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Neighborhood House's Photo Club Releases New Book

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**Ladies of Good Shepherd
 Luncheon and
 Card Party for a Cause
 Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

Doors open at 10:30 AM

Lehmann Hall, 3525 Rudd Ave.

Admission is \$8.00 per person and includes lunch and a door prize drawing ticket.

Cake Wheel, pull tabs, and raffles are planned. All are invited to attend.

50% of the proceeds will benefit:

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"Surgery"

Hello Portland, little Carmie here without Grampa! This year hasn't been good so far. Grampa and me was coming down Portland when a car pulled out in front of us and totalled his truck out. Then on top of that I had my tonsils taken out and Grampa's been upset over all of this! I told him to keep the faith in the Lord and things will work out. Summer will be here before you know it and Grampa and me will be fishing and planting the garden! But right now I've been living the good life. All I have to do is ring my bell and he comes running.

See ya on the water or in the field.

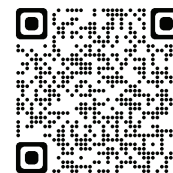
Free Woodblock Carving Workshops Coming In March and April

By Portland Museum



Coming April 20th to the Portland Museum will be CeLOUbrate Print, a summer event dedicated to celebrating the same artform which brings this very newspaper to life! The fun-filled day at the museum will see the debut of a new, print-based exhibition, educational booths from Louisville's many printers, and a large-scale steamroller printing. What is that exactly? In partnership with the University of Louisville's Hite Institute celebrated artist and educator Rachel Singel will drive a literal steamroller over a collection of ink-covered blocks to create a huge, communal print! Not only will you not want to miss this, but we'd bet you'd like to contribute to that print too, right?

Well great news, thanks to the hard work of fellow artist and educator Erica Lewis you and your family can attend a free woodblock carving workshop leading up to CeLOUbrate Print! Learn from Erica the art of carving a wooden block into a print-ready stamp, and set your design for inclusion in April! Dates and locations are continuing to be added, so if you'd like to sign-up for this arts activity please visit the Portland Museum, call us at (502)776-7678, or visit the event's webpage at:



www.portlandky.org/events-programs/celoubrate-print

Do you have an arts, culture, or community space fit for this workshop? Want us to bring it to you and your community? Email us at info@portlandky.org and we will provide while supplies last!

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Love Is In The Air

Last week, members of the Four Seasons Senior Program came together to celebrate Valentine's Day! During their party, seniors competed for prizes with BINGO, enjoyed a meal, danced, and finished the day off with lots of sweet treats!



Easter Egg Hunt

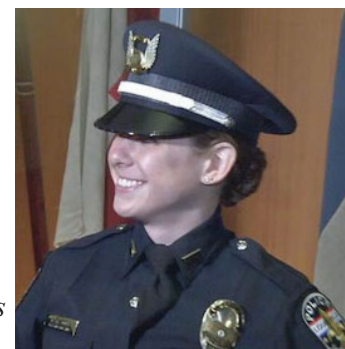
The Easter Bunny is coming!!!
Saturday, March 30, 2024
11:30am

Portland Promise Center
1831 Baird Street
776-2635



LMPD 1st Division Officers Of The Month

Officer Jessica Skaggs



On March 1, 2023, LMPD received a report of multiple bicycles stolen in the Louisville Downtown area. On her own initiative, Officer Jessica Skaggs requested to be assigned as lead investigator for the case. She contacted the victim and began her investigation which included gathering pertinent documents and video evidence.

During her investigation, she discovered that the several of the bicycles that were stolen were listed for sale online. This led Officer Skaggs to develop a suspect and a location where the stolen bicycles were being stored. Officer Skaggs obtained a search warrant for a storage unit on East Main Street.

On January 18th, 2024, Officer Skaggs executed the search warrant. The warrant led to the recovery of 48 suspected stolen bicycles, equipment, and evidence indicative of an ongoing bicycle theft operation. She was able to return several bicycles to their rightful owner. It is the combination of citizens reporting crimes and the tenacious work by this officer that saw the return several bicycles to their rightful owner.

Officer Skaggs' work ethic and skills as an investigator should be recognized. Her willingness to take on the role of a lead investigator beyond her primary assignment on patrol is an asset to LMPD. The work over 10 months on this case by Officer Skaggs reflect great credit upon LMPD, the 1st Division and upon her for making the community her primary focus ensuring a positive impact on the citizens she serves.



In the News

Last month, members of the Youth Development Program photography club showcased their work with the release of a new book. This book is full of photographs taken at Neighborhood House and around the Portland neighborhood! Led by *Louisville Defender* photographer George Williams, the photography club is composed of elementary, middle, and high school students. Former Louisville mayor Greg Fischer, District 6 Metro Councilman Phillip Baker, and WDRB news anchor Krystal Goodner were all in attendance to celebrate youth members!

Annie's Pizza



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"Home of the 28" Pizza"

Louisville Grows Healthy House on Portland Avenue Celebrates 15 Years and Promotes Spring Planting Events

By Elijah Humble

If you are looking to either improve your eating habits, support sustainable living or engage with your Portland neighbors, Louisville Grows is hosting several events in the spring. From tree planting to growing fruits and vegetables, the local organization at 1639 Portland Avenue is promoting the positive elements of urban agriculture and, alongside mental and physical health benefits, the pride it can bring to a community.

“Our four pillars are eating healthy, living healthy, environmental education and environmental equity,” said Lisa Dettlinger, Louisville Grows Executive Director. She added that Louisville Grows works in solidarity with neighborhood residents to create a more just and sustainable community through urban agriculture, urban forestry, and environmental education.

Louisville Grows is celebrating its 15th anniversary. The current building, which was a newly constructed shotgun-style structure, with a beehive rooftop deck, was built in 2017.

“It’s a very nice community space, and it’s open to use for other non-profits” Lisa said, noting that people love the fancy wooden doors. She added that the handsomely appointed space also hosts yoga, Pilates, agriculture workshops, and video presentations. There’s also an art space in the hallway, which they are preparing for its next exhibit.

But it’s the outdoor greenhouse which is the site of most of the planting and growing activity. The grounds include two rain gardens and possibly the oldest mulberry tree in Louisville.

In addition to a tree planting activity in the Parkland neighborhood on March 9, there are two sales coming up at the Portland location: the Cole Crop sale on March 16, and the Seeds & Starts sale on April 12 and 13.

Lisa said last April was the biggest sale they’ve ever had and that their team is looking forward to a good turnout this spring. “All greenhouse sales go to community,” she said. In addition to seeds, plugs and 20,000 plants, they also have soil, compost and mulch.

Louisville Grows promotes two tiers of public workshops: one providing a tool kit



Ellie Davenport, Community Engagement Manager and Lisa Dettlinger, Louisville Grows Executive Director.

