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## Second Annual Deer Park Community Yard Sale

Let's do it again! Be a participant in the Deer Park Community Yard Sale.

On Saturday, June 4, from 8 a.m. to noon, display your goods in front of your home or apartment, grab your lawn chair and coffee and enjoy the camaraderie of neighbors and shoppers.

A draw for enticing "yard sailors" is the chance to cruise numerous yard sales in a designated area. The neighborhood association will run a neighborhood-wide ad in the Courier-Journal and will also place signs around the boundaries of Deer Park.

We hope you'll be on board! And make a note on your calendar that the plan is to have this yard sale yearly on the first Saturday in June.



## Neighborhood Crime Prevention

On March 29, roughly 100 citizens attended a crime seminar co-sponsored by Metro Council District Eight and LMPD Division Five at Atherton High School. More than 10 police officers and detectives, including Major Sharra Parks, and Metro Council members Bill Hollander and Tom Owen were on hand to discuss crime prevention.

The vast majority of the crime in Deer Park and the Highlands (Division Five) is property related, with 80% of it being preventable. Unlocked cars, keys left in cars, valuable items left visible in cars, as well as unlocked home doors and windows are a common theme in these crimes. Below are some tips from the seminar on preventing property crime:

First and foremost, **LOCK YOUR CAR AT ALL TIMES.** Never leave it running which is, by the way, against the law!

Keep your home doors locked – even when working in the yard. Do not leave notes on the door alerting someone that you are not home. Use deadbolt locks on doors with glass or sidelite windows.

Keep your garage door shut and any ladders locked up so they cannot be used by burglars.

Make sure your house number is visible for police.

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Engrave valuables with identifiable name and number, starting with KY. Take pictures of valuables.

Trim shrubs near windows and doors. Open windows should be locked at a maximum of five inches.

When going on vacation, alert a trusted neighbor when you will be gone. Have the lawn mowed, and stop the paper and mail. Contact LMPD to ask for a house watch.

External lighting is important as well as interior lights. Use timers for interior lights and leave a radio on. A dog is often a good deterrent as well.

Security alarms are good, but test and service them regularly. Also be aware of the LMPD alarm program and Louisville Metro False Alarm Ordinance 127.14. Most reputable security companies are registered. Make sure you are in compliance.

If you see a burglary in progress anywhere, do not get involved. Call 911.

Assault and robbery street crimes, though not common in District Eight, still occur periodically in an urban environment such as ours. Here are tips in preventing these types of crimes:

Do NOT let strangers into your home until you are satisfied that you know who they are and their purpose! You should have a wide angle door view installed if you cannot see out. Require IDs from workmen, stranded motorists, and salesmen. Partially opening a door with a chain is discouraged. Use your gut instinct. If the situation feels wrong, it probably is.

When walking at night, choose well-illuminated paths. Look directly at people approaching and acknowledge them with a firm hello. Be confident. Do not appear distracted or intoxicated (even if you are). Always be aware of your surroundings and have your cell phone ready, but do not be talking, texting, or listening to earbuds.

When walking or exercising outdoors, try to go with a friend, especially after dark.

Do not give money or cigarettes to anyone. Politely, but firmly, say no and keep walking. If someone asks for the time, provide it and keep walking. If you do get robbed or assaulted, remember as much detail about the person and vehicle as possible. Give them your wallet if asked and do not resist; it is not worth it. Call 911 immediately.

Officer Mumphrey is the District Resource Officer for Division Five and attends 150-160 neighborhood meetings a year to give crime reports. Contact him at 502-574-7636 if you are interested in setting up a Neighborhood Block Watch or having a security check done on your home.

The LMPD website is a valuable source of information for police matters at [louisvilleky.gov/government/police](http://louisvilleky.gov/government/police). If you are interested in seeing how many and what type of crimes are in your neighborhood, drill deeper to [Louisvilleky.gov/government/police/crime](http://Louisvilleky.gov/government/police/crime) mapping/map crime now. Remember, if you see suspicious activity or want to report a **non-emergency**, call 574-2111 or 574-7111. Call **911 for emergencies only**. The **anonymous tip line is 502-574 LMPD (5673)**.

