew, Dan, Eva and Beverly...a hardy WELCOME to the New Board...let's get to work!!!!***

Sorry for misspelling our new board member's Howard Rosenberg and John Sistarenik names in the last issue! -Linda

## New iPhone App - "Historic Old Louisville Kentucky"

By John Paul

A new iPhone App is now available in the iTunes Store titled "Historic Old Louisville Kentucky". The App is a guide to the largest collection of Victorian-era architecture in the USA. Unlike most published tour guides that feature businesses and attractions, this App highlights our Victorian architecture.

"Historic Old Louisville Kentucky" version 1.0 has 340 entries, each entry has 'tags' that can be sorted by homes, walking tours, restaurants, B&Bs, businesses, events, etc., and can also be browsed by individual streets, or street address. Each entry has a original photograph, interactive Google map, and a description including:

- Street address
- Name of property (if applicable)
- Year built (if known)
- Architectural style
- Original owner and profession (when available)
- Architect (when available)
- Description of architectural details

Also included are:

- Four suggested walking/driving tours with descriptions, directions, and maps.
- 560 original photos depicting the architectural beauty of the area that can be played in a slideshow.
- Descriptions of Victorian architectural styles, showing over thirty examples.
- Annual Old Louisville events with dates and locations.
- Other historic places in the immediate area.
- Information useful to both residents and visitors of historic Old Louisville.

The descriptions of Old Louisville Architectural Styles alone makes this App an invaluable learning tool and handy reference for associating the style names with the architecture.

The App's author, John Paul, has been an "Ambassador of Goodwill" for Louisville since 1974, and has focused his passion toward the promotion of Old Louisville since 1992. He has provided graphic design assistance to the Old Louisville Chamber of Commerce and the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council. Ninety-nine point nine percent of the App's photography is original, and was shot exclusively for this App by the author.

The App retails for \$1.99, and will work on any Apple iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch with an internet connection.

Neighborhood Link National Network, the largest network of neighborhood websites on the web since 1997, with over 350,000 neighborhoods linked, now has a web site for Old Louisville. Anyone can participate in its content.

[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Old\\_Louisville\\_Neighbors/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Old_Louisville_Neighbors/home)



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Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to the above address.

The 15th of each month is deadline for submission of all ads and articles.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers needed to assist Creative Diversity Art Studio a non-profit studio and gallery for adult artists with disabilities. Many fun projects to assist with from one-on-one assistance with the artists to, setting up for an art show or fund raiser. We need lots of help with graphics like making brochures, business cards and adding to our web site. No formal art training is needed but a desire to jump in and help where needed, laugh a lot and become a part of a great community of people. Call Deborah at 212-9474 or email [art@creativediversity.org](mailto:art@creativediversity.org).

### Volunteer Opportunity Open House!

A great New Years resolution is to become involved in your community! A great opportunity awaits you! The Old Louisville Chamber of Commerce & The Visitor Center in Historic Old Louisville, The Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Conrad Caldwell House Museum will sponsor an open house on Tuesday, January 18, 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Staff and volunteers from the Louisville Convention and Visitor Bureau, Conrad Caldwell House Museum and the The Visitor Center in Historic Old Louisville will be available to discuss volunteer opportunities.

For further information contact Destiny Monahan (502) 379-1609, [DMonahan@GoToLouisville.com](mailto:DMonahan@GoToLouisville.com) or Earlene Bisig Zimlich (OLCC/VC) (502) 637-2922, [EarleneZimlich@aol.com](mailto:EarleneZimlich@aol.com).

## A New Business in Old Louisville

Congratulations to our neighbor, Don Ingold, for opening The Auto Wizard/ Auto Repair garage at 1139-1141 S. 8th St., where they do both mechanical and electrical repairs. The phone number is: 648-5038.

