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SWEET 16TH, THE END OF AN ERA

A community's heart is only as big as the people who live there. On Saturday, Oct. 29., Sweet 16th Bakery announced it would close its doors for good after 18 years in business at the corner of 16th and Ordway. Dan and Ellen Einstein—and the wonderful bakery and gathering place that they created—were two of the biggest-hearted people in our little corner of East Nashville.

Opened in 2004, the bakery achieved many accolades in local and regional publications and was voted "Best of Nashville" by readers and writers of the Nashville Scene for many years in a row. Their treats—custom cakes, cupcakes, fluffy scones, coffee cakes and, on Fridays if you were lucky, Dan's famous cheese Danishes—were spotted at

innumerable neighborhood birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, working breakfasts and more. Their generosity was notable as well. During the 2020 tornado that tore through East Nashville and Lockeland Springs, Sweet 16th's donated treats were enjoyed by many traumatized and grieving neighbors who gathered at the Holly Street Fire House.

The community grieved again when Dan Einstein entered Hospice care in early January of this year. People from all over the city donated to a GoFundMe campaign that raised roughly \$140,000 to ease the Einstein's financial burden. Dan passed away on Jan. 15th, 2022.

From her statement on social media, "After Dan passed in January, I knew that returning

to the place we built together from the ground up needed to reopen. But now, after time has passed, Dan is not by my side anymore and it has gotten very hard to continue on," Ellen explained.

I can't count how many people I spoke with that last week of October who said "I need to go have a last 'one to go'," the bakery's legendary breakfast sandwich. Indeed, the line stretched several houses down the block during the bakery's last weekend of business. Recently, Ellen announced that Bill's Sandwich Palace (formerly at 4204 Gallatin Rd. inside the TKO restaurant) will take over the building with plans to open soon after the new year. It will be great to breathe new life into the building, but at the same time, it marks the end of an era.



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LSNA news and Updates

Lockeland Springs Park Update

This time last year, Trust for Public Land, TennGreen Land Conservancy, and the Friends of Lockeland Springs Park were finalizing commitments to raise the funding needed to triple the size of Lockeland Springs Park to realize a long-held community dream of a new forested connection to Shelby Park. Thanks to the generous and inspiring support of many in the neighborhood, and from strong leadership for public funding through Metro Nashville Council, we raised 1.6 million dollars to acquire the property! To ensure the long-term protection of your community's investment, TennGreen Land Conservancy will hold a conservation easement on the property, perpetually ensuring this natural park will be here for generations to come.

You may have seen many neighbors showing their love for Lockeland Springs Park with yard signs. We had a great happy hour over the summer at the Urban Cowboy to kick off funding the clean-up of the new property, better support the new Friends of Lockeland Springs Park group, and initiate a park visioning effort for the expanded park. Want to share your love for Lockeland Springs Park? You can give today by accessing link below.

support.tpl.org/campaign/expanding-lockeland-springs-park/ c383479

In the background, we've been steadily moving the acquisition process through the intensive due diligence process for Metro's purchase. The purchase cleared a significant hurdle on November 1st when Metro Parks Board approved the purchase and sale agreement for the property. The transaction is in the next phase of mandatory referral through Metro Planning, and then it goes to Metro Council for authorization of the purchase over a series of meetings in the new year.

Although the process may seem dauntingly complex and slow, we're on the conveyor belt that ends with an expanded Lockeland Springs Park. Thanks to the strong community alignment and philanthropic support for this effort, fantastic landowner partners facilitating the purchase, and great folks at Metro working on this transaction, we look forward to celebrating the expanded park property with you in spring

Have specific questions about the project? Feel free to drop us a line at lockelandspringspark@gmail.com

-Elizabeth Smith

GARDENER'S GUIDE

Greetings gardeners! The short days of winter are here. See below for a few thoughts to keep your yard in tip top shape:

- PLANT A TREE!
- prune evergreens
- prune trees
- consider leaf mulch in your planting beds
- re-apply mulch
- organize your garden tools for spring -Will Marth



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SAVE THE DATE April 29-30, 2023 LSNA Home Tour and Lockeland Lawns



We're on Instagram! Follow us @lockelandspringsneighbors

Membership Drive

The Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association is a group of volunteer leaders and over 150 members who plan community events and raise money to invest back into Lockeland Springs and East Nashville. We organize large gatherings like Lockeland Lawns, a Holiday Lights Trolley Tour, a Home Tour, Tomato Art Fest swag booth, and quarterly neighborhood

Through memberships and our local events, we award thousands of dollars in grants to local organizations including Holly Street Daycare and another neighbor who suffered catastrophic damage after the 2020 tornado, the Trust for Public Lands (to help create and maintain a new park in our neighborhood), and a donation to our local YCAP. Also, please remember to check in on our previous grant winners at the Shelby Community Center or along Shelby Ave and our beautiful arboretum.

