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What's the best part of living in Lockeland Springs?

We love that a playground, elementary school, bakery, ice cream shop, toy store, hot dog stand, coffee shops, restaurants, and shopping are a short walk (or, in our 3-year old's case, a little red wagon ride) from our house.

Tell us what motivates you to lead the association.

Over the last few years, Lockeland Springs has been one of Nashville's historic neighborhoods confronting complex questions about

how to balance the city's need for increased density and development without losing the character and integrity of the neighborhood that drew so many of us here in the first place.

I am motivated to serve as LSNA president for a second time because I want to play a role in shaping the direction of our neighborhood and in finding the right balance.



Hans Schmidt

Is there a neighborhood project that makes you proud?

The Lockeland Springs Park (at the end of Woodland Street) is an example of local government, community leaders, and dedicated residents working together to achieve great success.

After Metro Parks acquired the property, there was little money available in its budget to do much to the springs that gave our neighborhood its name.

Seeing the park's potential, a group of neighbors led by

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**THE NEXT LSNA
NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING WILL BE
THURSDAY, FEB. 18,
6:30 P.M., AT
MAD DONNA'S LOFT,
1313 WOODLAND.**

Bo Parr, Jim Polk, and others, spearheaded efforts to reclaim a small part of our neighborhood's history from a thicket of privet and honeysuckle bushes.

What do you look forward to for the neighborhood's future?

A recognition that the changes happening throughout the neighborhood are not all bad; with them come new people that are equally excited to be a part of the best neighborhood in Nashville.



Lockeland Springs Park



It takes a lot of muscle — here's Sawyer on his first delivery day.

Your news, hand delivered

Meet Sawyer Shields!

Sawyer is a kindergartener who lives here in Lockeland Springs and has been delivering copies of The Fountain to local restaurants and coffee shops. This photo shows him on his first day of "work." Thank you, Sawyer, for your help!

LSNA mails our bi-monthly newsletter to all residents of Lockeland Springs.

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NEW LOCKELAND WEBSITE A WEALTH OF INFORMATION

If you haven't seen it, you're missing out!

Lockelandsprings.org could now make the case as one of the coolest and most informative neighborhood pages around. From the superb aerial photography of the neighborhood (more on that in a moment) to convenient links to Metro agencies and civic information — as well as access to back issues of the newsletter — it's a vibrant testament to Lockeland Springs.

And if you haven't heard the full backstory, it's worth putting into the record.

It's true that in spring 2015, the website was hacked. What they wanted with the LSNA, we may never know, but as has happened with other local institutions, service was interrupted for a few

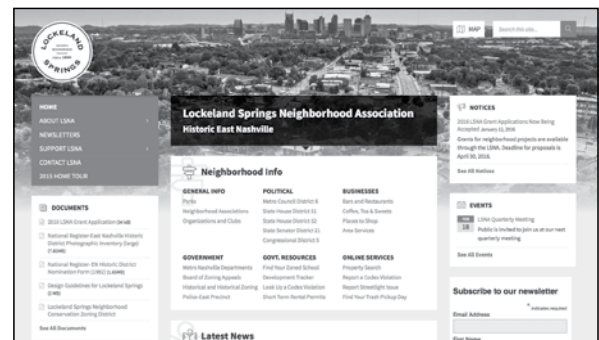
months.

Enter webmaster and board member Kevin Wisniewski. He bore the brunt of questions about when the website would be back.

After some behind-the-scenes wrangling, he debuted a website this summer that goes far beyond expectations.

The aforementioned photos are thanks to Aerial Innovations, which sent up a drone for a short flight to capture what will likely be lasting images of the area.

The new website also means it's easier than ever for LSNA to post news, meeting announcements, and other relevant local documents.



Yes, that is a call for content! Send ideas to info@lockelandsprings.org.

You might consider sharing information about upcoming events or photos that can be turned into galleries from important local events.

Otherwise, it's "no news is good news" about the site. No hack attack in 210 days. And counting.

Five new signs mark historic neighborhood

I hope that if you are reading this article, you've seen the new signs placed at five major entryways into the neighborhood.

The LSNA board hopes you love them as much as we do.

Our neighborhood is historic and worthy of markers that mirror its beauty and demonstrate the pride that I know we all have in it.

I have been on the board for seven years now and we have long talked about getting nice gateway signs. Over the past several years, the Tour of Homes has done really well and we finally had the capital to fund this project. We searched for grants for a long time but had no luck in that department, so we decided to take the plunge.

It was one of those daunting projects where it

feels like a wall is in front of you when you begin because of all the unknowns. It seems simple, right? It's just some neighborhood signs.

However, there were many challenging issues, like who do I contact (city, one-call, state), who do I need approval from, what design to use, what sign company to use, locations, liability?

Each of these issues was dealt with in due course. Once I found the right contacts, people were extremely supportive and helped knock down the barriers that I felt were keeping this project from completion.

It seems like now would be a good time to thank a few people.

