

Summer 2011

RICHLAWN GAZETTE

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

*Welcome New
Neighbors!!*

*Craig & Lee Van
Natta
204 Heady Ave*

*Matthew Brooks
& Lindsay
Lurding
126 Heady Ave*

*Have a happy
and safe 4th of
July!!*



Save the dates!

*Neighborhood
Yard sale
Saturday,
September 10th*

*Fall Festival
Saturday,
September 24th*

Richlawn's Beautification Ordinance

By Joe Bohannon

The poet Joyce Kilmer once wrote, "I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree." If you remember Kilmer's poem, you may be a "baby boomer" and remember planting a tree in your yard more than once to celebrate Arbor Day.

Trees are one of the most important natural resources that we have. Their benefits are endless. Trees reduce air pollution by removing carbon dioxide, dust and other pollutants from the air and by giving off oxygen. They reduce noise, glare and erosion and help conserve water and energy. Trees reduce storm water runoff by capturing falling precipitation. They also increase the canopy and beauty of a neighborhood, protect its wildlife and provide plant diversity. Finally, trees add to the property value of a home, which is always a plus when you decide to sell it.

All of the above listed benefits are included in Richlawn Ordinance #2010-01, titled "Beautification in the City of Richlawn, Kentucky." A couple years ago the City contracted with an arborist to survey all existing canopy trees and provide a written report to the City Beautification Committee. The report included recommendations for pruning, maintenance and removal of existing trees. It also provided a recommended list of trees and locations to plant new trees to increase the canopy in Richlawn.

To this end, the Richlawn City Commissioners will be contacting property owners who have space in their yards and encouraging them to plant a canopy tree. As an added incentive, the City will pay 50% of the cost of the new tree (up to a maximum of \$200) provided the tree is on the list of recommended species. The City will also provide financial assistance for pruning or removing damaged or diseased canopy trees. Commissioner Joe Bohannon is heading up this beautification project. If you have an interest in participating in this program or questions regarding the types of trees allowed, please call Joe at 899-3759.

Community Garden Update

By Andrew Renda

In Memory of
Roger Burke

“There are two ways to
journey through life. You
can march...or you can
dance.

Roger danced.”

It’s been a long and very wet spring, but I think we’ve finally turned the corner to summer! The constant rain has kept many of us out of the Community Garden up to this point, but thanks goes out to those who helped get us started! We tilled the plot, put up a fence, and planted a variety of fruits, veggies and flowers.

Though the rain kept us inside, it also helped the plants grow. At the moment, we have herbs ready for picking. The blackberry bushes have also offered up a few ripe berries – perhaps potential sustenance at the midpoint of an evening walk.



Neighborhood
Babysitters

Megan McDermott
895.4118

Rosie Taylor
896.0327

Coming soon – zucchinis, summer squash and eggplants! Come watch as they grow and ripen - and be the first to sample. My personal recommendation would be to cut them in half, brush with olive oil and pop on the grill!

We have tomatoes growing as well, and should see some ripe ones in another month or so. We are in need of a few more tomato cages to support the growing plants, so if you have any, please donate to the cause!

As the summer progresses, the garden will need tending. The two main issues are weeds and water. Grass and weeds are encroaching on the plants, and help is much appreciated. If you’re out for a walk, please stop by and pull a few. And, now that the rain has stopped we will need help watering.

Feel free to take what you need from the garden, and also feel free to give back through weeding and watering. It’s going to be a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the garden and around the neighborhood!

Richlawn Referral List

By Alicia Nordmann

Do you like to get a referral before hiring someone to work on your home? Most people do! The City Commissioners have had requests to create a referral list for the neighborhood. The list will include individuals or companies that have provided superior products or services to Richlawn residents. We would like to start with products and services related to your home, lawn, etc.

If you would like to submit a referral, please email Alicia Nordmann @ a.nordmann@insightbb.com. Each submission should include a third-party testimonial and the company's contact information. See our first two submissions below!

Tyler Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc **502.266.9060**

I hired Gary Riley, owner & operator, to install a high-efficiency gas furnace which he (amazingly!) did solo in about half of one day. Months later during sub-zero weather, Gary fixed a problem triggered by frigid temperatures. Then on a very hot Labor Day, Gary replaced the motor in my aging air conditioner saving me money by not suggesting that I replace the old unit with a new one. Thanks to Gary I continue to enjoy year round climate-controlled comfort in my house.

- Marilyn Clark, Gibson Road

Raatz Fence Co. **502.267.6307**

A few months after moving into my house in 1985, I had Raatz Fence install a privacy fence. Then just last winter, Raatz replaced that fence with a new one. In both instances I was extremely pleased with the Raatz sales & office staff and especially the installers- all of whom communicated brilliantly with me throughout the process. Late last January during extremely cold conditions, the guy in charge of installation worked with me diligently to ensure a perfect outcome. This included installing copper fence post caps that I had purchased elsewhere and building a custom access gate.

- Marilyn Clark, Gibson Road

Reminder!

*There will be no
garbage pick up on
Monday, July 4th.*

*Garbage collection will
resume on July 5th.*

*FEMA Disaster
Assistance*

*If you sustained losses
or damage because of
the recent flooding, you
may be eligible for
disaster aid.*

*Call 800.621.FEMA or
go to www.fema.gov.*

Richlawn Reminders

City Officials

Mayor Pat Coomes
205 Don Allen Road
899-9324

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Commissioners

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896-8311

Andrew Renda
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Joe Bohannon
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Alicia Nordmann
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City Clerk/Treasurer

Jeff Barrick
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cityofrichlawn@hotmail.com

City Attorney
Steve Porter
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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.

Should any questions arise concerning the City, please refer to the materials in the Richlawn Handbook or on the website at www.neighborhoodlink.com/Richlawn/home. 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 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 agents 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!