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SIDEWALK FUNDING STRETCHED THIN IN DISTRICT 6

At the Feb. 18 neighborhood general meeting, District 6 Councilman Brett Withers spoke to the membership about Metro's plans for increased sidewalk construction.

Mayor Megan Barry is making sidewalks a priority, with a particular focus on sidewalks connecting to bus stops.

Barry recently had the budget scoured and came up with \$15 million for sidewalk expansion, citywide.

However, Withers explained, the average price of new sidewalk construction (inclusive of acquisition, engineering, tree removal, etc.) is approximately \$1 million per mile of sidewalk — with the full \$15 million to be

divided among the 33 council districts.

District 6 received funding for 330 linear feet of sidewalks. Public Works selected a location in Shelby Hills between 13th and 14th Streets, which will provide safe pedestrian access to Kirkpatrick School and Park.

Additionally, a sidewalk is currently under construction along Franklin Avenue, in the Eastwood neighborhood.

Beyond these, Withers was asked to submit other locations that he felt were high-priority for sidewalks, preferably small one-to-two block sections connecting existing sidewalk networks.

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**THE NEXT LSNA
NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING WILL BE
THURSDAY, MAY. 19,
6:30 P.M., AT
THE SHELBY
COMMUNITY CENTER.**

TAKE NOTE:

**The East Branch Library will
be closed for roof repairs
March 21 to 28.**

**Branch hours will then
change to match others:**

**10-6 Mondays & Wednesdays
10-5 Saturdays**



Garbage bags, gloves, and trash grabbers will be provided for the April 23 cleanup.

STREET CLEANUP DAY GROWING - JOIN UP!

The Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Neighborhood Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 23, in honor of Earth Day. The effort will also contribute to the city's participation in the Great American Cleanup, which continues through May. (Our rain date would be the following Saturday, April 30.)

Volunteers will meet at the East Nashville branch library in Five Points and then head out in small teams to pick up litter and trash in an effort to keep our neighborhood streets looking tidy.

Supplies, including trash bags and gloves, will be provided courtesy of

Metro Public Works.

In order to cover as much of Lockeland Springs (and beyond) as possible, we are looking for volunteer "street captains" who can work on organizing volunteers in their areas and help distribute supplies. If you are interested in volunteering, or leading, please email: info@lockelandsprings.org.

Coffee will be provided at the library in the morning, and we are planning a social gathering in Five Points after the cleanup is finished. See our website, www.lockelandsprings.org, for final details.

We hope to see you there!



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SIDEWALK FUNDING UPDATE

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Withers said he feels that with most of our schools well-served by sidewalks, the priority is for new sidewalks where the most people will use them. He identified several areas with a high volume of pedestrians and incomplete sections of sidewalk.

His priorities include:

- * the south side of Eastland between 16th and 17th Streets and between the Walden development and the three-way stop at Porter Road;
- * further out Eastland toward Rosebank, and;
- * 12th and Seymour behind the Eastland Kroger.

Withers also mentioned that he has received many requests for sidewalks in the Little Hollywood



section of the neighborhood. He recognizes the need in this location as well, and indicated that the first step toward providing sidewalks in Little Hollywood is to complete the sidewalks along Ordway Place, starting at 16th Street and working east.



This digital rendering shows a few ideas for the triangle.

Neglected triangle gets attention at East Library

A local design and sustainability group is seeking ways to improve the unused concrete triangle in front of the East Branch Library — where Gallatin Road merges with South 11th Street near Five Points.

In the works since winter, TURBO Nashville calls the effort its “Triangle Triage.”

Several temporary and permanent ideas have been discussed and partially implemented, such as an urban community garden (raised beds that also protect pedestrians), extension of the library lawn, public art (mural or sculpture), or an 11th Avenue lane closure for a food truck stall.

As TURBO gears up for another Tomato Arts Fest, the group is calling for help to create a temporary “parklet” to bring more attention to the area.

Neighborhood volunteers who are interested should contact turbonashville@gmail.com.



A pop-up park got a test run during the Tomato Arts Fest.