*Louisville Grows
1639 Portland Avenue*



to get participants started with their chosen project, then another assisting with grant writing to secure funding for project supplies like sheds, soil and raised beds. The organization also partners with numerous other non-profit organizations in the Louisville area, including a youth camp in June with the Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

Lisa added that the small staff of four is always looking for volunteers, who receive 10% off their purchase.

“There used to be 2,500 community gardens in the city, now there’s only 18,” Lisa said. She said she learned seed saving and gathering from her grandmother, who stored them in baby food jars. “We believe that community gardens are a vehicle for community empowerment. We want our green campus to bring people to the neighborhood.”

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FISH FRY: A Lenten Tradition at Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish, located at 3525 Rudd Avenue, began their Fish Fry season Friday, February 9th with the Men of Good Shepherd kicking things off with their own Fish Fry where they make sure everything is running smoothly for the Lenten Fish Fry season that began on Friday, February 16th and runs through Friday, March 22nd.

The men prepare fried fish, fried shrimp, oysters, french fries, onion rings, green beans, slaw and macaroni and cheese—something for everyone! You are welcome to dine in our hall or get it to go and cash or credit cards are accepted. The Ladies of Good Shepherd have a cake wheel full of delicious baked goods you can try to win! The Men and the Ladies clubs are raffling Mega Easter Wagons, the men's contains a bottle of Pappy and the ladies wagon is overflowing with over \$800 worth of items any kid or adult would love to win! We also have pull tabs each Friday and a 50/50 drawing. (License #0032)

The Fish Fry is a great place to see old friends, make new friends, and support Good Shepherd. We offer a first responder special and prices are reasonable--\$14 for a 2 piece fish sandwich to \$3 for sides. The bar has cold beer for \$3 and soft drinks for \$2. Please consider visiting our Fish Fry during Lent, Lehmann Hall, 3525 Rudd Avenue, 4-8 PM, every Friday through March 22. We also invite you to our historic church for Stations of the Cross at 6 PM on Fridays. Hope to see you Friday!



Easter Egg Hunt!

10th Annual Portland Community Easter Egg Hunt

Submitted by Steve Trout

The American Legion Shawnee Post 193 Easter Egg Hunt Returns. We missed a couple of years due to COVID and one year due to some internal logistics, but we are happy to announce that there will be a Hunt In 2024! As in the past we have partnered with Good Shepherd Catholic Parish and many groups and business for our community, and we thank all of them for their support. We are accepting donations right now of toys, small individually wrapped candy, and/or money to fund this event and it takes a lot. You can drop donations off at Shawnee Post 2800 W. Main Street. We finalize basket preparation on March 23rd, and we fill the 5000 eggs on the 27th (at Shawnee Post). Here are the details of this year's Hunt:

- **Date:** Saturday March 30th, 2024
- **Target Ages:** Infants to 10-year-olds.
- **Location:** Good Shepherd Catholic Parish on Rudd Ave.
- **Easter Rabbit Arrival Time:** Approximately 10:30 AM
- **Egg Hunt Starts:** 11:00 AM (don't be late)
- **Meal:** Follows the hunt in the cafeteria
- **Easter Basket Give Away**
- **Candy Give Away**
- **And finally, a drawing for bicycles.**



Historically this has been a very well attended event and we expect that again this year. It will be a fun filled day. Hope to see you there.



Portland Pride on display at 8th Annual Love Your Neighborhood Event

Safe homes, healthy families and connected neighbors make for a vibrant community, and Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville's *Love Your Neighborhood* helps to create and celebrate these things that make Portland special. This event is sponsored by the James Graham Brown Foundation.

The whole community is invited to turn out at the Molly Leonard Portland Community Center between 10AM and 1PM for resources, give-away, and a free lunch at noon. Meanwhile, 6 homes will receive exterior repairs throughout the day, and volunteers will complete beautification projects to enhance the neighborhood.

The first 100 West End residents to sign-in will receive solar eclipse glasses just in time for the **April 8th** event. Also available between 10AM and 1PM -

- Enter a drawing for a \$100 credit on your LG&E bill and gift cards to Sav A Lot, Janes Bros Hardware and the Habitat ReStore
- Participate in a Nature Recreation activity at Molly Leonard Center
- Sign up for free books for children from birth to kindergarten
- Update your emergency preparedness plan
- Learn about the free lead pipe replacement program
- Sign up for SNAP benefits
- Check your blood pressure and glucose levels
- Paint a birdhouse to keep or give away
- Join a free hiking program
- Find summer camps and events for children and youth
- Free lunch at noon.

Participating groups include: Molly Leonard Portland Community Center, A Hand Up, American Red Cross, Accelerating Hills, West Louisville Math & Science Project, Shawnee Baptist Church, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Louisville Water Company, Norton Healthcare Children's Safety Care-a-Van and West Louisville Hospital, KIPDA, Portland NOW, the Portland Anti-Violence Coalition and more. See you there!

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

MASSES

Mass Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 11 AM
Daily 7:30 AM

Palm Sunday, March 24, 11 AM
Holy Thursday Service 6 PM
Good Friday Service 6 PM
Easter Vigil 8 PM
Easter, March 31, Sunday 11 AM

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Habitat Accepting Mortgage Applications: April 8-13, 2024

About Habitat's Homeownership Program

Homeownership unlocks the ability to build financial stability, to excel at work and school, and to grow up in a healthier environment. Through partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville, families and individuals not only buy an affordable home, but they'll gain new friends, new skills and a new sense of community and belonging. The security and stability a Habitat home provides will help you take the first steps towards a brighter future.

Once accepted into Habitat's program, Habitat provides all the materials, land, and expertise to construct the homes. Homebuyers agree to help build their own home, in partnership with community volunteers, where Habitat owns land. Once the home is complete, the homebuyers buy the homes from Habitat at an affordable mortgage with 0% interest loan.

Habitat mortgage applications are based on:

- NEED for housing
- ABILITY TO PAY an affordable mortgage
- WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER with Habitat

For any questions about Habitat and our homeownership program, please visit our website at louisvillehabitat.org.

2024 Homeownership Application Process

- Applications will be available from Monday, April 8th through Saturday, April 13th, from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Habitat Jane and Jewell located at 1620 Columbia Street, 40203.
- The last day to pick up an application is Friday, April 12th.
- Completed applications are required to be turned in with all supporting documentation by Saturday, April 13th at 6:00 pm.

