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MEETING MONDAY  
AUGUST 9  
7:00 PM**

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## Neighborhood association expresses concern over newly formed association, confusion among neighbors

As representatives of the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association (OHNA), the one that has been serving the neighborhood since 1975, we feel obliged to comment on some of the recent events in our neighborhood.

The dedicated group of neighbors who have raised their voices in opposition to the misuse of our neighborhood by rowdy bar patrons have done a good job of helping to focus the attention of the city leaders and the media on our plight. Additionally we empathize with their concern and love for our neighborhood.

However, an offshoot of this group of neighbors has now formed a "new" neighborhood association also calling themselves the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association. While initial efforts by these neighbors were instrumental in focusing additional attention on the bar issue, the creation of another neighborhood association is unneeded and confusing for the neighborhood. It has only divided us and distracted us from the issues facing our neighborhood.

Every neighborhood has problems, but despite our neighborhood's problems, it is still a great neighborhood. The OHNA since 1975 has served as a voice for the neighborhood. The OHNA has been instru-

mental in working to improve living conditions in our neighborhood. We have a wonderful community and our goal is to maintain our quality of life through an open dialogue with ALL our neighbors, including the businesses and bars.

The recent actions towards resolution of our problems were built on a foundation laid by dedicated neighbors over the last several years. The OHNA has worked hard towards addressing issues of parking, litter, noise, and crime by organizing neighborhood clean ups, participating in parking studies, holding informational meetings, attending relevant planning hearings, and learning state and local liquor laws. We also initiated the development of a neighborhood plan, which has been given partial funding by the Metro government and Councilman Tom Owen's office.

The OHNA manages day-to-day issues of the neighborhood, such as up keep of community property and quarterly newsletters to keep neighbors informed. We also are focused on strengthening and building community by organizing social and fund-raising events, such as garden tours, movie nights, and holiday dinners. Our members work to maintain a neighborhood we can all be

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proud of and we certainly have many people to thank for working with us.

Councilman Tom Owen has worked with us in a multitude of ways, including: 1) helping us to understand local and state liquor laws 2) bringing this issue to the attention of the Mayor's office and other community leaders 3) securing funding for the neighborhood to help develop our neighborhood plan 4) helping secure the feasibility study for a potential parking garage on Baxter Ave., and 5) beginning a process for us to install a residential parking permit plan, if we so choose. We must also credit Mayor Jerry Abramson and his office for recognizing these issues. All of these initiatives were well underway before the media attention focused on the bar issue.

We also appreciate the efforts of the business owners who have formed a new business association and have employed new efforts in security and trash cleanup. These owners have been actively involved for the past six months monitoring their initiatives and willingly listening to neighbors needs and trying to adjust as necessary. It has been a rough and slow process to develop a working plan for these issues, but the most recent security and trash

plans have been met with significant amounts of appreciation.

Most importantly, we need to thank all of the residents who are currently involved and those who have also been involved behind the scenes for the past several years by meeting and discussing the issues with local officials, developing relationships with business owners, learning ABC laws, helping organize the bars into an association, and collecting signatures for petitions.

We have an incredible community, one where people can walk to local businesses and know all of their neighbors. Therefore, our neighborhood association is committed to NOT ONLY homeowners, BUT ALSO renters, property owners, and business owners as well.

Undoubtedly, we still have many issues to resolve and will always strive to improve our neighborhood, but we must be committed to resolving issues and achieving improvements through cooperative efforts with neighbors, business owners, and city officials. While this approach may sometimes seem slow and frustrating, it achieves a result that goes much further in building a strong community over the long run.

*Thank you, The Original Highlands Neighborhood Association  
Board of Directors*

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# Highland Island sees more improvements

The renovation of the Highland Island continues to see progress. While initial improvements were focused on landscaping, recently the sculpture was painted and the water fountain restored to working order. No longer does rust creep along the edges of its distinctive turrets or its dull color cause it to fade into obscurity.

The brilliant shiny new coat gives prominence to this landmark day and night. Also, runners and walkers who pass the island can again use the water fountain as the oasis it has been for over ten years. We want to again thank St. Brigid

Catholic Church for their generous donation to help us renovate this symbol of our neighborhood.

Although much has been accomplished at the Highland Island over the last year and half, there is still much that needs to be done. We hope to have the neon lighting refurbished this Fall and several stone benches are in need of repair.

If you would like to donate time, money, or expertise to complete the renovation project, please send a check to OHNA at P.O. Box 4194 Louisville, KY 40204 or contact a board member.



