

THE GARDENSIDER

A publication of the Gardenside Neighborhood Association

Teaming up with JLA Elementary

GNA has formed a partnership with James Lane Allen Elementary School, and volunteers and donations are needed.

One program is Read With a Kid, which started in September. Teachers refer students, who are matched with volunteers who spend about 30 minutes a week with the child at the school. Contact Bobby Cairell at bobby@gardensidecc.org for more information or to volunteer.

Arion Jett, JLA Family Resource Center Coordinator, is the contact person for other volunteer activities. She can be reached at arion.jett2@fayette.kyschools.us.

She needs volunteers to:

- Help in classrooms
- Provide study and prep assistance for the GED
- Offer computer training for parents
- Teach parenting classes
- Teach ESL for parents
- Work with the school Garden Club

Donations are also needed. These may be dropped off at the school, 1901 Appomattox Road, or brought to our GNA meeting

Want to volunteer?

Fill out the form at:
<https://webapps.fcps.net/volunteer>



on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Gardenside Christian Church. Needs include:

- Clothes for boys or unisex (pants, shirts, underwear, socks), sizes 3 and 4
- Children's books
- Deodorant, either unscented or powder

scented, for both boys and girls (regular or travel size)

- Feminine pads
- Baby wipes

If you have questions, contact Dona Renfro, our JLA liaison, at donahrenfro@gmail.com.

GARDENSIDE PRIDE UPDATE

Gardenside merchants and property managers have been meeting since fall 2015 with residents of seven surrounding neighborhoods to work toward revitalizing the Alexandria Drive and Lane Allen Road corridor from Versailles Road to Garden Springs Drive.

The group already has a number of sources of pride in the corridor: Camelot West has closed (get more details on Page 3); Kroger is being renovated; The Retro, Retro Beach, and Parkside apartments are thriving with more renovations to come; property managers of Gardenside Shopping Center

and Plaza are working to bring in businesses that will better serve our neighborhoods.

In June Gardenside Pride, together with Council Member Peggy Henson and her staff, hosted a community celebration to dedicate the restored historic Gardenside bus shelter, with about 200 people enjoying music and kids' activities.

A community-wide meeting is being planned (date to be announced) to gather input from as many residents as possible. If you are interested in being involved in this revitalization process in any way, please email GardensideLex@gmail.com.



Join us for the next GNA meeting

The Gardenside Neighborhood Association will meet Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m., at Gardenside Christian Church, 940 Holly Springs. We will learn about recent upgrades to Gardenside Park and about work to revitalize the Alexandria Drive and Lane Allen Road corridor from Versailles Road to Garden Springs Drive. Come share your opinions about ways to bring that area to life so that it better serves our neighborhood.

A change to the GNA By-laws will also be voted on. Read on to see the proposed change in language up for vote at the Oct. 25 meeting.

Amendment to the Gardenside Neighborhood Association By-Laws, Article VIII Board of Directors.

Delete the following passage:

- The Past President will serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee, which will bring forward a slate of Board members at the annual meeting. Others can be nominated from the floor.

Replace it with:

- A Nominating Committee will be appointed by the GNA President,

consisting of a current board member, a past board member, and a member of the Gardenside Neighborhood Association. A Board member running for re-election will not be appointed to the Nominating Committee.

- The fall newsletter will include an invitation for nominations, and nominees will be sought throughout the year.
- Members of GNA may nominate themselves or other members. Members of the Nominating Committee may nominate themselves or other members. All nominees must be dues paying members of GNA at the time of the election.
- The Nominating Committee will nominate one or more individuals for each officer position and for each board position. The nominations will be presented in the spring newsletter, along with a short personal statement for each nominee, describing why they are interested in serving and what they bring to the organization. No nominations will be accepted from the floor.
- Elections will be held at the Annual meeting in the spring.

Heading back to school with a bash



Did you join us? Do you have photos to share? Should we do it again next fall? Drop us a line on our Facebook page!

The Gardenside Neighborhood Association's first back-to-school social on Aug. 12 drew neighbors of all ages to our beautiful park for a wonderful evening. We enjoyed grilled hot dogs, chips and popsicles donated by our neighborhood Kroger. We also had fun activities for children, which included relays, water balloons and a giant bubble maker. The evening was topped off with a kids' parade through the park on our newly paved path. Thanks to Joy Bowman for organizing the event!

Did you know *this* about your neighborhood?

Gardenside's birthday is June 29, 1954. That's the day the city's Planning Commission approved the first section of our neighborhood. It included 61 lots on Beacon Hill Road and Celia Lane. Other sections were approved throughout the remainder of the 1950s.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS FALL

OCT. 8TH

Median Garden Workday:
9 a.m.-noon at Beacon Hill Road near Lane Allen Road

OCT. 10TH

Social Media Class:
Learn Instagram! 6:30 p.m. at Gardenside Christian Church

OCT. 25TH

GNA General Meeting:
7 p.m. at Gardenside Christian Church

COMING THIS SPRING (DATES TBA)

February Potluck
April Annual Meeting

We need your energy and ideas!

Elections for GNA officers and board members will be held at our April meeting. Terms are for two years. If you are interested in serving on the board, or if you know someone who would be interested, please email us at GardensideLex@gmail.com.