## In the Spotlight...Laura Dills...January 2011

By Joan Stewart, OLIC/OLNC Chair

I met Laura Dills, a Third Street resident, during the St. James Art Show 2010. She is without doubt an outstanding, vibrant, intelligent, joyful, and energetic young person. Speaking with her was one of my top ten times to remember from the autumn of 2010. She commented about the wonderful experience of growing up in Louisville... an experience centered on family and friends. While attending Presentation Academy and Spalding University she became interested in the field of humanitarian relief. In a natural progression of events... she began her path/life adventure through involvement with Catholic Charities. While still in college she traveled to Africa to do anything she could to help the people there who needed it the most. While doing this she fell in love with Africa and its people. After graduating from Spalding she began her life career with Catholic Charities... in Africa. And then... after working for a few years... the earthquake in Haiti occurred. Laura was asked to go to Haiti as the Director of Relief Programs there. A huge decision for her... she chose to go to Haiti in order to help as much as possible in a place needing... to say the least... HELP. Laura is still working in Haiti...

Laura Dills... a person very deserving of being "In the Spotlight" THANK YOU for following your life path of service and humanitarianism. Old Louisville is honored that you call it home.

***Major Steve Green...YOU are going to be severely missed...Thank You for being awesome, easy to work with, ethical and LOVING this Neighborhood. You are always welcome to return...***

***Joan Stewart  
Chair OLIC/OLNC***



**Councilman David James was sworn in at the Conrad Caldwell House.**

## The Decade of Weather in Review

By John Paul, Old Louisville resident

Summer 2010 got off to an early start in Kentucky as persistent hot and humid weather made June feel more like August.

Louisville had more than 80 days with above-average high temperatures this summer, more than any other city in the country. We had 12 inches of rain this summer — which is close to normal — compared to more than 21 inches during the summer of 2009. In addition, there were consistently high humidity levels, which forced heat indexes into the upper 90s and triple digits on a regular basis. Aug. 4, was the hottest day of 2009 at 102 degrees.

All this made me think about the weather phenomena we've had in the last ten years.

Some other highlights of the first decade of the twenty first century:



**September 14, 2008, Cars on St. James Court. Photo: john paul**

May 30, 2004 - There were four tornado warnings in one day for Louisville - a first. Two brief touchdowns were reported in Glenmary, in the S.E. part of the county.

July 13, 2004 - Wind storm in the area with 80+ mph gusts. At the time it was the worst power outage since the 1974 tornado. The Highlands neighborhood was very hard hit.

December 22, 2004 - Pre-Christmas snow/sleet storm with 10 inches, and as much as 36 inches in Louisville.

January 2, 2006 - A small tornado touched down on Campground Road with minor damage. Occurred during the U of L 'Gator Bowl' telecast.

October 18, 2007 - A small tornado touched down at the Kroger in Clifton, then passed right over WAVE3 TV while they were on the air with tornado coverage.



**September 14, 2008, Steeple blown off of St. Louis Bertrand church. Photo: john paul**

January 29, 2008 - Four tornado touchdowns in Louisville. It was the largest winter tornado outbreak in the city's history, this included a touchdown on the U of L campus.

March 7-8, 2008 - Late season snowstorm that had 'thunder snow'. Totals in Louisville ranged from eight to as much as 15 inches.

September 14, 2008 - Hurricane Ike windstorm. Top wind gusts of 80+ mph. Old Louisville is hit hard.

January 27-28, 2009 - The Big Ice Storm. 7 inches of snow, in addition to over 1/2 inch of freezing rain. Worst power outage in city's history, 383,000 LG&E customers affected. Entire city is hit hard.

February 11, 2009 - Severe Thunderstorms and high winds around 7pm. 78,000 without power. Old Louisville is hit hard, again.



**January 27-28, 2009, The Big Ice Storm on 2nd St. Photo: john paul**



**February 11, 2009, Power poles snapped in two along 4th St. Photo: john paul**



**August 4, 2009, Library flooding. Photo: [LouisvilleKY.gov](http://LouisvilleKY.gov)**

August 4, 2009 - Flash flood. Cars floated in the streets. Historic flooding/damage basement flooding at downtown Louisville Free Public Library, U of L campus, and Churchill Downs.

Summer (June-through-August) 2010 - Record heat averaged 82.5 degrees. 1 1/2 degrees hotter than the previous record set in 1936.

For the record, our average date of the first 32 degree temperature in the fall is October 25-30th. The average date of the last 32 degree temperature in spring is April 5-10. In addition our seasonal average of snow is 12-16 inches.

