

The Gardensider

A publication of the Gardenside Neighborhood Association

Park upgrades include fitness stations

Have you visited Gardenside Park lately?

The latest additions are four adult fitness exercise stations added by LFUCG Parks and Recreation, with support from our Council Member Peggy Henson. Each one has several options for exercise. The directions posted with the equipment lead you through a complete workout.

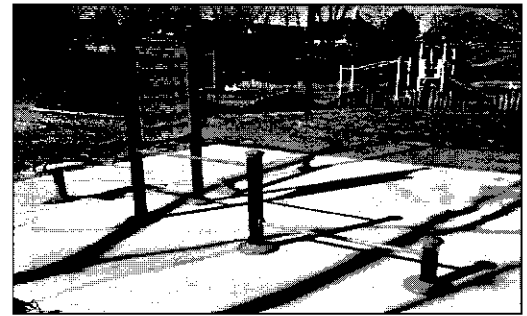
The stations are in frequent use by walkers and runners and parents accompanying

their children to the playground.

Personal trainer Adam Price will lead a free fitness tour of the new exercise equipment Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m.

Also, the basketball court has been re-surfaced and re-lined, the path has been re-surfaced, and the pavilion has been painted.

Everyone is welcome to join in the park cleanup and stream restoration workdays on April 22 and May 13 from 9 a.m. to noon.



RECOGNIZING THE FIRST GARDENSIDE RESIDENTS

Original residents were honored at our winter potluck Feb. 4 at Gardenside Christian Church. Honorees included, from left, Marie Newman, Nahil Natour, James Newman, Judy Bevins Pemberton, Betty Lou Donaldson, Virginia Preston, John Preston, Dorothea Hopkins and Hazel Holman. Other long-time residents of the neighborhood were also recognized.

Annual meeting set for April 18

Join us at 7 p.m. at the Gardenside Christian Church gym for:

- Elections of new officers and board members. All dues-paying members may vote.
- Presentation by faculty and staff of our neighborhood school, James Lane Allen Elementary.
- Updates by our local Police Community Liaison.
- Report from the Greater Gardenside *On the Table* event and other projects.
- Your ideas and concerns.

MEET THE NOMINEES BELOW!

ELECTION: Learn more about slate of officers ahead of April vote

The Nominating Committee will submit this slate of officers for approval at the GNA annual meeting April 18. Under the GNA by-laws, no nominations will be accepted from the floor. Positions are for two years unless otherwise noted. Candidates wrote brief statements so that GNA members can know them better.

President — Susan Spalding

I have lived on Fredericksburg Road for five years. I am the current president, and I would like to continue for another two-year term. During my time as president, we have developed the neighborhood improvement projects described in this newsletter, we have established a series of social events to draw

neighbors together, and we have cultivated relationships with surrounding neighborhoods with an eye toward revitalization. I would like to continue to devote my energy to this wonderful neighborhood, and to work toward solidifying GNA so it can serve the community for many years to come.

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Vice President (1-year-term) — Chartorn Renfro

Dona and I moved to Holly Springs Drive (on the creek side) in July 1999. It would be my honor to serve as GNA vice president. As a native Lexingtonian, I am passionate about enhancing the livability of our city and neighborhood. I shop locally as much as possible, pick up litter on my walks and speak up on issues I feel will make Lexington a better place. I was on the Lexington Commission on Race Relations for seven years. Gardenside is a great place to live and GNA is one of the reasons.

Secretary — Esther Tattershall

My husband and I moved to Beacon Hill Road in 2003 with our oldest, who was only 18 months old then. He is now a freshman at Lafayette. Over the past three years, I have been impressed by the efforts of the GNA to advocate for our area and give our community a voice in Lexington government. I am grateful to the GNA members who gave generously of their time and abilities to improve our neighborhood both socially and aesthetically. And I want to follow their example by giving of my time and abilities as GNA secretary. In addition to a spirit of cooperation and dedication to the community, I bring professional skills in print and visual media, writing, instructional design, and training development. I will work with other board members to support current GNA initiatives and build on their good work already in progress.

