

# THE 1300 ASSOCIATION

WORKING FOR YOU, YOUR NEIGHBORS, AND OLD LOUISVILLE

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings friends and neighbors! Recently Old Louisville was named "One of the Greatest Places in America" by the American Planning Association. December brought the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Old Louisville Holiday Home Tour, centered around the area where the Southern Exposition was held, a World's Fair of its time. As we head into winter and the holiday season, let us remember and celebrate all that makes living in our historic neighborhood meaningful and special.

David McNease

## WHAT'S NEW!

Another successful St. James Art Show brought visitors to Old Louisville. The 1300 Association sponsors the art show along the 1300 block and the north side of Magnolia from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. Many residents don't realize that the art show is actually a series of shows. There's 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, St. James Court, 4<sup>th</sup> St., Belgravia Court, and West End Baptist Church. We have our own jury committee for the 1300 Block show. Many of our artists have been coming for years and request to be in our show. We treat our artists (yes, we think of them as OUR artists) well by offering coffee and doughnuts each morning of the 3-day show and provide booth sitting during the show. Many artists come alone, and have no opportunity to have a short break unless somebody watches their booth. Members of the 1300 Association volunteer to booth sit for artists who request it. This was the 60<sup>th</sup> year for the show with over 750 artists represented.

## CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS IN OLD LOUISVILLE

By the time you read this, the Old Louisville Holiday Home Tour will have come and gone. However, we have no shortage of beautiful decorations on our block. Chuck Anderson and Alan Bird contributed to the festive atmosphere by putting up the Christmas bows on the lamp posts. Susan Olhmann and Traci Thompson of 1375 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> get our award for best decorations on the block. In case you haven't noticed, they have great Halloween decorations too! Thanks to everyone who decorates to make the block more festive, and especially thanks to Susan and Traci.

## SOME BENEFITS OF JOINING THE ASSOCIATION



It's often easier to have an impact on things happening in your neighborhood when you're working with a group. We join with the other associations to communicate directly to our Councilman, David James, or through the OLNC (Old Louisville Neighborhood Council). It's also a good way to meet your neighbors. The association will purchase a metal address plate for your steps if you join as a new member and don't have one. You've probably seen them around the block. They add to the historic ambience of the block. By the way, renters can join too. If you are interested in joining, call or email our president.



## AN UPDATE FROM RECENT MEETINGS

Judy and Mike Seale hosted our September meeting. We had our annual picnic in their backyard. Our October meeting was hosted by Larry Askins and David McNease, and the November meeting was held at the home of Arnold and Joanne Celentano. The association authorized an expenditure of up to \$5000 to remove two dead trees on the block. Jeff Warner will coordinate this by communicating with the city arborist. Shawn Williams, Executive Director of the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council is working on grants for 2017. She will also be updating the OLNC website. Old Louisville Live was very successful, thanks in a large part to Shawn. The events were well attended and will continue next year. Chuck Anderson attends the Zoning and Land Use Committee. David McNease attends the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council meetings and reported that they are reviewing the streetscape on Oak Street. We have placed an order for 5 historic street signs. These will replace several of the current street signs. They will be more consistent with the historic nature of the neighborhood. Our holiday party will be on December 11 at the home of Jeff Warner and Lon Kaminer. Our representative to the Crime and Safety Committee reported that crime in the neighborhood remains steady, but there is not an increase.

## AN INTERESTING TIDBIT ABOUT THE BLOCK

The Larry Askins/David McNease house at 1391 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. was built in 1898 by Owen Gathright, Jr. for his wife as a wedding present. Gathright was part-owner of Harbison and Gathright, a saddle and harness business. Unfortunately, his wife died less than a year after the marriage. The house was then sold to Theophilus Conrad's oldest daughter, Mena. Mr. Conrad was the original builder and owner of the Conrad-Caldwell house on St. James Court.

## WHERE DOES OUR \$\$\$ GO?

This is just a partial list of the projects that we have helped fund recently:

- ✓ We continue to maintain several video cameras that are stationed at various places in the alleys on either side of Third St. Video feeds from these cameras can be accessed by members from the association's web site, [www.the1300.org](http://www.the1300.org).
- ✓ We purchased new Christmas bows this year for the lampposts.
- ✓ We sponsored the NuLou Chamber Players in the Old Louisville Live concert series. We donated \$2500 to the series, which was quite successful. We anticipate continuing to support the series financially.
- ✓ We provide \$3600 annually during the St. James Court Art Show for scholarships awarded to college-bound high school art students.
- ✓ We became silver sponsors of the Old Louisville Holiday House tour by donating \$500.
- ✓ We are members of the Filson Club at the Shelby level. We donate \$1000 annually.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS, MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**