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Porch Lights, Please!

by Cynthia Thomas, President of CHCC

Hello neighbors, I ran into some longtime Crescent Hillians at the grocery last week and they brought up a

concern that I agree could use some promotion so I told them I'd put together a flyer for them (they are admittedly not tech-savvy, but have a plan to recruit some neighborhood kids to help deliver the flyers to their neighborhood). It dawned on me that it was worth writing a short newsletter article about.

If you didn't glean it from the title of the article, we would like to encourage neighbors to turn on their porch lights after dark. They recounted to me of how their mailperson sometimes comes after dark, and on their particular street there is only one streetlight. One evening they noticed that the rest of the street was very dark as many porch lights weren't on. Being the good neighbors (well, people) that they are, they found a flashlight and a head lamp and gave them both to the mailperson. Now, there are some questions

about why the postal service would not equip their carriers with this basic safety equipment, and they will be directing questions to some powers that be, but they already had it in their minds that we should create awareness via a flyer. I'm just taking their idea and including it in our neighborhood newsletter in hopes that we reach an even broader audience. Let's get those porch lights on after dark! It obviously promotes safety for us all, but, more importantly, it provides a safer experience for our mail and newspaper carriers and other delivery services.







It takes \$30,000 and more than 200 volunteers to host the 4th July Festival. The Crescent Hill Community Council needs your help. We need donations from our amazing community to be able to hold the event this year!

As costs continue to rise, we are in jeopardy of not being able to fund the event this year. Every year, over 10,000 Crescent Hill neighbors and friends gather at the Peterson-Dumesnil House to celebrate our nation's birthday and enjoy music, games, the pet show, the art fair, and, of course, the fireworks! The event is free to the public and supported by membership dues and generous donations from local businesses.

Help us continue this neighborhood tradition and become an individual sponsor today. Your support will also help ensure we can keep the festival a free community event. If you've ever attended and enjoyed the event, now is a great time to show your appreciation!

Just complete the form to the right and return by mail with your payment. Or donate online: https://crescenthill.us/donate/

Any amount is appreciated! Thank you for your support!

CHCC Annual Calendar

Come join the fun!

March 30 Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Parade

April 11 6:00 CHCC Board Meeting

May 9 7:00 CHCC Board Meeting

June 6 7:00 CHCC Board Meeting

July 4 Fourth of July Festival

August 1 7:00 CHCC Board Meeting

September 5 Spirit Awards & Dessert with Mayor

October 3 7:00 CHCC Board Meeting

October 17 Chili Night Out

November 7 CHCC Annual Community Meeting

December 5 Holiday Open House

All paid members of the CHCC will receive an E-Blast with the details of upcoming events – IF we have your email address! All events are free, open to the public, and take place in Crescent Hill. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of the events, please contact Diana at dianag60@bellsouth.net.

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Saturday, March 30, 11:30am-1:00pm

Frankfort Avenue between Birchwood Avenue and Pope Street

Easter Parade Celebrating 30 Years Along Frankfort Avenue

by Lizi Hagan

On Saturday, March 30th, Louisville's only Easter Parade returns to The Avenue! This spring, the Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade hits a milestone in celebrating 30 years of unique family fun in the Crescent Hill and Clifton neighborhoods. So grab your bunny ears and hop on over to The Avenue for this family-friendly, candy-filled, free event.

This year's Parade Grand Marshall, Mark Gaff, will kick things off around 11:30 a.m. in front of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2822 Frankfort Avenue. Hundreds will travel down the historic thoroughfare to the parade end at the corner of Frankfort Avenue and Pope Street.

Join us for Louisville's most unique, colorful, fun-filled kangaroo hopping, little car driving, men sitting on a 20-foot-long camel, and Easter/Spring candy throwing event in the city. The day will be full of color, candy, and character, with homemade floats, dance groups, antique cars, and trucks. Parade entries range from the Shriners, Hwang's Martial Arts, the Mounted Sheriff's Posse, "Ethan Almighty," Mexico Lindo, local Churches, The West Market Brass Band, Professional Mermaids, and many more... and don't forget, our most esteemed guest the Easter Bunny!

But wait, there is more...You, too, can join in the parade fun! Grab your family and friends, dress up the family dog, be a part

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Easter Parade Sponsors 2024

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of a kazoo band or any band, and decorate your Radio Flyer Wagon, your big wheel, or your car...it is up to you to show us your creative side. To kick the fun up a notch, judges will be on hand to decide who claims the "Good Ears" awards for the most creative floats and parade participants.

The Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade has been a unique part of what makes our vibrant community so great to be a part of these past 30 years. Thanks to the Frankfort Avenue Business Association, the Clifton Community Council, the Crescent Hill Community Council, and Metro Council District 9 for their continued support.

Follow the Parade team on socials for more fun! facebook.com/TheAveEaster instagram.com/theaveeaster



Lions Club Dinner

Friday, April 5th
4:30-7:00 pm
Saint Leonard Church
\$7 Per Person

Mark your calendars for the Louisville East Lions Club Chili Supper on Friday, April 5 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Saint Leonard Church. The address is 440 Zorn Ave. Tickets cost \$7 per person and can be purchased at the door.

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torch to a new
leader.
Here's to another 30
years of
neighbor hood
celebrations!!
Thanks to all who

have contributed and



Crescent Hill Garden Club Spring Gardening Tips

by Denise Peterson

March

Flowers

- Give bulbs a little fertilizer (5-10-5) just as the tips of leaves start to show.
- Start annual flower seeds inside mid-March.
- Plant pansies and other cold tolerant plants outside.
- Repot houseplants. Choose one size larger pots. Apply reduce rate fertilizer.
- Direct sow flower seeds, such as larkspur and poppies, in full sun.

Trees and Shrubs

- Plant trees and shrubs now, while they are still dormant. Spring is the only time to plant birch, dogwood, & magnolia.
- Prune summer blooming trees and shrubs, for example, crepe myrtle and butterfly bush.
- Woody plants that bloom before June 1st can be pruned just after flowering.
- Prune and fertilize brambles and blueberries.

Lawn

- Pre-emergent herbicides can be applied now.
- Crabgrass preventer can be applied when the forsythia blooms.
- Plant grass seed now except in areas where pre-emergents were applied.
- No fertilizer until fall.
- Sharpen mower blade if you haven't already.
- Start mowing at 1.5"-2.0" blade height.

Vegetables

- It is safe to plant asparagus, beets, cabbage plants, carrots, chard, collards, kale, lettuce, onions, peas, potatoes, radishes, spinach, and turnips.
- Broccoli, cauliflower, kohlrabi, and other cool season plants can be planted late March.

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April

Flowers

- Cut back any of last season's growth before new growth begins.
- Pinch off seed stalks of bulbs.
- Let bulb foliage die back naturally.
- Plant tender canna, calla, dahlia, and lily bulbs at the end of the month.
- Uncover roses and prune out damaged or diseased branches.
- Apply layer of compost and/or mulch.
- Begin to harden seedlings to prepare them for planting outdoors in May.
- Fertilize roses (5-10-5) and houseplants (10-10-10).

Trees and Shrubs

- There is still time to plant balled & burlapped plants at the beginning of the month.
- You can begin trimming evergreens.
- Trim now and you will not have as much grow-back during the summer.

Lawn

- Crabgrass preventer can be applied when the forsythia blooms.
- Don't apply fertilizer or you will have to mow more often.

Vegetables

- You can still plant onions, potatoes, chard, lettuce, peas, carrots, and beets.
- In late April you can plant beans.
- Pull mulch off strawberries and asparagus.

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Crescent Hill Easter Egg Hunt 2024

by Diane Gautier

Saturday, March 30th
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am
Story Time at 9:30 am
Peterson-Dumesnil House

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 30th for the Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of the Peterson-Dumesnil House at 301 S. Peterson Avenue. At 10 a.m. exactly the hunt will begin so don't be late! There will be three separate areas set up for 3-year-olds & under, 4 to 6-year-olds, and 7 to 11-year-olds. Scattered in all three areas will be extra special eggs. Inside of these is a note telling you to bring them onto the front porch to trade them in to get a prize on the display table! Everyone is welcome so join us for a fun time! Before the hunt begins there is time for the little ones to enjoy a good story or two from the Crescent Hill Library story lady beginning about 9:30 a.m., inside the house.

March in the Parade with CHCC

After the Easter Egg Hunt, we will be participating in the Easter Parade along Frankfort Avenue. We will be meeting near St. Mark's Episcopal Church about 11:15 a.m. approximately 15-30 minutes before the parade begins. Wear your Easter best and we will be walking in the parade giving out candy to visitors along Frankfort Avenue. It is a lot of fun greeting our neighbors! It's a great event, especially when the weather is sunny! See you there!



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May

Flowers

- Divide perennials just as they are emerging.
- Fertilize roses (5-10-5).
- Plant summer blooming bulbs
- Plant annual flowers first frost free day is May 10 in zone 6b.
- Pinch back late summer and fall blooming perennials.