Some of this data was provided by WAVE-3 TV Meteorologist John Belski. For more Kentucky climate data check out the Kentucky Climate Center's website - <http://kyclim.wku.edu/>.

# *Burger Boy*

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## Let's Hear It for the Old Louisville Community!

### *People - Take a Bow!*

**Editor's note:** This is a partial listing of all the wonderful volunteer and monetary contributions our community's organizations have donated to help keep Old Louisville a great place to reside in. More accolades will be printed in future issues of the Old Louisville Journal. Please join me in giving a big hand to our fantastic neighbors! For every single dollar our neighbors contribute - they also donate about 500% more in sweat equity!



**Spreading Mulch**

All pictures submitted by the Second Street Neighborhood Association - thanks Zane!

### **2010 ~ Deeds Done (dirt cheap) by Toonervillians:**

**Fort George activity** (1200 block of Floyd Street): spring and fall Brightside Community-Wide Cleanups, along with summer mowing and maintenance schedules; summer Movie Night; First Annual Poetry Festival and Reception

**Mayoral Primary Candidate forum and District 6 Council Member debate:** host location at Chapel of St. Philip Neri (Floyd and Woodbine Streets)

**Spring, 2010 Brightside Grant:** awarded \$1,000 for upcoming street tree planting/replenishment project

**1st Street Fall Cleanup** initiated (1200 - 1300 blocks)

**Second annual "Grassroots Gala" event:** Spearheaded Old Louisville booth and raffle in Center for Neighborhoods' fundraiser held at TARC/Union Station

**Old Louisville Dog Run:** booths at Garvin Gate Blues Festival and St. James Art Fair raised more than \$1,000 for Dog Run, to be located in Toonerville Trolley Park (1200 block of Brook Street)

**Toonerville Trolley Park:** completed restoration of the original stone wall and capstone surrounding the property

**TTNA brochure** Toonerville Trolley Neighborhood Association brochure created to generate greater awareness and increase membership.

### **2010 Central Park West Accomplishments**

- 1) Restoration of Entrance and Gates for West Ormsby Ct.
- 2) Installation of 3 more wrought iron trash receptacles (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Sts.)
- 3) Maintenance of Floral Terrace Fountain lighting
- 4) New coat of paint for urns, fountain, gates and fencing
- 5) Laying of brick pathways along 6<sup>th</sup> street berm
- 6) Began the project of landscaping the NW entrance to Central Park
- 7) Caretaking of trees, plantings and groundcover on 7<sup>TH</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, W. Ormsby and Park Ave.
- 8) Creation of Central Park West website
- 9) Establishment of Central Park West email account

#### **Goals**

- 1) Lighting for W. Ormsby Ct.
- 2) Name plates for W. Ormsby Ct
- 3) Establishment Pay Pal account for receipt of membership fees, contributions, etc.

### **West Saint Catherine Neighborhood Association**

In 2010, through the contribution of our members' time and ideas, the West Saint Catherine Neighborhood Association continued to improve our neighborhood by:

— continuing our close relationship with the LMPD, thereby aggressively pursuing and promoting the safety of all our neighbors;

- hosting a candidate forum, thereby providing our neighbors the opportunity to meet and question the candidates for the 6th Metro District Council seat;
- partnering with the OLNLC to hold the Victorian Ghost Tour;
- working closely with the city to remove large garbage items;
- continuing to work closely with the city to reduce/rehabilitate abandoned/derelict houses in the neighborhood;
- continuing to work closely with the city to improve the “curb appeal” and safety of the neighborhood through benches, clean-ups, new traffic signage and flower plantings;
- revising our electronic marketing strategy by joining Facebook and redeveloping (in-progress) our website;
- hosted a benefit for a local business and several local students who had been victims of fires.

We look forward to continuing these initiatives to better our neighborhood in 2011.

