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LSNA YEAR IN REVIEW

LSNA had an exciting 2013. Below is a summary of activities and events that LSNA supported during the year, which aligns with our four-pronged mission toward building community, beautification, education and safety.

35th Annual Tour of Homes: In December, LSNA presented A Celebration of Home, the 35th Annual Tour of Homes, is the largest and most important fundraiser for LSNA. The East Nashvillian provided the history of the homes and we had hundreds of visitors. Funds raised will be used toward supporting LSNA's mission.

Lockeland Springs Park: LSNA continues to work with Metro Parks to develop this park, which features the historical Lockeland Spring. Improvements for 2013 included over a half dozen Saturday clean-ups and we planted approximately 35 trees, pulled hundreds (perhaps thousands) of privet and honeysuckle bushes and sprouts, and removed lots of brush and rubbish from the park. Volunteers included high school students from Vanderbilt University's Science and Math program, parents from Lockeland Design Center, the East Nashville Mother's Club and a homeschooling parents group. In December, we requested another 200 trees from the Tennessee Division of Forestry's Urban Riparian Tree program, which we expect to plant in the next two months.

Holly Street Firehall: Celebrating the 100th anniversary, LSNA worked with the Metro Historic to install a historic market to commemorate the centennial. Metro Historic and LSNA shared the cost of the marker. The maker provides historic information on the Firehall as well as neighboring Bass Park.

Faux Paw Pet Costume Contest: LSNA assisted East CAN with this popular event at Tomato Art Fest. We had over 20 dogs participate and raised approximately \$500 for East CAN.

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THE NEXT LSNA
GENERAL
NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING WILL BE
FEBRUARY 20,
6:30 PM
AT THE EAST
BRANCH
LIBRARY

Quarterly Neighborhood Meetings: LSNA hosted quarterly meetings at the East Branch Library to provide a forum for a range of important issues and topics relevant to Lockeland Springs throughout 2013.

The Fountain: LSNA publishes The Fountain newsletter every two months to announce neighborhood activities, events, and news. In 2013, LSNA purchased a new mailing list to ensure that all neighborhood homes receive the newsletter. We also worked to clean-up our books and now request upfront payments for ads to sustain the newsletter. We have an amazing group that works on the newsletter and we hope to continue the mailings in 2014.

LSNA Grant Program: In 2013, LSNA launched a new grant program. We are using some profits from the Celebration of Home to fund the program. The purpose of the grant program is to award monies to organizations that seek to improve our neighborhood. This year, we had two winning submittals including the Holly Street Daycare and Park Center. A new sign was installed at the Daycare and landscaping improvements were made at homes owned by Park Center located on Shelby Ave. LSNA hopes to continue the program in 2014.

Donations: LSNA made donations to several important local community/charity organizations, including the East Nashville Mom's Club for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Generation Connection for their summer camp. LSNA also donated to the Shelby Park disc golf course and received a marker at hole #1 crediting our organization.

Mayor's Neighborhood Challenge: LSNA participated in the newly launched Mayor's Neighborhood Challenge. The goal of the program is to create greener, healthier and more involved communities. LSNA achieved a bronze level in all three categories: Healthy, Green and Involved.

Community Character: As part of our LSNA bylaws, our organization works to "protect the integrity and character of the neighborhood." To that end, we started the process to extend the historic overlay to the parts of Lockeland Springs that are not currently covered. Look for more information about this process in 2014 and let us know if you would like to get involved in this effort.

Membership Activity: In 2013, we increased our Facebook "likes" from approximately 60 to 270 in just twelve months. We also continue to support the Lockeland Springs Listserv, which has over 900 members. Our membership is at approximately 50 members, which we hope to increase in 2014.

These are just some highlights of activities and events that LSNA sponsored this past year. We are looking forward to more successes in 2014 but need your help. Please join LSNA and get involved today!



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lockeland Springs Neighbors. As your new president, I first want to thank our outgoing president, Mary Vavra, for leading LSNA over the past year. We are thankful for her leadership and appreciate that she is going to remain on the LSNA Board. I certainly will appreciate having her experience as I transition into my new role. Hans Schmidt will serve as Vice-President, Kris Lange Maureen Sanderson will continue to serve as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

My husband Stephen and I came to know the neighborhood while we searched for a home here. Finding places we loved was not a problem, but selling our house in Gallatin proved to be time consuming. We will be forever grateful to our realtor, Lockeland Springs neighbor, Cassandra Green, who patiently showed us almost every available property for a year! She became a treasured friend who introduced me to the board by suggesting I volunteer to help organize the home tour, which has become one of my favorite projects. I have met many neighbors who have become fast friends through the tour, and I will always be glad I said yes to that job.

As president, I look forward to working with not only the residents of Lockeland Springs, but also with those in the greater area that we define as East Nashville to maintain the integrity of our neighborhood, while also promoting growth that reflects the needs of a modern society. I hope our board of leaders can expand to include people who are new to the neighborhood as well as those who have made East Nashville home for many years.