The GNA also needs volunteers! Email us if you are interested in filling one (or more!) of the following roles:

- Email list manager needed — someone with some IT background and attention to detail.
- Leaders for kids' activities in Gardenside Park next spring and summer.
- Organizers for half-court basketball tournaments for various age groups.
- Leaders for yoga in the park, or similar activities, for teens and adults.



IT'S TIME! RENEW OR JOIN OUR GNA

Support your neighborhood and the work of GNA by joining and then maintaining your membership. If you haven't paid your annual dues in the past year, please renew now. If you have never been a member, please join now. Simply complete the form and send it, along with a check payable to Gardenside Neighborhood Association, to:

Gardenside Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 4065
Lexington KY 40504-4065

You can also now join or renew online using either PayPal or your credit/debit card. Visit www.GardensideLex.org, click on "Get Involved," and scroll down to the section on joining.

Please indicate membership type:

\$20 Household Membership
Entitles you to one vote per household

\$20 Individual Membership(s)
Entitles you to one vote per person
Number of individual memberships requested:

This is:
 a new membership
 renewal

Name(s):

Address:

Email(s):

News briefs from the neighborhood

Shopping center changes on the horizon thanks to GNA, police

Through the hard work of the Lexington Police Department, the Gardenside Neighborhood Association and Gardenside Plaza management, Camelot West closed in April. Lexington Police are also still seeking to have its liquor license suspended so that it cannot reopen. Gardenside Plaza management is looking for a suitable tenant to fill the former Camelot West location.

Seeking Gardenside's original residents for a celebration

Are you one of Gardenside's original residents? Do you know someone who is an original resident? At our February 2017 potluck (date TBA), we plan to honor original residents and others who have lived here many years – or decades. If you are one of these residents, please email GardensideLex@gmail.com, telephone 859-353-1100, or send a note to GNA, PO Box 4065, Lexington, KY 40504.

Park updates aplenty over summer

The LFUCG Parks and Recreation Department has made several improvements to Gardenside Park, with more to come. Both the path and basketball court have been resurfaced, and new permanent trash and recycling cans, two grills and three new benches have been installed. A new bench swing at the top of the sledding hill near Beacon Hill Road is a wonderful place from which to view the park.

Future improvements include new benches at the basketball court and relocating the horseshoe pits. Parks and Recreation will also be installing fitness stations along the path. Keep an eye out for more.

We love our supporters!

Thank you to Gardenside Christian Church for providing meeting space, complete with sound equipment and projector!

We'd also like to thank Realtor Nici Gaines, who distributed the GNA's letter promoting Gardenside as a great place to live to other realtors and provided us with real estate statistics for Gardenside.



Gardens of Gardenside Tour a success, another planned for 2017

The yards and gardens of 11 Gardenside homes were open to the public for the first Gardens of Gardenside tour July 9. More than 40 tickets were sold for the walking tour, which also included Gardenside Park and four "walk-by" yards.

Proceeds from the tour support children's activities in the neighborhood and at James Lane Allen Elementary School.

Thanks to all who opened their yards and to Mary Malone who organized the tour! One of the tour's strengths was the wide variety of gardens available for viewing.

We look forward to sponsoring this event again next year. We would like to see some repeat gardens as well as new ones. Watch in the spring for the 2017 date and start getting your gardens ready now.

Are you #clueless about social media?

Don't worry. Help is here!
Join your neighbors for an introduction to sharing photos with Instagram.

You'll learn about:

- Using hashtags
- Posting from your phone
- Privacy settings
- Sharing pictures with your neighbors



Monday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Gardenside Christian Church

All levels of experience are welcome!





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MEET THE GNA BOARD MEMBERS

President: Susan Spalding,
Fredericksburg Road
Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Trisha Platt,
Holly Springs Road
Treasurer: Gary Hansen,
Stonewall Road

Tyler Gayheart, *Beacon Hill Road*
Alex Goggin, *Natchez Trail*
Liz Hansen, *Stonewall Road*
Julie Riegger, *Alexandria Drive*
Dan Taulbee, *Blue Licks Road*

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Liz Hansen
Katheran Wasson

Stream restoration work continues

Work is continuing on our stream restoration project under a Water Quality Incentive Grant GNA received last spring. This fall and next spring we will be removing more invasive plants, planting more native plants, and working to stabilize the stream bank in Gardenside Park.

The goal of this project is to reduce storm water runoff that causes erosion and carries pollutants into the stream. The improved water quality and the native plants invite aquatic life and beneficial insects to return to the stream.

Since April 2014, approximately 90 volunteers have contributed more than 1,000 hours and planted hundreds of plants. If you walk near the playground, notice the area where the bank that had eroded badly during recent rains has now been stabilized, thanks to EcoGro and the support of LFUCG Parks and Recreation and the Division of Water Quality.



Several University of Kentucky freshmen joined volunteers from the GNA and the Friends of Wolf Run to clean up Gardenside Park Aug. 24 during FUSION, UK's largest single day of service.

Did you know *this* about your neighborhood?

Forty-six Gardenside homes sold between late February and late August 2016 with a median selling price of \$163,125.

