

The Voice of South Frankfort



Chairman's Comments

Friends and neighbors,

Since the SFNA's renaissance three years ago we've seen significant growth in membership as well as in the variety of projects and achievements that the association has provided.

I thought the annual meeting in July was an example of just how far we've come in three years. First of all there was an excellent turnout for the meeting -- over forty attendees paid dues and offered comments and ideas. A real enthusiasm and sense of camaraderie were definitely in the air, and those are the things that fuel our machine. We discussed subjects such as floodwall maintenance, beautification awards, invasive plants, and picnic plans.

New officers were chosen for the coming year:

- chairman - Bruce Cassidy
- vice chairman - Rona Stapleton
- secretary - Caroline Taylor-Webb
- secretary - Libby Marshall
- member-at-large - Doug Bishop

Let's hope this new team will continue to move the organization in the right direction.

Some items that we hope to address in the coming year include the possibility of home tours, and more regular oversight of goings on at city hall. Big news is the launch of our new website at www.southfrankfort.org, where you'll find longer versions of many of the stories in this newsletter, and lots more information.

Remember to mark your calendars - September 21st is the annual picnic at Frankfort High!

Bruce Cassidy
SFNA Chairman

2008 SFNA Picnic

The South Frankfort Neighborhood Association will hold its annual potluck picnic on the front lawn of Frankfort High School from 4:00-7:00 pm on Sunday, September 21.

Fried chicken will be provided compliments of Danny Bryant of Pic Pac Supermarket. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish or dessert to compliment the meal. Drinks will be provided.

Children's games will be held throughout the afternoon.

Entertainment will be provided by Alan Rhody, a well known singer/songwriter from Nashville and by Lauren Houston, an up-and-coming talent from northern Kentucky, who has appeared frequently in the region of late.

The Frankfort Fire Department will have some of its equipment for the kids to check out. Wilson's nursery will provide potted mums for table decorations during the picnic and for sale at bargain prices after the picnic. For the first time, attendees are encouraged to bring plants for a plant exchange.

A nice list of door prizes will be raffled off during the afternoon with proceeds going to the Randy Bacon Memorial Scholarship fund.

If you can, please bring donations for the homeless to the Bluegrass Community Action Agency table; toiletries, and other personal items are needed.

Be sure to bring a lawn chair to be sure of a seat. And mark your calendar - this year's picnic promises to be the best yet!

Walker's Carwash & Flowers

Thirty years ago a very young Danny Walker opened a high quality carwash at the corner of Second and Steele Streets.

Through the years it has evolved; while you can still get your car washed inside and out, waxed, or detailed, it is now also a small garden center.

As anyone driving by can see there are the stunning petunia baskets (his best sellers), mums (ready for planting now), zinnias, roses and other flowers which he started selling about seven years ago. Birdbaths, birdhouses, wind chimes, flower pots, urns, and plant stands are also available. If that were not enough stop by and check-out the arbor and pergola that add a striking touch to any garden.

Walker has been a good neighbor to South Frankfort for a long time and a couple of years ago he installed a beautiful dark green iron fence, which enhances the corner of Second and Steele streets. He shares his knowledge of both cars and flowers generously with all who stop by. Wash your car and pick out your flowers all without ever leaving the neighborhood!



Randy Bacon Memorial Scholarship

Each year the SFNA Executive Committee, with input from a board member from The Kings Center, awards one scholarship to an FHS student, living in South Frankfort, in honor of long-time SFNA board member, resident, and community activist Randy Bacon. All applicants are judged anonymously in the following areas:

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

Find out more about the scholarship and download the application from the SFNA website at www.southfrankfort.org.

Please call Rona Stapleton, at 227-0123, if you have any questions or ask your guidance counselor.

SOUTH FRANKFORT HOME TOUR

At their last meeting, the SFNA Executive Board discussed the idea of a South Frankfort Home Tour as a fund-raising event for the Association. In order to proceed with the development of this idea and make preparations for a tour sometime in 2009, the committee needs to know how many homeowners would be interested in placing their homes on such a tour. We would need at least six to eight homes for the first tour. This could become a regular event depending on how many homes are available each year or two.

If you are willing to place your home on the tour and/or have ideas about home tours in general, please contact Doug or Becky Bishop at 223-8743 or e-mail dbbishop@fewpb.net as soon as possible.