The police do the best they can to keep the neighborhood safe with the staff they have, but they need residents to help them. Using the tips above, you can play an important part in reducing crime and help Deer Park continue to be one of the best neighborhood communities in Louisville.

### **Dialogue on Diversity Conference**

Opening entertainment by the River City Drum Corps set the pace for a day of enlightening sessions at the fifth annual Dialogue on Diversity Conference, which was held April 1 at Bellarmine University. Spalding University, the University of Louisville, and the Business Diversity Network of Kentucky, Inc., joined Bellarmine in co-hosting the event.

The conference has focused on the relevance and role of diversity in business, education, media, health, politics, and religion.

**Lines From the Litter Lady**  
by **Patty J. Armstrong, a Shady Lane resident**

What do single socks, empty flower seed packs, latex gloves, dropped rosaries, and smashed beer cans have in common? You are probably thinking “Nothing at all.” Aha! I beg to disagree. These are only a few of the things I have discovered in the Deer Park neighborhood since I began picking up rubbish about eight months ago.

I know you may be saying to yourself, “Well, we are in the Urban Service District and the city should provide trash receptacles for us to use.” It is a lovely idea but not feasible. To purchase a receptacle is expensive when the collection fee is added by Solid Waste Management Services. To buy the number we need would be exorbitant for the budget of a small area such as Deer Park.

When I first heard this, I was doubtful. There used to be waste cans around our area. What happened to those? Unbeknownst to me, those had been strategically placed beside TARC stops. When the stops were eliminated, TARC immediately removed the cans.

How did I become interested in this problem? I was given a new dog, a senior citizen much like myself. Each day when I took him for a walk, I became more and more appalled by the trash I saw. We both moved at a fairly slow pace so I had plenty of time to observe what was lying curbside, in the grass, or even on the sidewalks where we were trying to walk.

I began to realize these items did not get there for any other reason than the fact that many people didn't care enough to hold onto their non-winning lottery tickets,

water bottles, or empty cigarette packs until they reached a receptacle, recycle bin, or garbage can.

I started to take a small bag with me on our walks and picked up anything I could recognize. Now, I fill a bag each day and remove the recyclable items when I get home. Have I been stared at? Of course. Do I care? Of course not!

Unfortunately we have no way to stop littering. We can let it pile up or try to keep our neighborhood clean and attractive. If you are a jogger, competitive runner, or in poor health, the following may not apply to you. But, if you are a casual walker, you have the choice of going around trash, ignoring it, stepping on it, or bending over to pick it up.

I currently keep up with six streets. Wouldn't it be wonderful if I only had to do four or fewer? I urge you as residents of Deer Park to step forward and make your street one on which you are proud to live. All you need is a bag, a bit of energy, and willingness to help make Deer Park a clean, beautiful area.

### **Departing Board Members**

A special heartfelt thanks to Jody Caldwell, Jeremy Songer, and Estelle and Floyd Benner for their service to the Deer Park Neighborhood Association Board and to our community. They are going to take a break but will still be connected.

### **Metro Council District Eight Round Table**

Seven candidates for Tom Owen's Metro Council seat met in debate on April 17 at Congregation Adath Jeshurum, 2401 Woodbourne Ave. S. Brandon Coan, Chris Kolb, Terra Long, Lynn Meyer, Stephen Reily, Joshua White, and Charles Terry Wooden responded to six questions. Deborah Yetter, The Courier-Journal, and Scott Reynolds, WAVE 3 News, moderated. Sponsored by the District 8 neighborhood associations and small cities, the event was streamed live at [www.WAVE3.com](http://www.WAVE3.com). Voter registration was available on-site and a reception followed.