THE TRASHCAN SITUATION

There's no good news so far on the neighborhood's endeavors to get more public trashcans for areas near Five Points.

Several residents and board members have inquired, but recently named District 6 Beautification Commissioner Jim Gregory says Metro hasn't yet been particularly helpful.

“There's zero funding to clear the trash cans,” Gregory said at the February LSNA meeting. “I'm still hopeful. I'm not giving up on this idea yet.”

The board has considered self-funding a few cans, but the process of emptying them could be daunting.

Other ideas being pursued include an “adopt-a-can” model, or a possible partnership with Five Points-area businesses.

(See more information about a neighborhood cleanup on page 2.)

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President's Corner: Help guide the LSNA board

We need your help!

Recently, the LSNA Board of Directors participated in our annual planning meeting. The purpose of these extended sessions (generally on Saturday mornings, no less) are twofold:

(1) to have a sort of year-in-review—a look back at the accomplishments, events, activities, expenditures and finances of the LSNA over the prior year; and

(2) to brainstorm new objectives and goals that will guide the activities of the LSNA during the coming year.

This year, however, we also engaged in a very thoughtful and deliberate discussion about the purpose and core missions of the LSNA. We debated such questions as: Are the missions of the LSNA as stated in the bylaws still relevant or do they need refreshing; and do the typical activities of the association (such as LSNA-sponsored events, like alley clean-ups, grant-giving, publication of this



Hans Schmidt

newsletter, spending and other outreach efforts) truly support and further such missions?

We are smart enough to know that there is no one right answer to such questions and so this is where you, our fellow residents, come in.

In this issue you will find a short survey because we want to hear your opinions. We want to know how you rank the LSNA's missions in importance; what are your concerns; and what are your ideas for future events and projects? Finally, we really want to hear how you interact and stay connected with the LSNA and the neighborhood.

We will use the data from this survey to guide our strategic planning. We have tried to make completing the survey as painless as possible — there is a link on our website and we will happily accept surveys via the mail. In upcoming issues, we will report the results and provide updates on our efforts.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. We really do need your help and want to hear from you.

— Hans Schmidt, LSNA president

ANNUAL BOARD WORK SESSION BEGINS STRATEGIC PLANNING

The neighborhood board met on Saturday, Feb. 6 for its annual extended work session. Several topics, like obtaining trashcans and a neighborhood cleanup, are detailed in this newsletter.

The board is also in the early stages of discussing

whether to carve out a "rainy day fund" in the association's budget — while still being proactive about providing grants to local groups and investing in the neighborhood, per the LSNA founding mission.

Neighborhood Survey 2016

A questionnaire to guide the work of the neighborhood association in 2016.

The easiest way to complete this survey is online at <http://bit.ly/LSNASurvey>. You can mail a paper copy to **Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 60719, Nashville TN 37206.**

Rate the importance of these LSNA missions:

(This list is drawn from the association's bylaws.)

Not important Somewhat important Important Most important

Foster neighborhood identity, pride, and unity.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Organize for greater control over economic, political, and social forces that influence the quality of life.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Guide enforcement and maintenance of zoning and ordinances that protect neighborhood character.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Encourage delivery of Metro services to the area.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Educate the public of the historical and architectural significance of Lockeland Springs.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Promote the general safety and welfare of the neighborhood.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

What ways do you keep up with neighborhood happenings?

- ☐ LSNA meetings
- ☐ Lockeland Springs page on Facebook
- ☐ Lockelandsprings.org
- ☐ The Fountain newsletter
- ☐ NextDoor
- ☐ East Nashville listserv (GoogleGroups)
- ☐ Talking with neighbors

Which LSNA meeting venues do you prefer?

- ☐ Bar/restaurant meeting room
- ☐ Shelby Park Community Center
- ☐ East Branch Library meeting room

What events/projects would you like to see?

List concerns you have about our neighborhood.

What content would you like on in The Fountain and at lockelandsprings.org?

Share your info, if you'd like to be contacted:

Destroyed trees trigger a grassroots response

The last time Nashville measured, the east side had 32 percent tree canopy coverage — the third-lowest in all of Davidson County (of 13 evaluated areas).

