This past weekend, CHCC President Cynthia Thomas and I had the pleasure of participating in the 2019 Neighborhood Summit, presented by the Center for Neighborhoods. More than 100 Louisvillians representing neighborhoods across the city gathered together to hear from experts, ask questions and share successes in building community. It is invigorating to be with people working hard, pouring their hearts into projects and plans to empower their neighbors, to build connection, to deepen cooperation and empathy between people making the best and most of where they live. Some of the people we met were professionals who brought formal training and best practices to share, but most were folks like you and me - just neighbors who love the place they call...
sharing best practices to learning from experts and networking – all so valuable. Kudos to the Center for Neighborhoods for putting on such an amazing event!

Looking back on my two years as President, I’m happy to say:
• We executed on the basics and were able to continue bringing the community together for our standard events
• We formed a new committee, the Road Safety Committee, in conjunction with our Clifton Community Council neighbors, tasked with determining ways to make our neighborhood roads safer to all
• We have added some new faces on our Board
• We’ve had a lot of fun

On a sad note, our long-time board member, Joyce Cossavella has rotated off the board. She has made innumerable contributions to our efforts over the years and for that we will be forever grateful. She has been a great mentor and an even better friend. If you see her out an about, be sure to thank her. If you’ve ever enjoyed yourself at a CHCC event, Joyce is sure to have had a hand in it making it happen.

Saying good-bye for now, but hoping to see many of you around the neighborhood and possibly at our monthly meetings. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, we can use some additional volunteers. Please consider serving on a committee. I’m looking for a few folks for the membership committee and lots of folks for the 4th of July. Reach out if you’re interested. (cynthiaithomas01@gmail.com) Thanks and take care.

We learned a great deal at the summit but also, and perhaps more importantly, we were refreshed. When you feel the grim downward pressure, the psychic toothache of social division and dysfunction that seem to characterize this moment in our shared history, remember that the antidote is at hand and requires no co-pay. Simply step out your front door, take forty steps one way or another, and ask your neighbor how they’re doing. Better yet, ask your neighbor how they think the neighborhood is doing. Anything you would like to be different, better? What’s the next smallest thing we can do right now to make that change?

That’s just one of the things I love most about coming together with my neighbors through the Crescent Hill Community Council. There are few things more gratifying than celebrating positive change and the people with whom you made it happen. There’s room for you, too, and we hope you’ll come see us at our regular monthly meeting, volunteer at an event, or just become a member! There’s plenty of good work and good feeling to go around.

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Santa will be stopping by to see all the good little boys and girls. The Louisville Mandolin Orchestra will be entertaining us in the living room with beautiful holiday music. In the dining room will be refreshments and desserts for everyone to enjoy. If you have a desire to bake your favorite dessert, we’ll make room for your treat. Please join us for this festive gathering. We’ll be looking for you!

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Hello neighbors, I am sure you are all familiar with the Peterson-Dumesnil House. It is often described as historic Crescent Hill’s centerpiece. It is maintained by an all-volunteer Board of Directors through the Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation. The mission of the foundation is:

The Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation strives to preserve the Peterson-Dumesnil House as a landmark, providing the neighborhood a sense of historic identity; to serve as a gathering place for Crescent Hill; to find economically viable uses for the house; and to maintain it for future generations.

In accordance with its mission, the property serves as a gathering place for the Crescent Hill community. Events include the annual Crescent Hill 4th of July Festival, the LMPD Fifth District National Night Out, the annual CHCC Easter Egg Hunt, and the annual CHCC December Holiday Open House.

The house turns 150 this year. We are so fortunate to have a visionary board that saw the need for, and put in the time and effort to develop a strategic plan designed to maintain, sustain, and grow this neighborhood gem. They have kicked off a Capital Campaign, the first major development campaign since the original purchase of the house in 1984. I am serving on the Campaign’s advisory Council.

The campaign seeks to raise a minimum of $325,000 to provide the infrastructure, preserve the historic character, and add the amenities needed to sustain our community treasure for future generations. We will reach this goal through a combination of grants from charitable organizations and the generous support of corporate and individual donors in our community.

As part of the planning, the board identified some significant infrastructure needs that must be addressed. Some of the need is cosmetic, like painting and removing exterior electrical conduit. Some of the need is historic preservation, like repairing the eaves, refurbishing the cupola and adding period-specific downspouts.

