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**Next OHNA General Meeting – Monday, February 21st, 7pm
at the Metropolitan Community Church at the corner of Highland and Rubel.
Please plan to attend. Come and meet some of your neighbors!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Chuck Burke

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe, warm and not overly weighed down by all of those great holiday meals. Let's hop right in...

As you know, your board is elected to represent your interests in the neighborhood and we take this responsibility seriously. The majority of issues that we hear throughout the year are always focused on noise, litter and parking. In order to combat some of this, especially during the late night hours, the association has recently taken a position against all new 4am liquor licenses. We're currently asking new establishments and local and state ABC to limit all new liquor licenses to 2am as we feel that this strikes a good balance between the venues and the needs of the residents. However, to get a more precise measure of the neighborhood's feelings on this and a number of other issues, we've enclosed a neighborhood survey with this newsletter. If your household is made up of multiple adults, we'd like to hear from all of them. Copy this form as many times as necessary or visit www.OriginalHighlands.com and take the online survey.

Please note that the survey is only open to adults (18 yrs of age or older) who are also residents in the Original Highlands neighborhood (as bordered by the south side of Broadway, on the North; the northern boundary of St. Louis Cemetery on the South; the alley east of Baxter Avenue or Bardstown Road between Highland and Grinstead Drive, on the East; the east side of Barret Avenue, on the West; and including the interior of the triangle bounded by Baxter, Bardstown, and Winter). Your input is key in determining our agenda and priorities as we move forward in 2011. Please do NOT delay, make your opinion count by filling out your survey today!

by other news...

THE SLICE OF THE HIGHLANDS – was a big success and raised over \$4,000, \$2,000 of which was donated to our charitable partner and neighbor, Gilda's Club Louisville. Kudos to the volunteers and committee who worked so tirelessly to make this event a success. You guys are the best!

GRAFFITI – If you come across any graffiti in the neighborhood please take a picture and send it, along with the address or location details, to Officer Jeff Artman, our LMPD liaison, at jeff.artman@louisvilleky.gov.

BAXTER AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS – Tom Owen's office, with a little help from his friends, will soon be releasing funds for streetscape improvements in the 900 block of Baxter Avenue. New trees, grates and some repairs are all on the menu. Thank you Tom!

HOLIDAY DINNER – Despite the cold, a number of residents braved the weather and joined us for our Holiday pot luck dinner in December. As always, it was delicious and showed off the culinary skills that exist here in the Original Highlands. We hope we see you again next year!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS – Please welcome Adam Williams and Philip Brown to the OHNA board of directors. Chuck Woodall also returns this year as our Vice President. Josh Behr, Forrest Kuhn, Rick Goldberg and I were also elected to serve another term. We'll do our best to not let you down.

Best Regards,
 Chuck Burke
 OHNA President

2011 Calendar of OHNA and Local Events

OHNA Board Meetings – 3rd Monday of every month at 6pm at the Metropolitan Community Church on the corner of Rubel and Highland. **All neighbors are welcome!** Please enter at the side door with the OHNA sign. Next meeting: **6pm, Monday, February 21st.**

OHNA General Meeting – **Monday, February 21st, 7pm** at the Metropolitan Community Church on the corner of Rubel and Highland. Enter at the side door with the OHNA sign. Please attend and meet your neighbors!

Junk Collection – The next scheduled pick up for our area begins on May 23rd. Set out items on **May 20-22**. For more information, check out [www.louisvilleky.gov/SolidWaste/Junk+Disposal/Urban Services District.htm](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/SolidWaste/Junk+Disposal/Urban+Services+District.htm).

Run for Olmsted Parks – Join Fred's Team! – **April 30th** Run or Walk the Kentucky Derby Festival Marathon or miniMarathon to support Louisville's Olmsted Parks. Run as an individual or as a team with friends or co-workers. Check out www.olmstedparks.org/fredsteam.html for details.

