

## NEIGHBORS AND BUSINESSES COME TOGETHER TO HELP KEEP LOCKELAND SPRINGS BEAUTIFUL

### NEIGHBORS CLEAN UP TRASH AND THEN CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY-FRIENDLY PARTY

Cloudy skies and rain didn't keep members of our community from hitting the streets to pick up trash to help beautify Lockeland Springs on Saturday, April 13. The Lockeland Springs Community Cleanup has become an annual event to celebrate Earth Day and get to know our great community of neighbors.

Despite the overcast skies, the event was a great success. Thanks to our amazing community partner, The Church at Lockeland Springs who allowed us to use their facilities, we were able to continue the day as planned by taking the event indoors. The Donut Distillery kindly donated donuts and Ugly Mugs, coffee to help fuel volunteers for a morning of collecting trash littered throughout the neighborhood.

The hard work was celebrated afterward with a community celebration over hot dogs (donated by The Church at Lockeland Springs) and an array of desserts (donated by Sweet 16th).

Kids got their faces painted thanks to a generous gift from Google

Fiber, did arts and crafts activities led by neighborhood artist Jodi Hays, enjoyed a singalong storytime thanks to The Getalong, played in a bounce house and learned about some great missions led by local non-profits. Urban Green Lab who works to teach communities how to live sustainable, healthy lives and Justice Industries who exists to build and sustain social enterprise businesses—creating job opportunities for individuals experiencing barriers to

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Neighbors gathering for the 2nd annual Community + Clean Up Day



## LSNA NEWS AND UPDATES

#### <u>Shelby Park Community Center</u> <u>Update</u>

Last year, the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association approved a grant to fund some new equipment for the Shelby Park Community Center. With the grant, the center installed a new foosball table and basketball game for the common spaces. The community center is open to anyone and free to use. Check out the Metro Parks website for operating hours and more details.

"Thanks to the equipment donated by the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association we are able to incorporate a communal aspect to the commonly known game of foosball. Additionally, smaller kids are able to better enjoy a game of their size with the new basketball arcade. LSNA continues to help Shelby Center work towards Metro Parks' mission of having quality recreation for the community we serve."

> - Randy Crawley, Director of the Shelby Community Center

#### Candidate Meet and Greet at Quarterly Meeting:

On May 23, neighbors and candidates alike gathered for the LSNA quarterly meeting at Boombozz Craft Pizza and Taphouse. Candidates present included Mayor David Briley, Mayoral Candidate John Ray Clemens, Vice-Mayor Jim Shulman, Councilman Brett Withers, Metro Council at large candidate Zulfat Suara, and representatives for Mayoral candidate John Cooper. Attendees asked candidates questions about their platforms and neighborhood issues surrounding school budgets, teacher salaries, infrastructure issues, and more. Metro elections will be held on August 1, however, early voting starts on July 12 and runs through July 27.

Meet Shalini Vallabhaneni, the newest member of the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association. Shalini was welcomed to the board in May of this year.





• The 2019 Cornelia Fort Pickin' Party - dates include: July 27th, August 4th, September 21st and October 5th @ 6pm at the Air Fort. Visit www. corneliafortpickinparty.org for more information.

- 16th Annual Tomato Arts Festival- August 9th &10th.
- East Nashville Farmer's Market every Tuesday 3:30 to 6:30 @ 511 Woodland Street

• Alley Mural Art Stumble: Join your neighbors on Sept. 14th for the first gathering of the Mural Art Alley Crawl. Grab a bottle of wine and a neighbor and join us on 12th and Forrest as we explore some of the unique alley art in our community. The crawl will start at sundown or around 7 p.m. Children are also welcome. Featured local artists: Jodi Hayes and Brandon Jaquez Donahue.

Other important dates and upcoming events:

- July 12 Early Voting Begins
- Aug 1 Metropolitan General Elections
- Aug 4 First Sunday at Porter East (Location: Porter East)
- July 13 Vacay and Stay @ East Park
- Aug 13 East Side Art Stumble



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The next LSNA General Meeting is: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 22rd at BOOM BOZZ PIZZA 1003 Russell St



## NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT: CLAIRE GIBSON, AUTHOR LOCKELAND SPRINGS RESIDENT PUBLISHES FIRST NOVEL ROOTED IN THE BOND OF FRIENDSHIP, BEYOND THE POINT.

We recently sat down with Lockeland Springs resident, Claire Gibson, to talk about her first novel, Beyond the Point.