Some of the need is general maintenance, like improved drainage, replacing nearly 30-year-old AC units and an even older boiler. Some of the need is to improve safety with lighting, security and installation of proper surfaces for paths and the driveway. Some of the need is to advance our commitment to sustainability, green space, gardens and aesthetic value.

There are several additional projects that will help us better serve our guests. These include updating bathrooms, renovating the bridal suite, remodeling the kitchen, improving accessibility to the house and grounds and providing additional amenities to appeal to wide variety of potential users.

For the past eight years the PDHF has successfully operated in the black and the Board has created an operating reserve for future emergencies. Given that the forecasted needs and anticipated repairs far exceed the existing reserve, the Board is asking for community support to fund these important repairs, updates, and improvements.

To date, PD House Board members have already raised $100,000, with an additional pledge from a local business of $20,000. The goal is attainable!

Please consider joining me in supporting our neighborhood gem! To get additional information and/or donate, go to petersondumesnil.org/pd-house-150.
Louisville’s Own Recycling Coach: Interview with Karen Maynard

Interview by Evie Wilkinson

Q: Where does our recycling go in Crescent Hill?
A: Recycling collected in Louisville goes to one of two Materials Recovery Facilities - WestRock Recycling or Rumpke. Rumpke takes their recycling to their own facility in Cincinnati. All other waste haulers (including the city) takes recycling to WestRock Recycling. Both facilities are set up to sort the mixed materials into separate commodities, bale, and sell as an ingredient to be used by manufacturers to make new products.

Q: What is the largest source of frustration for the recycling center as far as items that can slow down the process?
A: Items that aren’t accepted can be dangerous to employees (needles, sharp metal items, chemicals, etc.), harmful to the equipment (tanglers that wrap in gears or items that might jam equipment – which cause their process to slow down), or they might go through the process, but aren’t able to be recovered and go to landfill. The best things for residents to do is to follow the accepted items list and keep items loose (don’t tie up material in plastic bags!)

Q: What items are most cost-effective to recycle?
A: Single-stream recycling (where items are all mixed) takes more time and money to sort and process. But to collect items separately for residents would cost a lot to change equipment, add more routes, etc. Items that are source separated (sorted before getting to the recycling facility) are more cost effective because the facility doesn’t have to process it. Example: a business that collects cardboard separately.

Q: Which materials should we avoid using in general, as they are unable to be recycled here in Louisville?
A: It’s very important to try to reduce waste. Try not to generate as much waste in the first place. But Styrofoam is a very common item that is not recyclable here. Also try to avoid any small, single-use, plastic items – they are either not recyclable or are difficult to recover at the facility because of their size. (Plasticware, straws, etc.)

Q: What if I live in an apartment complex that does not offer recycling bins and pickup?
A: We offer recycling drop off locations all around the county for anyone to use. Make sure to follow the accepted items list, flatten cardboard to conserve space, and keep items loose. Our website has a map and list of these locations: louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/map-recycling-locations-louisville

Q: What if I have a question about what items I can recycle?
A: Start with the Recycle Coach app. There’s a “What Goes Where” search tool to use. If you have more specific questions you can always reach out Karen Maynard. Just go to: louisvilleky.wufoo.com/forms/k18jpc0e0hsjmxg/

Q: How can the Recycle Coach app help me?
A: Recycle Coach is useful for everyone in Louisville, but it’s super useful if you have city waste collection services. When you enter your address, you’ll see your entire waste collection calendar – gar-
I send out a Know Waste Wednesday trivia question every week on Nextdoor. Or you can read through previous questions and answers on our website: louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/look-waste-wednesday

More Questions for Karen? Find her contact info below:
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Public Education Coordinator, Department of Public Works, Waste Management District
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600 Meriwether Avenue
Louisville, KY 40217

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Q: Any other tips you wish to share with us?
A: The best thing to remember is that recycling is LOCAL. There is a lot of information out there, but you should pay closer attention to local information because all facilities that process recyclables are different. If a facility has a hard time selling a certain type of material, they may not accept it because they can’t get rid of it. Also, machinery and processes are always changing and improving, so guidelines might change. It’s just good to pay attention and don’t rely on info you remember from 30 years ago.
Turn On the Lights and More!
by Councilman Bill Hollander

Recently, I was walking in a D9 park when a neighbor approached me. Probably because I was wearing a suit and a Metro ID, he asked if I worked for the city. When I told him that I did, he asked to show me some issues in the park.