That coverage could be as low as 20 percent by now, according to our neighborhood's Metro Beautification Commissioner, Jim Gregory.

He's leading an effort to defend the neighborhood's trees and tree canopy. You may have seen his posts on local Facebook pages.

He's explaining how to report violations to Metro, as well as a Metro Codes requirement that newly constructed homes must include one tree with a 2-inch diameter trunk for every 30 feet of street frontage.

"Keeping the native tree increases the value of that home," Gregory argues. "I'm trying to act in small ways now to stop the bleeding."

With help from others,



Gregory is gathering a list of noncompliant properties. He's accepting information via email: jimgregory1987@gmail.com.

You can learn more at www.treesnashville.org or by reviewing municipal code 17.24.100, section B.

APRIL 30 IS DEADLINE FOR LSNA GRANTS

The neighborhood grant application process remains open through April 30.

The association started its grants two years ago to provide funds to projects in the neighborhood.

The factors that the board considers are:

- 1) building community;
- 2) beautification;
- 3) education;
- 4) safety.

So if you have an idea for a grant application,

please submit to grants@lockelandsprings.org. A copy of the application is also online at lockelandsprings.org.

The board conducts one grant cycle per year.

The 2014 recipient was the East Nashville Hope Exchange, a 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 and the Tennessee Alliance for Progress.



February LSNA meeting



Neighbor to neighbor: Shannon Kearney

Years in the Neighborhood: 3

Family: Husband, Mike, three adult sons

Profession: Retired minister

What brought you to Nashville, and specifically to Lockeland Springs?

My husband Mike and I moved here from Eugene, Oregon, in September 2012 to be near two of our three sons. Our youngest son lives in East Nashville and has two children. My son who lives in 12South is the real reason we're all here. Mat is a singer-songwriter (might as well get in a plug) who moved here 15 years ago. When I would come from Oregon for a visit, he would drive me to the east side to eat good food and look at the charming houses. I had no idea one day I would be living in one of them.



Kearney

My husband and I had not made the decision to move to Nashville when we drove through Little Hollywood on one of our visits. We fell in love with one of the mission-style houses and Nashville became the right place to retire.

Two months later we were driving cross-country. I'd say we didn't choose Lockeland Springs ... Lockeland Springs chose us.

How did you become active in the neighborhood?

I became active when I helped get the conservation overlay extended to nearby houses that were at risk of being demolished. I love the historic homes and the unique styles they represent and I was deeply concerned by the rapid expansion of new homes in our neighborhood.

That same year we were one of the homes featured on the tour of homes and I got to experience, firsthand, our community's appreciation for what makes our neighborhood unique. There is a love for the creative, the quirky, and the inspired. There is a strong community love for the historic homes.

And the "front porch" welcome we encountered when we moved here adds to the charm.

What changes have you seen in Lockeland Springs in your time here? Why did you join the board of LSNA and what do you hope to accomplish?

There have been significant changes to the neighborhood in the three years that we've lived here. "Re-gentrification" has definitely improved our neighborhood, but it comes with a price. Our

neighborhoods will have to navigate the challenges it puts on affordable housing, infrastructures and cohesiveness.

I joined the board to be part of the discussion around these issues. I'm hoping my perspective as an outsider will be helpful.

I also want to help with the tour of homes, which is our main fundraiser. I did some interior design work in Oregon and I enjoy seeing the creative way my neighbors live in their homes.

What are your favorite things about living here and what do you show visitors?

Two of my favorite things about living here: I bought a kayak last summer and I go to Old Hickory every week when the weather permits.

I also love the music nights we have three times a year in our backyard. We invite our neighbors to join us and the talented musicians that live in Nashville for some picnicking and music under the stars.

A good friend from Oregon who thought Mike and I were crazy for moving here, visited me last week. We looked at the charming homes, hiked Radnor Lake, ate great food at Lockeland Table, got coffee at Ugly Mugs, a breakfast sandwich at Sweet 16th and sat on our veranda saying hello to neighbors.

She got it! And I'm so thankful ... we got it!



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