Trees & Shrubs

- Keep an eye out for bag worms and spider mites on evergreens.
- Prune spring-blooming shrubs immediately after flowering.
- Prune evergreens now through July.
- Keep watering newly planted trees and shrubs. Make sure they get one inch per week.

Lawn

- Use products for weed control that don't contain any fertilizer.
- Mow lawn to 2 1/2 inches every 5-7 days.

Vegetables

- Plant and seed vegetable garden.
- Plant heat-loving veggies like tomatoes after May 10.
- Never let weeds go to seed.
- Protect bees by reducing the use of pesticides.
- Practice succession planting to get the most out of your garden space.
- Put down a thick layer of mulch around tomato plants to keep soil-born diseases from splashing onto plants.



Crescent Hill 30th Annual Garden Tour

by Debbie Wiebe

The Crescent Hill Garden Club is excited to be hosting our 30th anniversary garden tour! This year's tour will feature 10 private gardens in the Crescent Hill neighborhood PLUS the grounds of the historic Peterson-Dumesnil House. We are planning lots of fun activities to celebrate our anniversary, including a local vendor fair, free prize drawings and more!

Peterson-Dumesnil House and Grounds Tours

Tours of the historic Peterson-Dumesnil House as well as tours of the House grounds will be available throughout the day with your garden ticket purchase.

Built in 1869 on 31 acres as a summer home for a prominent tobacco trader, Joseph Peterson, the Peterson-Dumesnil House boasts 14-foot-tall ceilings and an Italian villa façade, a wraparound porch, a spiral staircase, and a distinctive cupola.

In 1976, the House was placed on the National Historic Register and designated as a local landmark. The House is a cherished part of Louisville's history and now serves as a community resource.

Schedule:

- **Peterson-Dumesnil House Tours** will be available at 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm and 1 pm.
- **Peterson-Dumesnil Grounds Tours** will be available at 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 11:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Your Ticket Purchase Supports Local Organizations

Funds from the tour are used to support local community organizations, such as United Crescent Hill Ministries, Waterfront Botanical Gardens, Louisville Free Public Library, and others. Your ticket purchase also funds garden projects throughout the Crescent Hill area and our annual Appalachian Redbud Tree Giveaway Project.

Tickets

You can purchase tickets the day of the tour at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S. Peterson Avenue, where the tour begins or in advance on our website: crescenthillgardenclub.org/store/p2/tourticket.

Tickets are \$20.

To learn more, visit <u>crescenthillgardenclub.org</u>.





Located in the heart of Crescent Hill \bullet 301 S Peterson Ave \bullet 502.895.7975 www.petersondumesnil.org

Support Your Community and Become a Crescent Hill Community Council Member!

The Crescent Hill Community Council (CHCC) is a non-profit organization that serves as an advocate for maintaining Crescent Hill's quality of life and strengthening community pride and involvement.

What Does the Crescent Hill Community Council Do?

The CHCC engages with the community to:

- Bring neighbors and volunteers together
- Host and sponsor community events such as the Fourth of July Fireworks, Easter Egg Hunt, Chili Cookoff, and Holiday Open House with Santa
- Host monthly meetings all community members can attend
- Maintain relationships with the Frankfort Avenue Business Association and other Crescent Hill organizations and institutions
- Advocate for neighborhood physical improvements
- Strengthen the relationship with Metro agencies and elected officials
- Promote a safe neighborhood

Why Should You Become a Member?

Membership offers Crescent Hill residents the opportunity to:

- Maintain meaningful connections
- Meet your neighbors
- Enjoy community events
- Stay in the know about community happenings
- Advocate for the safety of Crescent Hill's residents and visitors
- Volunteer in your community

Membership is a way to positively impact the neighborhood in which you live. Whether you have a little or a lot of time to spare, we have plenty of ways for you to get involved.

From serving on a committee to volunteering at an event, you can find the right opportunity that matches your interests and schedule. Of course, becoming a member does not require a time commitment on your part. You can choose to be actively involved or just support your community with your membership dues.

What Does It Cost to Become a Member?

Member dues are only \$25 for a one-year membership or \$125 for a five-year membership!

Your membership dollars are used to support the many community programs and events we hold throughout the year.

