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New murals, with a naming contest, come to Five Points

On June 3, Bongo Java owner Bob Bernstein announced that the popular "You Are Here" mural on the side of the Eastside Cycles building would be painted over by the end of the month.

Bernstein, who has owned the building for eight years, hired

muralist (and former Bongo Java employee) Leah Tumerman to paint a new mural on the highly visible wall behind the parking lot on Woodland Street at Five Points.

The old mural was painted in 2002. Bernstein told The Tennessean in June that he thought it was "out of date and doesn't represent Nashville and East Nashville."

Public reaction was mixed, with many residents disappointed to see the familiar iconic painting, indicating that East Nashville is the center of the world, removed. In fact, while the new mural was in progress, it was vandalized with white paint.

Now complete, the mural features five bears. Bongo Java has organized several community



**THE NEXT LSNA
NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING WILL BE
THURSDAY, AUG. 18,
6:30 P.M., AT
THE SHELBY
COMMUNITY CENTER.**

events around the debut of the new artwork, holding both a Meet-the-Artist evening and a B.Y.O. Bear photo opportunity. The coffee shop is now sponsoring a "Name the Bears" contest, with entries being accepted until the Tomato Arts Fest on Aug. 13.

The side of the Bongo Java building itself is also sporting a new mural. The artwork on this building, also owned by Bernstein, will be changing every six months or so.

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since 2008, when local members
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fashion show and Tomato Haiku.



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Remembering the salubrious quality of our namesake water

Thanks to local historian David Ewing, we get a glimpse at this 1907 write-up on Lockeland Spring Water. The local bottling operation was fresh off a 1904 “highest award” from an expo, allowing proprietor J.B. Richardson to tout his water.

If that wasn’t enough of a rave review, it goes on to describe our local water as meeting every demand for the tableside: pure, light, colorless, and

palatable! Astute observers of the historical marker in the area may recall this same water described as having a “salubrious quality.”

It really was some kind of water.

Thanks to David for this image. You can find more of his local artifacts on Instagram and Facebook, both under the name: @thenashvilleiwishiknew.

Progress at the Lockeland Springs Park

Meanwhile, this historic home of our “rheumatic remedy” continues to improve as a pocket park.

Our park-loving sources tell us that a Lockeland Design teacher has made good use of the new stage.

And — to the surprise of some — the sidewalk on Woodland Street was extended the last 20 yards to help students reach the park entrance.

If you haven’t yet been, the park is at the far end of Woodland, and also accessible from South 19th Street.

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DESIRE FOR BLOCK PARTIES, CONCERNS ABOUT DEVELOPMENT

Lockeland Springs Survey Results

For the first time in recent memory, the LSNA embarked this year on a neighborhood survey to inform discussions on the association's core missions.

Now the results are in, and while modest in terms of response rate, they show some strong preferences and recurring themes in Lockeland Springs.

The data, condensed and highlighted here, will guide the board's strategic planning.

Popular ideas for events and projects

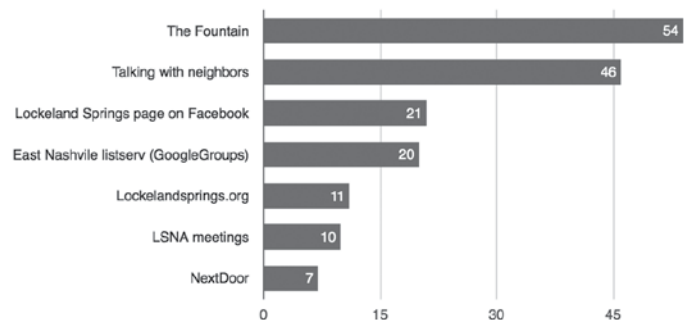
Far and away, Lockeland Springs is hankering for more meetups and neighborhood block parties! While these can certainly be impromptu, this strong desire will be considered by the board.

Additional suggestions for neighborhood projects include soliciting new public art or landscaping; increasing events at Shelby Park Community Center; hosting community service days; and forming a book club.

Favorite ways to keep up with the neighborhood

Although perhaps self-selected (as the survey was published in *The Fountain* and online) the most popular method for keeping up with the neighborhood was, in fact, this newsletter. "Talking

Popular ways to stay informed



with neighbors" also scored well, while the NextDoor social media site ranked last.

Suggestions for *The Fountain*

The most common suggestion for newsletter content was an increase in features about local businesses. Others recommend adding more local history and updates on Metro policy.

