



Sylvan Park Neighborhood JOURNAL

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

Fall 2010

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EVENT CALENDAR

Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) Meetings

OCT 11	NOV 8	DEC 13
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All SPNA meetings take place at 7pm, downstairs at the Cohn Adult Learning Center. (48th & Park Avenues)

SRC Community Fall Fest
Saturday, October 16th, 7am - Noon
Cohn Adult Learning Center

SPNA Neighborhood Social
Friday, October 29th, 6 - 8 pm
Jason & Margaret Holleman's home
4210 Park Ave

Election Day
Tuesday, November 2
McCabe Golf Clubhouse & Sylvan Park School

SPNA Christmas Party
Sunday, December 5th, 5 - 8 pm
Susan Rodgers & Keith Murray's home
5311 Elkins Ave

SPNA 2011 Elections
Monday, January 10th

Neighborhood social set for Oct 29

SPNA will host its quarterly Neighborhood Happy Hour on Friday, October 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the home of Jason and Margaret Holleman (4210 Park Avenue). This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors better, and beverages and light snacks will be provided. This event is free, and everyone in the neighborhood is invited to attend. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

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SPNA to review new bylaws in October for November adoption

Members of the Steering Committee have been working on amendments to SPNA's charter and a new set of bylaws that reflect the charter amendments. The changes to the charter, and the new bylaws, are being developed in an abundance of caution to ensure that SPNA's organization and procedures comply with state statutes regarding corporations.

- Officers and board members will be elected by the membership, as delineated in the bylaws of the corporation.
- The membership will approve expenditures of the corporation and set the amount and conditions of annual dues, as provided for in the bylaws of the corporation.
- Amendments and other changes to the

The SPNA membership has previously endorsed the following charter amendments:

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SRC hosting community fall fest Oct 16



The warm pancakes at the Senior Renaissance Center are hard to beat on a chilly fall morning.

The Senior Renaissance Center will hold its annual Community Fallfest on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 7 a.m. to noon in the basement of the Cohn Adult Learning Center (4805 Park Avenue). A pancake breakfast will be served, and 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, call Judy Redmond at (615) 269-4565.

It's not too early to think about holiday caroling!

Plan now to join your Sylvan Park friends for the annual neighborhood caroling and holiday party on December 5. Participants will gather at 5pm at the

5311 Elkins Avenue home of Susan Rodgers and Keith Murray and then embark on a trolley ride to sing holiday carols around the neighborhood at around 6pm.

SPNA elections to be held January 10

It's hard to believe that 2011 is only a few months away, but since this is the final issue of the SPNA Neighborhood Journal for 2010, it's important to note that SPNA's annual elections will take place as usual at the January membership meeting, which will be held on January 10. It is expected that SPNA's updated bylaws, which members will consider for adoption later this fall, will maintain the existing requirements for service as an officer or on the steering committee: Residence in the neighborhood and attendance at no fewer than six meetings in the preceding 12 months. Members wishing to vote in the election or to hold an office or steering committee

position must pay their 2011 dues prior to the meeting. Keep in mind that dues paid in December 2010 carry over to 2011, so make plans now to renew your membership at the end of the year. Thank you for supporting SPNA!

SPNA ELECTIONS

JANUARY

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News from Metro

Westlawn Drive bridge may be replaced

Metro Public Works and the Tennessee Department of Transportation are considering how to address the aging bridge on Westlawn Drive near Murphy Road. The deteriorating structure is not only in need of replacement, but also may need widening to make the new bridge safer for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Possible environmental impact on the creek the bridge crosses and the effect of any changes on nearby residents will also need to be considered. Council Member Jason Holleman hosted a community meeting at the bridge site in late September. SPNA will continue to gather information about this issue and report any developments to neighbors.