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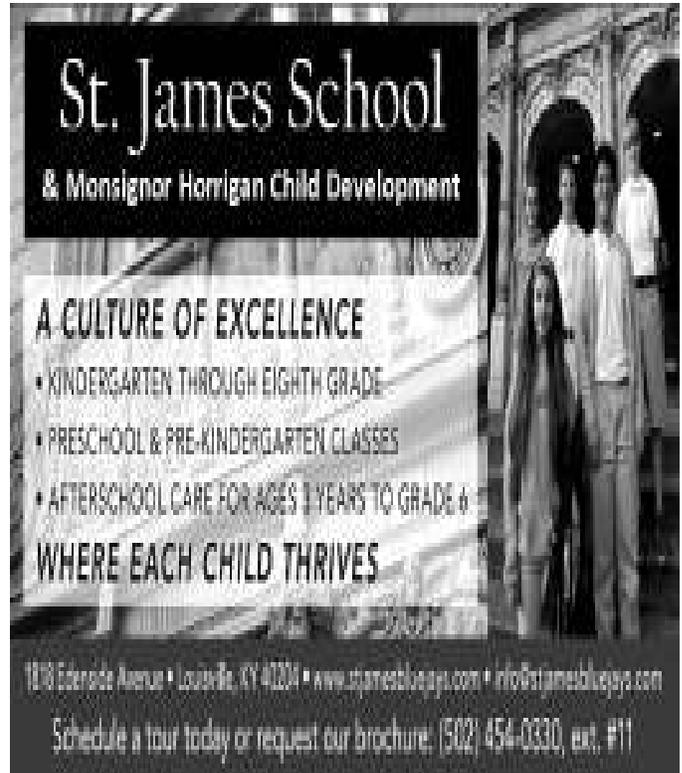
**From DPNA's President  
by Alan Scherer**

I am pleased to share the presidency with Susan Harmon. What an exciting year!

We are blessed to have had seven good candidates for the District Eight Metro Council seat vacated by Tom Owen's retirement. The round table on April 17 provided us with many good ideas for the future. June 4 will be our annual, community yard sale in Deer Park, a great time to pick up treasures and visit with neighbors. On September 10, along with Deer Park Baptist and Bardstown Road Presbyterian churches, we will host the NeighborFest, a free community gathering.

A special thanks to Art Cestaro for his leadership on the neighborhood plan and to Carolyn Cromer for her work on the tree planting campaign.

Deer Park continues to be the best place to live, raise a family, shop, and retire. Are you a member of the association? This is a great time to send in the membership application.



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## Neighborhood Plan Update

The Deer Park Neighborhood Plan Advisory Group met on April 14 with members of Louisville Metro Planning and Design and consultants from EHI Group. Meeting topics included an overview of issues and opportunities received through the input process along with discussion of preliminary recommendations and strategies. Issues related to land use and zoning were discussed in detail. When to hold the next public forum and the Planning Commission process were also discussed. The consultants then met with our board to share information. A public meeting was held May 16 at Deer Park Baptist Church.

In a nutshell, the basic concerns of the neighborhood fall into elements of public safety (sidewalk repair, speeding, crime control), the health of the Bardstown Road Commercial Corridor, and concerns about the further expansion of Bellarmine University. Here are some of the neighborhood's major concerns as expressed in the surveys and in person:

### PRESERVE

- residential character of the interior of the neighborhood,
- single-family dwellings,
- historic Bullock Clifton House, and
- historical feeling.

### ADD

- underground utility lines;
- easier mobility for disabled individuals;
- bus line for the interior of Deer Park;
- more trees and landscaping throughout, especially along Bardstown and Newburg;
- sidewalks all along Newburg;
- sidewalks all along Norris; and
- bike lanes along Newburg and Eastern Parkway.

### REMOVE

- rundown property,
- multi-family land uses, and
- noise.



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### KEEP OUT

- drugs, gangs, vandalism, graffiti;
- over-saturation of student renters in houses; and
- single-family dwellings being converted to multi-family.

## Thanks to Our Contributors

Dean Adams; Patty J. Armstrong; Art Cestaro; Carolyn Cromer; Marilyn Hrbek; Jeff Hughes; Carol Miracle; and Alan Scherer.



