

The Voice of South Frankfort

Chairman's Comments

I'm grateful to have been chosen as the new Chair of the South Frankfort Neighborhood Association along with a very capable slate of officers. The opportunities and challenges within our neighborhood community are exciting. Those that preceded us in the leadership and membership of the SFNA have done much to advance the concerns expressed by our members. Our goal is to build on that legacy, to maintain the successes and to implement new strategies for a community voice.

Your South Frankfort Neighborhood Association is just that, YOUR neighborhood association. At risk of lecturing, the SFNA can only be an effective organization with your participation. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a listing of the committees that can use your involvement and support. I encourage you to talk with your neighbors and invite them to join this year. There are several public policy issues important to our community and the city as a whole that we are looking to address. To name a few, the Riverfront Development Project, property maintenance and code enforcement, sewers and storm water control, neighborhood security and better relationships with our school system. Our quarterly meeting on Thursday, October 21, is a forum of City Council candidates invited to begin the dialogue. Please, plan to attend and show your concern and support for our neighborhood.

My personal efforts this year are to focus on the recruitment of younger families in our community to begin the next generation of leadership. They are the ones now raising families and growing roots here that will continue to protect the integrity of very special neighborhood. I look forward to seeing you at the quarterly meeting.

Tony



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Annual Neighborhood Picnic September 19th, 4-7 pm



Come enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon on the Frankfort High School lawn with friends and neighbors, good conversation, and lots of yummy food.

SFNA will provide fried chicken, cold drinks, live music, door prizes, tables, chairs, and smiles. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share, and you might want to bring an extra chair.

The rain date is Sept. 26, but it almost never rains on our picnic!

SFNA Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 21st, 7:00 pm
South Frankfort Presbyterian Church
Guest speakers: City Hall Council Candidates
Please join us!



4th of July Parade and Picnic

South Frankfort neighbors celebrated 4th of July with a parade along East 4th Street and Paul Sawyer Drive. There were approximately 15 parade participants walked or rode along with their families and friends. Overall there were 30-40 people.

The parade ended at the Dolly Graham Park pavilion, with ice cream donated by Frankfort Parks and Recreation.

2010-2011 SFNA Randy Bacon Memorial Scholarship

Each year the SFNA Executive Committee awards a scholarship to one FHS student living in South Frankfort, in honor of long-time SFNA board member, resident, and community activist Randy Bacon. Applicants are judged in the following areas:

1. Scholastic achievements and extra-curricular activities
2. Letter of recommendation (one required)
3. Community service
4. Student essay on "Why I deserve this scholarship and why I need the scholarship."

Applications are available from the FHS guidance counselor and can be downloaded from the SFNA website southfrankfort.org. Applications, with letter of recommendation, must be postmarked November 15, 2010 and mailed to 513 Murray Street, Frankfort, Ky 40601.

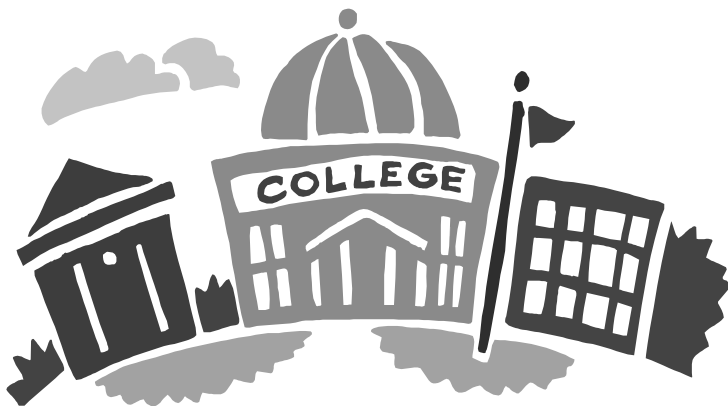
Walk/Bike Frankfort: Go Out and Play!



If you've ridden your bike or walked on the trails below Capitol View Park, along the north edge of the Buffalo Trace Distillery property, or at Cove Springs Park, you've benefited

from the dedicated efforts of Walk/Bike Frankfort. They're working hard to create more scenic areas for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Brian Boisseau of Walk/Bike Frankfort spoke at our July meeting and described the work already accomplished and future plans of the organization, including a River Walk Loop. If you'd like to learn more or to get involved in helping to make Frankfort an even safer, friendlier, more beautiful place to walk and bike, e-mail walkbikefrankfort@gmail.com or visit their website at sites.google.com/site/walkbikefrankfort.



Fishing Reels and Military Supplies Made Here

The Frankfort City Directory for 1908 shows last-of-the-great-Frankfort fishing reel manufacturers Clarence Gayle residing at this house which was then 422 Logan Street in South Frankfort. Frankfort street numbers changed around 1910.

