



Second Street Neighborhood Association



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SSNA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING & POTLUCK

The SSNA will host its first meeting of 2009 this Sunday, January 25, 5:00 pm, at the Kling Center, 219 W. Ormsby Avenue (between 2nd and 3rd Sts.). SSNA meetings are open to all, and children are always welcome! After the meeting, please join us for a traditional potluck dinner hosted by Jan Morris and Nancy Gall-Clayton, 1375 S 2nd St. On the agenda for January:

- ❖ Financial review of 2008
- ❖ 2009 Budget: The Board of Directors has worked on the 2009 Budget for three months and will present recommendations to the membership at Sunday's meeting.
- ❖ Goals for 2009: Please bring YOUR ideas and suggestions!
- ❖ Special Report and Recommendations from the Ad Hoc 2nd Street Greens Committee
- ❖ Activities and volunteer opportunities for the coming year

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS

In these difficult economic times, delaying house repairs and home safety equipment can affect the health and safety of the occupants. Councilman Unseld reminds neighbors that his office may be able to help qualifying residents with the following programs:

- **Emergency Home Repairs:** can help with insulation and emergency house repairs
- **Smoke Detectors:** don't put your family at risk, free smoke detectors are available
- **Exterior Painting:** can help qualifying individuals with exterior house painting

Please contact Councilman Unseld's office at 574-1106 for further assistance.

SAVE THE PAGE!

Just like the telephone yellow pages, the SSNA has our own yellow page! Please save the yellow insert by posting on your bulletin board, fridge, or keep it with your phone book. One side provides dates, times, and locations for 2009 SSNA meetings and special events. Dates for the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council meetings, Metro Council meetings, ARC meetings and important telephone numbers and websites are also listed. The other side of the insert provides a contact list for your 2009 Association Officers and Board Members.

2007 SSNA PLANNING CALENDAR

SSNA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	OLD BOARD MEETINGS	OLD BOARD MEETINGS
1/25/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	1/15/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	1/15/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
2/22/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	2/12/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	2/12/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
3/22/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	3/12/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	3/12/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
4/19/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	4/8/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	4/8/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
5/17/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	5/7/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	5/7/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
6/14/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	6/4/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	6/4/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
7/12/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	7/4/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	7/4/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
8/9/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	8/1/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	8/1/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
9/6/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	9/1/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	9/1/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
10/4/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	10/1/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	10/1/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
11/1/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	11/1/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	11/1/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center
11/29/09 Sunday 5:00 PM Kling Center	11/29/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center	11/29/09 Tuesday 7:00 PM Kling Center

SSNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

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1/25/09	5:00 PM	Kling Center
2/22/09	5:00 PM	Kling Center
3/22/09	5:00 PM	Kling Center
4/19/09	5:00 PM	Kling Center
5/17/09	5:00 PM	Kling Center
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8/9/09	5:00 PM	Kling Center
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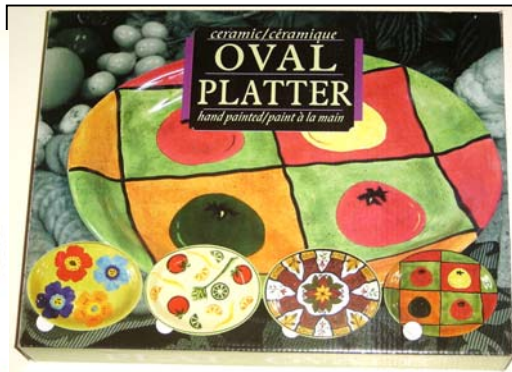
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ATTEND & WIN CONTINUES FOR 2009!!!



**Metal Impulse Sprinkler
covers up to 85 ft**



**Hand Painted, 11" x 14"
Ceramic Oval Platter**



**Vermont American 53 pc
screwdriver bit set**

The Board of Directors has agreed to fund the popular *SSNA Attend & Win* program through 2009. Started in 2005, the *Attend & Win* program encourages attendance at monthly meetings with prizes for attendees. At the last November SSNA meeting, a lucky neighbor on W. Ormsby won an 18V cordless Skil Saw. This month we are giving away your choice of one of the three prizes shown above. All attendees over 17 years of age are eligible to win! The drawing will be held at the end of Sunday's meeting.

Must be present to win! Membership not required!

SPECIAL \$185 DRAWING FOR SSNA MEMBERS: In addition to the attendee drawing, SSNA members are eligible for a special cash drawing. Betty Mumford was the winner of the November \$175 drawing. Unfortunately, Betty could not make the meeting so \$10 will be added to the January drawing. A name will be drawn from all paid-up members and if that member is present at the end of the meeting, he/she will win a **\$185 cash prize**. If the member is not present, \$10 will be added to the pot each meeting until someone wins.