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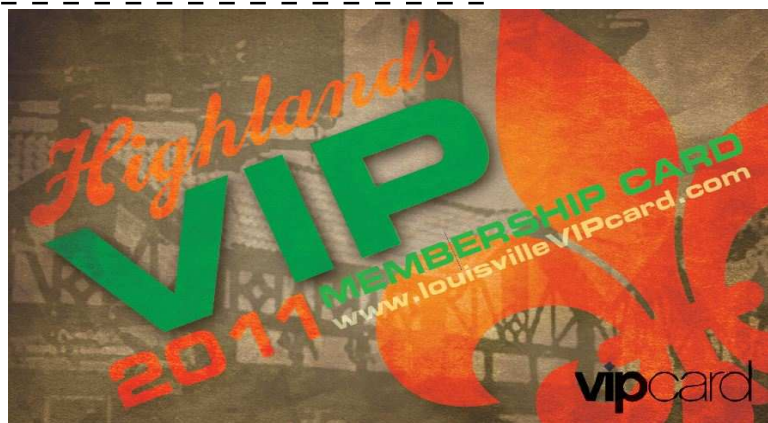


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Please join us in a huge thank you to neighbors Alison Torpey and Jay Stottman! Both were past editors of the OHNA Newsletter. Both kept paper copies of the editions they worked on or received at their homes. These paper copies have now been scanned and can be found on the neighborhood web site. Please check them out at www.originalhighlands.com. Just click on "Newsletter Archive" under "News You Can Use".

Due to their efforts, some of the older and classic images from the past can now be used again in future editions! Thanks to them both!



More New Neighbors to Meet . . .

Since our last newsletter, we've acquired several new neighbors. Please stop by and check them out!

Holy Grail has opened just south of the KFC on Bardstown Road. It offers a food menu meant to complement its ever changing beers on hand from European and North American brewers.

Cell Phone & Computer Hospital is located behind the Chase Bank and the Post Office on Highland. They recycle all old used electronics and give free estimates.

Pure, a clothing store with reasonable prices, has opened on Highland Avenue east of Wick's and next door to the Jazz Salon.

Consider Boutique has opened on Bardstown Road just south of Jack Fry's. It offers unique hand-crafted items including jewelry, art, and accessories and accepts art consignments.

Funji's Cafe offers modern Nigerian cuisine. It's located on Bardstown Road between Consider Boutique and Bardstown Rd. Bicycle Company.

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“TREE PLAY” for Some, But NOT for Miss Kitty – Jeanie Kahnke

The average person passing by would never have noticed her, or, for that matter, she would not have even been easily detectable to those living behind, in front of, or aside of the enormous hackberry tree in the 1300 block of Morton Avenue. But Miss Kitty was spotted on one of the final days of 2010 by residents living in 1324 Morton Avenue. At first, it was unperceivable what type of animal it was, which had unfortunately found itself immobilized quite literally 80 feet in the air, and whose only movement in days was a tentative crawl from one small limb to another, as if scaling a tightrope. Its bushy tail made some wonder if that was a raccoon up there. But distressed-sounding meows revealed that this was no coon, and that whoever was up there, certainly had no clue how to get down.

Residents and neighbors alike sought out possible ways to help kitty down: calling to her, luring her with food, researching online ‘cats stuck in trees,’ calling the Fire Department, the Humane Society, Metro Animal Rescue services, tree companies—anyone who might listen or care or have the resources or ideas to help out with this most unfortunate situation.

By New Year’s Eve Day, the temperature was balmy, but the forecast called for a cold front to push in overnight and deliver frigid air that would dip down into the high teens. Predictions would prove to be accurate and on New Year’s Day—kitty’s third (known) day in the tree—it was bitter cold. Morton Avenue became tense and anxious. Time was certainly running out for any rescue efforts. More phone calls were made.

On day number four, one neighbor noticed blackbirds swooping down on kitty, nearly landing on her back, anxious to have kitty as prey. Some of us could no longer even look up into the tree; we couldn’t stand seeing her hungry, dehydrated and cold—and we didn’t want to visualize what had happened if we didn’t see her. The situation appeared hopeless and we felt totally helpless.