The city of Frankfort had been famous since before the Civil War for the manufacturing of fishing reels. According to authors Steven K. Vernon and Frank M. Stewart in their book *Fishing Reel Makers of Kentucky*, two watchmakers Jonathan F. Meek and his brother Benjamin and their apprentice Benjamin Cave Milam, began a small reel-making activity as an adjunct to their jewelry and watch-making business on Main Street.



514 Logan Street played role in WWII and Korean War



Benjamin F. Meek Reel

The Meek-Milam collaboration provided reels for local anglers as well as fishermen throughout the world, among them Presidents William Howard Taft, Theodore Roosevelt and William McKinley. Milam lived at 308 Washington. The Meek brothers lived at 119 East Third Street.

In the 1930s Japanese manufacturers shipped thousands of cheap reels – copies of Gayle reels down to the George W. Gayle & Son label – to the United States and undercut Gayle's business. During World War II, the Gayle shop behind the house at 514 Logan fulfilled several government contracts for precisely machined weapon components – including parts for the first atomic bombs. During the Korean War, the company made dog-tags for US soldiers. Gayle & Sons Company remained in business until the 1980s.



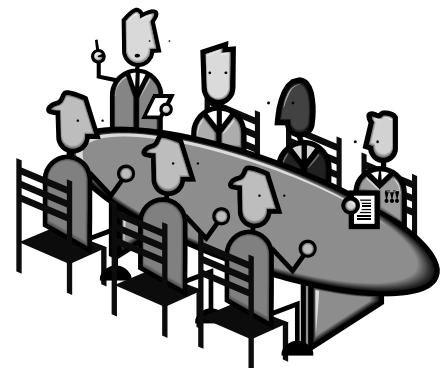
Clarence Gayle - 1929

Frankfort Heritage Press is planning to publish a book on South Frankfort in the near future and if you have any specific information on your South Frankfort residence I would appreciate hearing from you. Russ Hatter at the Capital City Museum, 325 Ann Street or rush@mis.net.

Join a Committee

Contact a chairperson if you'd like to be involved in these committees:

- Publicity/Newsletter – Bob Bickner
- Riverfront Development – Layne Wilkerson, Brent Sweger, Kevin Mason
- Preservation & Beautification – Natalie Wilkinson
- Crime & Government – You? See below.
- Social Events – Christa Sweger
- Membership & Nominations – Gene Coverston



SFNA is looking for a new chairperson to serve on the Crime & Government committee and to represent us on the Crime Stoppers Board. Crime Stoppers of Frankfort-Franklin County is a non-profit, citizens' organization created to help the law enforcement community in reducing the crime rate. Learn more at frankfortcrimestoppers.com/

Welcome new officers

- Chair** - Tony Sholar
- Vice-chair** - Christa Sweger
- Secretary** - Beth Holbrook
- Treasurer** - Katie Carney
- Member-at-Large** - Ernie Lewis

Many thanks to our outgoing officers

- Chair** - Bruce Cassidy
- Vice-chair** - Rona Stapleton
- Secretary** - Becky Bishop
- Treasurer** - Caroline Webb
- Member-at-Large** – Tony Sholar

And many thanks to the membership committee:
Gene Coverston, Dick Wilson, Bob Bickner, Christa Sweger

Want to know more about proposed Riverfront
Development? See a full report at visitfrankfort.com.

Upcoming Events

September

19 SFNA Annual Picnic

September 25-October 10

2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games

October

4-22 Frankfort schools fall break (watch out for kids!)
21 **SFNA Quarterly Meeting**
South Frankfort Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.

29 Black Cat Chase

November

2 Election
11-14 KY Book Fair and Candlelight Walk
15 Entries for the Randy Bacon scholarship Due
25 Thanksgiving

December

4 Christmas Parade
21 Christmas Caroling and Party

December 20-January 2

Frankfort Independent Schools winter break

For those who plan way ahead: SFNA quarterly meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday in October, January, April, and July.



South Frankfort Neighborhood Association Membership

Meet your neighbors, attend social events, voice your concerns,
and vote on issues that affect you and your neighborhood.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Level: (Circle one)

Regular: \$12 (resident, or property owner, voting)

Associate: \$ 6 (non-resident, non-voting)

Business: \$50 (association, business, etc., non-voting)

Phone: (502) _____

E-mail: _____

Committees: (Check any that interest you.)

- Communications and Newsletter
- Membership Development
- Social Events
- Beautification
- Public Safety and Government Relations

Please complete this form and bring to the next SFNA meeting or mail to:
South Frankfort Neighborhood Association P.O. Box 5681, Frankfort, KY 40602

Make checks payable to: South Frankfort Neighborhood Association

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