Treasurer — Gary Hansen

I have lived on Stonewall Road since my wife, two young daughters, and I moved to Lexington in 1986. While Gardenside has experienced many changes during my 30-plus years here, I'm more optimistic about the neighborhood now than ever before. Efforts

are underway to both improve facilities and strengthen neighborhood identity and social ties. As a retired faculty member from UK's Department of Community & Leadership Development, I hope to continue to contribute to Gardenside's development if re-elected.

At-Large Director — Karen Avery

I live on Stonewall Road and have lived in Gardenside for 29 years. We have a beautiful neighborhood. I am very excited about the work the revitalized neighborhood association has been doing. It will be a pleasure to be on the board.

At-Large Director — Ashley Shumate

I live on Maywick Drive. Michael Killion and I have lived in Gardenside for two years and adore our neighborhood. I am interested in maintaining Gardenside's quaint, mid-century modern beauty while striving to make it safer for all residents, especially families with young children. As a social worker who works primarily with pregnant women struggling with substance use disorder, I bring compassion, objectivity, open mindedness, and a listening ear to the board. As a vintage home enthusiast, I have an eye for detail, a love for architecture and the desire to preserve the 1950-60s charm of our lovely neighborhood.

At-Large Director (1-year term) — Joy Bowman

I live on Gettysburg Road and have been a Gardensider for more than eight years. I am on the committee for park improvements and I look forward to continuing that work in the position of director-at-large. I love our neighborhood and I hope to help the GNA continue to grow.

Two seats remain unchanged

Continuing board members are At-Large Directors Dan Taulbee, Blue Licks Road, and Liz Hansen, Stonewall Road.

GREATER GARDENSIDE

The Greater Gardenside group consists of local business people and residents of eight neighborhoods working to revitalize the Alexandria-Lane Allen Corridor.

Recently,

the group served as a "Super-Host" for On the Table, a citywide event designed to contribute to Lexington's Comprehensive Plan. Approximately 60 people gathered at El Gran Tako to discuss their vision for our area and for Lexington.

On Sunday, May 21, 3-5 p.m., Greater Gardenside will host the second Community Celebration at the Gardenside Shopping Center, with food trucks, vendors, music, dancing, and kids' activities. Want to get involved? Email gardensidelex@gmail.com



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MARCH 25TH
GNA Annual Meeting:
 7 p.m. at Gardenside Christian Church gym

APRIL 2ND
Park Cleanup and Stream Restoration Workday:
 9 a.m. to noon at Gardenside Park

APRIL 29TH
James Lane Allen Carnival and Book Fair:
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at JLA

MAY 13TH
Park Cleanup and Stream Restoration Workday:
 9 a.m. to noon at Gardenside Park

Median Garden Planting:
 9 a.m. at Beacon Hill median

Fitness Tour at the Park:
 Try out the new exercise equipment with personal trainer Adam Price, 10 a.m. at Gardenside Park

MAY 20TH
Community Celebration:
 Music, kids' activities and food trucks. 3-5 p.m. at Gardenside Shopping Center

JUNE 24TH
Gardens of Gardenside Tour:
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets and maps available at Gardenside Park Pavilion, 1835 Yorktown Road

JULY 6TH
Wild Ones Meeting:
 This native plant organization will meet at Gardenside Park to tour stream restoration work, 6:30 p.m.

AUG 18TH
Back-to-School Party:
 5-7 p.m. at Gardenside Park, 1835 Yorktown Road

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
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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
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Number of individual memberships requested: _____

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_____ a new membership
_____ renewal

Name(s):

Address:

Email(s):

News briefs from the neighborhood

Weekly Kona Ice Truck Nights

Monday nights will be Kona Ice Truck Night in Gardenside Park starting in mid-April. The Kona Ice Truck will be at the park from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays, weather permitting.

Stop by the park Monday evenings for a refreshing treat with your family and to visit with your neighbors.

Community support opportunities for James Lane Allen school

The Gardenside Neighborhood Association met with James Lane Allen Elementary representatives in January to discuss ways the GNA can support school programs that help students and their families.

These are ways we can help:

- Donate individually packaged food items for the Friday Backpack program. The school sends home food on Fridays with children who may be alone during weekend days. Suggested contributions include fruit cups, microwaveable macaroni bowls, peanut butter, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, granola bars, and easy-to-open canned foods. The items can be dropped off before Thursday at the school. If you have questions, email Family Resource Coordinator Arion Jett-Seals at arion.jett2@fayette.kyschools.us or call (859) 381-4803.

