

Spring 2012

# RICHLAWN GAZETTE

CITY OF RICHLAWN, PO BOX 7786, LOUISVILLE, KY 40257-0786

*Welcome New  
Neighbors!!*

*Catherine Norton  
4167 Blenheim  
Road*

*Robert & Leslie  
Koenig  
130 Heady Ave*



*Congrats to the  
Holiday  
decorating  
contest winners!*

*1<sup>st</sup> Place- Ron  
Wolz & David  
Beuligmann  
200 Heady Ave*

*Honorable  
Mentions-*

*Dianne & Pat  
Devore  
128 Don Allen Rd*

*Mary & Stephen  
Stottman  
129 N Hubbards  
Lane*

## Residents express interest in a Neighborhood Watch Program

*Contributed by Andrew Renda*

Many of you are aware of the recent break-in in our fair city. The City Council is in regular contact with Louisville Metro Police as they investigate this crime and we will share information on the City's website as it becomes available.

Though crime is rare in Richlawn, our most recent City Council meeting was well attended with concerned neighbors asking questions about how to protect our homes and city against future incidents. A proposal was made that Richlawn initiate a Neighborhood Watch program. This would involve collaboration with local law enforcement as well as significant participation from our citizens. If you are interested in assisting in setting up our Neighborhood Watch or if you would consider volunteering to serve as a Block Captain, please contact Commissioner Andrew Renda at 502.432.0887 or [andrewrenda@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewrenda@yahoo.com).

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## Keeping Lang Field Clean

*Contributed by Pat Coomes*

Over the course of many years, the property between Lang Field and the CSX train tracks has become a popular dumping ground. Items of refuse include trucks tires, household garbage and yard waste, as well as limbs that have fallen naturally. The accumulation of limbs and leaves creates a safe harbor for animals such as rats, opossums and other "undesirable" animals for a residential setting.

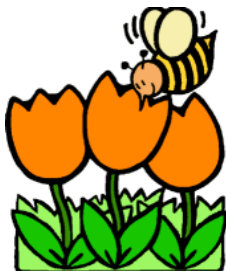
The City Council has authorized paying our current grounds keeping contractor, Valley Crest, \$2,000 to improve the look and safety of this area. The council asks that residents cease dumping garbage and yard waste in this area. If any resident has questions on this project, please feel free to contact Mayor Pat Coomes (899-9324) or any one of Richlawn's four commissioners.

## Neighborhood Watch Program

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Here are some general home safety tips:

1. Use exterior lighting and motion detectors to minimize burglar concealment.
2. Eliminate hiding places around your home by keeping your bushes and trees well-trimmed.
3. Install deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.
4. Burglar-proof your glass patio doors by setting a pipe or metal bar in the middle bottom track of the door slide.
5. Do not leave extra keys under doormats, potted plants or any other obvious outdoor location.
6. Do not leave notes on the door for service people or family members.
7. Loud alarms draw attention to burglars whether you are in your home or not and prevent them from trying to enter your home unnoticed.
8. Keep drapes and blinds shut.



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### Metro Council

Due to redistricting, Richlawn has a new Metro Councilwoman:

Tina Ward-Pugh  
Ninth District  
502.574.1109

Tina is planning on attending the Richlawn City Council meeting on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Join us in welcoming Tina!

For a district map and additional updates, go to [www.louisvilleky.gov](http://www.louisvilleky.gov).

## Ouch! Darn those mosquitoes!

Spring is right around the corner and many of us will be spending more time outside in our yards soon! Along with the warmer temperatures and fresh air, we may be greeted by pesky mosquitoes.