Habitat New Applicant Information Session

We ask that interested individuals attend an Information Session to better understand the application process. The sessions in March are:

Application Periods	Date	Location
Information Sessions (choose 1)	Tuesday, March 12th @ 6:00 p.m.	Jane & Jewell Center- 1620 Columbia St.
	Saturday, March 16th @ 11:30 a.m.	Jane & Jewell Center- 1620 Columbia St.
	Tuesday, March 19th @ 6:00 p.m.	Habitat Restore- 4044 Taylorsville Rd.
Applications Available for Pickup and Return	Monday, April 8th through Saturday April 13th from 12:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Jane & Jewell Center- 1620 Columbia St.

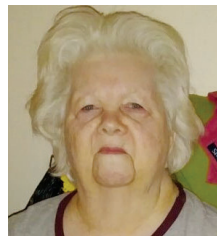
To register for a session, please contact Susan Vance at svance@louisvillehabitat.org or call (502) 805-1401.

You can stay up to date through our website at:
<https://louisvillehabitat.org/housing-programs/homeownership/>.

Obituaries



Janet Louise Basham, 37, passed away January 21, 2024, in Louisville, KY. She was born on October 15, 1986, to Regina Logsdon and the late Paul Logsdon in Louisville, KY. A true daddy's girl, she shared a special bond with her late father, Paul. In addition to her father, Paul Logsdon, Janet is preceded in death by a brother, Steven Logsdon. Left to cherish her memory, Janet is survived by 5 children, Bailey Jo Basham, Peco Mitchell (Stephane), Jordyn Basham, Emily Basham, and Aaron Basham; mother, Regina Logsdon; 2 brothers, William Glenn Logsdon, and Darrell Joseph Logsdon, sister Carrie Logsdon; 1 grandchild, Thomas Edward George IV; 8 nieces/nephews, Kelly K. Logsdon, Carmine Logsdon, Carmella Logsdon, Emily Auter, Eli Logsdon, Derrick Logsdon, Khloe Logsdon, and Geno Logsdon; extended family and close friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



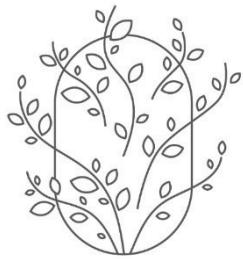
Carolyn Ann Bratcher, 84, passed away January 19, 2024, in Louisville, KY. She was born on September 8, 1939, in Louisville, KY. Carolyn was a loving mother, sister and grandmother who cared for her family deeply. Carolyn loved gathering for the holidays too, especially Christmas and Thanksgiving. She could always be found in the kitchen, cooking up everyone's favorite food. Carolyn had a bit of a sweet tooth too, and could always be found with her oatmeal cr me pies or a good donut. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Left to cherish her memory, Carolyn is survived by 5 children, Linda Holcomb (Jerry), Debbie Bratcher, Billy Wayne Bratcher, Lena Drake, and Wanda Drake; many grandchildren; 2 siblings, Billy Wayne Bratcher; and Betty Jones; and a host of extended family and close friends. Legacy Funeral Center – Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W. Market St.



Dwayne Lee Cockerell, 60, passed away February 10, 2024, at his home in Louisville, KY. He was born on February 17, 1963, to Jim and Arlene Cockerell in Louisville. Dwayne was a dedicated driver for JJ Carter for many years before starting his own business's, Club Chicago and C&C Tree Service. Dwayne is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Brandy Cockerell; and brother, Jim R. Cockerell Jr. Left to cherish his memory, Dwayne is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Diane Cockerell; son, Jacen Cockerell; brothers, Tim Cockerell (Karen) and Ernest Cockerell (Jenny); sister, Patricia Redfern (Bruce); 2 sisters-in-law, Vickie Tinnell, and Cindy Tinnell (Roger); brother-in-law, Danny Vaughn (Sue); best friend, Richard Johnson (Sally); 2 faithful companions, Blue, and Bruiser; and a host of extended family and close friends. Legacy Funeral Center – Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W. Market St. Burial at Evergreen Cemetery.



Russell K Coomer, Sr., aged 85, peacefully departed this life on January 20, 2024. Born and raised in Louisville, Russell was a true son of Kentucky, finding joy in the serene beauty of the great outdoors, especially through his love for hunting and fishing. He was preceded in death by the love of his life and beautiful bride, Mary J. Coomer; daughter, Tina Kay Weidman; and son, Gregory Alan Coomer; brothers, Paul, Danny, Donald, and Tony; and sister, Mae Bryant. Survivors include his children, Russell K Coomer, Jr., Rhonda Weist, and John E. Coomer; siblings, Douglas Leonhardt, Eugene Leonhardt, Linda Leonhardt, Mammie Leonhardt; grandchildren, Tywayne, William, Russell, Cammi, Sarah, Joshua, Shelby, Melissa, and Jessica; 10 great grandsons and 5 great granddaughters. Legacy Funeral Center – Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W Market St. with burial to follow.



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Eddie Lynn Crum, 66, passed away January 12, 2024, in Louisville, KY. He was born on December 9, 1957, to the late Lawrence and Mary Crum in Inez, KY. Eddie enjoyed spreading the word of God. In addition to his parents, Lawrence and Mary Crum, Eddie is preceded in death by 4 brothers, Billy Crum, Charlie Crum, Bobby Crum, and Danny Melson; 2 daughters, Susan Powers, and Charlotte Clark; and a granddaughter, Alaysia Lynn. Left to cherish his memory, Eddie is survived by his life long love, Ramona Clark; 3 children, Eddie Clark, Christy Clark, and Laura Crum; 4 grandchildren, Paisley Clark, Caliey Williams, La'Niya Williams, and Ryan Williams Jr.; 1 great-grandchild, Ivy Lynn; 2 brothers, Tommy Crum, and Gerald Paragon; nephew, Daniel Melson; cousins, David Spalding, and Joe Spalding; and extended family and close friends. Legacy Funeral Center-Schoppenhorst Chapel.

Karen Lynn Davis, age 71 years, passed peacefully at Baptist Floyd Hospital on January 22, 2024. She was a long-time Portland resident and true Portland native being born on Shippingport Island which she was so very proud of. She retired as custodian at The Temple Pre-School where she had worked with her husband, Teddy Davis, for 8 years. She was predeceased by

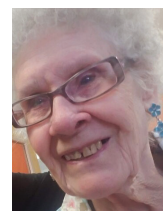


two sons, Dana Dale Davis and Scotty Lee Davis, two brothers, Frank Morton and Connie Morton, three sisters, Roxie Morton, Theresa Davis and Billie Haydon. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Teddy Ray Davis Sr., her son, Teddy Ray Davis Jr., daughter, Lisa Gay Lanning (Jason), two brothers, Russell Morton (Rhonda) and George Morton, her grandchildren, Jonathan Lanning (Amber), and Sabrina Lanning and great-grandchildren, Sterling and Lorna. J.B. Ratterman & Sons, Market St. Entombment Evergreen Cemetery Mausoleum.



