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The newsletter of the Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association - Nashville, Tennessee

Spring 2011

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EVENT CALENDAR

Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) Meetings

APR 11	MAY 9	JUN 13
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All SPNA meetings take place at 7pm, downstairs at the Cohn Adult Learning Center. (48th & Park Avenues)

Richland Creek Run/Walk V
Saturday, April 2 - 8 am
Cohn Adult Learning Center

SPNA Neighborhood Social
Friday, April 8 - 6 to 8 pm
Lisa Friedman's home
4304 Utah Avenue

RCWA Richland Creek Cleanup
Saturday, April 9 - 9 am to noon
5495 Charlotte Avenue

Senior Renaissance Center Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, April 16 - 7 am to noon
Cohn Adult Learning Center

Sylvan Park School SpaghettiFest
Friday, May 6 - 5 pm - 8 pm
Sylvan Park School

Richland Creek Run/Walk V coming up April 2

Are you ready to run? The fifth-Annual Richland Creek Run/Walk presented by The Wilson Group Real Estate Services will take place on Saturday, April 2, at 8 a.m. As usual, the race course traverses much of the Richland Creek Greenway and part of the Sylvan Park neighborhood. The event will start and finish, as in past years, at the Cohn Adult Learning Center at 4805 Park Avenue. It will open with a five-mile run, and a walk following the same course will commence at 8:05. Proceeds from the event will benefit Greenways for Nashville, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the creation, protection, preservation and promotion of the city's greenways system.

Organizers are looking for runners, walkers and volunteers for the event. More information and registration details are available at www.richlandcreekrun.com. Anyone interested in lending a hand is encouraged to email spna@sylvanpark.org to volunteer.

Sponsors for the Richland Creek Run/Walk V include The Wilson Group, Montgomery Bell Academy, Pinnacle Financial Partners, Bates Nursery and Garden Center, Sport Seasons, Publix, Vanderbilt University, Porta Via Italian Kitchen, Lightning 100, Team Green Adventures, The City Paper, The Nashville Scene and Star Bagel.

SPNA neighborhood social set for April 8

Join your neighbors on Friday, April 8, for SPNA's next neighborhood social. This free event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lisa Friedman's home (4304 Utah Avenue), and all Sylvan Park residents are invited. This is a perfect

opportunity to meet your neighbors or to catch up with friends that you may not have seen in a while. Beverages and light snacks will be provided. We're expecting a big turnout and a fun evening. See you there!

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SPNA Yard Sale scheduled for May 14



Spring is upon us, and that means the Annual neighborhood yard sale can't be far behind. Make plans now to be a part of this year's SPNA Yard Sale on Saturday, May 14. Because so many neighbors participate in the sale each year, it typically attracts hundreds of bargain-hunting visitors to Sylvan Park.

The \$15 sale fee includes a Tennessean yard sale ad and inclusion in the official map of all participating homes. Anyone with goods left from the sale can place them on the curb for same-day pickup by a local nonprofit organization. To sign up or request more information, contact project coordinator Susan Rodgers at susanrodgers@realtracs.com or (615) 479-3257.

Sylvan Park Annual Spring Yard Sale Registration Form

Terms: Each household...

- Is responsible for its own set up and tear down.
- Will manage its own sale and keep proceeds.
- Merchants on Charlotte Ave. & Murphy Rd. are invited to participate.

What SPNA will provide:

- Bright balloons on mailbox to identify your sale.
- Maps with specific addresses of special items as provided by participants.
- A large ad in *The Tennessean* on Fri and Sat publicizing the sale and indicating where customers may obtain maps.

Pre-sale instructions:

- Please have all items out and priced by 8am.
- Please make sure your items are visible from the street unless there is a sign in the front yard to direct customers to your backyard or garage.

Post-sale (if you choose to donate items)

- SPNA will arrange for a charity to pick up leftover items (SPNA cannot be responsible for items not picked up)
- Place all salable items (no trash) at the street in an orderly fashion
- SPNA will have donation receipts for households that would like one.

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FEES: Member - \$15, Non-Member \$30 (includes SPNA Membership)

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Susan Rodgers - 5311 Elkins Ave, Nashville, TN 37209

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Address _____ Phone _____

Items of Special Interest:

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President's message...

Please tell me it's spring already. It must be all the snow we had during the past couple of months, but I'm as ready as ever for sunshine and warm weather. I'm guessing I'm not alone, either.

As usual, the months ahead are packed with fun events and good excuses to spend time with your neighbors. Mark your calendars for the Richland Creek Run, the next neighborhood social and all the rest. It won't be long before you can break out the short sleeves and sandals and put away your sweaters. Let's just hope for a little less rain this time around.

Rob Robinson

RCWA clean-up scheduled for April 9

The Richland Creek Watershed Alliance will hold its fifth-annual spring creek clean-up on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. The clean-up is being held in conjunction with Mayor Dean's Impact Nashville initiative, the Nashville Waterways Recovery Project.