Find the WSCNA on Facebook:

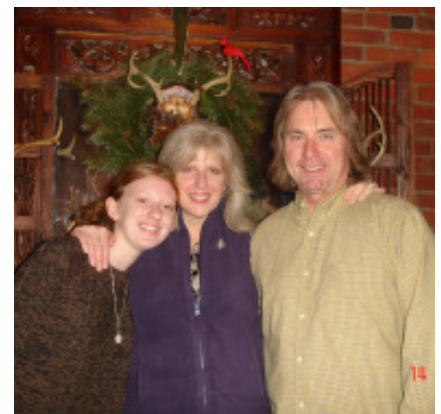
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Saint-Catherine-neighborhood/114351831930361>

### St. James Court Neighborhood Association

St. James Art Show Scholarships.....	\$9,500
WSCNA Fire Relief Fundraiser.....	\$300
Cabbage Patch Capital Campaign.....	\$18,000
Cabbage Patch Summer Camp.....	\$500
Cabbage Patch Historical Marker.....	\$1,000
LMPD 4th District Summer Camp.....	\$500
LMPD 4th District Christmas Party.....	\$1,000
Cochran Elementary 5th Grade Trip.....	\$500
Garvin Gate Blues Festival.....	\$1,000
Project Warm.....	\$500
Conrad Caldwell House Door & Concrete Renovation.....	\$8,000
Conrad Caldwell House Matching Grant.....	\$4,000
Old Louisville Neighborhood Council.....	\$5,000
Toonerville Neighborhood Association Wall Renovation.....	\$500
Central Park Magnolia Entrance Maintenance.....	\$500
Plus many Hours of Volunteer Labor	
Central Park Cleanup.....	\$700
Plus A Free Dump Truck Load of Mulch	
St. James Ct Fountain Renovation.....	\$33,000
St. James Ct Gaslight Renovation.....	\$2,500
St. James Ct Tree Replacement.....	\$2,500
TOTAL.....	\$89,500



**Police & Firefighters at the picnic**



**Neighbors opening their homes for the Holiday House Tour**

### South 4th Street Neighborhood Association

**2010 monetary donations to charity** include those made to Cabbage Patch Settlement House, Conrad Caldwell House Museum, Shakespeare Festival, St. James Art Show (2 student scholarships), Shelby School Christmas Party sponsored by LMPD, Central Park Cleanup Days, Old Louisville Dog Park, Spirit Ball to benefit Conrad Caldwell House Museum, St. James Gala Benefit, Garvin Gate Blues Festival, OLNLC/OLIC, Old Louisville Chamber Development Corporation.

**2010 Community Service Participation:** Clean up weekends in Central Park, maintenance of 3 flower beds in Central Park along Fourth Street plus along Hill Street, maintenance of period lighting and street/sidewalk cleaning/leaf raking/limb and tree removal/mowing/grass clipping/trash removal/grass seeding and fertilization/mulching along 4th St., maintenance of urn planters and all banners along 4th St., decoration for Holidays/flags and wreathes as appropriate along

4th St., Block Watch development along 4th St., participation in Fourth St. Section of St. James Art Show, participation in Halloween Haunting of Old Louisville and in Victorian Holiday House Tour and Second Street Garden Tour.

**2010 and past St. James Art Show Non Profit Booths:** 4th St. has the highest number of participants with booths: Garvin Gate, Central Park West, Old Louisville Dog Park, Louisville Free Public Library, Actors Theatre, Walden Theater, and through 2009 West St. Catherine and Toonerville.

## The Third Street Neighborhood Association

In 2010 the St. James Art Show profits enabled us to contribute to the following neighborhood events and projects:

- > Cochran Elementary playground
- > Central Park tennis courts
- > Old Louisville Neighborhood Council
- > Art Show student scholarships
- > Conrad Caldwell House
- > LMPD Children Christmas program
- > Central Park programs
- > Christmas decorations
- > Hill Street Greens
- > House plaques
- > 3rd Street maintenance
- > Historic street light maintenance
- > Christmas dinner for volunteers
- > Fourth of July yard flags

## The SSNA (Second Street Neighborhood Association)

The SSNA (Second Street Neighborhood Association) opened the 2010 year in January with a combined board meeting of out-going officers and board members from 2009 and incoming officers and board members for 2010. The annual planning calendar of meetings and activities was approved along with the association's 2010 budget. The Association membership met nine times during the year to discuss neighborhood issues and projects. Our "Attend and Win" program encouraged attendance by offering door prizes to attendees.