Join the CHCC and make a difference in your neighborhood! https://crescenthill.us/join-us/



2024 Spirit of Crescent Hill Award

By: Michele Hundley

Founded in 1998, by Crescent Hill resident and former Crescent Hill Community Council president, Richard Jett, the Spirit of Crescent Hill Award was created to honor outstanding acts of community spirit in the neighborhood. Crescent Hill is blessed to have many wonderful people who love her and are willing to selflessly give their time and talents to make her one of the best places to live in the city. Businesses and institutions as well as individuals have been recipients of the Spirit of Crescent Hill Award. Those honored may be long time members of Crescent Hill, individuals, living or deceased, who have been instrumental in shaping the Crescent Hill Community Council and Peterson Dumesnil House Foundation or a newcomer who has jumped right in and gone to work making Crescent Hill the special place it is.

Now is the perfect time to keep an eye out for folks that make a difference in Crescent Hill. Do you know a person, business or institution working to make Crescent Hill fabulous? If so, the committee, Steve Imhoff, Tim Allen, Michele Hundley, Terry Dunham, and Joyce Cossavella, would like to hear from you. Please contact the committee chair Joyce Cossavella at jeossa153@gmail.com with your suggestions and include



a short paragraph as to why you are making the nomination. Awards are presented at the annual Dessert with the Mayor event scheduled each fall.

To see a list of the wonderful folks who have received the Spirit of Crescent Hill Award, please visit the CHCC website: crescenthill.us.



Curbing Gun Violence Competition Moves to Implementation

By: lane Emke

On Tuesday, January 23, 2024, the two winners of the CHCC "Curbing Gun Violence in Jefferson County" competition were announced and the \$7,000 prize money was awarded to Louisville artist, Lisa Austin, and retired school counselor, Mike Reed.

Austin will produce an art installation capable of being displayed at several different locations in Jefferson County. She will produce a work of art that will attempt to capture the heart-break and on-going grief and pain that accompanies a family losing a loved one to gun violence. The work will be a mixed media installation using fabric, block printing, and stories as told by family members. Each story will be numbered and the viewer may read the corresponding story when they view the art installation. Lisa Austin is seeking more families that have suffered the loss of a loved one in Jefferson County. Text names and contact information to Marty Crawley: 502-544-1956.

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Remembering the 1974 Tornado Outbreak

On April 3, 1974 a "Super Outbreak" of 148, F3 tornados hit 13 states including Kentucky. In Louisville, the tornado damaged the Fairgrounds and moved northeast through Cherokee Park and North Fields. During its 20-minute duration in Louisville, there were 3 fatalities and 207 injuries. The tornado destroyed over 900 homes, and damaged thousands of others. Cherokee Park, the historic 409-acre municipal park located at Eastern Parkway and Cherokee Road, had thousands of mature trees destroyed. A massive re-planting effort was undertaken by the community in the aftermath of the tornado. The Crescent Hill Community Council was incorporated in the early 1970s and became very active after the tornado of April 1974. The United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) was formed after the devastating tornado of 1974, when churches who helped provide services during the tornado chose to continue to work together in developing other needed community programs for the neighborhood.

Join us on **Sunday, April 14 from 2:00- 3:30 p.m.** for a 50th Anniversary Program on the 1974 Tornado. The program will take place at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church (2800 Frankfort Ave). Hear from a panel of speakers along with Before & After images and a video of the tornado damage.

This event is FREE and open to the public. We ask all attendees to bring a can good item for the United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) food pantry. Sponsored By: Louisville Historical League; Crescent Hill Community Council; Clifton Community Council and the United Crescent Hill Ministries.



Mike Reed's winning idea is focused on creating peace. He wants to demonstrate the ability of each of us to first create peace within ourselves, our immediate families and then our community. How Mike will implement his winning idea is still in the planning stages. We hope to engage school students in the process. Volunteers are need-



ed to help Mike Reed demonstrate his ideas about creating peace. Please text your name and contact information to Marty Crawley: 502 544-1956.

Members of the COMPETITION Committee want to continue to work on curbing gun violence in Jefferson County. Their first goal us to help the two COMPETITION winners accomplish their goals.

In addition, they recognize that there are many groups in Jefferson County working to curb gun violence, however none are specifically creating a comprehensive media campaign for this purpose. Money may need to be raised to create such a campaign. Therefore, the CHCC COMPETITION Committee is exploring forming a new tax-exempt organization to plan, organize, and execute a long-term comprehensive media campaign to help curb gun violence in Jefferson County. The COMPETITION Committee will vote on a proposed new name and new mission statement at the Tuesday, March 14, 7pm, meeting at the Peterson Dumesnil House. On March 14, if voted on and approved by the Committee will be:

Less is More GUN VIOLENCE, an organization committed to reducing gun violence. Our primary focus being a comprehensive media campaign designed to apprise citizens of both the credible and perceived threats to public safety. This campaign will also highlight the community's efforts and successes in this arena, and to facilitate by raising the dollars to support successful programs and pay for a comprehensive media campaign.