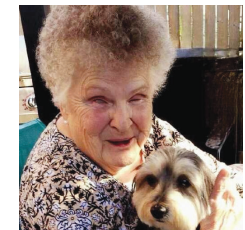
William Leslie Hardin Jr., age 54, passed at his home in Greenville, IN, February 17, 2024. He had been a long time resident of Portland and had worked for many years in automotive tire and wheel repair. William loved to work with his hands, especially in woodworking and he collected knives and things; finding wonder in the character in

each. He is predeceased by his granddaughter, Ally Marie Camacho. He is survived by his two sons, William Logsdon (Chelsea), and Tray Hart Hardin, his two daughters, Tessa Marie Hardin (Robert Crowe) and Lindsey Nicole Hardin, his parents, William L and Alice Marie (Herron) Hardin Sr., his sisters, Vickie Marie Clark (Tommy) and Teresa Mae Hardin and brothers, Michael Louis Hardin (Michelle) and Jerry Louis Hardin (Jennifer); two grandchildren, Chloe Marie Logsdon and Roman Camacho. William is additionally survived by Kimberly Sue Miller, his ex-wife and Nina Maynard by common law. J. B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care. Cremation was chosen.

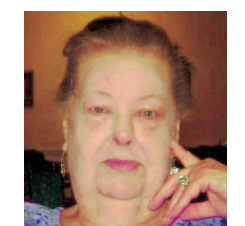


Martha Jean Hatfield, 93, passed away February 5, 2024, in Louisville, KY. She was born on October 8, 1930, to Benny and Edna Hundley in Louisville, KY. Martha was a member at New Covenant Church Mission for 40+ years, and devoted her life to Jesus at an early age. Martha was a hard worker too, retiring from Logan's Laundry after 30 years. Martha is preceded in death by her parents, Benny Bush Hundley and Edna McKinney Hundley; her loving husband, George Hatfield; daughter, Catherine Waits; 2 brothers, Melvin Vaughn, and Clinton Hundley; nephew, Timmy Vaughn. Left to cherish her memory, Martha is survived by her daughter, Edna Patton; son, Mike Tincher; grandson, Billy Patton (Amanda); 2 granddaughters, Janice Patton, and Kim-

berly Tincher; 3 nephews, Melvin Vaughn Jr., Jason Vaughn, and James Vaughn; niece, Lorraine Williams; 4 great-granddaughters; 2 spiritual daughters, Lonnie Jackson, and Wanda Hazel; and extended family and close friends. Legacy Funeral Center – Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W. Market St. Burial at Pennsylvania Run Cemetery.



Edith Lucille Head, 91, passed away January 31, 2024, in Louisville, KY. Lucille was born in Richmond, VA, November 13, 1932, to the late William and Ada Stagg. She moved to Louisville in 1955 when she married her husband, Edward Head. They were married for 65 years and raised four children in the Portland neighborhood. She was a long-time member of St. Cecilia and Good Shepherd Catholic Churches. She is preceded in death by her husband Edward; son, Paul Head; granddaughter, Meghan Thomas; 4 siblings, and her famous dog, Brandy. She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl (Rick) Thomas; 2 sons, Mark (Tara) Head, and Bill Head; 11 Grandchildren and spouses; 8 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; extended family members and close friends. Lucille was blessed to have many lifelong friends and neighbors on 29th Street. A funeral mass was held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 3511 Rudd Ave. Legacy Funeral Center – Schoppenhorst Chapel. Burial at Calvary Cemetery.

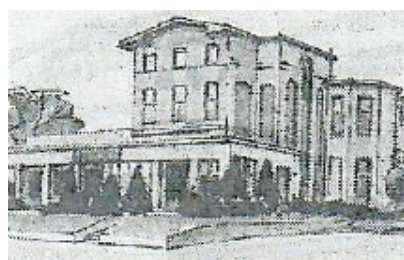


Emma Jean Hobby Ewing Hiser, of Louisville, KY, passed away January 17, 2024 at Harrison Health Care Center in Corydon, IN. Emma was born January 6, 1935 in Toledo, OH to the late James Hobby and Virginia Spence. Preceded in death by her parents, 3 children, Teri, Virgie, Jimmy and son-in-law Willie & grandson Bentley. Survivors include daughter Debby Elder, son Richad Ewing (Jamie), Tammi Comer (Dean), Lisa Wilson, Angie Hoskins (Will). 11 great grand kids and 5 great great grand kids. Emma was a social worker at Neighborhood House in Louisville for 12 years. Owned her own restaurant called Mom's Place. She loved her family unconditionally. Emma will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Rest in peace our sweet Angel.

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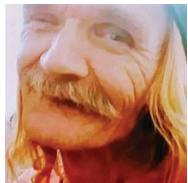
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Obituaries



Bonnie Lou Lawrence, 64, entered Eternal Life February 15, 2024. Bonnie was born in Nelson County to the late William and Mary Stewart. She will be remembered as a faithfully devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and sister. She was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Michael Wayne Lawrence, Sr; and brother, William Arnold Stewart, Jr. Survivors include her children, Geneva Stewart (Sally), Rodger Stewart, and Ernie Stewart (Kayla); grandchildren, Bradley Stewart (Katie), Kenneth Stewart, William Stewart, Samantha Stewart, Kelsey Stewart, EJ Stewart, Brittney Turner, Timothy Turner, Nathaniel Pierce, Brianna Pierce, and Matthew Hall; great grandchildren, Haylee, Oaklee, Bradley Jr., and Amyrah; sisters, Anita Greenwell, Pamela Spaulding (David), and Carol Crum. Legacy Funeral Center – Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W Market Street.



Richard Curtis "Ricky" Lee, age 67 years, passed peacefully at home on February 13, 2024. He was a long time resident of Portland, a full-time father and successful family breadwinner. Even though losing an arm at age 22, Ricky was a sought after auto mechanic. He loved to fish, was a good businessman and loved to volunteer at Salvation Army where he shared the merits of "keeping the faith". He was predeceased by his loving wife, Pattie Lee, his mother, Lessie Lee, father, Jack Lee, daughter, Tiffany Lee and his sister, Alice Perkins. He is survived by two daughters, Kathy Fox and Sarah Lee and his son, Richard Lynn Lee, his brother, James Lee and four sisters, Martha Dilmaghani, Staci Lee, Mary Shackelford and Mary Bernds and his sister-in-law, Kathy Rizzo, granddaughters, Shyann Fox, Gabriella Lee, Amarna Shackelford, grandson, Aricin Shackelford, her best friend aka "Wifey" Sandria Bismaier and his niece, Leeann Moore. J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care, 2114 W. Market St. Cremation was chosen.