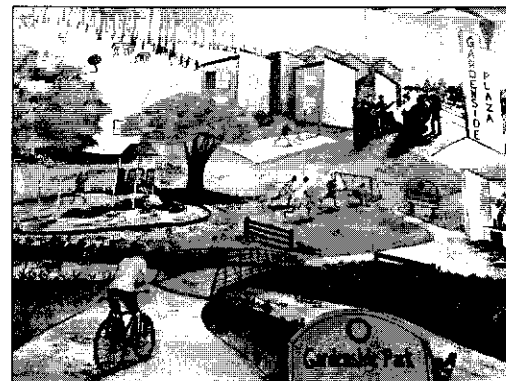
- Translate school flyers and other text documents from English into Spanish to better facilitate communication between the school and parents.

- Collect Box Tops for Education from grocery items and drop them off at the school office.

- Join the James Lane Allen PTA.

- Volunteer to help with the JLA Carnival and Book Fair on Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or to staff student activities after school hours. Meetings and events are listed on the James Lane Allen PTA website, www.jla.fcps.net/pta.

If you would like to help with any of these efforts, you can contact the school directly, email the James Lane Allen PTA at jla.pta@fayette.kyschools.us or email Esther Tattershall at etattershall@gmail.com.



During recent renovations, Kroger on Alexandria Drive added a mural celebrating our neighborhood. One of the artists was Debbie Eller, a Gardenside resident who teaches art at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. The mural is near the checkout lanes.

Thinking about redirecting your sump pump? City funding may help

As part of the sanitary sewer upgrades in Gardenside in the next few years, homeowners whose sump pumps are connected to the sanitary sewer system will be required to have them redirected. A few residents already have received abatement notices from the city, which require them to redirect the sump pump within 60 days or a \$75 per month penalty will be added to the LEXserv bill until the change is made.

Susan Cohn, Gettysburg Road, says it is easy to have your sump pump disconnected from the sanitary sewer system. As an employee of the Kentucky Division of Water Quality for 27 years, Susan didn't want to have an illegal discharge if she could fix it and have the city pay for it.

Here's how Susan describes her experience:

Since I couldn't see a sump pump discharge point behind my house, I called 311 to request an inspection. The inspector took a picture of our sump pump and its lack of direct line outside, confirming that it connected to the sanitary sewer and was thus illegal. He suggested we could correct it, in our case, by digging a trench in the backyard and installing a sprinkler device.

I got an estimate for the work from our plumber and sent a copy to the inspector. He approved it, and I scheduled the work. When

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We need **YOU** to join the GNA!

The GNA has about 60 dues-paying members. But to keep offering all our fun events and publishing this newsletter, we need 90.

Membership is just \$20 per household per year. Use the form on Page 3 or join online at www.gardensidelex.com.

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Liz Hansen
Katheran Wasson

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the work was completed, I paid the plumber, sent a copy of the invoice marked paid to the inspector and within a few weeks the inspector hand-delivered my check for the full amount. The whole process took less than two months.

Our work only cost \$866, but the city will pay up to \$3,000 to cover your expenses. The funds come from the Sanitary Sewer budget. You can learn more at www.lexingtonky.gov/sump-pump-redirect.

Our sump pump rarely runs but you never know when it will be needed. If yours runs all the time, I urge you to find

out where the discharge goes. If yours is still connected to the sanitary sewer, it is adding to our sanitary system overloads and degrading our creek and surrounding areas. If you see a sanitary sewer manhole overflowing, these kinds of connections could be a major reason. Be a good water quality steward and redirect your sump pump. We will all reap the benefits, and money is available to help.

Back-to-school party

Save the date! Friday, Aug. 18, 5-7 p.m., is GNA's Back-to-School party in Gardenside Park. Tons of fun for all ages! Games, crafts, food, bike parade!

Watch for details this summer.

Gardens of Gardenside

The second annual Gardens of Gardenside Tour will be Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets and maps for the self-guiding tour will be available at the Gardenside Park Pavilion, 1835 Yorktown Road, the starting point for the tour.

We are looking for a variety of gardens and outdoor living spaces to showcase.

For more information, to volunteer your garden, or to help, contact Mary Malone at (859) 351-3992 or ma55malone@yahoo.com.



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