PARTICIPATE IN THE PSPL ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Throughout the century-long history of the Paul Sawyer Public Library, South Frankfort citizens have played a role exceeding their numbers. For example, when the Library Board started discussing plans for an expanded library in 1996, over half of the board members were residents of South Frankfort. To commemorate the 100 years of public libraries in Frankfort, the Kentucky Oral History Commission and the Paul Sawyer Public Library are conducting an oral history.

If you would like to take part in this oral history project, please contact Donna Gibson, executive director of the Paul Sawyer Public Library; 319 Wapping Street, 352-2665, donnag@pspl.org. More at www.southfrankfort.org.

SOUTH FRANKFORT'S INVADERS

Summer 2008 will be remembered for the invasion of the cicadas. Fortunately their noisy invasion was for only a few short weeks.

Unfortunately, we are victims over many years of more pervasive invaders that have taken root in our gardens, along our roadsides, and on our hills. A display of a few of these alien invaders at the July SFNA meeting generated enough interest to prompt this article. It is imperative that we recognize the threat these plants pose to our native plants and wildlife and make a concerted effort to reduce their numbers. Our birds, butterflies, and animals depend on indigenous plants for the

nourishment that alien plants do not provide.

Perhaps the most visible invasive is ENGLISH IVY. It covers walls, buildings, poles, trees, everything. It has claimed several South Frankfort trees in recent years. When it climbs it matures, blooms, and produces seeds. If you must grow it, do not allow it to climb. Cutting vines on trees and pulling ground vines is a start on controlling it. Applying herbicide to the cut stems can be effective. More at www.southfrankfort.org.



HISTORIC WOOD WINDOWS & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Why it is important to preserve wood windows within the historic districts of downtown and South Frankfort? Windows, the elements and material that surround them and their relationship to one another are one of the most important architectural elements of a historic structure. They are an essential piece of the architectural integrity and character of a structure. While many building owners fully understand the value of historic buildings and workmanship, many people fail to appreciate the visual and architectural significance of historic windows, and the fact that these building details contribute to Frankfort's unique identity.

Beyond the architectural factors of preserving wood and original windows, there are several other reasons that these important windows should be preserved. If historic wood windows are well maintained, they can last almost indefinitely. Historic wood windows are made of old growth lumber, which is less prone to decay and holds paint better than today's commercial wood. There is not a new product on the market today that can match the material quality of a maintained historic wood window. Scientific research has also demonstrated that historic, single glazed, draught-stripped timber windows can be as effective as keeping out traffic noise as new double glazed PVC windows. More at www.southfrankfort.org

SOUTH FRANKFORT'S WELCOME WAGON SET TO ROLL

As a neighborhood that prides itself on being friendly, we are gearing up the Welcome Wagon to welcome newcomers to South Frankfort. Starting in the New Year, or earlier if possible, our aim will be to make sure that all new residents are made to feel that South Frankfort was the right choice to make their home. We will be encouraging newcomers to not only become members of the Association, but also to participate in our events and socials. A package that will provide useful information for newcomers to South Frankfort is being created.

Upcoming Events

- September 21 SFNA Annual Picnic - FHS front lawn - 4:00-7:00 pm
- October 16 QUARTERLY MEETING - S. Frankfort Presbyterian Church - 7:00 pm
- November 4 VOTE!!!
- November 13 Downtown Frankfort Candlelight Tour starts at dusk
- December 06 Christmas Parade - Downtown Frankfort to Capitol via Capital Avenue - starts at 6:00 pm
- December 18 SFNA Caroling/Social event - starts at 6:45 pm
- January 15 QUARTERLY MEETING. - South. Frankfort Presbyterian Church - 7:00 pm

We thank the following contributors to this edition of the newsletter:

- Maya DeRosa, Planning Supervisor, City of Frankfort - windows in historic homes article
- Peggy Dungan - invasive plants article
- Norm Snider - library article



SFNA Membership Application

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

Name: _____

Phone: (502) _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Committees: (Circle any committees you'd like to become involved with)

Level: (Circle one)

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

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

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

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Please complete this form and bring to the next SFNA meeting or mail to:

South Frankfort Neighborhood Association, 513 Murray St., Frankfort, KY 40601

Make checks payable to: South Frankfort Neighborhood Association