The new proposed Less is More GUN VIOLENCE committee is looking for volunteers with experience working with the media. Please fill out this form, https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MukKbWX_1y_4s-z1B-roZ1EBIL7dyvEifXm-r0Pq_K_o/edit, and email it to Jane Emke and Joyce Connor.

From the Desk of Councilperson Andrew Owen



While it is February and the winds are still primarily blowing a cold chill across the Derby City, the daffodils and tulip shoots are starting to poke their heads out above the soil, and Spring is "occasionally" in the air. With that in mind, there will be multiple opportunities for D9 residents to participate

in spring cleaning projects around the district in the coming months. On Saturday, April 13th in conjunction with Operation Brightside's Community Wide Cleanup, there will be a clean up event starting at the public parking lot at the corner of Frankfort Avenue and Keats Avenue in Clifton and another starting at Independence Bank, at 3901 Shelbyville Road in the Heart of St. Matthews. On Saturday April 20th the District 9 office will be hosting the 2nd annual Beargrass Creek-sweep event which will start at the parking lot at the corner of Lexington Road and Ledge Road at the entrance to Cherokee Park. All three of these events will be held during the morning hours but start times have not yet been finalized. Pencil-in the dates in on your calendar and we will update additional logistic information and start times in the newsletter on social media and on our website when it becomes available.

We will also be hosting a "How to Start A Neighborhood Watch" workshop this Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. at United Crescent Hill Ministries at 150 State Street in Clifton. Representatives of the LMPD's 5th Division will be in attendance to answer any questions or concerns. Whether you live in an area that has a Neighborhood Watch program that is no longer active, or you want to start a program for the first time, this is the workshop for you. LMPD continues to support these programs and believes that an active neighborhood watch program is one of the best ways for neighbors to be proactive and assist in improving public safety.

Finally, I want to highlight a piece of terrible legislation that is very like to pass out the current legislative session in Frankfort. This legislation will almost certainly have an extremely detrimental impact on the availability of affordable housing here in Louisville going forward. House Bill 18 and Senate Bill 25 take aim at the "source of income" ordinance which passed the Louisville Metro Council with a UNANIMOUS 26-0 vote in 2020 and similar legislation that passed the Lexington/Fayette County Council last week 13-2. Former District 9 Metro Councilman Bill Hollander wrote a fantastic editorial for the January 22nd edition of the Louisville Courier-Journal on the subject here – courier-journal.com/story/opinion/2024/01/22/source-of-income-bans-housing-help-kentucky/72279630007/.

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Input Needed: Universal Basic Neighborhood Study

Thank you to everyone that has participated with the University of Louisville / Simmons College of Kentucky healthy Universal Basic Neighborhood study. If you have not had a chance to complete the questionnaire, visit louisville.edu/envirome/ubn and complete the 5-minute, 10-question survey regarding the aspects and resources of Crescent Hill that make it your neighborhood of choice. The research team looks forward to continuing the conversation with residents during focus groups in April of 2024.







At its worst, this is legislation in search of a problem that doesn't exist. Since the unanimous vote approving the legislation in Louisville four years ago, there have been no reports of landlords being forced to rent to any prospective tenant, because, unlike the proponents of the bill in Frankfort say, that is not what the legislation does. It simply makes it illegal to deny any person housing, based solely on their source of income. HB 18 and SB 25 are clear attacks on the sovereignty of the urban areas of our state, and the Republican Supermajority has made it abundantly clear that they abhor local control and have happily assumed the role as the party of government overreach. They not only believe they are smarter than the Metro Council members of both parties, that were duly elected to represent their 700,000 constituents, but they are hellbent on pre-empting or overturning every local law they disagree with; no matter how much support those laws have at Metro Council or among the people of Metro Louisville.

FREE TREES! 5th Annual Crescent Hill Giveaway

Help us restore the tree canopy and plan to plant a tree this spring!

The Crescent Hill Garden Club is once again offering free Appalachian Redbuds, a Kentucky native species, to residents for planting in the neighborhood as part of their annual signature tree project.

To be eligible to receive a free tree, you must be a homeowner in Crescent Hill.

Trees will be ready for delivery the first week in April and planting assistance will be available if needed. Trees are available on a first come, first serve basis as quantities are limited. One tree per person. To reserve your tree, contact Denise Peterson at 502.889.0086 or denisepeterson48@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

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