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The former location of the Edgefield Restaurant, at 105 11th St., will become the three-story Eastsider mixed-use building.

New plan for Five Points: the Eastsider

A new plan has been approved for the empty lot between East Side Cycles and Bongo East, where the Edgefield Restaurant was demolished last year.

The Metro Historic Zoning Commission approved a proposed plan for The Eastsider, a new mixed-use development at their March 15 hearing.

The project includes two new buildings: one will face 11th

Street and will be three stories high, and the second structure will be one story and will sit toward the rear of the lot, closer to the alley.

The main building will contain a ground-level restaurant, with Airbnb-style hotel rooms on the second floor and an apartment on the third floor. The third floor will be recessed 10 feet from the front facade.

The smaller building will contain an additional short-term rental unit.

The building will abut East Side Cycles on one side, with a sidewalk between The Eastsider and Bongo, leading to a courtyard space.

The second building will be constructed about 26 feet from the rear property line, allowing for alley-accessed parking.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New stoplight expected soon

After many months of discussion, a new traffic signal is expected soon at Eastland and Chapel. Metro Public Works said in late April to expect construction to begin in May.

There will be a signal and crosswalk, with left turn

lanes to be eliminated and replaced with bike lanes.

Brush pickup scheduled

Metro's brush pickup truck is due soon in Area 2 — potentially making early rounds before the regularly scheduled May 11 date.

President's Corner: A call for civility in short-term rental debate

Several weeks ago I saw a blog post about neighbors. The quotation that caught my eye was one about listening to each other instead of just talking at each other.



Elizabeth Smith

Of course, this is true in all relationships. Successful ones are two-way streets.

Over the past year or so, some neighbors have been at odds about short-term rentals in our neighborhood. Accusations have been tossed about, emails have flown, tweets have been posted hastily, and public meetings have been heated.

I have been in the middle of this fray as both president of LSNA and president of the Nashville Area Short Term Rental Association. I have a Type 1 permit and host guests from all over the world in my home in Lockeland Springs.

This division is a sad state of affairs in an area that has long prided itself on its strong neighborhood associations and quirky identity. The issue of short-term rentals is a complicated one that pits hosts against other neighbors who don't want to see neighborhoods made up of more tourists than full-time residents.

Our historic neighborhood has been in a state of flux since its inception. What it looks like today is nothing like its appearance in the late 1800s and early 1900s, when many of our homes were built. The overlays that protect us from drastic changes in the architectural rhythm of our streets have only been in place for a few decades, and Mother Nature has seen fit to wreak some havoc here on more than one occasion. It is adapting to innovations and changes outside of our control that keeps our neighborhood vital.

Short-term rentals have actually been part of our community for over 20 years, but only recently have they become the source of this dissent. And I can understand why. No one wants to live next to a party house that disrupts normal life for residents every weekend. This change is unacceptable and should not be tolerated. Laws are in place to address these issues, and we should all call upon our city government to enforce them. But there are also the short-term rental owners who are hands-on hosts, who care deeply about our neighborhood and make sure that their properties are contributing to the value of the community. They have refurbished rundown properties to rent short term — in some cases turning eyesores into attractive homes — and they work hard to make sure that those who rent their property behave as good neighbors. These neighbors are funding things like college for kids, retirement, mortgages, and more.

Should we reject all for the sins of some?

There is not a one-size-fits-all answer to this dilemma. However, there is one point that we should all agree is important: neighbors listening to each other is what has made our neighborhood strong. That is a loss we shouldn't bear.

We should attend meetings, read the proposed legislation, debate the pros and cons, and together find a compromise that allows us to embrace change yet keep the character we all love about our neighborhood.

Elizabeth Smith
LSNA President

The next
LSNA General Meeting
will be:

6:30 p.m.
Thursday
May 18

at
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Neighbor to Neighbor: Next Door Nana

Name: Margaret Rose Smith
Years in Lockeland: Whole life

You've grown up in Lockeland Springs. Tell us about your family history here:

I grew up at 1204 Gartland Ave. My Dad bought the house just after my older sister was born in 1946. He wanted a house in Lockeland Springs because it was so close to great schools.

At first, my parents rented out two rooms in their home to another young couple. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service and my mom was a stay-at-home mom. My grandmother lived just up the street on Gartland and my uncle and aunt lived at 1211 Ordway Place.

I attended Ross School (corner of Ordway and 14th) thru the 6th grade. We played with the other children in our neighborhood daily. I attended East Jr. and graduated from East High School in 1967.