Market on 46th Avenue applies for beer permit

The market located at 132 46th Avenue North has applied for a permit to sell beer. The Metropolitan Nashville Beer Permit Board is scheduled to review this application on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 5:30 p.m. The location in question is located within 100 feet of one or more residences, which is typically cause for a permit to be denied. SPNA members will discuss this application at the October membership meeting. If you would like to share your opinion on this matter with the board, send an email to jackie.eslick@nashville.gov prior to the meeting date.

Thistle Farms relocates to Charlotte Ave.

Thistle Farms, a social enterprise run by women who have survived lives of violence, prostitution, and addiction, has relocated its headquarters and manufacturing operations to 5122 Charlotte Pike (across from Saint Ann's Catholic Church).

By hand, the women of Thistle Farms make natural bath and body products that are as good for the earth as they are for the body. All proceeds go back into Thistle Farms and the Magdalene residential program. For two years

Magdalene provides housing, supplies, medical and dental treatment, therapy, education and vocational training at no cost.

Purchases of Thistle Farms products directly benefit the women who make them. Thistle Farms employs 31 Magdalene residents or graduates. While working at Thistle Farms, women learn skills in manufacturing, packaging, marketing and sales and administration. It is a supportive workplace where women acquire the skills they need to

earn a living wage. Employees have the opportunity to put a percentage of their earnings in a matched savings account. Through Thistle Farms, the women of Magdalene gain much needed job skills, and learn responsibility and cooperation.

This is a great cause and one that SPNA is happy to welcome to the neighborhood. Thistle Farms has invited the public to visit its new building on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn more about its work. For more information, visit thistlefarms.org.

SPNA donates \$1,000 to West Nashville Flood Recovery Network

After hearing from pastor Brian Rossbert at the August SPNA membership meeting, members voted unanimously to donate \$1,000 to support the mission of the West Nashville Flood Recovery Network. Those in attendance at the meeting agreed that supporting this effort would enable SPNA to help neighbors in West Nashville affected by

the flood as directly as possible. The network is a cooperative partnership of faith communities, community organizations, businesses and individuals. It exists for one reason only: to provide long term recovery to persons affected by the floods in West Nashville in May 2010.

Working with many partners, the network will work to meet the needs of West Nashville residents whether they are physical, spiritual or emotional. The network is operating out of West Nashville United Methodist Church on Charlotte Pike. For more information, visit wnfloodrecovery.org.

SPNA bylaws

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bylaws will be approved by the membership, as provided for in the bylaws of the corporation.

- The board of directors of the corporation will be called the "Steering Committee".
- Positions of the corporation are determined by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a membership meeting.
- The membership is empowered to establish standing (special) meetings on a monthly or quarterly basis

In addition, the amended charter will establish Nick Bailey, Margaret Holleman, and Bernard Pickney as incorporators. The new bylaws are constructed to reflect these charter amendments while providing continuity for the organization and for

the spirit in which it was founded. A draft will be distributed at the October 11 membership meeting for review, modified if necessary, then distributed to members of record for a formal endorsement at the November 8 meeting.

President's message

Finally we're getting a little relief from what has been one of the hottest summers I can remember here in Nashville. As usual, the cooler temperatures bring with them busy schedules and full calendars. As you can see in these pages, there are several opportunities to get involved and spend a little time getting to know--or catching up with--your fellow neighbors. I hope you'll join us for one or more of these. See you soon!

- Rob Robinson

Dog owners: Clean up after your pets!

Attention dog owners: Please keep in mind that you are responsible for picking up after your pets when they leave waste behind on both public and private property. Always carry a plastic "baggy" or two with you when you walk your dog, then dispose of the waste properly. It has been reported to SPNA recently that there have been many instances where dog owners are not cleaning up after their pets near the Wyoming trailhead of the Richland Creek Greenway and on Living Word International Church property across the street. Failure to clean up after your dog is disrespectful to your neighbors: Please take time and make the effort to dispose of any waste your pet leaves behind!


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Join SPNA! Take part in Sylvan Park!

Join The Original Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) and help make our neighborhood an even better place to live. Individual membership is required to vote or hold office, so some households choose to obtain memberships for more than one adult (18 years of age or older).

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