Shannon Irene Montgomery, 46, passed away February 4, 2024, at her home in Louisville, KY. She was born on November 30, 1977, to Ricky and Deborah Montgomery in New Albany, IN. Shannon was a loving mother, daughter, sister, daddy's girl, and fur momma. She loved Jesus, and was baptized at Shawnee Baptist Church. Shannon is preceded in death by her brother, Ricky Montgomery; grandmothers, Regina Melson, and Irene O'Neil; grandparents, AD and Dorothy Montgomery; and a special aunt, Louise Powell. Left to cherish her memory, Shannon is survived by her daughter, Tabitha Malone; the best son-in-law in the world, Robert Malone; brother, Chris Melson; 2 sisters, Regina Montgomery, and Katrina Montgomery; longtime companion, Jon Rose; childhood best cousin, Elisha Embry (Chief); lifelong mother, Lynn Montgomery; 4 nephews, Jordan, Donte, Cooper, CJ, and Baby Ricky; best friends, Marlene Jaggers, Theresa Duff, Alicia Propes, and Mary Rose; fur puppy, Lucky; grand fur puppies, Duke, Daisy, Bailey, and Sadie; and a host of extended family and close friends. Legacy Funeral Center – Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W. Market St.

Joseph Marvin "Joe" Renck, age 90 years, passed peacefully on February 13, 2024 at Louisville Veterans Medical Center. He was a long time Portland resident and worked Road Maintenance for The City of Louisville for many years. He loved his St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church, everything UK and college football at Notre Dame. Joe was proud to be an Army veteran. He was predeceased by his parents, Albert and Lily (Yates) Renck, his two brothers, Chester and James Renck and his sister, Florence Yeager; as well as many friends. He is survived by his son, Jerry W. Renck (Carolyn), two grandsons, Justin Renck (Kacy) and Billy Joe Renck, and three great-grandchildren whom he dearly loved, Violet, Iris and Greyson. Plans are being made for a Memorial Mass of The Resurrection to be held at St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church with interment at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery in Radcliff, Kentucky. J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care, 2114 W. Market St. Cremation was chosen.

Valerie Joyce (Tucker) Schutler, age 63 years, passed peacefully at her home on February 16, 2024. She was a long time Portland resident being schooled at Church of Our Lady School and frequenting over the years St. Cecilia, St. Columbia and St.



Anthony Catholic Churches and more recently, St. Mary's Navilleton in Floyds Knobs. She had co-owned Schutler Auto Sales at 33rd and Market St. with her husband Frank Schutler Sr. for many years. She was predeceased by her parents, Charles Forest and Mary Catherine (Bailey) Tucker, her daughter, Amanda Schutler and brother, Stevie Tucker. Valerie is survived by her beloved husband of 40 years, Frank William Schutler Sr., her son, Frank William "Franko" Schutler Jr., six sisters and brothers, Tony Tucker (Debbie), Theresa Smith (Smitty), Charlene Chapman (John), Michael Tucker (Diana), Kathy Miller (Robbie) and Sherri Tucker (Silas), her dear god-daughter, Julie Leon and her doggies, Ike and Lucy and granddoggie, Bocefus. Many nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral Mass of The Resurrection was held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 3511 Rudd Ave. with local cemetery interment to follow. J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care, 2114 W. Market St.



Brenda Joyce Salmon, 77, passed away February 6, 2024, in Louisville, KY. She was born on October 12, 1946, to Winferd and Lou Bentley. Born and raised in the mountains, Brenda enjoyed the easier way of life. She loved taking walks on the railroad tracks with her Dad, and picking blueberries with her sisters. Brenda loved the farm life. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. In addition to her parents, Winferd and Lou McFall Bentley, Brenda is preceded in death by her loving husband of 58 years, Albert Salmon Jr.; and 2 sisters, Charlene Huber, and Gracie Poynter. Left to cherish her memory, Brenda is survived by 4 sons, Michael Christopher Salmon (Brandy), Scott Anthony Salmon (Deborah Jo), Brian Keith Salmon, and Chester Ashby (Deanna); sister, Linda K. Salmon; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; extended family and close friends. Legacy Funeral Center – Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W. Market St. Burial at Shady Grove Cemetery.



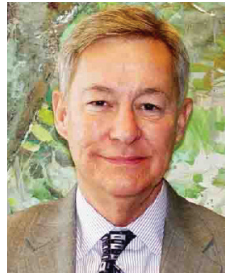
Betty Sue Yarnell, 70, was born March 6, 1953, in Cynthiana, KY, to the late Jeff and Thelma Yarnell, passed away February 2, 2024, at Norton Hospital Downtown. She attended Shawnee Baptist Church and loved Elvis Presley movies and music. She leaves behind a legacy of resilience and positivity. Betty will be dearly missed by her family and friends. May her adventurous spirit and love for life continue to inspire those who knew her. Besides her parents, Betty is preceded in death by her sisters; Edith and Wanda Newman. Left to cherish her memory are her children, Dennis Yarnell (Angela), and Donna Lanham (Sonny); siblings, Roy Butcher (Barbara), Jesse Yarnell (Julie), Carolyn Fryman (Bobby), Linda Yarnell, and Lisa Miller (Rick); seven grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; special friend Tammy Eaton; and special niece Tabitha Ruth. Legacy Funeral Center-Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W. Market St.



Patricia Gail Wix, age 71, passed peacefully on January 28, 2024, at Franciscan Health Care Center. She was a long-time Portland resident. She was predeceased by her parents, James Edward and Reba Nadine (Tucker) Wilbert, her dear husband, Michael Anthony Wix, her infant son, Michael Ernie Wix, three brothers, Tony, Kevin and Andy Wilbert, and two sons-in-law, Ranzel Merideth and Robin Bishop. She is survived by her four daughters, Heather Fulfer (Alex), Carol Cummins (Randy), Mikal Merideth, and Christian Wix Bishop, two sisters, Beverly Craddock (Al) and Holly Wilbert, and two brothers, James Wilbert (Judy) and Jeff Wilbert (Coretta), ten grandchildren, Lee Merideth (Emily), Carolyn Curry (David), Rebecca Wix, Alexis Levesque (Jackson), Michael Anthony Wix-Merideth, Chris Wix, Allyson Merideth, Joshua Cummins, Christian Fulfer, and Isaac Fulfer, and three great-grandchildren, Ezra, Harper, and Amelia. J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care, 2114 W. Market St. Cremation is chosen.

Gordon's Corner

By Gordon Brown



I want to give a big thank you to Portland Elementary Art Teacher, ANITA FISHER, for sharing the work of her very talented students in the February issue of the Anchor. Ms. Fisher, you must be a great teacher to be able to guide your students to produces such beautiful works of art. Congrats to you and thank you for using the Anchor to display the student's work.