The man took me to two broken streetlights. One was obviously shattered, and he told me it had been broken for a while. The other was an old LG&E light that looked okay but apparently hadn’t worked for a long time. I asked him if he had reported them to the city and he said no. I reported the lights and within a few days they were replaced. Not long ago, I drove by the park at night and saw that it was much more brightly lit - creating a safer and more inviting environment.

That neighbor didn’t have to put up with living near a dark park! I am glad he flagged me down during my visit, but I wish he had reported the problem earlier. The city isn’t Big Brother and can’t know everything. And while I do my best to report everything I see, there’s no way that I’ll personally be able to proactively see every broken light, pothole, piece of graffiti, and other issue in our district. We need your help in reporting things like this so that we can take care of them. Only with your help can our community reach its full potential.

Helping out is simple. You can start with streetlights. When you see one that isn’t working, report it using the form at this link: lge-ku.com/outages/report/streetlight. LG&E will make every effort to repair the light within 48 hours of the request. Some repairs may take longer due to unforeseen circumstances, such as the nature of the repair or weather-related events. Please do not hesitate to contact LG&E again if the repairs are not made within seven (7) days. If you need immediate assistance, or to report a down wire or gas leak/odor, contact LG&E at 502-589-1444 or 800-331-7370.

From Councilman Bill Hollander
Below you’ll find some upcoming events and activities in the District for you and your family. For more details on any of the events, please read the weekly District 9 eNews. To sign up for our weekly District 9 eNews, please email kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov

Mark your calendars and check out my updated BLOG for a full listing of 9th District events at https://district9news.wordpress.com.

- **Saturday, December 7**: 24th Annual Santa Sprint and Stroll along Frankfort Avenue. Register for 5k run or 3k untimed walk. Registration available online at https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Louisville/UCHMSantaSprint.
- **Saturday, December 7**: Olde Tyme Christmas Trolley Hop from Noon—6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 25**: Christmas Day - Metro Holiday, offices are closed. Garbage and recycling collection is delayed by one day.
- **Wednesday, January 1**: New Year’s Day - Metro Holiday, offices are closed. No garbage collection today, but no delay the rest of the week.
- **Friday, January 17**: LAST DAY for regular yard waste pickup in Crescent Hill until mid-March.
- **Monday, January 20**: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - Metro Offices are closed. No garbage collection today, but no delay the rest of the week.
- **Wednesday, January 29**: “Meet with Bill” from 10:00 a.m. - Noon at United Crescent Hill Ministries, 150 S. State Street. Open office hours to discuss any comments, concerns or thoughts.
- **Tuesday, February 25**: D9 Community Conversation at 6:30 p.m. at Whitehall House & Gardens, 3110 Lexington Road. Join us for an open conversation about Metro or D9 issues.
- **Fridays in January, February, March & April**: Louisville Asset Building Coalition will offer free tax preparation services at United Crescent Hill Ministries, 150 S. State Street, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information visit https://labcservices.org.

For more information please call 574.1109 or visit www.louisvilleky.gov/district9
Councilman Bill Hollander
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Did you know Louisville is losing 54,000 trees each year from development, natural disasters, disease, invasive species and lack of tree care?

The Crescent Hill Garden Club wants to help restore the tree canopy by donating Appalachian Red Redbuds, a Kentucky native species, for planting in the neighborhood.

All Crescent Hill residents are eligible to receive free redbud trees to plant in the Crescent Hill area. Trees will be available for planting in early spring next year. Planting assistance will also be available if needed.

Join us in reversing the decline of tree cover and plan to plant a tree next spring! Trees not only beautify the neighborhood, they cool it down as well, which we would all welcome next summer!

Those interested can contact Judy Gogan at 502.899.1899, goganonhill@aol.com or Todd Abell at 502.235.8006, t.a-bell64@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

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The Great South Bayly Feud of 1920
by Barry Creech

This year marks the 100th anniversary of what must be the best-known feud in South Bayly Avenue history, at least the best-known of its time. No fewer than eight Courier Journal articles over a five-month period documented events between two South Bayly families.

The year 1920, like 2020, was a presidential election year, and immigration issues were in the forefront as election day drew near. 1920 marked the first presidential election since World War I, and the first election where women were allowed to vote. The incumbent president, Woodrow Wilson, a Democrat, was very unpopular and not renominated by his party. Irish and German immigrants who had supported him in 1916, abandoned him and the Democrats in 1920. There was no clear frontrunner in the race, with candidates eventually being drafted at the summer political conventions after multiple ballots. Warren Harding, the Republican candidate, had “A Return to Normalcy,” as his campaign theme, following the upheaval of the Wilson presidency and the upheaval of war.

