



**GENERAL OHNA
MEETING MONDAY
MAY 15
7:00 PM
Metropolitan
Community Church
(corner of Highland
and Rubel)**

**There will be an
update on the
progress of the
Neighborhood Plan
and planning for the
OHNA Fall Festival**

Block Watch Program

**Anyone interested
in participating in the
Original Highlands
Neighborhood Block
Watch should
contact Susan Rector at
sdirector@insightbb.com
We are looking for block
captains for the
following streets: Rufer
Avenue, Edward
Avenue, Rubel Avenue,
and the Mercy Way/St.
Anthony Place/Benton
Avenue/Debarr Street
area.**

June 24 - 25 set for Original Highlands garden tour

The Original Highlands Garden Tour is always a huge success; this year looks to be setting up as another great tour.

OHNA will have gardens ranging from very small to larger yards. Formal gardens to cottage gardens. There will be something for everyone and many wonderful ideas for your own garden.

The 2006 Garden Tour is **June 24 and 25 (rain or shine) from noon to 5:00**. Piper Uhl, a new member of the OHNA board this year, and Susan Rector are co-chairing the tour. Jackie Thomas and Diane Richey are working with

Piper and Susan to line up the gardens for the tour this year. There is still time to get your garden on the tour.

If you are interested, please contact Susan Rector at sdirector@insightbb.com, or 445-0994.

The cost of the Garden Tour is \$10 per person. Tickets may be purchased the days of the tour from 11:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. at Lynn's Paradise Café, The Monkey Wrench, or Starbucks at the corner of Baxter and Highland Avenue. If you are interested in volunteering for the committee, please contact Susan to get involved.

Front Porch Tuesday swings into action this month

Louisville – Life is hectic, no doubt about it. The pace is typical for most families up and out the door to work and school in the morning. Then in the afternoon is practice and shopping. Then it's home late and before you know it off to bed to start it all over again the next day.

“Most people now a days come home after a hard day at work and then use the back porch as a way to unwind,” said Kristen Riddick of Highland Avenue. “I'm glad we got involved in Front Porch Tuesday's.” It is an idea created by District Councilman Ton Owen and this year Front Porch Tuesday will be May 16 and 23.

“I launched Front Porch Tuesdays in the Spring of 2005 not knowing what to expect,” said Owen. “All I did was create an excuse for neighbors to get together because I sensed that many of us aim to be more neighborly but frequently miss the mark.”

The premise is a simple one for any neighborhood street in District eight. On May 16, folks on the odd numbers side of a street are asked to invite their neighbors over to the front porch. It's a chance to get know each other and talk about the neighborhood. Then the following week, the even number home owners invite people to their front porch.

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Special thanks to neighbors John Cullen and Bill Sanders for their dedication and hard work with the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association.

You will both be missed. Good luck to both the Cullen and Sanders families. The neighborhood will miss you.

Best Wishes,
Your friends and neighbors

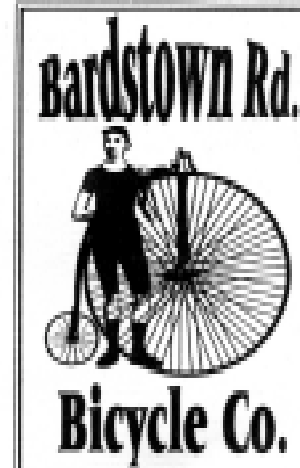
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Front Porch Tuesday gives neighbors a chance to visit

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“We found it was a great chance to learn a little more about the history of our street,” said Jack Francis of Douglass Blvd. “There was one gentleman who had lived in a home on the end of the street for 40 years. He came out and talked about how the area had changed and gave us a good history of his home.”

Both Francis and Riddick say Front Porch Tuesday was a chance to get to know people and encourage a safer place to live.

“It had a positive impact on getting to know people in the neighborhood. We were able to start a block watch

program as well as get some people involved in the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association,” said Riddick.

“There are many places in town where I think an idea like this would work well,” said Francis. “Especially if you have an area where a lot of people walk already. It is a good starting point for people to make contact and get to know each other.”

Anyone who is interested in participating in Front Porch Tuesday should stop by the Highlands Shelby Branch of the

Louisville Free Public Library at the Mid City Mall to pick up a sign. Then

let your neighbors know you want to see them by placing the sign in your front yard.

“When we know our neighbors

we tend to care more about our neighbors and our neighborhood,” said Owen.

Front Porch Tuesday reaches beyond a neighborhood street.

Several merchants along Bardstown Road, Baxter Avenue and Barret Avenue are also involved with the event by offering “Afterglow” incentives offering specials and refreshments.

“We hope folks will stroll by our local merchants because after all they are our neighbors too,” said Owen “We are lucky for their proximity and the richness they bring to our neighborhoods.”

For more information about Front Porch Tuesdays as well as see pictures of how easy it is to participate, check out www.frontporchtuesdays.org.

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Notes from the office of Councilman David Tandy

I am honored to serve as Fourth District Councilman and represent a portion of the Original Highlands. Since my election last year, following the passing of Councilman Bright, we hit the ground running. I will continue to focus on improving the quality of life we enjoy by working on the creation and maintenance of safe neighborhoods and parks, increased access to educational opportunities, and increased retail development in the District.

In addition to these efforts, I have been working to ensure that projects in our downtown continue to gain momentum and flourish. With ribbon cutting ceremonies taking place seemingly like once a week for a new business in our district, it appears we are headed in the right direction and the Original Highlands Neighborhood is benefitting from this resurgence.

There are several infrastructure projects we continue to work on

for the area. For example, street paving and new sidewalks are being planned for the East Broadway corridor and Barret Avenue corridor. There are also new housing and retail developments that are in the planning stages for the area. The private investment in the neighborhood continues to pick up and there is no doubt that this area is a great place to call home. We are also addressing code enforcement issues that present themselves in the Original Highlands Neighborhood. We have been working with residents to encourage property maintenance, deter vehicle break-ins, and deal with aggressive dogs in the neighborhood.

Speeding on our residential streets is also a concern, and we are working with LMPD to address this issue.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

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Message from Councilman Tom Owen: The power of the neighborhood organization is a loud voice

Neighborhood associations are like sleeping giants. Month after month, things in the old 'hood hum along with few folks showing up to plan the festivals and clean ups or watch over the routine bumps of community life.

The giant, barely stirring, snoozes away. But, let a developer try to cavalierly push through an unsettling change, a nonprofit institution dismiss its resident neighbors as pesky, a business shake the foundations of

residential propriety, or criminals spread fear among the households, then the sleeping giant awakes and the voice of the neighborhood association is heard abroad.

The Eighth District has nine neighborhood associations. Recently we witnessed their strength when the Belknap, Deer Park and Upper Highlands opposed Bellarmine University's absorption, house-by-house, of the south side of Richmond Drive

and north side of Sheffield into its campus.

Responsible neighborhood leaders are not opposed to change but in this case press for dialogue with the University about what that expansion would look like over the coming decades. You can imagine what you'd feel like if the opposite side of your street was transformed overnight into a "temporary" dormitory row.

Most of the time, the neighborhood association is quiescent but when awakened it becomes a collective action in motion. The neighborhood is defended, protected, and improved.

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