

# The Voice of South Frankfort

## *Comments from the Chair*

Having gone to school and now working in downtown and South Frankfort, I was inspired to finally find a place to live in South Frankfort. This area has so many things to offer our residents: shopping, education, and beauty. If you have a moment please take a walk and start on one side of the street and return via the opposite side, I'm still intrigued by the various styles of architecture and always seem to find something "new".

Being a member of the South Frankfort Neighborhood Association has its perks. The Board strives to keep residents informed on events and items of interest that happen in our little basin. SFNA hosts a wide variety of activities throughout the year: annual clean-up day, 4th of July parade and social, fall picnic, new this year a yard sale fundraiser for the scholarship fund, and in the winter holiday caroling and a party afterwards. The quarterly meetings are not only a chance to meet new neighbors, but we also strive to provide speakers that are associated with South Frankfort and our downtown community.

Can't wait to see you around the neighborhood. In the meantime, please be sure to become a member of SFNA (application on the back of newsletter), join our e-mail distribution list, and like us on Facebook.

Katie Carney

## *October Meeting Highlights*

- Second Street Form Based Code Task Force Discussion
- 4th Street Median Project
- Good Neighbor Awards
- Go Frankfort Volunteers

## *Finger-Lickin' Picnic Time*



As summer comes to a close, the annual SFNA picnic draws near. The picnic will be from 4-7 pm, Sunday, September 18, (rain date—September 25), at a new location: Dolly Graham Park, at Second and Murray Streets.

SFNA will supply beverages and delicious Pic Pac fried chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will also hold a plant swap, so if you want, please bring plants in marked containers. We'll have some great prizes for the raffle, with proceeds benefitting the Randy Bacon Scholarship fund.

This is a great opportunity to renew your SFNA membership, but all South Frankfort neighbors are invited – not just SFNA members. See you at the picnic!

## *Pick Up a Capital Living*

You'll find articles related to life in South Frankfort each month in each Capital Living magazine. Pick up a copy at Pic Pac and other locations.



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## *Committee Notes*

- **Beautification** - At the October quarterly meeting, we will be recognizing the recipient of our annual Outstanding Achievement Award for home-improvement efforts that have made a huge impact on our neighborhood. We are also keeping up with our “Adopted Highway” (West Second Street and Capitol Avenue), with cleanup days in October and December, following the KSU homecoming parade and the Christmas parade.
- **Community Events** - We had a fantastic turnout for the annual July Fourth parade. Thanks to all who participated! The SFNA has several events coming up, including: the annual picnic (Sept. 18), yard sale (Oct. 8), the Christmas Parade (Dec. 3), and Christmas Caroling (Dec. 22), and. If you’d like to help or to learn more, contact Christa Sweger at [christasweger@yahoo.com](mailto:christasweger@yahoo.com).
- **Communications** – We stay in touch through (1) this newsletter; (2) e-mails with updates on community events and issues; (3) the website, at [www.southfrankfort.org](http://www.southfrankfort.org), (4) our SFNA Facebook page, (5) any other ways we can think of. We welcome your ideas and your help. Please contact Margaret Townsley, [Margaret.townsley@gmail.com](mailto:Margaret.townsley@gmail.com), or Bob Bickner, [bobbickner@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbickner@yahoo.com).
- **Government Affairs** – The Frankfort Sewer Department and their consulting firm, Strand Engineering, held a public meeting on August 16 to discuss their draft plan for storm water and sanitary sewer controls. The goal is to reduce the number of overflows to the Kentucky River occurring at our sewage treatment plant during heavy rainfall to no more than 6 occurrences a year on average. The draft plan calls for additional pump stations, new gravity flow lines and other engineering projects that will alleviate the current short-term storm water inundation of the sewage treatment facility. The final plan will be presented to the City Council for approval later this year.
- **Membership Development and Officer Nominations** – The SFNA Board is looking for volunteers to be co-chairs of this committee. In hopes of doubling our membership, we’ve reduced dues \$12 per household! Anyone can be a member of SFNA: renters, property owners, businesses, and non-profit organizations. Another goal is to increase the number of people receiving SFNA e-mails and following us on Facebook.

## *SFNA Randy Bacon Memorial Scholarship*



Each year, in honor of long-time SFNA board member and community activist Randy Bacon, SFNA, with input from The Kings Center, awards a scholarship to a Frankfort Independent School student living in South Frankfort. The amount of the award varies, but will be at least \$500.

Applications are judged on the basis of: (1) scholastic achievements and extra-curricular activities, (2) community service, (3) a student essay on “Why I need and deserve the scholarship,” and (4) a letter of recommendation.

Find more information and download the application at [www.southfrankfort.org](http://www.southfrankfort.org). Deadline: **November 15, 2011.**

## *South Frankfort History Project Needs Your Help*



Historic Gooch House, at Capitol Ave. and Second St.