*Freshly painted, the Highland Island sparkles with renewed brilliance.*

## OHNA general meeting date to change

**Mark your calendars for Monday Aug. 9**

The OHNA general meeting will **NOT** be held on the third Monday of August as it has traditionally been held.

To avoid a conflict with the Mayor's Community Conversation event at Highland Middle School, OHNA will hold its general meeting on Monday Aug. 9.

The meeting will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church located at the corner of Highland and Rubel Ave. at 7:00 p.m..

As always, the general meeting is a chance for neighbors to have a voice in their neighborhood. We are interested to know how neighbors feel about problems and improvements in the neighborhood.

Our guests for the meeting will be representatives from the Baxter Avenue Area Merchants Association (BAAMA) and from the design team remodeling KFC.

### Important Dates:

OHNA general meeting:

**Aug. 9**

Mayor's Community Conversation: **Aug. 16**

Junk Pick-Up date:

**Sept. 6**

Patterson Playground Cleanup and renovation:

**Sept. 11 and 18** - see article on page 5 for more information.




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## OHNA board is looking for a few good neighbors for annual elections

The Original Highlands Neighborhood Association will hold its annual elections this November. The board of directors currently has two vacancies and four member's terms will expire this year. OHNA is now taking nominations to the board of directors for the upcoming

elections. Do you have complaints about problems in the neighborhood? Are you interested in improving the neighborhood? Then nominate yourself or someone you know to serve on the OHNA board of directors. Come be a part of the solution.

### Security measures important

Neighbors should have recently received a packet at their home containing information about home security, phone numbers to contact the Metro government, and a brochure discussing the community block watch program.

If you did not receive this material you can contact the Department of Neighborhoods by calling MetroCall at 311 or 574-5000.

If you are interested in forming a block watch program, contact Renee Stigall at the Department of Neighborhoods, 574-3380.

## Mayor's "Community Conversation" comes to the Highlands

Residents of the Original Highlands Neighborhood will get a chance to voice their opinions about Metro Government to Mayor Jerry Abramson and city officials at the Mayor's monthly Community Conversation.

The meeting will be held at Highland Middle School located at 1700 Norris Place and starts at 6:30 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting and get in touch with our government representatives. For more information call Metro Call 574-5000 or 311.



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# Patterson Park undergoes renovation and renewal

Patterson Park located at the corner of Morton and the alley behind Baxter Ave., adjacent to the Jefferson County Traditional Middle School, will soon be experiencing a renovation. A group of neighbors is currently working with the Metro Parks Department and the Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) to improve and hopefully enlarge the park area.

Patterson Park originally resided at the corner of Rubel and Breckinridge and is dedicated to the heroic effort of Louisville Police Officer Patterson, who attempted to save a neighborhood child who had been struck by a van while playing outside his home. The park moved to its present location in 1994, and was officially dedicated on March 23.

Neighbors hope to increase the land area under the lease agreement between Metro Parks and JCPS. Currently the lease includes an area of 75' wide by 65' deep (basically just the playground area) and extends only until the year 2008. Neighbors hope to increase the size of the park to include the entire

fenced off area and increase the length of the lease to extend well beyond its current term.

The renovation of the park will take place in several phases. The first phase will include a cleaning of the

existing play equipment and the removal of the sand surface, replacing it with a new granular rubber material designed exclusively for playgrounds. Additional park benches will be added as well as picnic tables.

JCPS is taking care of several landscaping issues, such as grinding out an old tree stump and pruning the large Mulberry tree near the front entrance. According to the current lease agreement, JCPS is in charge of trash collection and landscape maintenance.

Volunteers are needed to help clean the play equipment. Metro Parks will provide the cleaning supplies and the neighborhood provides the manpower. **Sat. Sept. 11, from 8 – 11 a.m.** is the date set for the cleaning of the equipment.

Volunteers are also needed for the following **Sat., Sept. 18, from 9 – 12 p.m. and from 1 – 4 p.m.**



*Patterson Park will be cleaned on Sat. Sept. 11 and Sat. Sept. 18. The park was moved to its current location in 1994.*

Volunteers are needed to help remove the sand and install the new surface material. Metro Parks will provide shovels and heavy equipment. Volunteers are encouraged to also bring their own shovel and rake too.

If you are available to help with your time, your money, or if you are a local business and would like to contribute manpower, coffee, ice cream, lunch, etc... for either or both volunteer days, please contact Beth at 589-6736.

Future improvements are planned for additional phases of development to the park. More details will be reported at the general meeting on Aug. 9, at the Metropolitan Community Church, located at the corner of Highland and Rubel. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and all neighbors are encouraged to attend.



