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2002 Officers Elected

Elections of officers for the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council, Old Louisville Information Center and Board Members were held at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2001.

The new Officers are:

CHAIR- JOHN SISTARENİK
VICE-CHAIR- JOAN STEWART
SECRETARY - JAN MORRIS
TREASURER - BOB GOSSMAN

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MARY MARTIN
ANDY PERRY
GARY KLEIER
LOIS TASH

Thanks to Herb Fink for leading the nominating committee which included: Norm Nezelkewicz, Irene Spicer, David Norton, Lois Tash, Fred Nett, and Zane Lockhart.

Old Louisville Information Centers only fundraiser... Victorian Yuletide a Huge Success

Last month's Victorian Yuletide House Tour was a huge success. Over 2,500 people enjoyed the hospitality of the neighborhood by touring seven magnificent homes and the Conrad/Caldwell House Museum, shopping at the Holiday Gift Boutique, and sampling culinary delights at area eateries in a Taste of Old Louisville.

Everything seemed to fall into place especially well this year: committee members and tour volunteers were dedicated and hardworking, the publicity, both free and paid, was

plentiful, and the weather was beautiful.

The Victorian Yuletide House Tour Committee would especially like to thank our sponsors: **Aldermen Greg Handy and George Unseld, Chris Brian, Bruce Cohen, Mary Martin, Michael Mawood, and David Norton.**

The committee is already at work on next December's tour. Contact the Old Louisville Information Center to join the fun.

John Sistarenik, Chair
House Tour Committee



An estimated 2,500 people enjoyed walking the streets of

Victorian Architecture Experience: A Continuing Education Class offered

Learn more about the grand Victorian-style homes from a guest architect, a Landmarks representative, a member of Louisville Historical League, have a private tour of the magnificent Conrad/Caldwell House on St. James Court, and be treated to one of Tom Owens' famous walks! The National Historic District of Old Louisville contains one of the largest and oldest collections of

Victorian architecture in the country. Learn more about the history and preservation of the city's crown jewel of neighborhoods in this fun class! Class meets at the Old Louisville Information Center, in Central Park starting on Wednesday, January 30 from 6:00 to 7:45PM, class fee is \$69. To register, call JCPS Adult and Continuing Education at 485-3400.

Rave Reviews for the House Tour

We attended the 2001 Yuletide Holiday Home Tour in Old Louisville held on the first weekend in December. One could not ask for a more delightful afternoon! We went with friends, met other friends, and enjoyed visiting with tour guests. The day was warm and bright. The selection of homes was quite varied ñ from expansive, historic renovations to modern updates to homes with Old Louisville ambiance. Each home presented its own charm and was beautifully appointed with Christmas finery.

Two homes offered live piano music to accompany our visit. Several homes had various scents to arouse memories of Christmases past. Having docents to offer insight into the architecture, gave us an appreciation of the craftsmanship that makes these homes real treasures.

The Conrad-Caldwell House was an added bonus with its wonderful inlaid wood floors and sense of history. We could almost feel the warmth and caring of the original owners. What a wonderful asset to the City of Louisville! The gift shop on the lower level provided us an opportunity to pick up a few homemade gifts, poinsettias, and delicious refreshments.

The shuttle service was much appreciated at the end of the day. Three flights of stairs in each of the seven homes gave us quite a workout not to mention the walk between homes.

The most enjoyable part of the afternoon's excursion was celebrating the holiday season wrapped in beauty, history and a sense of wonder. We most definitely will return for next year's Holiday Tour.ì

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The Victorian Yuletide House Tour included a wonderful Holiday Gift Boutique and a Complimentary Shuttle Service throughout the tour.



Letter to the Editor:

IT'S ALL A MATTER OF ATTITUDE.

What would you think of a property owner who cuts his grass and blows all of the yard waste into the street? Or the dog owner who hoses all of the excrement from his dog run into the alley? How about the business owner whose concept of cleaning his parking lot is to blow all of trash into Oak Street? And then we can talk about the lawn service whose concept of raking leaves is to blow everything into the street or alley. And let's not forget LG&E, who fills our streets with sawdust and limbs from tree trimming, or our sanitation department who seem to feel it is sufficient to get 75% of the trash into the truck.

What is my point? The next time someone asks why the streets of Old Louisville are so dirty, let's be honest. It isn't open garbage cans, discarded half pints and beer bottles, or litter thrown from cars passing through the neighborhood. It's a matter of

attitude....our attitude.

There are a hundred reasons why our streets are dirty and 95% are preventable. If you are one of the individuals described above, you are obviously part of the problem. But, if you have witnessed a problem and done nothing about it, you are just as **r e s p o n s i b l e .**

City Call's phone number is 574-3333 or you can e-mail at Citycall@louky.com. Don't hesitate to **a t t a c h a p i c t u r e .**

Remember, most of our problems originate from people who don't care, and most are solved by people who do.