Our board has worked hard for the last four years to articulate the mission of our association and align our work to those principles. I want to continue that work and identify specific projects in which to invest our energy and funds so that we see tangible improvement in the neighborhood. I ask you to join us in that endeavor. Please

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contact me and let me know what you want to see happen this year in the LSNA. Don't hesitate because you think your ideas are not important enough to share or because you haven't lived here long enough or because you don't have time to officially join the board. Some of the most productive conversations that I have occur on every-day walks around the neighborhood with various friends. Come take a walk with me and let's talk about what the next reinvention of Lockeland Springs should look like!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Smith

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JOIN FOR KICKS: GOKICKBALL NASHVILLE

Lace up your shoes and get ready to embrace your inner child. Nashville's Premier Social Experience is kicking off in East Park March 6, 2014! GoKickball is a 21+ co-ed kickball league that promotes the competitive spirit of our players and gives them the opportunity to relax while being active, expand their social network, experience the city, and most of all – HAVE FUN.

The Thursday night Spring League is a 7-week regular season with playoffs the following week. After the games, enjoy GoKickballer drink specials while socializing at the league bar. Prizes and bragging rights await the winners of Theme Week and League Championship.

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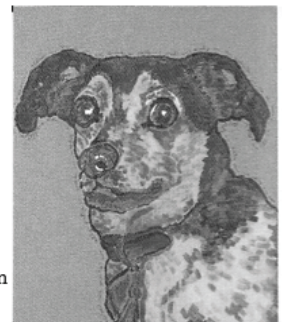
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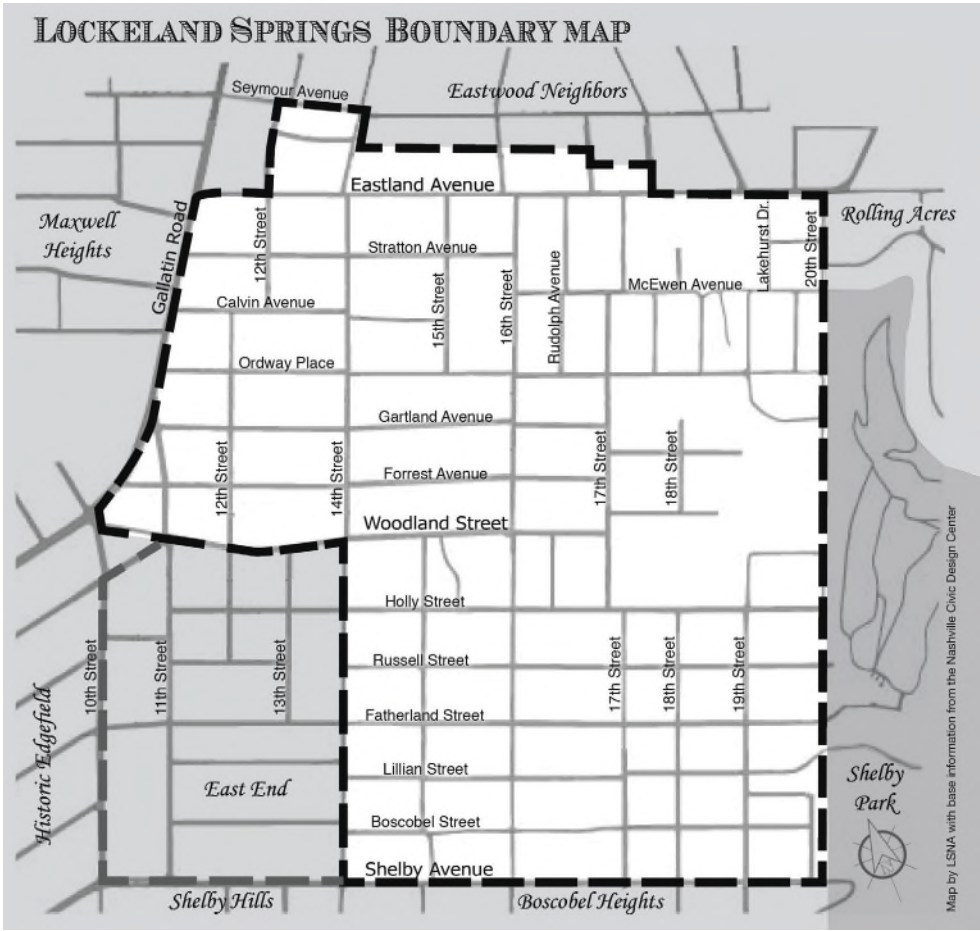
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Stay informed of how this affects our East Nashville community from the following website:
<http://www.nashvillemta-amp.org/AMP-Current-Status-Nashville-MTA.asp>.

INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING?

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