In April, the SSNA held its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bedding Plant Sale. Plants are ordered from a local nursery and sold to Old Louisville residents to encourage beautification in the neighborhood. Second Streeters also planted flowers in urn planter vases we have placed along the street. Many Second Streeters also volunteered to help out at Herb's Central Park Clean Up & Improvement Activity in April.



**Volunteers unload thousands of plants from the nursery**

One of the issues that concerned Association members was the lack of upkeep of the children's playground in Magnolia Park. In late April the Association purchased a truck load of special mulch and after removing weeds and other debris, spread a thick layer of mulch throughout the playground area. This made the playground much more inviting for kids and families.

The Association also weeded, trimmed, and cleaned up Magnolia Park as part of our annual Pre-Derby cleanup.

On June 16, the SSNA hosted its annual picnic for police officers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division as well as local fire fighters. Over 150 officers, fire fighters, and neighbors attended and enjoyed food prepared by Second Streeters. In the evening, a food tray was taken over

for the night shift personnel. The picnic lets police and fire fighters know how much we appreciate their efforts and provides an opportunity for them to meet and know area residents.

One of the highlights of the Association year was the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Louisville Hidden Treasures Garden Tour. The 2010 garden tour showed off twelve beautiful gardens, including the Art in the Park, hosted by the DuPont Mansion and the Fountain Court public garden. Hundreds of visitors enjoyed the tour, which highlighted gardens on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, St. James, and Fountain Court. The OL Garden Tour has become one of the premier garden tours in the region and attracts visitors from all over the country. It has been noted over the years that several visitors have taken up residence in Old Louisville.



**Visitors congregating in Dot Wade's Garden**



**Trimming the trees**

In preparation for St. James Court Art Show, the SSNA sponsors an annual fall cleanup. Trees are trimmed of low hanging and dead branches and a litter pick up is performed. Magnolia Park is weeded and spruced up to give visitors a favorable impression of the neighborhood. During the art show, the Association provides parking and shuttle service for visitors from the Jefferson Community and Technical College parking lot at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Broadway. Many visitors, especially those from out of town who do not know the area, find this a convenient service. The location also provides easy access to all the major interstates. Volunteers had to dress extra warm this year when the weather turned cold and blustery on

Saturday afternoon. The Association makes a donation to the Jefferson Community College after St. James.

In late October the Association sponsors its annual Halloween Party. Guests bring their favorite Halloween potluck dish. Guests are also encouraged to dress up in costumes or silly outfits for the occasion. Halloween games and treats are provided for all the little goblins. Good food and fun is had by all.

The November meeting is the last meeting of the year for the Association members. New officers and board members are elected for the coming year and the Association cracks open its piggy bank to make holiday donations to various neighborhood and preservation groups.

The Association year ends with our much anticipated holiday party. This year's party was hosted by Christopher White and Dennis Rollins. SSNA members brought holiday dishes and desserts. The Association furnished ham, turkey and drinks, including the best traditional eggnog in Old Louisville. Santa's visit is the highlight of the party and all of the good boys and girls receive a present. Guests entertain Santa with holiday carols. Everyone has a great time and enjoy the wonderful variety of holiday dishes and good company.

Ongoing projects of the SSNA include tree planting. The Association has already planted several trees this year and plans to plant several more if the weather will cooperate. If not, it may have to wait until spring. Trees are being planted in Magnolia Park and in sidewalk planting strips that have lost trees over the years. The Association ended 2010 with 161 paid memberships and hopes to encourage even more neighbors to join next year.

***Be Sure to Read Future Issues for More "Take a Bow"!***



**St. James Volunteers at the JCTC parking lot had fun in spite of the cold.**

# Old Louisville Holiday House Tour 2010

By Joan Stewart, OLIC/OLNC Chair

The Old Louisville Holiday House Tour 2010... a wonderful success! A resounding THANK YOU to the homeowners who made this year's Tour ever so delightful. From the decorated porches to the smell of fresh baked cookies to the warmth of the welcome the owners gave to our guests... WOW! Our guests were impressed with the homes, respectful of the homes and the owners... and voiced this many times as Diane and I walked around interviewing the guests. For the weekend we could have had better weather, we could have been the only house tour happening, we could have been in a better economy... however, we were not. BUT, our Tour was successful, we showcased our Neighborhood, we supported the Conrad/Caldwell House via the Victorian Tea, we educated our guests, we delighted our guests with our homes, the Tea, the Gift Boutique and our friendly charm.