By the morning of Monday, January 3rd, day number five, the forces re-energized, banded together, and committed to a plan that would ignite action, whatever the outcome. At 4:30 p.m., the designated time, the troops arrived: concerned neighbors and friends bearing blankets of all colors and sizes; Patrick Johnson of Patrick Johnson Landscaping, LLC from across the river (who had never rescued a cat, but was willing to try—and who also brought along his own tree climber for expertise); Laura Ridgley, owner of Happy Tails Pet Sitting, LLC; and ultimately, the cat rescuer “extraordinaire”, Roger Martin—an experienced arborist and owner of Tree Play, Inc., a tree pruning and preservation company and one that provides tree climbing events. Roger was helped by his friend, Robert Beverly.

Roger had only rescued five cats in his 15-year career, but it was a challenge he took on with focus, efficiency, and cheer. He came with a very long rope, a red duffle bag, and not a lot of other gear. The spectators on the ground were nervous because there was so much tree separating man and cat, and the sun would be setting soon. Even in the cold, Roger was limber. As he climbed upward and swung with ease from one branch to another, the gang on the ground showed signs of anxiety and hope. With all eyes to the sky, and total silence at the trunk of the tree, the scene was no less spellbinding than any episode of Survivor. At one point, some dry branches fell to the ground as Roger brushed against them. A few soft gasps from the neighbors could be heard, and a bit of fear began to show on their faces; the concern was apparent for both kitty’s safety, and now Roger’s, as well.

But Roger reached kitty quickly. His first effort to softly grab her scruff was fruitless and kitty crawled to a higher branch. Optimism on the ground took a sudden downturn, but Roger was not deterred: he simply climbed a little higher. On attempt number two, Roger was successful in his ability to clutch on to kitty, gently ease her into the bag, and shimmy down the tree, all in a start to finish effort of about 30 minutes. On the ground, worry quickly turned to awe, then relief, and celebration. Kitty, who we now saw, was a little cat with big hair!... a striking black, green-eyed beauty who showed extreme relief and gratitude.

She was quickly whisked away to Fairleigh Pet Center, where the 5-1/2 pound wonder cat was scanned, fed, given a brief exam, and provided about two pounds of fluid. Kitty purred. Her vet surmised that she is 2-4 years old and was at one time someone’s indoor pet. She spent two nights at Fairleigh and was released in good health. The name on her medical record reads “Tree Kitty,” but she herself prefers to be called “Miss Kitty”—the name her new foster parents, Jackie and Andy Leslie, gave her.

Miss Kitty, who is very loving—and definitely “house-trained”—needs a permanent home. If you are interested in meeting and possibly adopting her, please contact the Leslies at 502-582-2112.

If you would like to learn more about the services Tree Play, Inc. provides, please visit www.treeplay.org. For more information, email andi.martin821@yahoo.com or call 502-553-0144.



Scams – Don't Become a Victim

Common phone, mail, and internet scams...

- Lottery: "You've won the lottery!" Probably one you've never played. You receive an advance check and have to return a portion for the taxes.
- Secret Shopper: You receive a check to shop for products or test a company's customer service. You need to return a portion of the money in the process.
- Political Refugee: A foreign national contacts you because they are fleeing to America and need your help getting their money into the country. You receive a check as a test and are required to return a portion in good faith.
- Inheritance: Your long lost relative has died and you are the sole heir. You are to receive an advance check and are to return a portion for the taxes and attorney fees.
- Internet or Classified Ad Purchase: You receive a check for an over-payment for an item you are selling. The purchaser asks you to send the difference to a third party.

Needless to say, the initial check bounces after the return portion has already been processed.

Common home scams...

