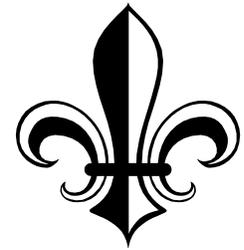


# On the Hill

The Newsletter of Irish Hill Neighborhood Association



## September 2015 Neighborhood Meeting—ALL ARE WELCOME

**Walden Theatre . 1123 Payne Street  
7:00pm**

**Our special guest speaker will be Cindi Sullivan from the nonprofit organization, Trees Louisville. Ms. Sullivan will give a presentation on how we can sustain, improve and expand the tree coverage in Irish Hill. Topics will cover the best species for our urban environment, replacement of ailing trees and how to maintain and care for trees in your easement and yard.**

### **Here are a few facts about the importance of trees:**

- Trees produce oxygen, intercept airborne particulates, and reduce smog, enhancing a community's respiratory health.
- Trees remove greenhouse gases from our atmosphere and lower ambient temperatures. A tree is a natural air conditioner. The evaporation from a single tree can produce the cooling effect of ten room-size, residential air conditioners operating 20 hours a day.
- Trees reduce storm water runoff, which reduces flooding, saves storm water management costs and decreases the flow of polluted water into Beargrass Creek.
- Trees provide important habitats for numerous bird, insect and animal species.
- Trees produce food.
- Homes landscaped with trees sell more quickly and are worth 5% to 15% more. Where the entire street is tree-lined, homes may be worth 25% more.
- Trees absorb and block sound, reducing noise pollution by as much as 40 percent.

**Please visit the website, <http://treeslouisville.org/>, to learn more about the importance of trees and see the condition of the canopy coverage in Irish Hill.**

Cindi Sullivan is a native Kentuckian, born and raised in Lexington. She is a graduate of University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, with a specialty in Horticulture and spent several years in the Agronomy Department at UK working on crop physiology research with soybeans.

Cindi and her family have called Louisville home for many years now. While working full-time for the city of Louisville coordinating Open Space maintenance for the city, she also established a reputation as a horticultural consultant. Cindi started her career in broadcast journalism at WAVE 3 TV in Louisville more than twelve years ago. In addition to her full time duties at 84WHAS Radio, she also provides weekly Lawn and Garden features for WAVE 3 TV News in Louisville.

Cindi has served as President of the American Community Gardening Association; she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Louisville Nursery Association, Board of Trustees of the Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy, and The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation. She is a Kentucky Certified Nurseryman and a Certified Arborist, as well as a Certified Compost Operator. Currently, she is Co-Chair of the nonprofit, Trees Louisville.

## Notes of Interest

### Call for Nominations + Members

IHNA is seeking nominations to the Board of Directors. There are three director positions open. General Members in good standing are eligible. As per the IHNA Bylaws, voting will be at the IHNA annual meeting on September 16. In addition to the election of new directors at this annual meeting is the re-election of Directors Chandler Bainter and Lisa Dettlinger and Sondra Powell. For details, you may review our bylaws at [www.irishhillneighbors.org](http://www.irishhillneighbors.org). Send nominations to [info@irishhillneighbors.org](mailto:info@irishhillneighbors.org).



If you are not a member, PLEASE JOIN, so that you may be eligible next year. Just fill out the form on the last page and submit your dues.

### Website Enhancements

If you have not visited [www.irishhillneighbors.org](http://www.irishhillneighbors.org) recently, we encourage you to do so. On the official website of Irish Hill, we are adding additional information, such as the history of Irish Hill, master plans, representative contacts and more. In addition, we want to start a series of Before & After posts, showing how you have changed your house or yard over time. Send your before and after photos and descriptions to [info@irishhillneighbors.org](mailto:info@irishhillneighbors.org) for possible inclusion of your workmanship.



### Lexington Road Updates

The Lexington Road Corridor Transportation Plan (LRCTP) is a planning study for the corridor from Baxter Avenue/Jefferson Street to Grinstead Drive, through Irish Hill, that will assess the current safety and access issues experienced by residents and businesses, and prepare for potential quality of life impact from upcoming residential and commercial real estate development in the area. The goal of the plan is to improve safety for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists; provide a range of convenient transportation methods for along the corridor; and

enhance the quality of life in the area through a series of infrastructure improvements including new sidewalks, increased parking options, reconfiguration of the Lexington Rd./Cooper St./E. Liberty St. interchange, and the addition of protected bicycle lanes.

A series of public meetings were held at the Girl Scouts Headquarters to present possible design concepts, and get input from area residents and business owners. A draft version of the plan has been submitted to the Metro Louisville Office of Advanced Planning, and is currently under review. Once the plan has been approved, it will be available online at <http://louisvilleky.gov/government/advanced-planning/lexington-road-corridor-transportation-plan>.