I want to name each of the young artists so that they all know how proud we are of them and how much we love their creativity. I also think that the families of each young artist will be proud to see the names of their children, once again, illuminated in the Portland Anchor.

Contributing artists are: Carmie Miller, 4th grade - Georgia Rogers, 5th grade - Madison McGuffin - 5th grade - Kaden Williams, 5th grade - Kami Young, 5th grade - Lennis Fihe, 5th grade - Emonei Cornelius, 5th grade - Weston Marrs, 4th grade- Riyelle Doyal, 4th grade.

Congratulations, students of Portland Elementary, for your wonderful artwork and for generously sharing your artistic gifts in the Portland Anchor Newspaper.

I, too, am an artist. In fact, my first real job was as an arts and crafts instructor at the Portland Boys and Girls Club. All my life I have turned to my art as my favorite thing to do. And, are you aware that there are many talented artists living and working in Portland? Art is all around us whether visual art, music, poetry, dance and other means of self- expression. The Portland Museum is also a "hot spot" in Portland for display of art and the gathering of artists. Art is essential to the well- being of our souls, the vibrancy of our families and communities. So once again, thank you Ms. Fisher of Portland Elementary and to the amazing young art students in the fourth and fifth grades at Portland Elementary for reminding us how important art is for all of us.

Loving Portland, Gordon

The Portland Anchor Man Between the Pages

By Charles Frick



It was like music to my ears when I heard the humming of the printing press making a dream become a reality at Shepherdsville, KY (the paper was actually printed in Owensboro, KY and driven by truck to it's destination). It was really a challenging situation for me!

As each month came and went, the experience of seeing what was possible becoming what was achievable, made all who were involved in the effort raise their voices in satisfaction. The doubters began changing their tune in describing what the impact had surprisingly accomplished in such a short time!

Because I'm a baby boomer, the words I heard in the songs of the 50's, 60's, 70's and even the 80's matched my feelings. Just as radios went from transistors to cassette tapes, to cd's, our paper was getting better as each edition arrived at home, businesses, churches, and other gathering places.

As I write this article, many tunes I recall provide the sound of music that match my feelings as we accomplished our goals so far, in this city nestled along the banks of the mighty Ohio River. See if you can recall the artist that sang them!

I'm a believer, Joy to the World, It's now or never, Jump, All shook up, Looks like we made it, I just want to be your everything, You light up my life, Up where we belong, True Colors, Sweet dreams are made of this . . .

What's your favorite song that you think best describes how the Portland Anchor has touched you in the past 12 months? Let us know! Some advice, always whistle while you work!



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Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 78 visited the Portland Museum recently. From left, Elijah, Samuel and Irwin. Cubmaster Alexandra Schachtner is on the right. Alexandra says they meet at Molly Leonard Portland Community Center on Tuesdays at 6pm for any families that may be interested in the scouts around the neighborhood.



What Do The Washington Monuments and The Marine Hospital In Portland Have in Common?

Submitted by Richard Meadows

In the late 19th century, as Louisville, Kentucky, burgeoned into a bustling river city, its leaders faced a critical decision on public health. The influx of steamboats and trade brought not only prosperity but also the specter of infectious diseases that threatened the increasing population. The city's response was the establishment of the Marine Hospital, designed by architect Robert Mills¹, in the Portland neighborhood. This strategic move would shape the course of public health in the region.

The decision to place the hospital in Portland, perched on the banks of the Ohio River, was a calculated one. Recognizing the river's role as a conduit for both commerce and contagion, city planners aimed to create a facility that could address the health needs of sailors, immigrants, and the local population. The hospital's proximity to the waterfront allowed for swift responses to outbreaks and efficient monitoring of incoming vessels.

Constructed in the late 1870s, the Marine Hospital's architecture reflected the prevailing medical theories of the time. Brick and imposing, the structure stood as a symbol of the city's commitment to combating infectious diseases. The hospital's mission extended beyond treatment; it became a center for medical research and training, drawing physicians and scholars eager to contribute to the burgeoning field of public health.

Through the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Marine Hospital played a pivotal role in managing outbreaks such as smallpox, yellow fever, and cholera. Its dedicated staff worked tirelessly to implement quarantine measures, treat the afflicted, and contribute valuable research to the understanding of contagious diseases.

As Louisville continued to thrive, the Marine Hospital in Portland became a linchpin in the city's public health infrastructure. Its legacy endured, shaping the course of medical history and influencing the development of healthcare systems in the region. The decision to place the hospital in the Portland neighborhood had not only safeguarded the health of the community but had also established a foundation for future advancements in public health practices.

¹ Robert Mills was a South Carolina architect known for designing both the first Washington Monument, located in Baltimore, Maryland, as well as the better known monument to the first president in Washington, DC.

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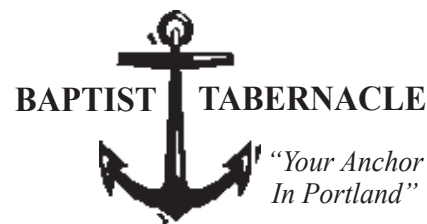
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March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month!

Submitted by: Kristin Munro-Leighton, Family Health Centers

Colorectal cancer is the 4th most common type of cancer for men and women. When found early, colorectal cancer can usually be cured.

If it can be cured, why is colorectal cancer the 2nd highest cause of cancer deaths in the U.S.? Because there are no early warning signs! The only way to catch it early is to get a **colonoscopy** to have your colon and rectum checked. Many people put off getting a colonoscopy because they've heard it is unpleasant. **Here's what Family Health Centers patients said:**

- "I can't say it is not unpleasant, because it is. But it is well worth your peace of mind!" --Mike
- "It's just one day and it could save your life." --Brenda
- "It's a very thorough exam and you won't feel a thing." --Mary

How does colorectal cancer start?

Your **colon** and **rectum** are sections of your large intestine. Colorectal cancers often begin as polyps in the colon or rectum. Polyps are fleshy, mushroom-shaped growths. Most polyps are harmless, but some will turn into cancerous tumors. Removing polyps early can prevent colorectal cancer.

Why should I be screened for colorectal cancer?

Signs of colorectal cancer only show up after cancer has developed, when treatment can be difficult. It is best to be checked for colorectal cancer regularly so that polyps can be found early and removed before they become cancerous. Many colorectal cancer deaths could have been prevented through regular screening.

What are the screening methods and recommendations?

■ Fecal occult blood test – your doctor will give you a kit to collect a stool sample at home, then you will bring the sample back to your doctor. The lab can test your stool sample for blood in amounts that are too small for you to see, which allows any problems to be caught early.