- Keep people you do not know out of your house. Do not let them in for any reason. Some may ask to use your bathroom or to let them get out of the cold.
- Individuals who present you with "now-or-never" offers are very often running some kind of scam.
- Beware of an individual who tries to dissuade you from calling others. They may even tell you that your family will put you into a nursing home if they found out that your house was in such bad shape. The more likely reason they have for not wanting you to call someone is that the person you call may expose him or her as a fraud.
- If you are told that a group of workers is doing some work for neighbors, ask them which neighbors they are referring to and then check with your neighbors first to see if they indeed purchased the product or service.
- Do some checking into the individuals at your door before making any decisions. Get a phone number for the company they work for. Legitimate individuals will be happy to give you this information. Also check into the company with the Better Business Bureau. Do not make any decisions at the door.
- Remember that scam artists are very convincing. They will probably have a truck or van with them that looks like your typical work crew's vehicle with ladders and tools, etc. They will also do their best to look the part of a worker. They will be smooth talkers.
- Look at the product carefully and even then, be wary. For example, one scam is to sell a special "cleaner". After the demonstration, what they actually leave behind is a bottle of colored water.
- Ask to see their identification and permits. Professional solicitors are required to have a permit from Metro Inspections, Permits and Licenses. The Jefferson County Clerk's Office issues a registration receipt for magazine and book sales.
- At any time, if you feel threatened by the individual at your door (sometimes con artists use bullying tactics), do not hesitate to close the door and call 911.



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Neighborhood Watch – Darrin Riddle

According to the on-line crime mapping tool, Louisville MetroWatch, there were 103 incidents reported in the Original Highlands Neighborhood from November 15, 2010 to January 14, 2011. There were 63 cases of theft, 23 cases of vandalism, and 6 cases of burglary. There were 4 cases of assault and robbery and 3 cases of auto theft. There were no cases of homicide. In comparison to last quarter and last year, the total incidents are down 2% and up 29%, respectively.