All of this could not have happened without the generosity of the homeowners, our van sponsors (Thank You Don Keeling, Mary Martin and Dan Mason), the hard work of the committee (Diane, Chuck, Sheelah, Susan, Jon, Kerry, Beth,





Madonna, Mona, Justin and Josh and Joan) and our volunteers. Our VOLUNTEERS were fabulous...doing everything from driving vans, being a jumper, being a docent in the homes, providing security, cleaning sidewalks, serving food, giving directions, working in Will Call, selling Tickets, working in the Gift Boutique, wrapping Gift Boutique purchases, providing Sweet Treats, hanging signs, putting up the no parking signs (no easy thing...thank you, Zane), putting up the "dolls" (thanks Chuck) and much more. Thank you volunteers for all you did!!!! Thank you Justin and Josh for the work you did in scheduling these wonderful volunteers.

Madonna and Beth...the Gift Boutique was great!

Thank you for again wowing our guests with the appearance, organization, and friendliness. You are commended for a good well done.

Thank you Frank, for providing Security...much appreciation for this service.

Thanks to The Chapel of St. Philip for being a part of the Old Louisville Holiday House Tour 2010.

Doug ... Thank You for the homeowner drawings...what a joy it is to see the reaction of the homeowners for such a delightful representation of their homes.



Thank you Mr. DuPont, (aka, Ron Harris), for honoring the Tour and guests will your appearance at The DuPont Bed and Breakfast.

Thank you Bob and Eva Wessels, (Central Park B&B) and Gayle and Herb Warren (Inn at the Park and The DuPont B&B) for all you did in support of the Tour.

Thank you Gayle for organizing the Victorian Tea to support the Conrad House. Many accolades were heard from those who attended.

THANK YOU Gayle and Herb for the delightful Cocktail Party kicking off the Tour for the Homeowners, Sponsors OLIC Board and Committee Members. Fun was had by all who attended.

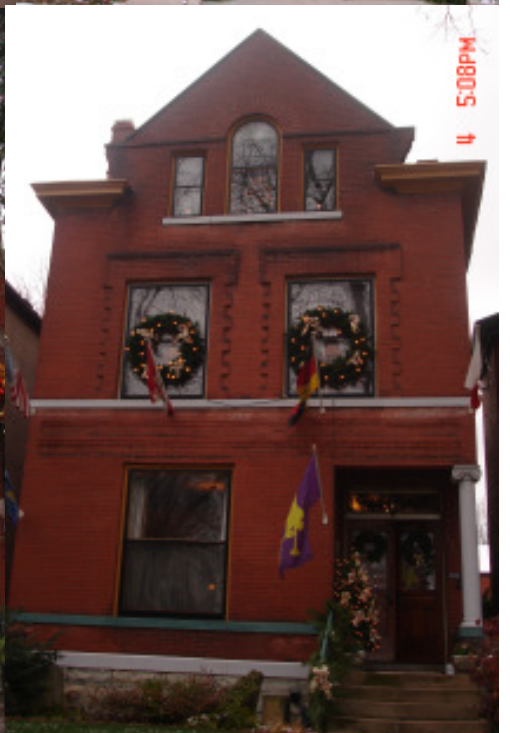
Thank you Firefighters from the 6<sup>th</sup> and Hill Fire Station for preparing the amazing chili our volunteers consumed

before, during and after the working the Tour.

Thank you Linda for all the work you put in for the Tour from selling tickets for the Tour and Tea and for trying to keep me almost sane.



# *Seven Different Styles to Choose from:*





## Restoration of 1331 South Brook Street

By Herb Fink, PIC Chair

The Old Louisville Architectural Review Committee (ARC) of the Louisville Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts commission recently issued a Certificate of Appropriateness (approval) to restore the street facade of the house located at 1331 S. Brook St. to its original condition by demolishing the non-original, second floor sleeping porch room element and repairing and replacing the original front facade features where needed.

Also, the frame two-story rear addition and three-story deck/fire escape will be demolished and replaced by a new two-story deck/screened-in porch, with trellis-fire escape stair tower.