It's all a matter of attitude.

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5th District: **BLUECOAT** Award

In 1957, W. George Matton along with nine other prominent area business men started the BLUECOATS Award. This award was begun as a way to provide tangible recognition by commitment of the exceptional nature of responsibilities and special risks encountered daily by the Men and Women in Blue in the performance of their daily duties. Civic Leaders and other City Representatives now make up the ten board members who choose to honor one of Louisville's Finest for their extraordinary performance and commitment to duty.

This year the Fifth District is honored and privileged to have the BLUECOAT recipient in their midst. Officer Terra Long was nominated by Sgt. Doug Sweeney and then selected by Colonel Greg Smith in conjunction with the BLUECOAT Board to receive this honor.

Terra is tireless in her efforts, dedicated to her work, and goes far above and beyond what I have seen the average officer do in the performance of his or her duties. I have learned exactly what Community Oriented Policing is supposed to be about. While watching Terra, she truly embraces and practices the principles that are the embodiment of Community Oriented Policing and the citizenry love her for it!

Terra is a 15-year veteran of LPD. She has served as the first female member of the Honor Guard. She has worked as a FLEX Platoon Officer, and was one of the original Detectives assigned to CIS's Domestic Violence Unit, helping to draft and write that unit's Policy and Procedures. She currently is on the Smoketown/Shelby Park Task Force, is Co-Chair of the SHALOM Team, a

member of the Old Louisville Business Association, the East Broadway Business Association, the Bed and Breakfast Association, and the St. Joseph's Neighborhood Association. Additionally, she attends dozens of meetings every month with various neighborhood associations and organizations.

The Fifth District is fortunate to have such a dedicated and genuinely committed officer.

**Administrative Sgt. Doug Sweeney
Fifth District**



During the General Membership meeting on December 13, 2001, chair Dick Callaway presented the Fifth District, Major Dan Assef and Officer Terra Long with a donation of \$1,800. The donation is for a mural that is to be painted on the wall as you enter the Fifth District. The mural will depict the neighborhoods that are included within the Fifth District. Many of the neighborhood block associations helped make up the amount donated.

The mural is expected to be completed by the 2002 St. James Art Show.

Neighborhood Associations in the News

Holiday Parties & Elections:

The **Third Street Association** enjoyed cocktails and dinner at The Columbine Bed and Breakfast. Over 50 neighbors and members enjoyed the festivities at this annual event. Thanks to Anne for hosting this gracious event!

Third Street Association also held elections for 2002 officers. They are: President Anne Eppinger, Vice President Mary Martin, Secretary Pam Takayoshi, and Treasurer Joe Martos.

Ouerbacker Court Association also held elections for 2002 officers: They are: Chair Gary Burdette, vice-chair Joan Stewart, Secretary Roz Fishman, and Treasurer Mo Anderson.

Filled with holiday spirit, over 100 people attended the **Second Street Neighborhood Association's** annual holiday party. Guests from many Louisville neighborhoods shared in the joy of the season. One unusual guest seemed to be the real hit of the party. This guest, a

jolly gray haired man with a long gray beard, came dressed in a large red suit trimmed in white with a hat to match. He was even nice enough to bring holiday treats to around 25 children in attendance. To all our treasured guests who attended, thank you for sharing the true spirit of the holiday season.

Let us know what your associations are up to by e-mailing us prior to the 10th of each month at OLIC@oldlouisville.org.

Thanks, Mr. Mayor!

...and all 80 who attended the reception on December 5 at the Information Center. Dick Calloway introduced Mayor Armstrong and presented him with a Wadia Newman framed print of the Conrad/Caldwell House Museum which was unveiled at this year's St. James Art Show. When Mayor Armstrong answered the question "Is there any truth to the rumor about lifting parking restrictions?" He indicated that "politician's never lie and...I would be lying if I said the restrictions will remain." The center looked great and the food was plentiful & tasty. Let's keep the communications flowing between City Hall and our neighborhood.

Mary Martin,
OLIC Board Member

If you weren't at the Mayor's reception, you missed a warm & inviting evening of conversation, punch and wonderful refreshments. Thanks to Marianne, Joan, Ginny, Mary, Sandy M., Sandy B., and David for their efforts and creativity. Thanks to DuPont Manual High School students Chris Davis, Jeffrey Howard, Jie Ma and Matt Williams. Your help was most appreciated.

Joan Stewart



YOGA AT THE CENTER!!!!!!