On Saturday evening, October 16, or early the next morning, someone wrote “Dirty rat, Dirty cat, Dirty Filthy Democrat” on the sidewalk in front of Susie Ford’s home at 236 South Bayly. Ford believed the culprit to be the 17-year-old daughter of her neighbor, Clara Wilhelmi (238 South Bayly), and said as much to every neighbor who walked by on their way to church that morning. When Wilhelmi came out to water her lawn that morning, Ford continued to accuse her daughter.

Exactly what happened next isn’t clear.

In her lawsuit, filed five days later, Ford claimed that while she was on her front porch, Wilhelmi turned the water hose on her “with malicious intent.” Ford’s lawsuit sought $10,000 in damages for the alleged assault, an amount that, adjusted for inflation, would be just over $128,000 today.

Wilhelmi claimed innocence, saying, “I didn’t wet her a bit.” She said that ever since Ford had heard that she planned to vote for Harding in the presidential election, she had been against her, calling her pro-German, and all sorts of names. (The Fords were local leaders within Democrat Party.) Wilhelmi explained that her bed-

room window was near the telephone in Ford’s home. “Every time she gets the chance and knows that I’m in my room, she (Ford) goes to the telephone and calls up lawyers and a lot of other persons and says, so I can hear it, ‘I’ll get her in trouble. I’ll make her pay dear,’ and such remarks,” said Wilhelmi, “I don’t know whether she really talks with anyone or just pretends.” Wilhelmi reported that even after she came inside the house, Ford continued spreading the accusations to passing neighbors. Ford’s husband, George, supported his wife’s allegation, saying, “She was standing on the porch, harming no one, when Wilhelmi turned the water on her.”

A court date was scheduled for early January 1921. On November 4, Harding won the election in a landslide. Throughout November, additional allegations were made. Susie and George Ford, as well as some of their friends and employees, reported receiving anonymous threatening notes. The Fords said that the first note appeared on November 6, saying, “Withdraw that suit and move away or your son will pay the price we are 25,000 behind Wilhelm.” (Shouldn’t this say “Wilhelmi” - and what’s with the 25,000?)

One of George Ford’s employees reported receiving a note by mail in late November which read, “Stop working there unless U want to be run out of town.” A household employee also received a note saying, “Stop working for Mis Ford; if U testify for her U will hav to leav.”

The husband of a visitor to the Ford home also reported receiving a note a few days later, which the Courier Journal reported as saying: “Keep your wife away from Ford’s and U stop work or h__l will be to pay.” They alleged that another note appeared on November 29, this time on the front porch of the Ford household: “Move or be blow to _______.

The household worker received a second note, saying, “If U work on Bayly Avenue another day your life won’t be worth a ________.” Following a visit from guests, George Ford received a note saying, “Keep them away, do you want them blown up to. Move quick.” The Fords’ doctor and

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lawyer also received notes. On December 28, another note was received, saying, “we give U just a few days to withdraw that suit and put your house for sale. We are all friends of Wilhelm on this street * * *.” Wilhelmi claimed to have nothing to do with the letters, saying that all were inspired by Ford in order to move public sympathy away from her and to Ford.

This was not the first time that the Fords had received anonymous threatening notes. Five months prior to the water hose incident, over the course of ten days in late May, the Fords received notes demanding $300. The first said, “Leave $300 in the garage by Wednesday night. Harm will come to your family if you fail.” The second note was left on the back porch, prompting police to set up a guard around the house the next night. A week later, a third note appeared in the garage saying, “You will have to pay big before we are through with you.” The police suspected blackmail, but no arrests were made.

When the court date arrived in early January, neighbors filled the courtroom of Judge W.H. Field (son of Judge Emmet Field), in anticipation of more unfolding drama. However, to the disappointment of the gallery, Judge Field decided to postpone the case indefinitely in order to carry out additional investigations.

During the postponement, things were not quiet. On February 11, Wilhelmi’s 17-year-old daughter, Katherine, and a classmate, filed affidavits with Judge Field that charged George Ford with ‘roundly abusing and intimidating’ the 17-year-old on her way to school, to such an extent that she found it necessary to return home from school and seek the care of a physician. Judge Field ordered George Ford to return to court on February 15 to show cause why he shouldn’t be punished for contempt of court for the behavior.