**Today, before removal on 2nd floor room-porch.**

The 2 1/2 story brick residence was originally constructed in the late 1800's mid-block on the east side of S. Brook St. in which the houses have a deeper setback from the street than those properties on the west side.

A vacant property parcel to the immediate north at 1329 S. Brook St. sited a residence which was a twin front facade to 1331 S. Brook St.

The residence at 1329 caught fire and was demolished in the 1980's.

The existing front porch element of 1331 dates from the late 1920's with later modifications.

1329 and 1331 are both owned by the same property owner.

The approvals for demolition and improvements included conditions.



**Photo of 1331 S. Brook St. taken circa 1973 and also showing the residence to the north which as demolished during the 1980's.**

## Property Improvement Committee

By Herb Fink, PIC Chair

- Jim Mims, Director, Louisville Metro Department of codes and Regulations, attended the October 2010 PIC meeting and introduced Robert Martin, Property Maintenance Inspector, who will be dealing with property code violations within the Old Louisville neighborhood south of Ormsby Avenue.

Mr. Mims also introduced Don Gentry, Property Maintenance Inspector, who will continue to deal with property code violations within Old Louisville north of Ormsby Ave.

Jim stated that inspectors move every two years or so and get to pick their areas according to seniority. He also reported regarding:



**1392-1394 S. 2nd St.**

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- 1392-1394 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – at this time, to make the building/property safe (loose bricks in walls), keep the property clean, secure the rear of the building, make the roof weather tight, and reconnoiter the structure to make future plans.
- 1530 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – (vacant & deteriorating) This property will be taken to court.
- 923 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, which burned extensively on November 7, 2010, has been demolished.
- Sidewalk Issues  
Richard Jett, Landmarks Preservation Officer, informed that stimulus money was being used to



**923 S. 1st St. demolished.**



**Tony Hardin, councilman David James' Chief of Staff, inspecting sidewalk work at 6th & Magnolia.**

construct handicapped ramps and to rebuild deteriorated sidewalk areas.

He said the recent construction within the Old Louisville Historic District did not use the approved grout mix and that all such construction would be replaced.

- Mr. David Comstock, AT&T Right-of-Way Specialist, was present and admitted, "I did it" – locating the utility container on the SE corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Magnolia Ave.



**AT&T facility.**

Mr. Comstock agreed to work with PIC to find a more camouflaged location as we did with Insight Facilities some years ago.

- Monica Orr and James Miller from the Cherokee Triangle Neighborhood came to PIC to discuss consideration for new Landmarks guidelines to protect the tree canopy as part of the historic fabric of their neighborhood.
- Central Park Improvement Day – Spring 2011 was discussed and a date set.
  - **Central Park Improvement Day – Saturday, April 9, 2011.**
  - Thunder Over Louisville – Saturday, April 16, 2011
  - Easter – April 22-24, 2011
  - Mini-Marathon/Balloon Race – Saturday, April 30, 2011
  - Derby Day – Saturday, May 7, 2011

Representatives of Councilman David James' staff – Tony Hardin, Chief of Staff and Phil Baker, Neighborhood Liaison, attended the December PIC meeting.