Hatha yoga is now being practiced at the Information Center on Wednesday evenings at 6:00PM. For a mere \$6.00 you may take a class instructed by Karla Markendorfer, a certified yoga instructor. The 75 minute class focuses on relaxation...stretching the mind as well as the body to relax. The six participants for the first class expressed great satisfaction with the yoga being taught. Linda Ewen said out loud the apparent feeling of the rest of the class when she stated "I have never felt more relaxed". Join us at the Center this week and you will be hooked on this thing called Hatha Yoga.

Are you Renovating?

We need a 30" sink base with sink & faucet for the Information Center, a portable dishwasher, and a refrigerator. Main criteria: Functional. Thinking of a donation to the Information Center? How does a subscription to Old House Journal, This Old House, or other preservation publications look on your new year list? It's tax deductible.

Thanks to Burrel Farnsley, the Center is now a member of the National Audubon Society and receiving the AUDUBON magazine.

Old Louisville Business & Professional Association

This coming year I will be planning some work sessions to help businesses become aware of city funding and services available to them. On January 9th, at 2PM at Haskins Hall, I will have Gordon Melton of OBS (Office of Business Services) give a presentation of the iEnterprise Zone,i what funds are available, and FACADE loans. Please call Arnold Celentano to RSVP: 585-3060

The iOak Street Corridorî task force has met with Bruce Traughber of LDA and his staff to discuss the Vision and Goals for Oak St. businesses. I plan on a joint meeting with the OLNK and LDA to finalize these goals and set up procedures for implementation.

I am putting together a joint effort on tourism with OLIC, Gayle Warren of OLB&PA will be heading this effort.

This last year I saw what can happen when all the Associations work together for a common cause. The efforts of the traffic task force is coming to fruition with parking restrictions lifted on designated streets in Old Louisville. The three big clean-ups headed by PIC chairman Herb Fink pulling together over 200 people along with the city cleaning up Oak Street, Central Park, and the Fourth St. underpass.

The Old Louisville Neighborhood Council is the core of this community's strength. Numbers count when we ask for help from the city, or any government body. I feel it is important to support the Council and OLIC as much as we can. Additional funding is needed to keep the Center open more than just during the present hours. The Center would be more tourist friendly if open on weekends. More can be accomplished in Old Louisville if we had the money and staffing. Right now Marianne Lesher is doing an outstanding job with what is available. Associations should consider a percentage of their net income as a contribution. If we do this the city would be more inclined to increase their funding.

OLNK Chairman, John Sistarenik and I will be working together this coming year as Dick Callaway and I have in the past year.

We have OLB&PA decals for members to display on their store front. Call Jo Ann at 585-3060 to have one mailed to you.

I am looking forward to working together to benefit the community.

Arnold Celentano,
President - OLB&PA

Tree-Cycle Your Tree

Jefferson County residents can Tree-Cycle their faded Christmas trees into a valuable garden product after the holidays.

Residents may take Christmas trees, wreaths and other greenery to one of three Tree-Cycling sites, where they will be shredded into mulch. The mulch, which is especially beneficial to acid-loving plants like azaleas and rhododendrons, is available free of charge while it lasts. Residents must furnish containers.



The locations of the three Tree-Cycling sites are: Jefferson County Recycling Center #1, 595 Hubbards Lane; Jefferson County Recycling Center #5, 7201 Outer Loop; and Jefferson County Recycling Center #3, 7219 Dixie Highway.. Ornaments, decorations and wires must be removed. Trees may be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the following days: Thursday, December 27, through Saturday, December 29; Monday, December 31, and Wednesday, January 2, through Saturday, January 5.

The free Tree-Cycling program, which is operated by the Waste Management District and the Division of Public Works and Transportation, is part of Jefferson County's Green Outlook environmental awareness and education program. For more information, residents may call the Green Outlook program at 57-GREEN.

Old Louisville On-Line

www.oldlouisville.com is a wonderful internet website to learn all about Old Louisville. It is loaded with interesting informationó historical and current, about our neighborhood. Take a look at the Old Louisville Journal on this site.

www.oldlouisville.net is a site hosted by the Old Louisville Business and Professional Association.

www.oldlouisville.org is an internet site that is currently being redesigned, this site is hosted by the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council and will have content relating to the neighborhood associations, the Information Center and the Neighborhood Council.

www.neighborhoodlink.com is a city run site that you can type in your zip code or any other zip code and find information about the area of interest.



Thanks to outgoing Chair, Dick Callaway and Vice-Chair, Tim iWoodyî Woodruff. Your dedication and service to our neighborhood over the past two years is very much appreciated.

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Belgravia - a walking court



Belgravia Court is one of the most beautiful of Old Louisville's "walking courts." This quaint neighborhood of Victorian homes face each other across a green space. At night, gas lights provide the illumination to take one back into another time. The homes were built in the 1890s after the demolition of the Southern Exposition buildings, and the area was named after London's most fashionable districts.