If you would like to join LSNA (or renew your membership) and support all of our efforts, check out our website: lockelandsprings.org

> **Membership Dues:** Individual: \$20 Household: \$30 Business: \$50



Kid's Corner

Neighborhood Crossword

DOWN:

& HOBBES

2. OLIVE & SINCLAIR AND FROTHY MONKEY SHARE MY CORNERS.

3. THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SHARES THIS NAME

4. BEFORE 18 BUT AFTER 16

6. A PLANT WITH RED BERRIES

8. IN THE BROAD SENSE, LAND COVERED WITH TREES

CROWE

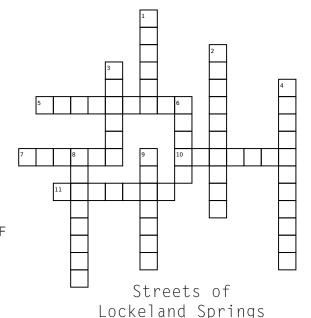
ACROSS:

5. NASHVILLE'S NEIGHBORHOOD BAKERY IS LOCATED ON THIS CORNER

7. THE LITTLE HOLLYWOOD CIRCLE SITS AT THE END OF THIS PLACE

ST. BREAD IS A COMMUNITY BAKERY MADE TO WARM THE TABLES OF OUR **NASHVILLE NEIGHBORS**

11. MY MAMA ALWAYS SAID, 'LIFE WAS LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES'.



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-NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT-CHRISTINA CORBAN

One of the first things I noticed about the new neighbors across the street from me on Fatherland St. was their light blue Key West flag. They moved in in January of 2020—not the best time to get acquainted. But Christina Corban and her husband John sat on their front porch nearly everyday drinking coffee, even during the winter, and I walked by them almost daily, wondering who they were, what brought them to East Nashville, why the flag? Little did I know that their story would turn out to be so interesting!

John, an East Nashville native, and Christina bought the house in October of 2019, newly married and ready to enjoy the easy Lockeland Springs life. First came the pandemic lockdown, then on its heels, the March 2020 tornado swept through our little slice of the neighborhood. But those things didn't stop Christina from getting to know her neighbors. Confident, always smiling, and with a very slight German accent, I was immediately drawn to her openness.

Turns out so was her husband. You could call

it "love at first sight" given the brevity of their courtship. Christina hails from Frankfurt, Germany and was road tripping in the South on her way to visit Memphis, New Orleans and eventually Florida where she has family. She was using the couch surfing app to find places to stay. She had one night in Nashville after flying in from Frankfurt. Her host suggested going out and she said, "Sure, why not?" They ended up at 3 Crow Bar. There she met John, who was with friends from Bell Buckle, about 45 miles South of Nashville. The host and the friends knew each other. They started talking. Christina told John she'd always wanted to go to an American football game. He said, "I have tickets to Sunday's game." She extended her stay a few days.

At the end of November, Christina flew back home to Germany. John flew there to visit her for New Year's Eve. She came back that April and they got engaged. "I wasn't super settled in Germany, so why not risk something?" she said. They were married on July 7, 2019 downtown at the Veridian where John's grandmother has a condo.

After the house on Fatherland came the dog. In the middle of lockdown, she said she wanted to "fill up the home" with a new puppy. She had always wanted a dog but her dad claimed he was allergic, something she very recently found out wasn't true. Christina describes Kona, a 3-year-old pittie mix, as a reactive dog: "Seventy-five pounds of love and anxiety! She has a lot of feelings. I have a lot of feelings. We take care of each other," she said.

After spending the first two years of the pandemic training Kona with lots of love and gentleness, she decided she liked working with dogs. Now she works with East Nashville-based Nashville Tailblazers as a dog walker. She walks about 8 dogs per day plus Kona twice a day. "I love experiencing new neighborhoods," she said. "I've been here 2.5 years now and I'm learning something new every day. I'm still getting adjusted (and so is Kona), but it's a process, step by step."

It turns out the Key West flag is because John and Christina spent their honeymoon there. "We both love the beach," she said. We may not have a beach in East Nashville, but we are sure glad they washed up here.

-JOY RAMIREZ





CHRISTINA and KONA

We'll load up the trolley at the top and bottom of the hour with the first tour starting at 5:00 and the last tour departing at 8:30. Tours will depart and arrive back at Urban Cowboy. The hotel/bar will be offering \$10 glasses of wine and a \$10 hot cider that evening with the purchase of a trolley ticket. You must be 21 or older to take advantage of the offer. All proceeds will support neighborhood projects right here in Lockeland Springs.

LSNA Holiday Lights Tour

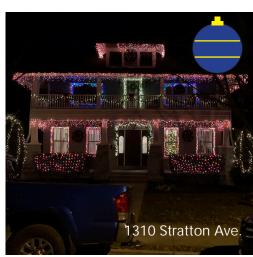
The 2nd annual Lockeland Springs Holiday Lights Tour gets underway on Thursday Dec., 15 at 5:00 p.m. Come

check out your neighbors' creativity, vote for your favorites and even sing a Christmas carol along the way!

Date: Thursday, December 15 from 5:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m. 80 tickets will be available per hour.

Prices: Adults – \$15 Youth(3-18) - \$10 Children 3 and under – Free lockelandsprings.org/2022-holiday-trolley-light-tour/







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