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Average rating for LockelandSprings.org
(Scale of 0 to 5)

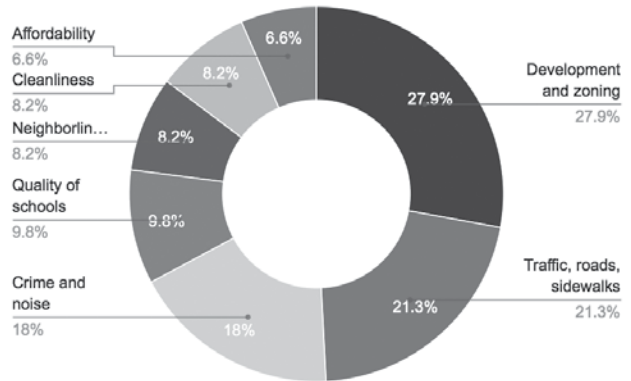
Common concerns of residents

The most common concerns involve development in the neighborhood and roadway worries, including increased traffic and sidewalk maintenance.

Neighborhood concerns, in your words

- "Trash, brush, garbage in alleys = rats, snakes, unattractive environment."
- "...discrimination against owners of new builds..."
- "While I am not a fan of the tall and skinnies, I am more concerned that with the input of more people into less space; traffic is going to become horrible."
- "Safety — seems spotty from street to street. Would love more police patrol or neighborhood watch type activity. Would also help if people left porch lights on but several streets are very dark at night."
- "Make sure the historic overlay is enforced."
- "As we become more densely populated and popular to visitors, those of us who have been here for 15-plus years find ourselves unable to enjoy the neighborhood culture we helped to build and that make our neighborhood so wonderful — can't get a table at a restaurant on the weekends, a coffee in under an hour on a Saturday, a parking spot at Five Points, etc. ... I worry about us losing our grit, our flavor."
- "The Conservation zoning overlay we fought so hard for in 1985 is being totally ignored by developers and, apparently, by HZC and MDHA as well. The overlay mandated such factors as building

Common Neighborhood Concerns



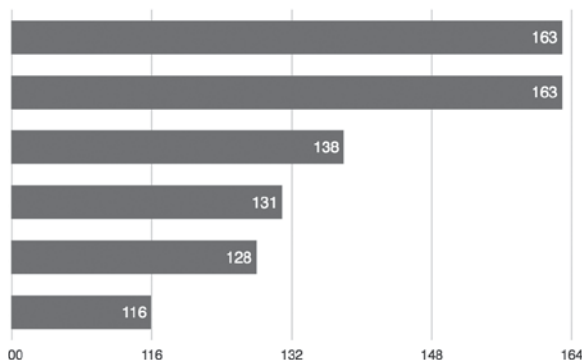
height, roof rhythm and street offset. Those are being totally ignored."

- "Neighbors don't seem to know each other well, and the neighborhood could feel better connected through more in-person neighborhood gatherings."
- "Another great thing would be a community pool at Shelby Park. I have never lived anywhere so hot without a neighborhood pool!"

Which venues appeal to you for LSNA quarterly meetings?

By a small margin, Shelby Park Community Center was marked as the most appealing venue for meetings, followed by a local bar or restaurant, and finally by the East Branch Library. Some residents marked only a single venue, so balancing those preferences could be a challenge.

Importance of LSNA Missions



Perhaps the most revealing of the survey questions asked for a ranking for the six tenets of the LSNA mission.

In all, 65 respondents weighed in, labeling the statements on a scale from "not important" to "most important."

The responses were tallied up with a point system, finding that two missions were in a tie for "most important."

Ranking of LSNA charter missions

- (1) Guide enforcement and maintenance of zoning and ordinances that protect neighborhood character. (163 points)
- (1) Promote the general safety and welfare of the neighborhood.
- (3) Foster neighborhood identity, pride, and unity. (138 points)
- (4) Organize for greater control over economic, political, and social forces that influence the quality of life. (131 points)
- (5) Encourage delivery of Metro services to the area. (128 points)
- (6) Educate the public of the historical/architectural importance of Lockeland Springs. (116 points)

Those are:

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

- * Promote the general safety and welfare of the neighborhood.

Generally, few of the missions were marked as "not important." Some residents marked at least five missions as "most important."

