

Second Street Neighborhood Association



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Newsletter

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ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS

At SSNA's annual meeting in November, the following officers were elected for the coming year.

President: Ginny Ehrlich
Vice-President: Jean Christensen
Secretary: Greg Moore
Treasurer: Zane Lockhart
Directors: Tim Bottorff, Stan Duffy, David Williams, and Tom Barrett, Jr.
Past-President: Jake Gross

2021 CALENDAR

The ongoing COVID crisis makes planning for annual neighborhood events tricky because we don't know when restrictions on social gatherings will be lifted. For now, here are the plans, subject to change, for the upcoming year. Add these dates to your calendars.

April 3. Old Louisville Mansions Tour
April 17. Central Park Cleanup Day
April 23-24. Annual Bedding Plant Sale
April 25. Second Street Spring Cleanup
May 2. Jubilee Park Garden Plant Sale
May 15. Ninth Annual Springfest
June 12-13. Hidden Treasures Garden Tour
Sept. 25. Annual Mum Sale
Sept. 26. Annual Fall Cleanup Day
Oct. 1-3. St. James Court Art Show
Oct. 8-9. Garvin Gate Blues Festival
Dec. 6-7. Old Louisville Holiday Home Tour

BOOK CLUB MEETING



The SSNA Book Club will be discussing the following books at its February and March meetings.

Tues., Feb. 2, 2021, 7 pm

Three Soldiers, by John Dos Passos. This is an anti-World War I novel written after the author's service in the ambulance corps for the Allied troops. Dos Passos was a leading American writer from the 1920s until his death in the 1970s.

Tues., Mar. 2, 2021, 7 pm.

Pull of the Stars by Emily Donahue. The novel tells the story of nurses in a maternity ward in Ireland during the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918-1919. A timely story during this new pandemic.

Our club has lively monthly meeting that its members look eagerly forward to. All meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Not a member? All are invited to join. It's not necessary to have read the book. If you are interested in participating, contact Greg Moore at PresbyRev@yahoo.com or 599-9414. He will send instructions on how to join via Zoom.

SSNA SUPPORTS CHARITIES

By authorization of the SSNA Membership the SSNA donated over \$3700 to local charities at the end of 2020, including Cabbage Patch, Kentucky Harvest, La Casita, Shakespeare, Waterfront Botanical Gardens, and others.

BLOCK MONITORS TO TACKLE TRASH



Concern about the lack of cleanliness of sidewalks and alleys on Second Street initiated a discussion at the Board of Directors meeting on

Jan. 13. We recalled that once before, in 2014, we faced the same problem, so the SSNA set up a system of block monitors that solved the problem. The Board has now decided to revive the same arrangement.

Each block will have two monitors, one for each side of the street. The duty of the monitor is to walk the sidewalk and the alley of the assigned block and pick up trash at least twice a week. Monitors are also encouraged to look for problems that need to be reported to MetroCall 311, such as excessive trash and large items at any one address, problematic condition of the alley, sidewalk, or buildings, damaged trees and so on.

In 2014, we found that after a couple of weeks, perhaps seeing that neighbors were picking up the trash, persons—residents especially—weren't so eager to throw trash in the alleys and on the sidewalks. It became less necessary to take the walk twice a week as the situation improved—until now.

The Board would like to hear from the membership and especially hear from anyone who is eager and willing to assume responsibility for a block. The block from Ormsby to Magnolia is very long. In 2014 it was divided into two. But one person can quite easily managed the other blocks.

Of course, social distancing and wearing masks and protective gloves is expected of all

participants, but just think: it would be a chance to greet your neighbors, get some exercise and exert a very positive influence on the neighborhood.

Let us hear from you! Call Jean Christensen, 502 634-3114, or email, jmchri@gmail.com if you have a suggestion or wish to volunteer.

COMMUNITY GARDEN STARTING UP



Soon it will be time to start thinking about starting seedlings for planting outside. Just think: starting seeds indoors in

February for nice early crops of broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, and cauliflower. And soon after that, seeds in the ground for future harvests of lettuce, spinach and other vegetables.

The Old Louisville Community Garden will be checking with last year's gardeners to find out if they intend to continue gardening and will be taking reservations for any beds that come open. This year's fee will be the same as it has always been: \$25, which covers the cost of water for the whole season. Gardeners must sign an agreement, agree to help with some of the maintenance, and in this COVID era, bring their own tools. We will observe social distancing and require wearing a mask, but on the whole, it's a pretty laid-back scene.