As a project partner, RCWA hosts clean ups at areas identified along Richland Creek with significant flood debris remaining that could block and prevent the stream from flowing freely. RCWA needs volunteers to help remove debris from the stream, a small tributary and the riparian zone along Richland Creek.

Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to meet at the registration tent located at 5495 Charlotte Avenue. RCWA will provide volunteer supplies, refreshments and sanitary services. Please park at the church on 54th Avenue north, one block from Charlotte Avenue, or at the Richland Creek Shopping Center across the street. Some participants with canoes are needed.

There is limited space to launch canoes in the area, so let RCWA know if you are bringing one. Contact Monette Rebecca at monetter@comcast.net for more information.

New McCabe Community Center expected to open in July

If you've spent any time around 46th Avenue and Murphy Road during the past year, you've undoubtedly noticed the major construction project under way at the site of the former McCabe Community Center. Metro Parks reports that the new McCabe Community Center is expected to open around July 1. Details will be

announced later this spring about a grand opening date and any plans to celebrate the occasion.

The Metro Arts Commission is in the process of determining what public art will be installed on the property and the timing for its placement. It is likely that the art will be added to the property

during the second half of the year at the earliest.

The community center property will feature plaza space that can be used as an outdoor amphitheater with natural seating available on the adjacent hillside, which should be another great addition to the neighborhood.

Volunteers needed for SPNA Home Tour this September

Planning is under way for the next SPNA Home Tour, which will be held this September. The exact date for the tour will be announced soon, but in the meantime the planning committee is looking for additional volunteers. SPNA Steering Committee member Susan Rodgers is serving as chair for the group. If you would like to serve on the committee, please send an email to spna@sylvanpark.org.

This biennial event will showcase Sylvan Park during one of the loveliest months of the year in Nashville. It will feature neighborhood homes reflecting the diverse array of architectural styles and construction periods in Sylvan Park. Several homes have already been identified for the tour, but others are welcome. Please let us know if you are interested in having your home featured on the tour.

Proceeds from the home tour benefit SPNA, which supports various projects and events in the neighborhood including the Night Out Against Crime, 4th of July children's parade, McCabe Little League, Senior Renaissance Center and Sylvan Park School. The tour is a major revenue source for SPNA, so please encourage your friends, neighbors and co-workers to attend.

Nashville Livability Project Charette to be held on April 16

The Nashville Livability Project will hold a charette, or visioning session, on Saturday, April 16, from 9 am to 12 pm at the Cohn Adult Learning Center. This free public meeting is intended to explore various aspects of Sylvan Park and Sylvan Heights and to look for ways to make our neighborhoods an even better, more livable community.

Charettes are collaborative sessions in which a group of stakeholders (e.g. design professionals, representatives of government, residents) draft a solution to a design problem and/or create

ideas and material for future dialogue. The sessions serve as a way of quickly generating a design solution while integrating the aptitudes and interests of a diverse group of people.

The Livability Project is dedicated to exploring how Nashville can best prepare for the changing demographics of its citizens and better meet their needs from birth to retirement. For more information about the project or the charette, contact Sylvan Park resident Kate Monaghan at kate@partneringservices.com.

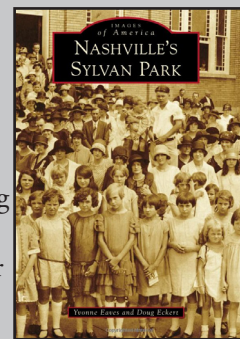
SRC Pancake Breakfast April 16

If delicious is your favorite kind of meal, then the Senior Renaissance Center has a deal for you. SRC will hold its spring pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 16, from 7 a.m. to noon in the basement of the Cohn Adult Learning Center (4805 Park Avenue). The event will also include a country store/

flea market featuring homemade crafts and a silent auction. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 10 and under. Proceeds support the center's mission. For more information, contact Judy Redmond at juredmond@bellsouth.net or (615) 269-4565.

Nashville's Sylvan Park

Longtime SPNA members and Sylvan Park natives Yvonne Eaves and Doug Eckert have completed their book detailing the history of our neighborhood. Nashville's Sylvan Park is a 128-page accounting of Sylvan Park's residents, institutions and organizations. Included in the book are reproductions of many historic photographs that will have you looking at familiar places in the neighborhood with a fresh perspective. If you're interested in purchasing a copy of the book, contact Doug at (615) 566-0805 or dougeckert@hotmail.com.





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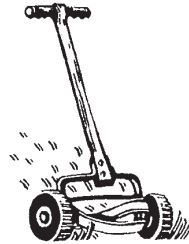
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Join the Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) and help make our neighborhood an even better place to live. Dues are only \$15 per year. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Cohn Adult Learning Center.

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