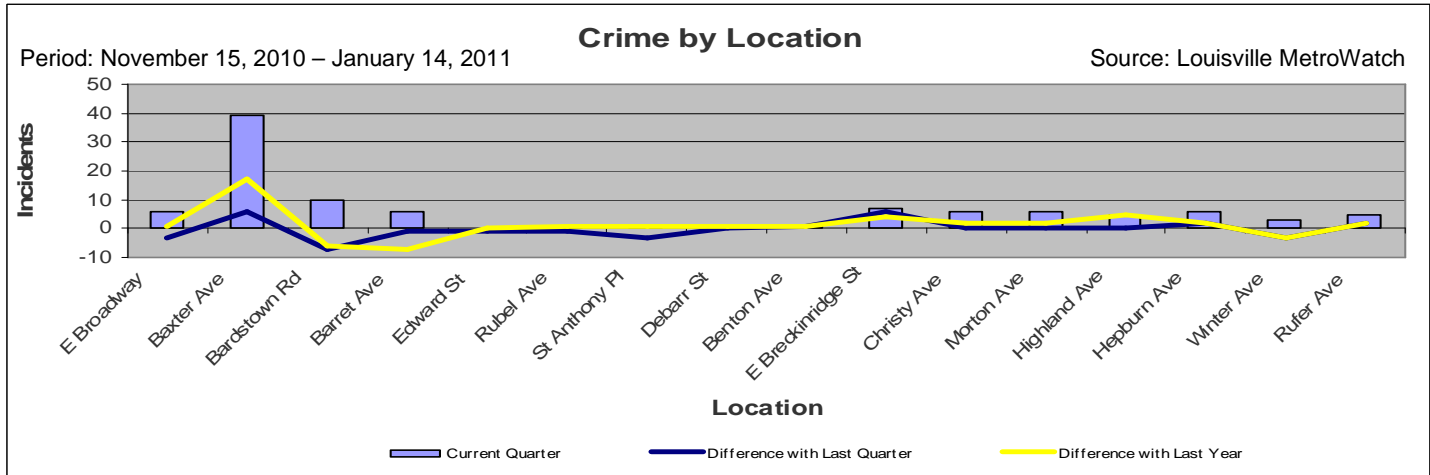
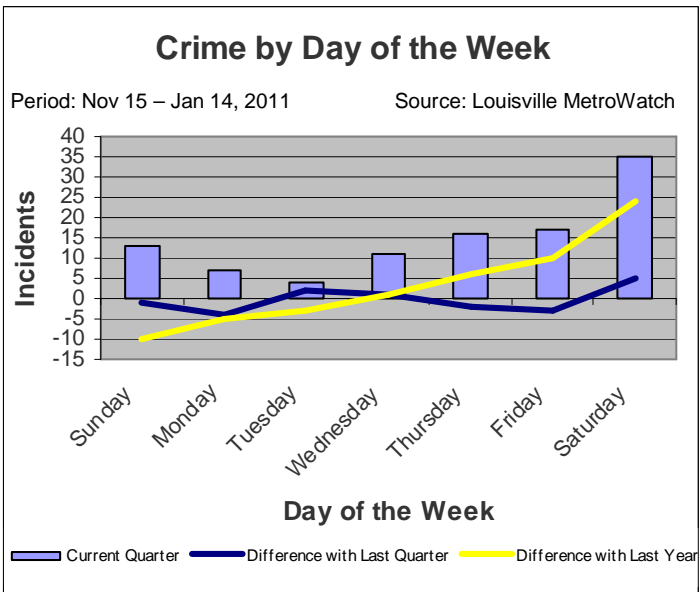
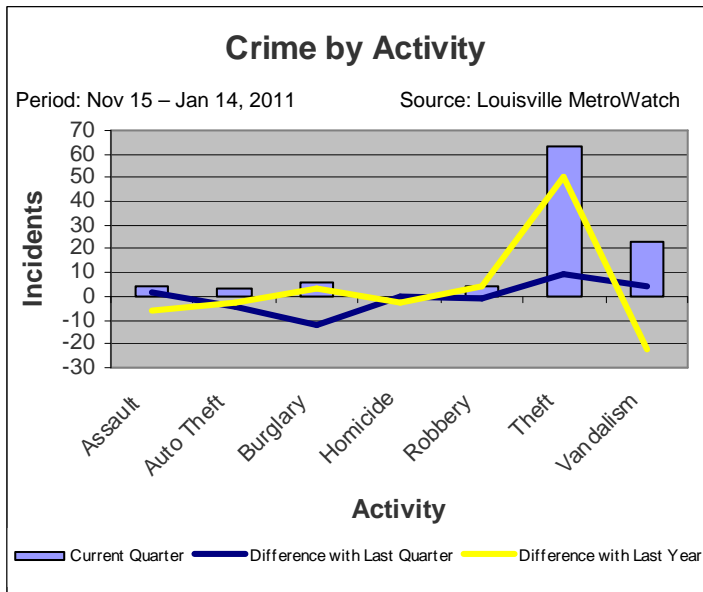
During this period, Saturday was by far the day with the most crime having 35 incidents followed by Friday with 17. The streets with the most crime reports were Baxter Avenue with 39 cases, the 1000 Block of Bardstown Road with 10, and East Breckinridge Street with 7.

The Louisville Metro Police 5th Division covers the area including the Highlands, Clifton and Cherokee and Seneca Parks. The 5th Division is the safest within the Louisville Metro Police Divisions reporting the lowest number of property and violent crimes.

Neighbors, as always, please remember to keep items such as money, purses, wallets, ipod/mp3 players, cell phones, portable navigation systems, and laptops out of sight when kept in a vehicle even if it is a very short period of time. Keeping these items in plain sight and making it easy for thieves encourages repeat offenses in the neighborhood. Remind visitors to do the same and possibly keep them from becoming a victim of a crime.

It is a safe neighborhood but please be careful while walking the neighborhood at night. It is best not walking alone. Avoid areas that are dimly lit. If there is a dark area or sidewalk, report this block to see if a light may be installed. If an existing street light is out, please contact MetroCall 311 or LG&E to report the outage.

If anyone would like to join the Original Highlands Neighborhood Watch, please call Darrin Riddle at 649-8368.



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