All of the homes on Belgravia Ct. are on the National Historic Register.

Life on Belgravia Court - Remembered

Early one blustery spring morning several years ago, a dark storm blew in and shut down all power on Belgravia Court. I wanted to read the morning paper, so I gathered every candle I could and set them lit on top the bookcase that stands against the wall in our living room that faces the French doors. That morning, I opened the doors onto the court so I could hear the rain while I read by candlelight.

A few days later, my neighbor, Milton Moore, told me how lovely the candles had been during the storm. He lived directly across the court and looking out that morning had seen the open doors and the candlelight.

Milton had lived in our house for over thirty years before he moved across the court. The first person to live in our house, after Milton, traveled a great deal and never opened the French doors. The house was frequently dark and it seemed no one lived there. When David and I moved in, we opened

the doors. It seemed so natural to open the house to the elegance of the court.

In the years he lived across from us, when I'd wake early, it was always reassuring to find Milton's light on, too. We would call to one another in the predawn darkness as we both ventured out to check for the paper. In that stillness, our voices carried so easily.

Milton died on Good Friday a couple of years ago, and his funeral was filled with neighbors. His ashes are buried in the small plot at Calvary Episcopal. When his priest, Ben Sanders, called to inform us of Milton's death, he said, "Let us give thanks for Milton's life."

Now, when I rise in the early hours, his house across the court is dark. I do miss him. Sometimes I pretend he's still there, reaching for his bedside lamp, readying himself to step onto the front porch to check for the paper. I think of him as one of the blessings of Belgravia Court. Sometimes I still light a candle, just for him.

**Deborah Stewart
Belgravia Court Association**

January Chair Notes:

Turn-of-the-century has a new meaning for Old Louisville. Yes, we are a turn-of-the-century Victorian neighborhood, but as we hurdle into 2002 we are living in our own turn of the 21st century with who knows what promises and challenges.

One challenge is on the horizon: 2002 is the last year for the existence of the City of Louisville. The merged government that comes into existence on January 1, 2003, will be a new ball game with new rules and many new people. We will work hard, of course, to make our voices heard in that new arena (no pun intended!), but it is crucial for us to complete as many unfinished projects as possible under the current government which has been very responsive to the needs of our urban neighborhood.

Aldermanic approval of the new Old Louisville Plan, the return of two-way traffic to Oak and Saint Catherine Streets, additional period lighting and new sidewalks for Central Park, and funds for improvements of the Oak Street business corridor are just some of the goals I hope we can accomplish in the coming year.

To insure our success we need as much help and participation from you, the residents, as possible. Feel free to attend any of the meetings of the Old Louisville Information Center Board or the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council. The meetings are publicized on our website (www.oldlouisville.com) and in the newsletter. Call (635-5244) or e-mail (OLIC@oldlouisville.org) with questions, comments, and concerns. I hope to visit all the block associations early in the year to talk with people.

I am looking forward to a great, fun year. I hope you are too.

Happy New Year!

John Sistarenik

2002 Chair OLNC/OLIC

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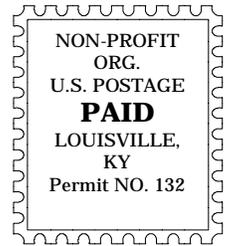
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Herb Finks accepts a gift from Major Dan Assef, the gift was a sign recently removed from the street in front of Herb's house which indicated parking restrictions. All of the signs in Old Louisville restricting parking at certain times are being removed. This will help slow down traffic through our neighborhood. Thanks Herb, Bob Bajandas, Debbie Powers, and all others who wrote letters to accomplish this goal. Please be aware of the "No Parking" signs still in place. Most are for driveway access and TARC bus stops.

January, 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year!	2 YOGA 6PM OLIC	3	4	5 Celebration of the Epiphany ñChapel of St. Philip, 236 Woodbine 8:00 PM \$7.00 Adults
6	7	8 Overbacker Ct. Association Meeting 7PM	9 YOGA 6PM Old Louisville Business & Professional Meeting	10 Special Board Meeting for OLIC 7:00PM	11 Deadline for February Newsletter	12
13	14	15	16 YOGA 6PM Third St. Association Meeting	17 Property Improvement Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	18	19
20	21	22 OLIC Board Meeting 6:15 PM OLNC Board Meeting 7:30 PM	23 YOGA 6PM OLIC	24 Fourth Street Association Meeting	25	26
27 1300 S. Third St. Meeting Second St. Meeting	28	29	30 ñA Victorian Experience ñ Continuing Education Class OLICó 7:00PM	31		