■ Colonoscopy – a camera is inserted to do a complete examination of your colon and rectum. This is the "gold standard" for colorectal cancer screening because it allows for earlier detection of polyps. Also, polyps can be removed during the procedure, which actually prevents cancer from developing. You will be put to sleep for the entire procedure.

Recommendations: Most men and women should be screened starting at age 45. You need a fecal occult blood test every year OR a colonoscopy every 10 years. You will be screened earlier and/or more often if you have a family history of the disease or other risk factors. Talk to your health provider today!

SOURCES: www.cancer.org, www.cancer.gov, www.coloncancerpreventionproect.org

FULL DISCLOSURE AWAITING JUDGMENT

I have been subpoenaed from an ombudsman oversight consortium initiative and am compelled to truthfully testify in writing and, soon, orally. This is outrageous and I submit my written testimony here for full disclosure and transparency. For brevity: "When I made those strong statements on internet media, what I meant was this:"...



For issue #1: Most action thriller books are poorly written and are cookie cutter but still captivating... and it'd be a snap to make a novel's chapter in Portland and so far I have this: *After tracking down the terrorist who bought gas in Lexington, the special agents thought they'd block off the interstate just as this van of thieves arrived...making the men take the Portland Avenue I-64 exit. Seeing the trap, the terrorists got off the freeway but stopped at Lannan Park and ran into the woods. Despite the dark and the rain, the heat seeing cameras from the drones overhead watched them sprint...but their movements were suddenly hidden by all the fires that were burning from the homeless campsites. They ran the back way to Wharf Park and commandeered a few 4 wheelers in the park so as to quickly motor to the onramp to the sherman minton bridge--whereupon they parked the stolen 4 wheelers onto the middle of the freeway which naturally caused a traffic jam...whereupon they easily commandeered another van...and they made their way across to Indiana. When the Indiana Troopers spotted the fugitives, they heartily ignored these homegrown terrorists, since the Southern Indiana landscape is the happy resting and retiring place for many of the Chicago mafia in times past.*

For issue #2: Please be aware: we're all on the same team. The revolution is not yet at hand. All politicians obfuscate the coming troubles. Dozens of billions of dollars are allocated for shoddy and unclever work. A new path ahead merely requires the starting of believing.

Just like our fearless Gen-Xers, we need to 'opt-in'. We're alone...until we realize we're both alone and all-in-it-together. Be forgiving of those who just try to survive rather than FightThePower...but don't let their subtle symptoms of co-option go unmentioned. Artificial/Augmented Intelligence isn't the problem or the solution...it's just our current playing field.

For issue #3: Just think of The Netherlands...

If slavery is the 2nd oldest profession in the world, I say we leave women's income issues alone (prostitution; the oldest), and work on overhauling the 2nd oldest. Our slavery needn't be under-appreciated...it's still quite ongoing and isn't exactly race based anymore for sure, nor overt per se. Give me the ballot or bellet/billet/bollet/bullet/bylet.

For issue #4: Recycling is better than nothing--and still remains the enemy of the best. We are rewarding those who recycle metals, but re-using the items in its current state is far better than just melting it down when viewed from a larger perspective. In Portland, I see both instances arising organically. Do we want to incentivize re-use? Do we even talk about it any more?

For issue #5: Yes, Nikola Tesla daily went to Central Park to feed the birds as he neared life's end...being unfathomably disillusioned, broken and betrayed by JP Morgan (the man). But there are so many other things to be done in the park, e.g. sketching and painting. KET antenna TV aired a sesh of "pocket sketching with Kath". She took a tiny handbag of painting/sketching tools and sat in a park on a sunny day. Why not fill the parks with painters? Gets us outside. Keeps our mind active. Only costs \$2 at the dollar stores (see picture). Keep 9-1-1 handy--but this is our new reality. As Kath says, it helps to have a macabre sense of fun. <http://Pocketsketching.com> Sure painting the Thames is swell, but Lannan Park has some gorgeous views for the creative mind (not just a snapshot). Speaking of broadcast KET TV (no internet needed): now that the actors strike is over, the onslaught of good free KET programs is really touching. Dive into consuming the backlog. A good digital antenna and table-top monitor is under \$100--and the only cost after that is electricity.

For these 5 issues, I beg for mercy by the oversight committee and I hope I don't need to seek future competent representation since I can't afford anyone bar-certified to provide me guidance.

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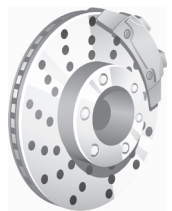
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West End Opportunity Partnership Talks with Portland Neighbors

Submitted by Judy Schroeder & Mike Neagle

About 50 people came to the Portland Now meeting last month to hear the West End Opportunity Partnership (WEOP) explain the new plan for how all property tax dollars collected in the West End for the next twenty years will be spent in the West End.

Ms. Laura Douglas, Executive Director, explained that the Partnership will use the West End's property taxes to invest in initiatives and projects that have a direct benefit for, and are supported by, West End residents. The Partnership Board has one neighborhood representative from each of nine West End neighborhoods. Portland's representative is Mike Neagle, Treasurer of the Portland Festival and past president of Portland Now, Inc. (PNI)

Taxes

Over the next twenty years everyone expects that property values and property taxes will go up.

Under the new law, WEOP is able to loan money to help any homeowners pay their property taxes on time, so they don't get added penalties or have their property taxes "sold" to some "investors" who can demand they pay with interest! If you own residential property in West Louisville, and you have lived in that home at least since January 1, 2021, you may qualify for residential property tax assistance. TO FIND OUT MORE about this program, contact LHOME at www.Lhomeky.org or call (502) 882-8091.

Once you pay your property taxes, West End homeowners (or their heirs) can also apply for a "Refundable Development Area Tax Credit", for your primary residence, on your State income taxes. Only the amount of property taxes that you pay above the amount you owed for January 1, 2021 can be claimed as a credit. (That's on line 31e of Form 740.) This tax credit will be available for the next 20 years. GET TAX PREP HELP at the Portland Promise Center by calling (502) 776-2635 for an appointment.

The Partnership board can also provide funds for home improvements for existing homeowners.

Tax rates and tax collection aren't under the control of WEOP. Property values will still be set by the Property Valuation Office for Jefferson County. What every owner pays is based on the value the Property Assessment Office sets for your property.

The Homestead Exemption for homeowners age 65 and older, or anyone totally disabled, is the only way to lower your property tax. APPLY for the HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION by calling 502-574-6380.

How is the Partnership funded?

Initial seed money is a combination of \$10M raised privately, Louisville Metro has matched \$10 million, and the State of KY has matched \$10M. This combined \$30M will be used for initial funding.