Please note that any final proposal will require a subsequent design phase where details of the final design will be determined. No timeline for construction has been announced.

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## 1201 Payne St. (aka: Baxter Station, aka: Ciao)

The owner, Jesse Francis, and Katherine Matheny (Cardinal Surveying) who has been hired by Mr. Francis, came to the IHNA Board meeting on August 6th to discuss the rezoning of 1201 Payne St. Mr. Francis and Ms. Matheny informed the board members and neighbors who attended that they have applied for a Commercial rezoning with Louisville Metro Planning and Design. They can operate a restaurant under the current Non-Conforming rights that accompany the property, but have chosen to expand into the back building, therefore requiring rezoning.

The process and steps for rezoning the property:

- A pre-application review by the owners.
- The owners must conduct a neighborhood meeting prior to formally filing for the case.
- Once the case has been formally filed, it will be reviewed by all required agencies. The application must be deemed sufficient before docketed for a public meeting.
- A public meeting before the Land Development and Transportation (LD&T) Committee will be scheduled. This meeting will require notice to all individuals from the neighborhood meeting, 1st and 2nd tier property owners as well as interested parties signed up for notification within Louisville Metro's email notification system linked below my email signature
- A public hearing date will be set at the LD&T for the Planning Commission and noticed following the same required notice as LD&T.
- After the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Metro Council.
- Metro Council will have the final decision in the rezoning process.

Here is a link to Louisville Metro's citizen user guide to help outline the steps of the rezoning process and how/when to get involved — <http://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/citizen-user-guide>

Irish Hill will send an email and post on our Facebook page any information that we receive from the owners and meeting dates as soon as we are notified.

## Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary School

— From the desk of Allyson Vitato —

Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary School is proud to be part of the Irish Hill Neighborhood! Our school is located at 1351 Payne Street, next to Distillery Commons.

We have experienced a lot of growth over the past five years, including increasing our student body from 350 students to over 500 students! We also have increased our rates of proficiency in all areas. We are proud that more parents are selecting our school to educate their students, and we know that a big part of our success is within the community partnerships that we have in place at our school.

We are a magnet school, with our focus being on communications. Each week students take a course in an area of communications- ranging from newspaper production and social networking (follow us at @breckfrankes on Twitter) to website development and the Student Technology Leadership Program. We accept students within half of Jefferson County into our magnet program, and all students (including resides students) participate in the communications classes. We thank you for your continued support of our school!

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The mission of IHNA is to enhance the livability of the Irish Hill neighborhood while encouraging a spirit of cooperation with other groups in the community.

In support of this mission IHNA will promote and implement programs, projects, and activities that:

- enhance the economic life of the Irish Hill area;
- encourage unity between property owners, residents, and businesses in and surrounding the Irish Hill neighborhood;
- enhance the health, safety, and security of the Irish Hill neighborhood;
- enhance the beautification, preservation, rehabilitation, revitalization, and historic character of residential, business, public properties, structures, architecture, natural environment, and infrastructure of the Irish Hill neighborhood; and
- enhance the racial, ethnic, and economic diversity of the Irish Hill neighborhood.

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## **The Last Page—*Just As Important As the Front***

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The Irish Hill Neighborhood Association depends upon you, its members, to make it effective. Be a part of all the positive developments in Irish Hill by joining or renewing your membership to the Neighborhood Association.

Membership dues are only \$5 household/\$30 business per calendar year (January 1st through December 31st). Per our By-Laws, you must be a member by June 30th in order to vote for the Board of Directors or sit on the Board of Directors.

Membership fees cover the following costs:

- Maintain and beautify green spaces.
- Print the neighborhood newsletters and flyers.
- Implement projects that encourage safety, economic life, health and security.
- Support clean-ups and social events.

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### ***2015 Irish Hill Neighborhood Association Membership Form***

Please return this completed form along with your \$5 household membership/\$30 business membership fee to IHNA Treasurer, 1305 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40204. Checks can be made payable to IHNA.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email address will be used for IHNA announcements only and will NOT be distributed. The IHNA newsletter and information will be sent by email to members and hand-delivered to members only who do not have email.

Volunteer Opportunities (Please check interest):

Board \_\_\_\_\_ Block Watch \_\_\_\_\_ Greet New Neighbors \_\_\_\_\_ Distribute info. \_\_\_\_\_

Social Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Property Revitalization/Development \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood Beautification \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Check out our website at [www.irishhillneighbors.com](http://www.irishhillneighbors.com)

Join our Facebook page, Irish Hill Neighborhood! Thank you!!!