*Stella and Jude, Tree Champions!*

### New DPNA Board Member

Dean Adams lives on Princeton Drive with partner Carolyn Cromer, their three-year-old son Boone, and canine companion Harlan (named after Kentucky writer and artist Harlan Hubbard). They choose to live in Deer Park for the mixture of quiet, residential streets and the nearby energy of Bardstown Road. Having access to bus lines, farmers' markets, restaurants, and local retailers (such as Dundee Candy Shop, North End Cafe, and Great Flood Brewing) just a short walk away is ideal for their family.

After working for a number of years in investment banking in New York and Chicago, Dean now manages a non-profit that provides financial advisory services and access to loans to non-profit, behavioral healthcare organizations. When they are not busy playing with trucks and trains and digging holes, Dean, Carolyn, and Boone enjoy reading, politics, hiking, camping, and traveling. You can reach Dean directly at [deanadams@outlook.com](mailto:deanadams@outlook.com).

### Tree Update

On April 2, 24 trees were distributed to neighbors involved in the third round of tree plantings in Deer Park. Participants received a training session on planting and maintaining their trees, watering bags, and yard signage. Deer Park's goal is to plant 100 trees in 2016. We need to plant 76 trees this September to meet that goal. These trees will lower Louisville's urban heat island effect. To participate, contact us at [DPNA@DeerParkLouisville.com](mailto:DPNA@DeerParkLouisville.com).

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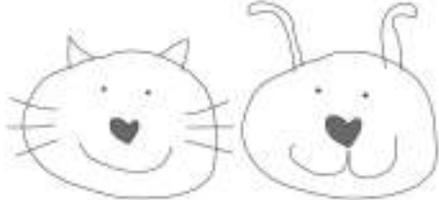
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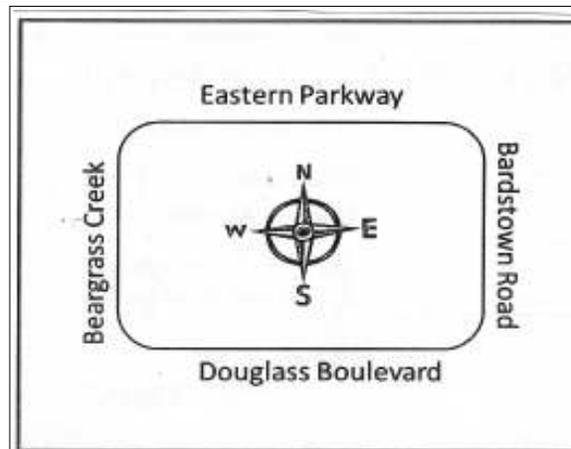


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Fifth District Police      574-7636	Art Cestaro, Ivanhoe Court, 451-0503
Metro Call      311 or 574-5000	Jenifer Frommeyer, Rutherford Avenue, 459-8660
Metro Council – Tom Owen      574-1100	David Maxwell, Quadrant Avenue, 314-2515
Mayor’s Office      574-2003	Jeff Hughes, Richmond Drive, 254-3256
School Board – David Jones      485-3566	Charles Puckett, Stevens Avenue, 500-7414
	Justin Edge, Fernwood Avenue, 548-0667
DPNA Officers	The Deer Park Neighborhood Association (DPNA)
Susan Harmon, Co-President Stevens Avenue      451-5235	<b>was formed in 1974 to expand civic pride and foster a sense of cooperation throughout the neighborhood. Working with local government, the DPNA’s goal is to solve common problems and maintain a high quality of life for all Deer Park residents.</b>
Alan Scherer, Co-President Stevens Avenue      459-9746	
Marilyn Hrbek, Secretary Deerwood Avenue      451-4939	The association is only as strong as its members; we encourage you to get involved! Meetings are open to all residents (homeowners and renters alike) and are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, 1722 Bardstown Road.
Tim Darst, Treasurer Quadrant Avenue      459-8708	

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