# The Original Highlands Neighborhood Association - 30 years of service

In 2005, the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association will turn 30 years old.

As with many neighborhood associations it has experienced ups and downs throughout its existence. There were times when it was strong, times of controversy, and times when it struggled for survival. Through it all, the OHNA is still here and continues to serve the neighborhood.

The OHNA was formed in 1975 as the Highlands Neighborhood Association representing a rather small part of the city on the high land east of downtown. This was a time when the first sparks of the now famous Bardstown Road corridor had just begun and the first Highlands Neighborhood was struggling.

In the late 1980s many newcom-

ers bought historic houses in the area. They invested time, money, and sweat into their homes and the neighborhood. Parallel to this effort, equally dedicated individuals bought property along Baxter Ave. and slowly developed businesses.

Together with a strong neighborhood association they brought the neighborhood back to life and made it one of the most vibrant in the city.

As the name Highlands became associated with a much larger area bisected by the bustling Bardstown Road corridor, the neighborhood developed its own identity and became known as the Original Highlands Neighborhood.

This identity had become so developed by the early 1990s, that in 1992, the Highlands Neighborhood Association changed its name to the

Original Highlands Neighborhood Association in order to better reflect the place that was their neighborhood.

The Original Highlands Neighborhood Association continues its role in the neighborhood as a source of information, communication, representation, and facilitation.

The OHNA has achieved much in its 30 years. One of its crowning achievements was the creation of the Highland Island Landmark which became its symbol and icon, a testament to all the neighbors who made this place what it is today.

Dedicated neighbors created and sustained the OHNA over the years and it will take more dedicated neighbors to continue its service to all of the people in this neighborhood.

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# KFC to go “Old School Cool”, new neighborhood concept brought to the Original Highlands

Many of you may have noticed that the KFC restaurant at the Bardstown Road and Baxter Ave. split has closed for remodeling. Dramatic changes are in store for the building and the Original Highlands will be the setting for a new experiment in corporate makeovers.

Yum Brands has decided to make the Original Highlands the location for its newest concept



*The Original Highlands is the test site for the new concept. KFC will be completely redesigned to incorporate a new neighborhood design theme.*

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store. The design team has thrown out traditional fast food architecture, design, and philosophies to create the “Old School Cool” concept. The new KFC will focus its design on fitting with location. The design will draw on the characteristics of the Bardstown Road corridor such as, outdoor dining, the artistic feel, pedestrian friendly, and the unique culture of the area.

This make-over will extend beyond the building into the store, where new products will

be tailored to its urban neighborhood patrons. The design team also is interested in re-designing the green space at the “point” in front of the store as a neighborhood space.

The design team would like to hear your ideas for developing the point area. They will be our guests at the OHNA general meeting on Aug. 9. Please attend the meeting to see the new design and add your ideas on developing a neighborhood space.

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# Neighbor David Foster creates a tropical oasis on Morton Avenue

David Foster resides at 1333 Morton Avenue in the Highlands. When not on the job, David devotes his time to the cultivation of exotic and tropical plants, most of which are displayed in his back yard.

He is a partner in Foster Brothers Construction Company which has been in business for seven years in Louisville. The company engages in commercial and residential construction and remodeling.

David's interest in tropical plants began to develop approximately four years ago with his neighbor Brian's influence, help and encouragement. Soon thereafter, he

met and began studying with a professional horticulturist who specialized in exotic and tropical plants. David is planning to begin his own horticultural enterprise, RAINFOREST, INC.

He will be able to offer such services as design and maintenance, harvesting of tropical plants for winter storage, on-site greenhouse installation, and yard encapsulation. He will specialize in tropical backyards, oriental-inspired landscaping and elegant front yards.

David's yard will be open beginning the first weekend in **August (Saturday and Sunday) from 10**

**a.m. to 10 p.m.** His yard will be a work in progress.



*Tropical plants turn this urban backyard into an exotic experience. David's garden will be open beginning the first weekend in August from 10 a.m to 10 p.m.*



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# Message from Councilman Tom Owen

In the last year, my time has been consumed by the search for ways to improve bar patron behavior in your neighborhood. It seems like the Original Highlands makes news virtually every day with threats of wet/dry votes, two neighborhood groups claiming the same name, audits of bar food sales, security initiatives, and good faith efforts by neighbors and bar owners to work things out.

In the midst of all this turmoil, I'm impressed that your neighborhood continues to improve. Public spaces are being refurbished or redone, new life comes to the old photo shop near Baxter and Breckinridge.