I met my soulmate, Ira David Smith, when we were sophomores at Tennessee Tech University. We have been married 46 years.

We moved to Ordway Place in 1973 because my aunt offered us her upstairs apartment for very cheap rent and we were starting our family. We lived in the apartment for more than 4 years, until one day David was talking to a neighbor a few doors down who offered to sell 1208 Ordway.

Honestly, I couldn't see the potential but David could and he wanted to buy it. I told our seller neighbor that the first thing I

was doing was painting our new home: blue.

His exact response was "I don't believe this neighborhood is ready for a blue house." My response was, "Well it better get ready because it is getting a blue house!"

The home has been through several colors over the years but is back to blue again!

David's office was in our home for 37 years and he has recently retired from insurance claims adjusting.

What do you love about this neighborhood? What has made you stay all these years?

What we both love about living in Lockeland Springs has always been our neighbors, the walkability, and our close proximity to downtown, restaurants, doctors, and shopping. We love to sit on our porch and visit with neighbors. We love being able to walk to a nice restaurant for dinner.

Do you have any crazy stories about the area?

The most eventful thing that has happened since we have been here was definitely the tornado that struck on April 16, 1998 at 3:37 p.m.

I remember the exact time because our clocks stopped at that moment and we were out of power for several days.

The tornado was devastating to our neighborhood, especially behind our house on Gartland where my mother and sister lived. We lost most all the big

trees, along with telephone and electric poles.

The streets were so covered with twisted wire, poles, trees and other debris that you had to climb over them to even walk around.

The Red Cross came, along with other Nashville residents, to help clean up. It was really great the way our neighborhood pulled together at such a hard time.

How do you feel about all of the change in the last 10 years?

David and I wondered at the time what impact this tornado would have on our neighborhood in the long run. People started putting their insurance money into their houses and to us that is when East Nashville turned around from being a rough neighborhood into a nice one.

Years ago, David's business associates would ask him, "Why do you want to live over in East Nashville — don't you feel afraid?" When the nice restaurants came in, those same associates' thoughts on East Nashville changed too: "I love to visit your neighborhood — to see all the older homes, eat at your restaurants, walk the sidewalks and enjoy the neighborly atmosphere."

We are boasting with pride that our neighborhood was discovered and so many wonderful families have moved in and love it as much as we always have.

Thank you Lockeland Springs neighbors!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Fountain seeks a new lead editor — and contributing writers. The Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association publishes The Fountain six times each year.

Send a note of interest: newsletter@lockelandsprings.org.

Shelby Community Center puts adjustable basketball goals to work

Thanks to a grant from the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association for new adjustable youth basketball hoops, the Shelby Community Center has been able to introduce kids to the game of basketball and further the development of players who have already begun learning the sport.

We were also able to introduce a former basketball player to volunteer coaching.

Shelby Community Center introduced 18 kids to the fundamentals of basketball with dribbling and passing drills and were able to meet other kids. They practiced once per week for four weeks.

After holding fundament clinics, Shelby Center was able to recruit and participate in Metro Parks' winter youth basketball league, which was affiliated with the Memphis Grizzlies basketball team. The team of 4-to-6-year-olds were able to learn the game of basketball and compete against other teams at the Z. Alexander Looby Community Center on Rosa L. Parks Boulevard. Out of the 10 kids on the roster, seven of the kids were participating in team basketball for the first time.

Also, with the basketball hoops being adjustable, Shelby Center was also able to accommodate other community basketball

partners.

Coach Terrance Boyd with Off To College And Not Prison, a local nonprofit directed by Meka Brown, was able to practice with 16 players ages 7-9. Coach Boyd was also instrumental in leading fundamentals with the Pee Wee basketball clinic mentioned previously. Off To College And Not Prison enjoys coming to Shelby Center for active play and practice and is very excited to see the addition of the basketball goals, thanks to LSNA.

Lastly, the boys and girls of the Lockeland Design Center are able to enjoy the basketball goals every day after school! After eating snacks and doing their homework, they are eager to go to the gym!

The boys are anxious to compete against each other because they know that scoring is more attainable with these adjustable goals, and the girls are more encouraged to practice their shooting skills.

One little girl has actually even taken it upon herself to start shooting alone! Her esteem and competitiveness in basketball has been greatly nurtured with the new addition of the basketball goals.

I would like to also give a special thanks to Coach Shane Morris, who led the 4-6 year old basketball team in their league



play. He was instrumental to the implementation of the winter basketball program along with the parents of the players. Shelby Community Center is extremely grateful to have such a supportive community that enjoys one of the great parks that this department has to offer.

