

# Original



# Highlands

The Original Highlands Neighborhood Association Newsletter

“By Neighbors For Neighbors”

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**GENERAL OHNA  
MEETING MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 21  
7:00 PM**

**Metropolitan  
Community Church  
(corner of Highland  
and Rubel)**

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## OHNA membership drive underway!

It's time to renew your membership in the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association.

Memberships run from July 1 to June 30 and if you join at this time, the months from now through July 1, 2005 are FREE. Therefore, your dues will

cover membership for you, your family or your business through June 30, 2006.

Also there are new opportunities to support specific projects your neighborhood association is working on. See below and mark your contribution accordingly.

### o Membership

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**\$125 Lifetime Membership** (please consider this!)

\$8 Individual 1-year

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### o Patterson Playground

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TOTAL (including membership dues and project donations)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make your check payable to **Original Highlands**

**Neighborhood Association** and mail **today** to OHNA, PO Box 4194, Louisville, KY 40204.

Thank you!

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## Message from Councilman Tom Owen

### *"Front Porch Tuesday"*

### *Get out and be neighborly*

Let it roll from your lips like poetry: "Front Porch Tuesday! Front Porch Tuesday!"

By Tues., April 12, I hope the "Front Porch Tuesday" program for the 8th District will become familiar as skin.

On successive Tuesdays - April 12 and 19, I'm asking you to sit on your front porch or stoop, balcony or side yard for one hour and a half each night. Your participation will simply proclaim "for once, I'm tired of a life where business and staying inside dominate!"

On Tues., April 12, folks on the odd side of the street agree to sit outside hoping of course, that the

neighbors from across the street will come over for a chat.

The following Tues., April 19, the even side will be the neighborly host and the residents from the odd numbered house will stop over. Being outside and neighborliness are the building blocks of healthy community.

"Front Porch Tuesday" on April 12 and 19 is your invitation to draw a line in the sand and at least occasionally practice a slower pace and more neighborly style.

If "Front Porch Tuesday" works in the 8th District it can be exported to any neighborhood. Clearly, the idea is not for sale; it's just for sharing.

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# Neighborhood News Briefs

## KFC to open soon, new Original Highlands sign in works

After months of work, the newly renovated KFC at Baxter and Bardstown Rd. is scheduled to open within the next two months.

The restaurant will be the flagship store for a new concept in fast food design and philosophy.

As a part of the project, the grassy "point" of the property will be landscaped and a new sign for the Original Highlands Neighborhood has been proposed. OHNA continues to work with Yum Brand designers on the project.

## Neighborhood Plan Advances

The process for developing a Neighborhood Plan for the Original Highlands Neighborhood is progressing.

Recently a committee of neighbors nominated a list of 15 people to serve on the Neighborhood Plan Task Force, which will be responsible for developing the plan.

The nominating committee included: Steven Ward, Jim Schorch, Rick Sweeney, Martha Gilliss, and Jay Stottman. The committee members agreed that they would not be eligible to serve on the Task Force.

The nominees selected for the Task Force represent a broad cross-section and include residents from all parts of the neighborhood, business owners, and representatives from neighborhood institutions.

The next step in the process will be approval of the Task Force members by Metro Council. Once the task force is approved, the names of the members will be released to the public.

## Monkey Wrench wins appeal for liquor license

The proposed Monkey Wrench restaurant won its appeal with the State ABC board for a restaurant liquor license, despite objections from the City and neighbors. Although, the restaurant can sell liquor, Metro Inspections, Permits, and Licenses

denied a 4 am license, which will limit sales to before midnight. OHNA looks forward to helping the Monkey Wrench become a welcomed addition to the neighborhood.

## OHNA to focus on fundraising for major projects

A focus for OHNA this year will be fundraising for major projects, such as the Neighborhood Plan, Patterson Playground renovation, and continued maintenance and restoration of the Highland Island.

These projects, especially the Neighborhood Plan, will be important to the quality of life in our neighborhood and OHNA is committed to completing the projects. However, they will require large amounts money to complete.

Please help the neighborhood raise money for these important projects. Join the OHNA (see membership form on the front page) and volunteer to help with fund raising efforts.