The newspaper did not record the outcome of Ford’s return visit to the judge, but the trial resumed on February 23, with a surprise witness, 12-year-old, Arthur Kirkendall, of 115 South Bayly Avenue. (“Arthur” is probably a reporter’s error, as census records show the name of the boy as “Allen.”) The Fords had lived at 123 South Bayly (three doors down from the Kirkendalls) before moving to 236 South Bayly in 1916.

Kirkendall confessed that he had been the one to write in chalk on the sidewalk in front of Ford’s home. He also confessed to writing “Harding” on Mr. Ford’s automobile. The court heard that on that October morning, as Ford was reviewing Kirkendall’s handiwork, Wilhelmi came out with a hose to wash away the graffiti. She had heard Ford’s accusations and believed that the police had been called. Wilhelmi feared that she would be blamed, and when questioned she would have to give them Kirkendall’s name. She said that she did not want to expose the boy to the inevitable wrath of his father. By cleaning the sidewalk, she hoped to avoid the matter altogether.

The next day, the jury deliberated for five minutes and returned a verdict in favor of Wilhelmi. The gallery in the courtroom had been evenly divided between Ford and Wilhelmi, and when the verdict was announced, partisans on both sides became very vocal – some in celebration and some in protest. For the safety of the jurors, Judge Field ordered the sheriff to escort them down the rear stairs of the courthouse and out by a seldom used exit.

Two days later, Ford filed a motion for a new trial, contending that Judge Field “permitted the introduction of incompetent, improper and other evidence prejudicial to her substantial rights; (and) that the verdict was contrary to law and not supported by the evidence.”

On March 20, Judge Field ruled against the motion for a new trial, saying that unless the Court of Appeals took up the case within sixty days, the issue was settled.

At the end of June, C.A. Kirkendall of 115 South Bayly, (and father of 12-year-old “Arthur” or Allen Kirkendall), was elected by Republicans in Louisville’s Third Ward as one of fifty-four delegates to the Republican Party Convention which would determine the slate of Republican nominees for the 1921 city/county elections.

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In the fall, the Fords were active in starting the Crescent Hill Democratic Club. The next year, Clara Wilhelmi moved from South Bayly to Hillcrest.
A full list of recipients, starting in 1998 is available at our website Crescenthill.us
Back row left to right: Councilman Bill Hollander, Joan Hoeck, Mayor Fischer and Cam Corbin
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Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church Installs 16th Pastor

Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church formally installed the Rev. Roger Veliquette as its 16th pastor in a service on November 3rd. Veliquette’s installation will mark a new era at a historic, progressive and iconic Crescent Hill church.

Founded in 1890, CHPC has a longstanding reputation as a progressive voice on social justice issues at home and internationally. CHPC was one of the founding churches of United Crescent Hill Ministries, began hosting weekly English classes for immigrants, has sponsored refugees through Kentucky Refugee Ministries, and maintained a ten-year partnership with Estoreño Presbytery in Guatemala.

“We’ve only had installed pastors leave twice in the past 40 years,” said Dave Bush, chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Veliquette. “So calling Roger marks a decisive moment in the congregation’s future. We are confident that his commitment to loving God and loving neighbor combined with his leadership experiences – within and outside of the church – will help us become an even better version of ourselves, as we continue to learn and discern how best to live out our church’s call to share God’s love and grace made known in Jesus with one another and throughout the world.”

Crescent Hill is known for fostering long and fruitful pastorates. The Rev. Jane Larsen-Wigger retired in 2017, after 17 years as pastor at CHPC. She had been called after the departure of copastors, The Revs. Mark and Barbara Barnes in 1997. Mark Barnes had served 19 years and Barbara Barnes had served 10 years.

Veliquette began work as “pastor on deck” with Crescent Hill on August 26, after being approved unanimously by the congregation. Having earned a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May, he was ordained on October 20 at his home church, Elk Rapids First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids, Michigan.

At seminary, he also completed a certificate in Black Church Studies. During his time at LPTS, he participated in Anti-Racism Training, consultations for Black Church Studies, and served as a member of the Presidential Search Committee. Roger completed his CPE (supervised work as a hospital chaplain) at Baptist Health and Field Ed Internship at Central Presbyterian Church.

Roger’s wife, Erin, is in her second year in Louisville Seminary and will be working at Central Presbyterian Church for her field internship. They have three children.

Call For Articles

Have an idea for an interesting article about our neighborhood? Let’s talk! Articles for the winter electronic issue are due February 13. Shoot us a line at tmayer@tmayerlaw.com. For more information about the Crescent Hill Community Council, visit crescenthill.us.

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