One way to combat these pests is through Metro Government's fogging program. If you have a complaint about mosquitoes, call Metro Call (3-1-1) and leave your name, address and phone number. EHS will send an inspector to determine the number and type (nuisance or disease carrying) of mosquitoes. If the number is high enough they will leave a mosquito trap and come back later to check the recoveries. If the numbers and type are sufficient they will schedule a spraying for the area. The only other criterium for spraying is a report of a mosquito-borne illness from a resident. For additional info, please call Metro Call (3-1-1) or visit [www.louisvilleky.gov](http://www.louisvilleky.gov).

## Richlawn Ladies Events

**Special thanks to Sally Porter and Stephanie Barsch for hosting recent neighborhood get-togethers!**



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*Neighborhood  
Babysitters*

Megan McDermott  
895-4118

Rosie Taylor  
896-0327

Grass Cutting

Clay McDermott  
895-4118

Just a reminder of the Metro Council ordinance that defines an animal as a nuisance if it *habitually barks, whines, howls, mews or cackles in an excessive or continual fashion so as to result in a serious annoyance or interference with the reasonable use and enjoyment of neighboring premises.*

If you have a compliant, you can make a service request to Animal Services by calling 363.6609 from 7am to 11pm and they will send an officer to investigate the situation.



### 2012 Rumpke Waste Removal Schedule

Yard waste pick up will resume Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Rumpke services will be delayed to Tuesday following Memorial Day (5/28) and Labor Day (9/3).

## Richlawn Reminders

### City Officials

Mayor Pat Coomes  
205 Don Allen Road  
899-9324

[pfcoomes1@insightbb.com](mailto:pfcoomes1@insightbb.com)

### Commissioners

Henry Thoben  
896-8311

Andrew Renda  
432-0887

[andrewrenda@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewrenda@yahoo.com)

Joe Bohannon  
899-3759

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Alicia Nordmann  
897-7203

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Jeff Barrick  
777-9284

[cityofrichlawn@hotmail.com](mailto:cityofrichlawn@hotmail.com)

City Attorney  
Steve Porter  
297-9991

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Would you like to contribute an idea, article or information to the next Richlawn Gazette? If so, please contact  
Alicia Nordmann @  
[a.nordmann@insightbb.com](mailto:a.nordmann@insightbb.com).

Should any questions arise concerning the City, please refer to the materials in the Richlawn Handbook or on the website at [www.cityofrichlawn.com](http://www.cityofrichlawn.com). If any resident needs a copy of the handbook, please contact Mayor Pat Coomes and he will deliver one to you.

### Richlawn Handbook

A Richlawn Handbook is distributed every two years. We ask that you please email [cityofrichlawn@hotmail.com](mailto:cityofrichlawn@hotmail.com) with any name changes.

### Richlawn Neighborhood Association

We welcome your participation and ideas. Call Angie McDermott @ 895-4118 to inquire about the next social event.

**City Signs:** Please do not tape anything to street signs or stop signs as it pulls the paint off!

**Pets:** Dogs and cats should be confined in your yard and kept on a leash when being walked. Please take along a scooper to clean up behind your pet. Please scoop after your pet when using Lang Field.

**Parking:** Please do not park on the street opposing a driveway.

Emergency vehicles must be able to get through the streets at all times.

Vehicles should not be parked within 25 feet of a stop sign.

Parking on the street is not allowed for a period longer than 15 minutes between the hours of 2am and 6am.

Parking at Lang Field on Ledyard Road is only allowed for persons using the field. Long term, day-in and day-out parking at Lang Field is not permitted under any circumstances.

**Insurance Premium Tax:** If you have not already done so, please contact your insurance agent and inform them that you reside in the city of Richlawn. By doing so, the insurance companies will send the insurance premium taxes to Richlawn instead of Jefferson County. These monies will be used for City expenses and help keep your property taxes low.

**Property Improvements:** As required by City Ordinance, contact Henry Thoben @ 896-8311 if you plan to do any improvements.

The City Commissioners meeting is held at 7:30pm on the third Monday of each month at Old National Bank located on the corner of Shelbyville Road and Hubbards Lane. Richlawn residents are encouraged to attend!