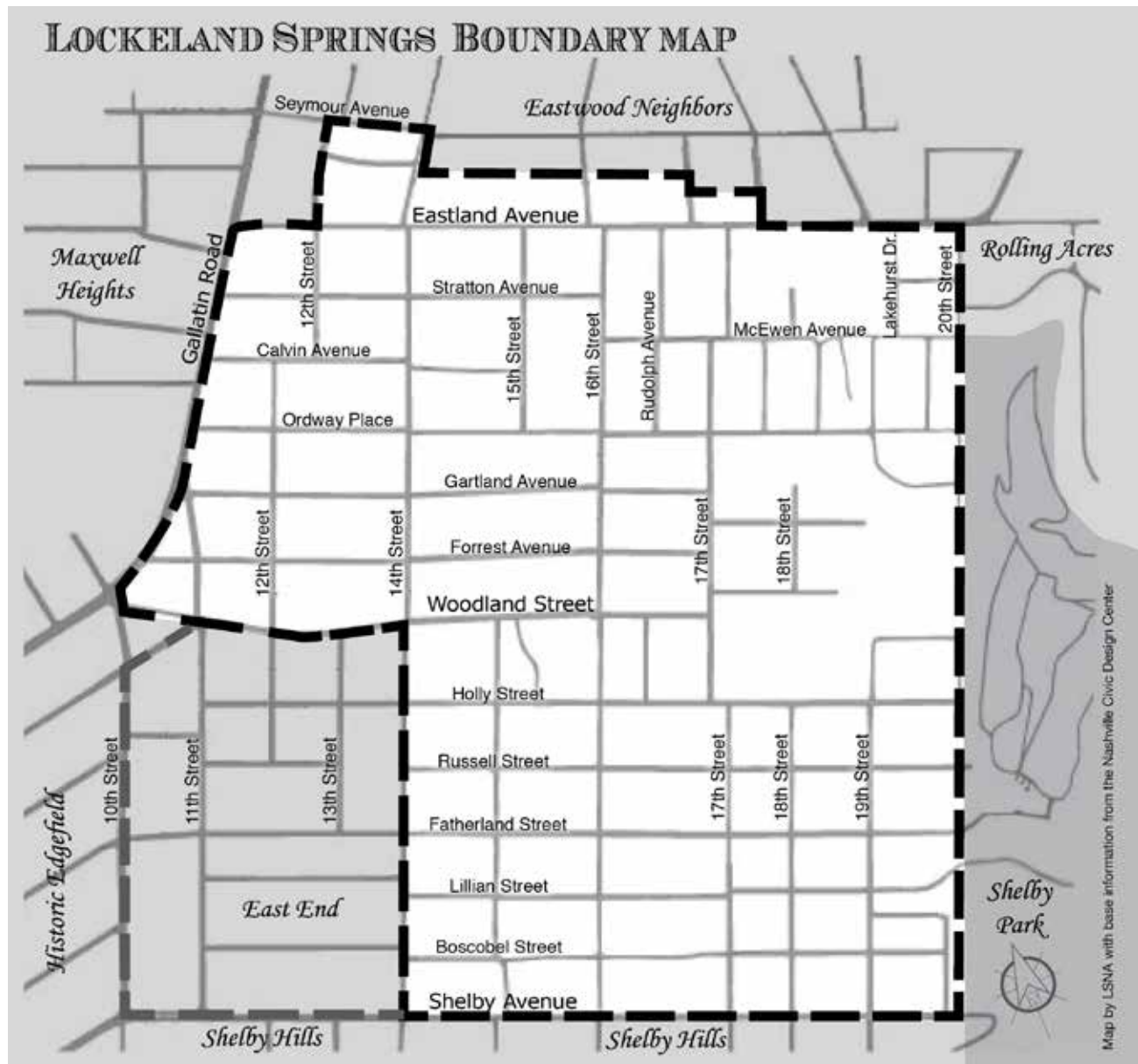


Home recognized in beautification contest

The historic two-story home at 1503 Eastland Avenue was given a Beautification Award by the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association.

The award is intended to recognize property owners who contribute to the character of the neighborhood by maintaining a beautiful front facade and/or landscaping, visible from the public right of way.

The property owner will receive a gift card to The Post East.



LSNA GRANT AIDS DIVINE ART CAFE

To all Lockeland Spring residents,

We here at Divine Art Cafe/ Toffee give you our warmest appreciation for the kind hearts you had in donating to our non-profit organization. Your monetary gift went into helping our cafe update to a larger piece of refrigeration equipment, along with the MRCO Charities.

This was more than we could have asked for, and has already helped reorganize our kitchen and provide more storage

space. As one of our top staff commented, "this is really helping us get a better working flow like a commercial kitchen needs."

Please accept our gratefulness, and please become a regular patron for good, affordable espresso, protein smoothies, and housemade foods.

We continue our needs in building customers to sustain ourselves financially.

Sincerely,
Paula Hock, Director



Shelby Community Center Update

Another recipient of a neighborhood grant this year, the Shelby Community Center, has also made progress since being awarded its funding. The center ordered new basketball hoops, which have now arrived and will be assembled in time for the fall Pee Wee Basketball Clinic.

Two scholarships awarded

Board approved a \$500 donation to Generation Connection which will provide scholarships for two campers

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