If you have questions or concerns about any of these topics, please contact an OHNA board member or attend the regular general meetings the third Monday of every month at the Metropolitan Community Church, the corner of Highland and Rubel.

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## Message from the new Original Highlands Neighborhood Association president:

Hello Neighbors! I certainly hope the New Year is off to a good start for you and your family. My name is John Riddick and I'm the new President of the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association. I am really excited about this upcoming year as I think our Association has tremendous potential to be a catalyst for positive change in our Neighborhood. Our Board has a diverse set of skills and talents. We have lots of new members on the Board, including myself. This, combined with the dedicated and hardworking folks that have participated previously, should make for an excellent team.

Let me give you some background on my connection to the Original Highlands. I purchased a residence on Highland Avenue way back in 1992 and have maintained that home ever since. With the exception of a 3-year stint in Nashville, TN, I have lived within our community. Mine is the typical Original Highlands story – my house was in significant disrepair when my wife and I first moved in. Since that time, a significant por-

tion of our time, money, and energy has been funneled into making our home more livable while attempting to maintain some of the unique characteristics of an older home. As you know, that journey never ends!

I have seen dramatic, positive changes in our neighborhood since 1992. The Original Highlands has become one of the most interesting and diverse places to live within Louisville Metro. We have a fantastic mix of churches, schools, businesses, and residences. I travel extensively in my job and I am convinced that our neighborhood is simply one of the best places around for my wife and me to raise our two children. I certainly wouldn't have it any other way!

In the short term, the Board needs to focus on the mission and goals of the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association. I believe we need to keep it simple and I would welcome feedback as we plan out our year. One thing of critical importance is our membership. Membership in the OHNA has waned over the past few years so very shortly we are going to be asking you to re-

new your membership. In fact, the Board has placed a self-addressed stamped envelope in this newsletter to make it easy for you to join or renew. You are also likely to receive a visit from a board member asking you to join or renew your membership.

Of equal importance is fundraising. Fundraising is not fun but it is a critical component of any viable neighborhood association. Simply put, we need to expand our operating budget in order to drive critical projects like the Neighborhood Plan and to spark neighborhood events that reinforce a sense of community. After all, isn't that what it's all about, having that sense of community as you walk the streets of our neighborhood and interact with friends, family, and neighbors?

As I mentioned, I'm new to this role and will likely face a significant learning curve. I welcome your insight, advice, and feedback along the way so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,  
John C. Riddick, Jr.



956 Baxter Ave.

## *We Got A New Menu!*

### **Entrees Include:**

*Honey Walnut Chicken*

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*Louisiana Chicken Pasta*

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*New York Strip*

*Filet Mignon*

# Calling all gardeners: 2005 Garden Tour needs you!

We are planning a Garden Tour in our neighborhood on June 11&12. There was a wonderful response to the 2003 tour and we raised \$500. This year our goal is to exceed this amount, using the proceeds for the Patterson Park project & to fund the neighborhood plan.

In order to make the tour a huge success we need about 10 to 12 gardeners who are willing to share their lovely & unique landscapes with the public. Former participants are encouraged to be on the tour again. We are interested in all gardens from formal to cottage to

wildlife habitats.

Let us know if you'd be willing to share your garden by early April so we can begin to plan the tour. Please call Russie @ 583-5220 or Karen @ 767-0176.



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# 2005 board, general meeting dates for the OHNA

The OHNA board meets the third Monday of the month at the Metropolitan Community Church located on the corner of Highland Avenue and Rubel.

**February 21, 2005**  
Board Meeting 6:00  
General Meeting 7:00

**March 21, 2005** Board Meeting 7:00

**April 18, 2005** Board Meeting 7:00

**May 16, 2005** Board Meeting 6:00  
General Meeting 7:00

**June 20, 2005**  
Board Meeting 7:00

**July 18, 2005** Board Meeting 7:00

**August 15, 2005** Board Meeting 6:00  
General Meeting 7:00

**September 19, 2005**

Board Meeting 7:00

**October 17, 2005** Board Meeting 7:00


**November 14, 2005**  
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