Russ Hatter here from the Capital City Museum. Since Gene Burch and I collaborated on “A Walking Tour of Historic Frankfort” covering North Frankfort in 2002, I have wanted to do a book on South Frankfort. While the book is several years from publication, the groundwork is being done now.

I have been collecting data on South Frankfort for quite some time, but there are many homes about which we know very little. If you have information about a South Frankfort property, I would like to tap that source, not only for the book, but for the posterity of South Frankfort. I welcome any assistance you can provide: pictures, new and old; construction dates; architects; builder’s names; people who previously lived there; local lore and legends.

How many times have you driven or walked one of the South Frankfort streets and wondered about the architecture, the people, and the times of those dwellings? With your help, we can give a history of the area with photographs that will be a lasting record.

I prefer your comments be written rather than spoken. Please submit contact information, especially e-mail addresses, to either Capital City Museum, 325 Ann Street, or by e-mail at [rushh@mis.net](mailto:rushh@mis.net). No book could cover every person or house in South Frankfort, but the Capital City Museum has plenty of drawer space for preserving documents. I hope to hear from you soon!

## *Neighborhood Watch*



Neighbors in our area are meeting to discuss forming a Neighborhood Watch so we can get to know each other better and reduce the chance of criminal activity in our community. Watches are just that: Neighbors watching out for themselves and each other to make the neighborhood a safer place to live. A local law enforcement officer will help train us in personal safety and security, and teach us ways to work together to tackle problems.

Please come to the meeting at 6 pm, Thursday, October 6, at the Paul Sawyier Public Library Community Room and help us discover ways to improve the quality of life in South Frankfort. For more information contact Jennifer Oberlin at [joberlin@kyhousing.org](mailto:joberlin@kyhousing.org).

## *YARD SALE*

SFNA will host a neighborhood yard-plant-bake sale Saturday, October 8th, from 8 am to 1 pm at the Second Street School gym to raise money for the Randy Bacon Scholarship fund. Please donate items you no longer want and plants or bulbs you’re ready to divide. Someone else would love to have them!



We are accepting most items except mattresses, couches, and other furniture with fabric or cushions. To donate, please contact Christa Sweger at [christasweger@yahoo.com](mailto:christasweger@yahoo.com). We will accept baked goods from SFNA members on the morning of the sale.

## Mark Your Calendar

### September

- 18 **SFNA Annual Picnic – 4pm-7pm Dolly Graham Park (rain date 9/25)**
- 24 Second Street Form Based Code Task Force public/community forum at City Hall, 8:30 am - Noon
- 24 Community Harvest Festival, 2-10 pm at the Ward Oates Amphitheater
- 29 Second Street School Fall Festival 5-7 pm

### October

- 6 **SFNA Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6 pm, Paul Sawyer Library**
- 7 We Wanna Play's Black Cat Golf Scramble
- 8 **SFNA Yard and Bake Sale, 8 am-1 pm, Second Street School Gym**
- 8 KSU Homecoming Parade– some South Frankfort streets closed
- 15 Go Frankfort Dodgeball Tournament
- 20 **SFNA Quarterly Meeting, 7 PM, South Frankfort Pres. Church**
- 28 Black Cat Chase – some South Frankfort streets will be closed

### November

- 10-13 Candlelight Tour Downtown
- 11 Special activities planned for Veterans' Day on 11/11/11
- 15 **SFNA Bacon Scholarship applications due**
- 19 Go Frankfort Volunteer Day – join SFNA's team

### December

- 3 Frankfort Christmas Parade - help decorate or ride on the SFNA float
- 22 **SFNA Caroling and Holiday Party**

## Welcome New Officers

**Chairperson:** Katie Carney  
**Vice-Chairperson:** Tony Sholar  
**Treasurer:** Lori Macintire  
**Secretary:** Margaret Townsley  
**Member at Large:** Lisa Broaddus

*Many thanks to our outgoing officers:*

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

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 E-mail us at:  
[sfna.news@yahoo.com](mailto:sfna.news@yahoo.com).



## South Frankfort Neighborhood Association Membership Application

### Membership Contact Information

Primary Member's Name	E-mail Address	Over 16?
Additional members at this address	E-mail Address	Over 16?
Address		
Phone		

### Level of Membership

- Regular - \$12 per household  
(residents and property owners, all over age 16 eligible to vote)
- Non-profit - \$12 (one designee eligible to vote)
- Associate - \$6 per household (non-voting)
- Business - \$50 (non-voting)
- Add \$5 to join Frankfort Crime Stoppers (optional). Name of member(s):

### Committees

Get involved and make a difference!

- Beautification
- Communications
- Community Events
- Government Affairs
- Membership Development and Officer Nominations

Please make checks payable to South Frankfort Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 5681, Frankfort, KY 40602.  
 Questions call 502-330-7072 or e-mail [sfna.news@yahoo.com](mailto:sfna.news@yahoo.com).