Randy Crawley, Jr.
Program Coordinator

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Where has all the free parking gone?

(...and a guide to where you can still find some)

Residents in and around Lockeland Springs have noticed recent changes to local parking policies. Several of the larger lots have recently converted from free to paid, pushing additional cars to the side streets in search of parking.

But The Fountain is here to break it all down for you. (Please note that we did our research during a weekday. Weekend/evening rates may vary.)

90 minutes free

The small lot next to East Side Cycles, below the bear mural, is free for the first 90 minutes. You do have to print a receipt for the dashboard, but this is one of the best deals in Five Points.

Park with ease

The lot behind Burger Up is also free for the first 90 minutes. Again, you have to visit the machine, but input your license and parking spot number, and you don't even have to put the receipt on the dash. If you'll be longer than 90 minutes, it's \$5 for the first two hours and \$3 for each additional hour. There are also a few free-for-10-minutes spots behind the Soda Parlour.

Extend by phone

In the lot beside Woodland Studios the rate is \$5 for two hours, with no free time. This lot offers an

extend-by-phone option wherein the machine will text you when your time is expiring. You can add minutes via your phone without returning to the lot.

If you just need to run into Woodland Wine Merchant, there are free dedicated spaces for customers.

Trees no more

The small lot on 11th and Clearview, which had been a Christmas tree lot in the past, is simply \$2 per hour.

24-hour rate

The other small lot on Clearview, next to the Treehouse, is \$5 for two hours and \$15 for 24 hours.

\$1 (or more)

The large lot next to Beyond the Edge has gone pay as well. Rates start at \$1 for 15 minutes. Like the Clearview lot, \$5 gets you two hours of parking, with 24 hours costing \$15.

Pay for a cause

The large lot behind Rosepepper — stretching from Chapel to Scott Avenues — has become a pay lot as well.

This lot is owned by Fannie Battle Day Home.

The rate here is \$2 for two hours and the proceeds benefit the programming of the nonprofit Fannie Battle (learn more at right.org).

WHAT IS FANNIE BATTLE?

Fannie Battle Day Home is Middle Tennessee's oldest child care center, operating for over 120 years.

Their mission is to provide affordable childcare for at-risk children in a nurturing environment. The agency serves 120 children, ages 6 weeks through 12 years, and fundraises 65 percent of its annual budget.

They are projected to raise in excess of \$25,000 annually through the paid parking lot, an amount that can fund infant and toddler classrooms for three months, or provide 14,450 meals and snacks.

Fannie Battle's annual Yum!East fundraiser will be held on Saturday June 1, with tickets going on sale April 28 at yumeast.com.





now & then



The Post will host LSNA meeting

This photograph of 1701 Fatherland Street was uncovered in the LSNA archives. The photo appears to date to the 1980s and shows the one-story commercial building at the northeast corner of 17th and Fatherland as the East Side Pharmacy and the A&S Bestway.

By all appearances, this was a busy street corner, featuring two active businesses, a postal box and a pair of phone booths. Still a natural brick color at the time, the larger unit featured a corner entrance, with large store windows along Fatherland Street and a double-doored entrance to the second retail space, followed by three large floor-to-ceiling windows.

Today, 1701 Fatherland houses The Post coffee shop and an Aikido dojo.

The building has been painted and renovated, the traditional striped awnings have been replaced with modern ones and gabled hoods have been added over the doorways — but the building form has remained unaltered.

This property is a good example of the historical commercial corners that are nestled throughout our largely residential Lockeland Springs neighborhood.

The existence of these shops and restaurants, within walking distance to so many of our homes, is one of the defining characteristics of our historic neighborhood.

LSNA thanks The Post for agreeing to host our next membership meeting at 6:30 on Thursday, May 18.

Thomas F. Hadley, DDS



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CHURCH AT LOCKELAND REOPENS AFTER MERGER

The former Lockeland Baptist Church has reopened as the Church at Lockeland Springs, one of several churches that has merged with the multi-site Brentwood Baptist.

The revitalized church at Holly and 16th was featured in April in *The Tennessean*. Reporter Holly Meyer said the church and its dwindling congregation faced permanent closure after more than 100 years in operation.

Instead, there's been a renovation to the sanctuary and a new band formed. And the new pastor is David Hannah, 41, a Nashville native who spent several recent years in Bologna, Italy.

The merger is part of a broader Brentwood Baptist initiative to add churches and hold against the trend of older congregations selling their buildings for redevelopment.



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