First, Korby Bowden at Metro Public Works met with me in the neighborhood several times to make sure our sign placements were safe and had the city's approval. Margot McCormack, from Margot Café & Bar in Five Points, was so generous by allowing one of our signs to be placed on her property! Don Bailey, a fellow Board member and talented graphic designer, created the design. It was spot on perfect. Finally, Patti Clark from Brand Imaging Group was absolutely amazing in helping me make decisions about the design and installation. I could not recommend this company enough.

Let us all feel proud that we now have signs as beautiful as the neighborhood we live in!

— Annie Neal, board member



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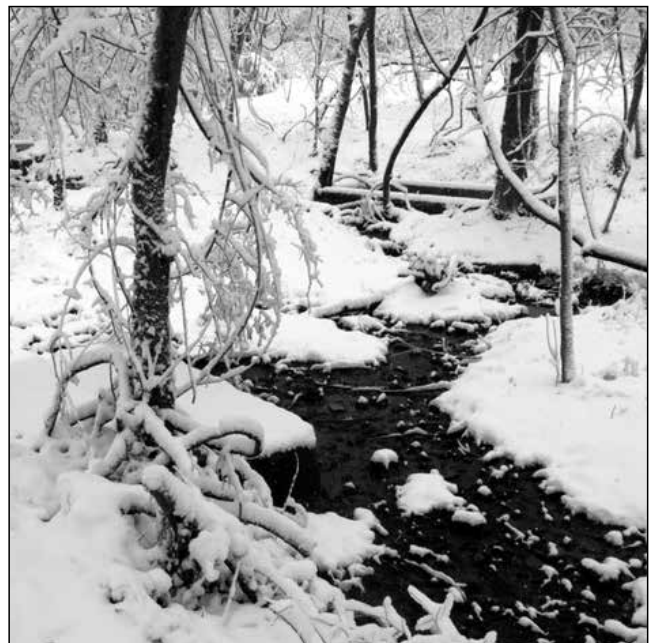
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Thanks to the neighbors who shared photos on Facebook, at lockelandsprings.org, and via email!





East Nashville Little League was one of three recipients in the annual LSNA grant program.

Grant recipient: East Nashville Little League

Last spring, the neighborhood board voted to give \$650 grants to three organizations (see details below). The final organization to be featured in the newsletter is East Nashville Little League. This article was submitted by Brett Vargason.

East Nashville Little League's focus is to provide youth in East Nashville with an atmosphere that encourages mental, social, and emotional maturity while developing excellent fundamental baseball skills.

ENLL believes youth sports

belong in the community and we love giving this opportunity for kids to have fun playing baseball in their own neighborhood. We believe that by keeping sports in the community it develops stronger ties to local schools, businesses, and families.

ENLL has been a chartered member of Little League Baseball since 2012, a national organization that's committed to helping children develop the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being.

Our program is located in historic Shelby Park (across from the greenway), where East Nashville's youth have been playing baseball for over 100 years.

This year, we expect ENLL to involve more than 500 kids, ranging in age from 4 to 14.

The league is so grateful for the LSNA grant because it provides funding for our scholarship program. We will never turn a child away because of a economic situation. We believe sports are for everyone and the LSNA grant



APPLY NOW FOR AN LSNA GRANT

It's that time of year to submit grant applications to LSNA. The association started its grant program in two years ago and it has been hugely successful in providing funds to amazing projects going on in the neighborhood.

The factors that the Board considers in awarding the grant are: 1) building community; 2) beautification; 3) education; and 4) safety.

If you have an idea for a grant application, please submit by April 30 to grants@lockelandsprings.org.

A copy of the application is located on our

website: lockelandsprings.org.

The neighborhood board conducts one grant cycle per year.

The 2014 recipient was the East Nashville Hope Exchange, a neighborhood nonprofit with the mission to strengthen the literacy of at-risk children.

Last year, the Hope Exchange received a second grant, along with East Nashville Little League (learn about the league on the next page) and the Tennessee Alliance for Progress.

Treasurer's report

The Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association continues to hold a strong financial position. In 2015 we closed our books with over \$21,000 in assets, down from \$23,000 in 2014.

Although we operated at a net loss for the year we accomplished our goal of reinvesting in the neighborhood through grants and improvements.

In 2015 we were able to provide grants and

financial support to the Tennessee Alliance for Progress, East Nashville Little League, East Nashville Hope Exchange, and The Generation Connection.

Additionally, we are happy with the five new signs placed throughout the neighborhood.

Fortunately, we were able to offset these grants and projects with a successful Tour of Homes in December that generated over \$11,000 for the neighborhood association.

We want to thank you all for your help and support in 2015 and we look forward to increasing our investments in 2016.

WINNERS CHOSEN IN HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST



1st Place: 1623 Woodland



2nd Place: 317 S. 14th St.



3rd Place: 407 N. 16th St.

The LSNA launched a new series of contests last year for beautification, restoration/infill, and holiday lights — which proved most popular! The board drove the neighborhood to see each nominee before voting. Thank you to everyone who participated and we know the winners will enjoy their gift cards to Margot and Marche. Next up will be the Beautification Awards. Look for details soon.



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