Beyond the Point is a novel based on true stories of women graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. It follows three young women-- Hannah, Avery and Dani -- who forge an unlikely friendship and then struggle to maintain that friendship as life unfolds after college. Career, war and love all threaten to pull them apart until tragedy strikes and brings them together again.



Claire Gibson

## LSNA: Is this your first book? How long did it take you to write?

CG: Beyond the Point is my debut novel and it took me about 6 years to write and publish. It was such a long process but I'm so grateful I stuck it out!

## LSNA: When you're not writing, where could we find you around the neighborhood?

CG: I am at Ugly Mugs nearly every day of the week. I also



love going to our favorite gym, Marathon Fitness, and to Lockeland Table for a yummy community hour dinner.

#### LSNA: What do you love most about Lockeland Springs?

CG: Patrick and I have constantly been impressed by our neighbors and how comfortable we feel on our street. I love that I can send out an "SOS" text message for a cup of sugar, and have what I need within minutes. Good neighbors beat Amazon Prime every time.

#### LSNA: Did you have to do a lot of research for the book? Tell us about your writing process.

CG: Yes! I love the research process and did more than 20 interviews in preparing to write Beyond the Point. I write in a very disciplined way, you can find me writing almost daily from 6-8 a.m. every day. To me, discipline is far more important than inspiration.

#### LSNA: Tell us about the characters in the book. Do any of them remind you of people in your own life or are they based on people in your own life?

CG: Hannah is the kind, thoughtful granddaughter of a U.S. Army general who allows faith to guide her decisions. Dani is an African American sports phenomenon and hometown hero who defies expectations and racial stereotypes by choosing West Point. Avery is a rebellious homecoming queen who sees West Point as a ticket to a free education and a way out of her dysfunctional family life. They are all composite characters based on the interviews that I completed, but I also can see myself in all three characters at different points in the book. In some way, they all have a moment in the book where the life they thought they'd have disappears.



You can find Claire's book locally at Parnassus Books and anywhere books are sold (including Amazon). Claire and her husband, Patrick, have lived on Ordway since 2014 and love Lockeland Springs. To learn more about Claire and local appearances, visit her website at www.clairegibson. com.

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employment. In addition, Just Glass, offered curbside glass pickup for recycling.

Thank you to the following amazing local businesses for donating goods and/or raffle prizes to this year's event.

- Donut Distillery
- Sweet 16th
- The Getalong
- Urban Cowboy
- The Soda Parlor
- Gift Horse
- Verticity
- Float Horizen
- The Van Dyke

- Five Points Pizza
- Konadu
  - Fawkes
  - Wags and Whiskers
  - Frisson
  - I Dream of Weenie
  - NancyBGoods
  - The Andis Company



## LSNA @ THE TOMATO ART FESTIVAL

COME VISIT THE LSNA BOOTH AT THE TOMATO ART FEST TO MEET BOARD MEMBERS, RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, AND PURCHASE A TOMATO ART FESTIVAL FLAG!

THIS YEAR, THE LSNA WILL BE SELLING TOMATO FLAGS! TO RESERVE YOURS BEFORE THE BIG DAY EMAIL: newsletter@ lockelandsprings.org. IF YOU FORGET, NO WORRIES. COME VISIT OUR BOOTH TO PURCHASE YOUR FLAG. QUANTITIES WILL BE LIMITED SO BE SURE AND STOP BY THE BOOTH EARLY!

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THERE!



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## VAN DYKE BED AND BEVERAGE OPENS IN FIVE POINTS LOCALS CELEBRATED WITH LOCAL ARTWORK AND COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR

Not your typical neighborhood watering hole, the Van Dyke Bed and Breakfast feels more like a swanky hotel bar off the streets of New York City. Recently opened, the Van Dyke is seeing great success in Five Points.

The property features eight stylish suites, a ground floor bar and outdoor patio, as well as a private rooftop terrace, accessible to quests only.

The hotel features local artwork throughout the guest rooms and bar area commissioned by Nashville-based artists. Curator and property manager Tinsley Dempsey said "The art program highlights one-of-a-kind purchases and commissioned pieces from photographers, fine artists, illustrators and



installations artists, nearly all of whom are residents of East Nashville." Lockeland Springs resident and artist, Jodi Hays' abstract art is featured in the Whiskey Room.

And be sure to check out the "Portraits of Musicians" mural, by Dustin Hedrick in the bar made completely of black tape adorning the stark white walls. At first glance, the contrast of the black tape against the white wall reads as patterns, but upon further examination faces begin to come clear.

Check out this awesome addition to the neighborhood and join your neighbors for community happy hour every day from 12 to 6 p.m.





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