The complex Hepburn homes redevelopment is bearing fruit, plans abound for Patterson Park, public funds have been appropriated for a neighborhood plan, and residents continue

to pour unprecedented dollars and sweat equity into their homes! Whew! The Original Highlands is a great place to spend your future.

To contact Councilman Owen call 574-1108.

Councilman Owen will be riding his bike through the Original Highlands as part of his "Front Porch" visits program on Monday Aug. 23. Call his office to set up a time for him to stop and visit with you.

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## Storm hits the Highlands, leaves behind mess to clean up

On Tues. July 13, strong storms passed through Louisville and the Original Highlands Neighborhood, leaving a mess behind it.

Many trees, power lines, and some homes were damaged. Nearly all residents in the neighborhood experienced power outages and had some sort of clean up to do.

Thanks to all of the neighbors who gave a helping hand to others during this time of need.

If you need to dispose of tree debris, here are the regulations for yard waste pick up. All debris must be in containers such as bags or cans or bundled. Please do not use garbage carts to store yard waste. Bundled debris cannot be larger than two inches in diameter and four

feet in length. Yard waste must be placed at your designated collection point and will be picked up on your designated collection day. Large tree parts and branches can be hauled to 600 Meriwether Street until the middle of August.

### *Locations for tree debris drop off*

*600 Meriwether Tuesday through Friday 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

*Hubbards Lane Location Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*



*Trees were uprooted by 80 mile-an-hour winds during the storm on July 13. Many neighbors experienced power outages and downed trees as a result of the strong storms that swept across the Louisville area.*

## Free family concerts in Metro Parks this summer, fall festivals on the way

**Aug. 1** Hays-Kennedy Park featuring Push (R & B)

**Aug. 8** McNeely Lake Park featuring Uncle Pecos (Country)

**Aug. 15** Cox Park featuring Another Mule (Eclectic R & B)

**Aug. 22** Boone Square Park featuring The Wulfe Brothers (Variety)

**Aug. 29** Long Run Park featuring The Fanatics (Variety)

**Sept. 19** Des Pres Park featuring Caribou (Variety)

**Sept. 26** Berrytown Park featuring Dennis Ervin Band (R & B)

**Oct. 3** Sun Valley Park featuring

Dalton (Country) part of the Southwest Festival. Free children's activities! Bring a picnic! Soft drinks, hot dogs, ice cream, cotton candy will be available.

City Stage at Iroquois Park Amphitheater, Sept. 24 from 6 to 11 p.m. and Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. This is a two day festival of original music provided by Louisville Music Industry.

For more information contact Metro Parks at [www.loukymetro.org](http://www.loukymetro.org) or call MetroCall at 311 or 574-5000.

### Cherokee Triangle-Willow Park Summer Concert Series:

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Aug. 8 Salsa

Sept. 5 John Roy & Ovation (Big Band)

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## First annual "Taste of Deer Park" festival gears up for October debut

Imagine, for a moment, what it might be like to live a life of champagne wishes and caviar dreams, jetting to Germany for a handcrafted brew, heading to a neighborhood pub in Dublin for fish and chips, browsing for one-of-a-kind artwork or dining at a sushi bar somewhere in Tokyo.

Sounds great, right? Of course. But what if jetting out of the country isn't possible? No problem! You can still enjoy authentic ethnic eateries and amazing artwork when you're living the simple life – just jet over to the First Annual Taste of Deer Park!

On **Sat., Oct. 16, 2004**, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Deer Park Neighborhood Association will sponsor A

Taste of Deer Park, in honor of the Association's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

For just \$10 you can sample a wide variety of foods, products and services that are offered by the businesses and restaurants of the Deer Park Neighborhood. Some businesses participating include Club Grotto, Café Metro, Uptown Café, La Bo Dega, De Le Torres, Cumberland Brews, Penn Station, The Other Place Eatery, Olmecas Gourmet Mexican, Sweet and Savory, Smoothie King, Shenanigan's Irish Pub and Grille, Norris Place Ice Cream Shop, and Jicama Grille to name a few.

Once you pick up your "passport" at the registration table at the corner of Bardstown Rd. and East-

ern Parkway, you're welcome to visit any of the participating businesses along the west side of Bardstown Rd. and end at the corner of Deer Park Ave. and Bardstown Road (Farmer's Market corner). Here we will have entertainment and several more businesses to 'Taste'.

Proceeds from the event will be split between the Deer Park Neighborhood Association's neighborhood beautification fund and two charities, Highland Community Ministries and Dreams with Wings.

For more information, please call Tim Corrigan at 515-0330 or email [tim@therotundagroup.com](mailto:tim@therotundagroup.com).