

Original



Highlands

The Original Highlands Neighborhood Association Newsletter

"By Neighbors For Neighbors"

**GENERAL OHNA
MEETING MONDAY
NOVEMBER 21
7:00 PM
Metropolitan
Community Church
(corner of Highland
and Rubel)**

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president**

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Councilman Tom Owen**

OHNA Board Elections

**Participate in the
neighborhood
planning
process...see
survey included in
newsletter,
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See survey for
complete details.**

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Holiday events take center stage

OHNA holiday dinner

The Holiday Dinner will be at St. Brigid's Amadeus Hall (downstairs entrance on south side of main church building) on Monday December 5th, social time starting at 5:30 PM, with the meal being served at 6:00 PM. Please bring a side dish or dessert and meet your neighbors for some good food and holiday festivities!

Bardstown Road AGlow Saturday December 3

This is the 19th anniversary for the Highlands holiday event - Bardstown Road Aglow. Businesses along Bardstown Road will be open late and lit up for the holidays the first weekend in December.

Shop Bardstown Road this holiday season and take advantage of specials available during the Aglow. For more information: www.bardstownroadaglow.com/bra/

Light up Louisville

Join the Mayor in Downtown Louisville Fri. Nov. 25 to bring in the holiday season. Light Up Louisville begins at 3 PM and last until 9 PM. The Children's Winter Wonderland Parade will take place early in the day with the lighting of Jefferson square at 8 PM that evening.



Neighborhood Plan gets started

The long awaited Original Highlands neighborhood planning process has begun. Our neighborhood planning task force will be holding regular meetings to begin the process of developing the plan. The task force has begun collecting information about the neighborhood and input from residents and businesses.

With the success of the inaugural Original Highlands Festival held in September on Baxter Avenue, OHNA has raised the final portion of funds to ensure that development of the plan is completed.

Participation in the neighborhood planning process is important. We need your input. Please attend one of the regular meetings of the task force on the third Wednesday of the month at St. Brigid Church. The next scheduled meeting is on January 18, 2006.

The task force is looking for volunteers to help collect information and advise the planning process. If anyone has particular skills or knowledge that would be helpful to the process, the task force could use your help. There is much work to be done and we need your help.

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Original Highlands neighborhood implements block watch program

Neighbors ban together to keep tabs on area

Several members of the Original Highlands neighborhood felt it would be beneficial to the neighborhood as a whole to form an Original Highlands Neighborhood Block Watch.

On Oct. 9, Darrin Riddle, Connie Leonard Taylor, Kent Taylor, Katherine Moberly, John Riddick, and Susan Rector met with Officer Steve Rigney to discuss forming a neighborhood block. Officer Rigney handed material on the block watch program and the group discussed what forming a block watch would entail.

The first step was to begin getting Captains and Co-Captains for each street within the neighborhood.

Darrin Riddle volunteered to be a co-captain for Winter Avenue. Connie Leonard Taylor and John Riddick agreed to be co-captains for Highland Avenue. Katherine Moberly is handling Christy Avenue, along with one of her neighbors. Susan Rector is in charge of Breckinridge Street as well as Bill and Anne Sanders who volunteered to be co-captains.

There are still several streets in the neighborhood which need co-captains. Please contact Susan Rector at

sdirector@insightbb.com, if you are interested in representing your street.

In the near future, the neighbors who have shown an interest in forming the block watch will meet to distribute some of the materials given out by Officer Rigney. One of the key components of the block watch is getting to know your neighbors so you can be aware of anyone hanging around the neighborhood who does not belong.

There have been several incidents of crime in the neighborhood recently and, hopefully, a strong block watch organization can help bring the number of incidents down.

For more information on how to get involved in the block watch program, please attend the November general meeting.



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John Riddick: OHNA President's message

Hello Neighbors! 2005 has been a productive year for the Original Highlands Neighborhood Association (OHNA). Let me quickly review some of the things that have been completed or are currently in process.

The first annual Original Highlands Festival on Baxter Avenue was successfully launched and thanks to the generosity of our Neighborhood businesses, we managed to raise enough funds to pay for our Neighborhood Plan. Look for the second annual Festival to be bigger and better.