For the next 20 years, 80% of any new tax revenue collected ABOVE the 2022 baseline in the development area will stay in the West End. The Partnership Board, is made up of neighborhood residents and appointees from community organizations who will manage the proceeds and make strategic economic development investments in the West End.

Portland's Ideas

WEOP is holding meetings in every West End neighborhood to hear what neighbors want out of their property tax dollars. At the Portland Now meeting in February, these are the ideas that your neighbors came up with:

1. What We Need More Of:

- Affordable Housing
 - Low-interest home improvement loans
 - Low-interest mortgage lending
 - Low-interest loans & grants to pay increased property taxes
 - Freeze Property Taxes/create "Heritage" tax abatements for residents who have lived here since _____
 - Give preference to rehab & adaptive reuse of existing structures
 - Set design standards for new construction that reflects the historic nature of buildings on each block
 - Vacant Housing "carrot & stick" approach: fines & incentives to rehab property left vacant for more than yrs.
 - Speed up property acquisition at the lowest possible price point
- For Affordable-Housing developers

A. Contract UofL to do Deed Research on vacant properties (Metro Gov is too limited)

B. Buy available tax liens and hold properties in trust for future affordable development (& to protect resident homeowners from predatory buyers)

- More Manufacturing jobs in/near the neighborhood
 - Create prevailing-wage agreements
 - Create hiring agreements that give preference to West End residents
- Community-Services infrastructure:
 - Early Childhood Education centers
 - Fresh Food markets
 - Youth Program facilities & safe spaces: employment programs, skate parks, all ages summer camps & programs
 - Community Mental Health & Recovery Program facilities & services
 - PAY for extra Trash Collection
 - More restaurants, especially serving dinner
 - Incentivize local businesses' façade improvement and building repair

2. Define Accountability for the WEOP Board

- Educate, Support & Follow-up
- Successful revenue production
- Transparent decision-making and lending practices

3. What has worked?

- Faith-based and non-profit organizations
- The Portland Anchor – neighborhood news & human interest stories
- OSHN youth programs & safe streets design
- Youth workforce development, (old) summer employment programs
- Community-based mental health services & outreach

What has NOT worked?

- Rehab funds paid by government/agencies directly to contractors, not to owners = NO construction supervision or consequences for poor performance
- "Exploit & Leave" funds
- Lack of stable community garden sponsorship

4. What partnership and collaboration is available here?

- Work with LOVE City, Portland Museum, The Table/Church of the Promise & Promise Housing, and Portland Now Inc.

5. New Ideas to try?

- BANNISH TRASH !!
- More Shelters for people without houses, with mental health & recovery services provided
 - Invest with Non-profits and Faith-based organizations
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March Recipes



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 thin slices of ham
 pineapple slices
 sliced Monterrey jack cheese
 (The amount of chicken, ham, pineapple, and cheese will depend of how many people you will be feeding)
 Pound chicken to ¼ inch. Dredge in seasoned flour. Brown in skillet till cooked through. Place on a cookie sheet. Top chicken with a slice of ham, pineapple slice and cheese. Broil in oven until cheese is melted and browned.

Salmon Patties

1 can salmon
 1 cup mashed potatoes
 2 beaten eggs
 salt and pepper to taste
 1 cup fine cracker crumbs
 Drain and remove bones from salmon. Mix thoroughly the salmon, potatoes, eggs, salt and pepper. Shape into patties, dip into cracker crumbs. Brown patties in butter over a low heat until done.



Lots of Food Urban Farm & Orchard Celebrates Ten Years in Portland

I've just celebrated 10 years in Portland and I've been reflecting on all the ways the Portland neighborhood has made my dream successful. When I got my land from the Land Bank in 2013 to start Lots of Food, and started growing in 2014, my goals were:

1. Improve the soil and the land and provide an urban refuge for living creatures
2. Grow food to feed neighbors
3. Teach and share what I've learned along the way, encouraging others to grow & forage for food

Portland has provided a healthy environment for me to realize these goals. I've also been lucky to have some friendly and helpful neighbors and a supportive Urban Agriculture Coalition in Louisville! For example:

- I've established a healthy nut orchard, grape vines, passionfruits, berries, herbs and apiary. I've sold vegetables and fruits, honey and jam in Portland and nearby. Along the sidewalk on my fence, berries and maypops and herbs grow for neighbors to nibble. Thank you, passersby, for slowing down to pick or admire a flower.
- I've been composting organic food scraps, coffee grounds and wood chips from neighborhood businesses. This reduces our landfill waste and builds healthy soil for plants & living creatures. Thanks to The Table and others for providing me all this good compost over the years!
- I enjoy an urban oasis that attracts birds, pollinators and yes, even reptiles (1) Thank you, Ohio River, for pointing the way for our brother & sister creatures.
- Volunteers have joined me and contributed uncountable hours to cultivate this special place- planting and pruning trees, weeding, watering, harvesting, building & repairing. Thank you friends & neighbors.
- People enjoy my spring and fall foraging workshops, where we learn how to recognize wild greens, berries, edible flowers, and other foraging delights. We pick luscious wild mulberries from nearby Portland trees in May and make unforgettable & delicious jam. Thanks Louisville Grows for your kitchen!

Thank you Portland for allowing Lots of Food to realize its potential! If you see me under the glorious pink flowering Lots of Food almond trees in March, wave hello! I'll be waving back!

Find out more about events and find photos at louisvillelotsoffood.com
 -Amanda Fuller, Lots of Food, Portland Avenue, louisvillelotsoffood@gmail.com

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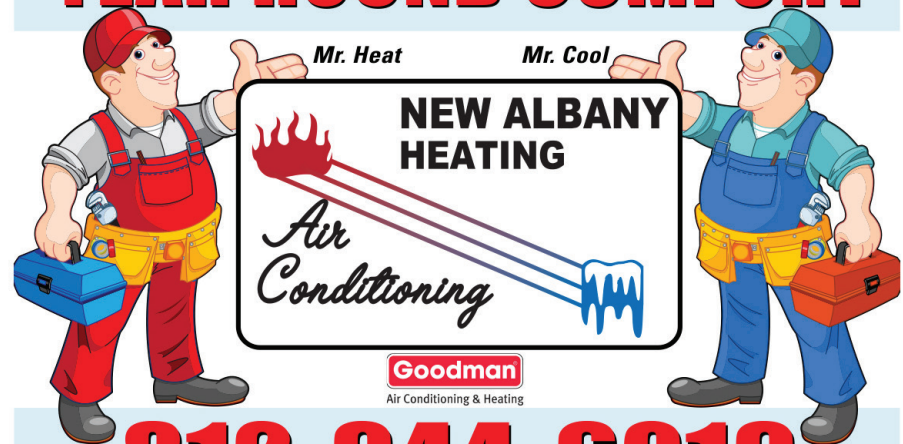
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