If you are interested please contact Shelby Basham at shelb.basham@gmail.com and ask to be put on the waiting list.

--Jean Christensen, OLCG Co-Chair

LATEST SECOND STREET NEWS:

www.secondstreetna.org

BE SAFE!

In this time of crisis, the SSNA continues to urge its members, families and friends to take precautions in their daily lives. That includes wearing a mask indoors and social distancing. As of this writing, nearly 400,000 of our fellow Americans have succumbed to this deadly virus. Please consider getting the vaccine when it becomes available for your group! The life you save may not be just your own, but your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, or cousins. Here's hoping that 2021 marks the turning point in this deadly pandemic!

CONGRATULATIONS to SSNA members Paula Ratliff and Dawn Bratcher, 1200 block, for winning First Place in the *Old Louisville Neighborhood Council's Holiday Light Contest*. \$600 was donated in their name to their chosen charity: House of Ruth.

WINTER LEAF PICKUP FINISHED

Franklin Landscape Services was hired by the SSNA to perform a late-December leaf pickup along Second Street sidewalks, verges, and gutters (where possible) from Cardinal Blvd, to St. Catherine, including Ormsby and Burnett Ave.

SSNA BUSINESS MEMBERS SUPPORT US!

BC Plumbing http://www.bcplumbing.net	1215 S 7th St.	Bruce Cohen, Owner 502-634-9725
Broadway Management Group, LLC, http://www.bmqpts.com	502-584-4400	Greg Popham, President 502-637-8100
Clark Property Management Co. 1115 S 4th St., #1		Todd Clark, Owner 502-568-4540
Derby Printing Co. http://www.DerbyPrintingKY.com	1135 S 4th St.	Russ & Pat Kimberger 502-625-0692
Gumby's Custom Catering, http://www.gumbyscatering.com	1477 S. Second,	Phyllis Cornwell, Owner 502-693-1166
Oscar's Germantown Hardware, http://www.oscars.doitbest.com	1515 S. Shelby St.,	Paul Fussenegger 502-636-3621
Paradise Tomato Kitchens, http://www.paradisetomato.com	1500 S. Brook,	Ron Peters, President
Pivotal Property Management Inc., http://www.pivotalproperty.com		Ron Kuster, President 502-491-5445

PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!

WELCOME TO NEW SSNA MEMBERS!

The SSNA would like to welcome our newest members: Tom and Christine Barrett of the 1300 block of Second Street. You too can participate with over a hundred of your neighbors to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. Membership categories and annual dues are shown on the attached application on page 4. However, because of the financial difficulty experienced by many people due to the Covid pandemic, the Board passed a resolution allowing any neighbor to join or renew their membership for \$5.00 this year, no questions asked.

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Please select your annual membership from the following categories:

MEMBER #1

___ **Individual** (Age 18-64) \$20.00
___ **Senior** (Age 65 and over) \$10.00
___ **Student** (Age 18 and over) \$10.00

MEMBER #2

___ **Individual** (Age 18-64) \$20.00
___ **Senior** (Age 65 and over) \$10.00
___ **Permanently Disabled** \$5.00

___ **Business or Organization** \$35.00

In addition to membership dues, I/we wish to make a voluntary donation in the amount of: \$ _____

INDIVIDUAL, SENIOR, STUDENT & DISABLED MEMBERSHIPS PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Name : _____ Name 2: _____
*Occupation _____ Occupation: _____
**Date of Birth _____ **Date of Birth _____
*Email _____ *Email _____
Tel. (H) _____ Tel. (C1) _____ Tel. (C2) _____
Address (Street, PO, City, State): _____
*Children under 18 living at home (names and date of births) _____

BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Name of Bus/Org: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____
Tel. (B) _____ Email _____ Website _____
Address (St., PO, City, State) : _____

**Voluntary Information ** Date of Birth required to verify Senior Membership Status*

Donations support period lighting, maintenance of the Gateway, Newsletters, tree plantings, Magnolia Park, SSNA website and other activities that improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Please make your check, including total of membership(s) and donation in the amount of: \$ _____,
made payable to SSNA and mail or drop through mail slot:

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1322 S. Second St.
Louisville, KY 40208-2304
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!