Speaking of the Neighborhood Plan, we started work on this critical project in August of this year. Working in conjunction with Louisville Metro Planning & Design, we have formed a Task Force and are hard at work developing a comprehensive Neighborhood Plan for the Original Highlands.

Neighborhood plan meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at Saint Brigid Church. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 18. I encourage all our residents to attend these planning sessions. The outdated OHNA bylaws are being revised thanks to the hard work of Board Member Ted Haddox. During the next Board Meeting, we will vote to implement new bylaws which will streamline the way the OHNA conducts its business.

An unbelievably successful Original Highlands Garden Tour was run this

year thanks to the hard work of a small group of volunteers.

A comprehensive Neighborhood Block Watch Program is being deployed thanks to the hard work of Board Member Susan Rector and a small group of volunteers. I encourage you to get involved in this critical endeavor to reduce crime in our community.

The OHNA Board is investigating the development of a Website for the Neighborhood. I believe this is a necessity for our community and will serve as a forum for communicating critical events and activities.

The Board has taken positions on a number of critical issues in the area of alcohol licensing and land use. This is a time-consuming process and I would like to thank all our Board Members, residents, and business owners for their active participation and feedback.

Let me close by touching on three critical issues. First, you will find a survey included in this newsletter. **Please, please, please** fill it out and return it the address printed on the form. If you have Internet access you can go on-line and fill the survey out. This is critical feedback and will help the Neighborhood Plan Task Force is making critical decisions that will impact our community.

Secondly, we are holding elections for six (6) spots on the Board of Directors for the OHNA during the

Annual Meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM on Nov. 21. Any resident, tenant, or business owner who is interested in taking an active role in making the Original Highlands a better place to live and work should consider running. Please share your time and talents!!

Finally, the OHNA Holiday dinner is scheduled for Dec. 5, at 5:30 PM. This function is a unique opportunity to meet your neighbors so please plan to stop by. We'll even have an Original Highlands merchandise booth so you can stock up in advance of the holidays.

As always, I welcome your insight, advice, and feedback so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,
John C. Riddick, Jr.



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Message from Councilman Tom Owen: be good neighbors

The developer of your subdivision had you in mind. It doesn't make any difference whether it was 1870, 1970 or just the other day, your subdivision was almost certainly laid out so that you have several ways to drive or walk to your house. Streets that link to one another like a web are one of the great blessings of living in a traditional city neighborhood like yours.

Whether you're in a car, on a bike, or on foot, you can get just about anywhere you want to go crossing through one neighborhood to another and then on to another. You can take short cuts to church, the expressway, the bus stop, the neighborhood eatery, work, the park or school by weaving your way through side streets. Cut-through

traffic reduces congestion on the main drags, improves air quality, saves gasoline, provides alternatives when there are obstructions, and allows for more sidewalk howdy-dos. If you've been reading the news lately, our Metro Planning Commission, following Metro's 2020 planning document, insists on the old notion of street connectedness when it approves new subdivisions in the distant suburbs. As you can image, the residents of the old adjoining subdivisions frequently oppose the links because it disrupts their well-nested patterns of isolation and security.

Now! For the privilege of convenient connectedness in the Highlands and beyond, WE must drive SLOWLY AND QUIETLY when we cut through residential neighborhoods. If we're going to live successfully in linked neighborhoods,

we've got to tread softly and quietly when we traverse neighboring residential neighborhoods.

In addition, WE MUST TREAT OUR NEIGHBOR'S YARD fifteen blocks away like we would want OUR yard to be treated! Clearly, reciprocal decency is the only way that we can inherit the fruits of living in traditional city neighborhoods where there are multiple, short cuts.

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OHNA board elections

The Original Highlands Neighborhood Association will hold its annual elections this month on Mon. Nov. 21, at 7 PM.

The board of directors currently has six member's terms that will expire this year.

Do you have complaints about problems in the neighborhood? Are you interested in improving the neighborhood? Then attend the next general meeting on Nov. 21 and nominate yourself or someone you know to serve on the OHNA board of directors.

Come be part of the solution. The OHNA has monthly meetings. The board currently meets the third Monday of every month.



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