- Mr. David Comstock, AT&T Right-of-Way Specialist, returned to PIC to inform that a location had been found to relocate the utility box from the SE corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Magnolia, but that the agreement process, surveying, engineering would take to April 1, 2011 for relocation.
- Ms. Deborah Stewart, a past Chair of the OLIC/OLNC spoke that it was a great compliment to the Old Louisville community that other neighborhoods were coming to us for help with their neighborhoods.
- Mr. Josh Suiter, Community Outreach Specialist of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA), reviewed how Old Louisville should interact with KIPDA stating:
  - Among other projects, KIPDA allocates federal dollars to needs and issues concerning transportation, primarily related to surface transportation.
  - He gave a short introduction regarding the management organization of KIPDA.
  - In order for plans to be implemented to help remove truck and vehicular traffic through Old Louisville, Mr. Suiter suggested the following:
    - Contact our Transportation Policy Committee.
    - Team up with the South West Dream Team.
    - Participate in formal public activities.
    - Attend committee meetings.
    - Stay informed through KIPDA newsletter, website, Face Book, twitter, bog, etc.
    - Contact Mr. Suiter directly: [Josh.Suiter@ky.gov](mailto:Josh.Suiter@ky.gov), 266-6084, KIPDA Community Outreach, 11520 Commonwealth Dr., Louisville, KY 402099.
- Update regarding improvements to allow left turns at problem intersections:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> & Winkler left turn has been accomplished.
  - Left turns at 7<sup>th</sup> & Hill, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Winkler, 7<sup>th</sup> & Industry, and Central & 4<sup>th</sup> will follow the paving schedule.
- Dead and dangerous tree & stump remains in Old Louisville.
  - Recent surveys within Old Louisville located 60 existing dead and dangerous trees and 24 stumps scattered throughout the neighborhood.
  - The Metro Arborist, Mark White has agreed to contract for these removals as long as money lasts.
- Tree Plantings
  - A survey is underway to locate areas in need of trees.
  - LG&E and MSD have funding for organized groups to plant trees.
  - Mr. Hardin pledged the Councilman's help to plant trees over time.
- MSD plans in regard to flooding at Magnolia Ave. between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Strs.
  - No new information.
- Mr. Tony Hardin, Chief of Staff for Councilman David James counseled PIC that with a new administration we have the opportunity to push for what we need now - "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."
- Mr. Hardin informed that Councilman James supports 2-way streets and has met with the Public Works Traffic Engineer to see why the 1<sup>st</sup> and Brook project has not started. Mr. Hardin suggested waiting to see who the new Director of Public Works will be. He said we should now more by the next PIC meeting.



**One of the many tree stumps to be removed.**



**PRESERVATION**  
Louisville



**HANDS ON HISTORY**  
Preservation Maintenance Workshop Series

**\$30 fee**

Preservation Louisville completed its 2nd full year of Hands on History classes and workshops in November with a very informative three hour class on “Winterizing Your Historic House”. The 2010 series kicked off with Rehab-A-Rama, a four hour series of lectures featuring Bob Yapp, local experts, and a vendor’s fair. This was followed on the second Saturday of every month with three hour classes and workshops on Plaster; Historic Roofs, Gutters, and Flashings; Historic Masonry walls; Historic Carpentry and others.

Plans are already underway for the 2011 classes. We will begin our 2011 Hands on History series in January and end in May with *Preservation Fest*- a festival to celebrate Preservation month. Preservation Fest will include a vendor fair with local preservation specialists and will also include mini *hands on* workshops about windows, plaster, landscaping, Landmarks 101 and Green technology for Historic Architecture. The 2011 Hands on History series will include workshops on several preservation topics such as Designing Additions for Historic Structures, Historic Plumbing, The Do’s & Don’ts Historic Renovations, and Can a Historic Architecture be Green? Hands on History workshops are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm at The Brennan House 631 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Louisville, KY 40202.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**  
Tax Credit Workshops

**\$25 fee**

**Do you live in or maintain a historic home or building?**

**Do you have historic restoration projects in your future?**

**Do you know about the KY Historic Preservation tax credit?**

**Preservation Louisville, Inc.** is co-sponsoring Historic Preservation Tax Credit Workshops. These workshops will be held quarterly and meant to help property owners learn how to utilize the historic preservation tax credit. Preservation Louisville along with the Kentucky Heritage Council will work with the workshop participants on how to properly finish the three part application for the historic preservation tax credit. *Advance registration is required!* This is a hands-on, active learning workshop and class size is limited! Workshop will be held from 10:00am-12:00pm on January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Brennan House 631 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Louisville, KY 40202

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## JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy 2011!
2	3	4	5	6 Yoga 5:30-6:30 ZALU, 7 p.m.	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Yoga 5:30-6:30 PIC 7 p.m.	14	15
16	17	18	19 3rd St. NA 7 p.m. OL Book Club 7	20 Yoga 5:30-6:30 4th St. N.A. 7p.m.	21	22
23 The 1300 7 p.m.	24 Crime & Safety 7p.m.	25 OLIC 6p.m. OLNC 7p.m.	26 CPW 7 p.m.	27 Yoga 5:30-6:30	28	29
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