Must be present to win! Current SSNA membership required!

(Potluck hosts will be counted as present. New memberships accepted at the meeting for drawing upon completion of Membership Application and payment of \$6.00 dues. Applications may also be obtained by contacting Zane at 636-1751 or zanelockhartjr@insightbb.com.)

NEIGHBORS UNITE TO SAVE FIREHOUSE AND ENGINE 7

In December, just before the holidays, Mayor Abramson announced that the fire station near 6th and York Streets would be closed as part of the city's planned budget cuts. The station was home to Engine 7 and twelve firefighters and was reported to be the oldest operational fire station in the country in continuous use since 1871. Although old and lacking in some modern conveniences,



SSNA members Dennis Rollins and Christopher White light candles during the candlelight vigil

the station had been renovated and improved over the years to keep it fully operational. As soon as neighbors heard of the closing, the Council set up a meeting with Chief Frederick and the mayor. Only the Chief could make the meeting but tried to assure residents that this closing would not affect the safety and property of residents in Old Louisville. However, neighbors were not convinced that the 2000 runs a year made by Engine 7 could be absorbed that easily by other firehouses that were not as close. In particular, concern was raised because of the special conditions and equipment required to fight fires in Old Louisville as well as having sufficient personnel to respond to emergencies at the many senior-citizen facilities and high-rises in Old Louisville. When

the Mayor refused to delay the closing of Engine 7's firehouse, neighbors bombarded the Mayor and other public officials with cards, emails, and letters. When the city continued to refuse to negotiate in good faith, the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council filed suit and asked for an injunction to prevent the city from closing Engine 7, which was scheduled for 8 AM, Sunday, January 12. To show support for the firefighters and Engine 7, over 30 neighbors (including many 2nd Streeters) gathered in front of the fire station the night before for a silent and dramatic candlelight vigil. Coverage was carried by all major TV stations and print media. Neighborhood protesters gathered again at 7 AM on Sunday along with firefighters from all over the city to again protest the closing. On Friday of this week, Circuit Court Judge Chauvin will issue a decision on whether an injunction will be granted.

SSNA DONATION TO HELP FIGHT CRIME

In an effort to reduce crime in Old Louisville, Major Green, Commander of the 4th Division LMPD, told Councilman Unseld that ATVs that were specifically designed and equipped for police duty have been used effectively in other divisions to reduce crime and catch criminals. Along with a \$10,000 donation from Councilman Unseld, the SSNA membership approved a \$1,000 contribution toward the purchase of at least 3 police ATVs for the 4th Div. Other groups donating money included the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council, and the 4th Street and Toonerville Neighborhood Associations. Major Green believes the ATV patrols will make it easier to patrol alleys and improve mobility of officers to respond to calls. The ATVs also give officers a better view and awareness of their surroundings and make it easier to interact with residents. Officers are currently in training and expect to be out on patrol as soon as the weather warms a bit.



STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Established in 1973, the SSNA continues to increase in membership. At the end of 2008, membership totaled 164,

which we believe is the largest membership base of any association in Old Louisville. SSNA membership includes 107 individuals, 35 seniors, 16 businesses, and 6 organizations. Although most members live in the immediate area of Second Street, the Association also has members in Prospect, Fairdale, and as far away as the Gimbels in Indiana, the Conns in Virginia; Paul Porzio in Florida; Marie Ford in Georgia, and Arnold & Pam Oldach in Iowa. We are very thankful to these former neighbors for helping build the foundation and traditions that have made the SSNA so successful!

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Other than the “*Old Louisville Journal*” published by the OLIC, the SSNA has the most widely distributed monthly newsletter in Old Louisville. SSNA Newsletters are distributed free to over 350 neighborhood residents and members. The SSNA Newsletter is now in its 28th year of publication. Contributions and opinions to the Newsletter are always welcome, call 636-1751 or email: zanelockhartjr@insightbb.com.



NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES: Pride in our neighborhood takes many forms. A neighborhood that is clean and well maintained encourages cleanliness. The SSNA sponsors major street, sidewalk, and park cleanups every spring and fall. SSNA volunteers spend many hours sweeping, weeding, picking up litter, planting flowers, and trimming trees. Members also help in the Central Park and other cleanups. In 2008, the Association celebrated completion of a major beautification project. The project included placement of 24 unique wrought iron litter cans along 2nd Street from Cardinal Blvd. to Breckinridge St. These cans will help reduce littering in our neighborhood. SSNA owns and pays utilities for the Victorian street lamps along Second Street. A special thanks to John, our “Second Street Angel,” who voluntarily maintains our street lamps by replacing bulbs, cleaning, painting, repairing, and even decorating them for the holidays and special occasions. The SSNA also maintains garden benches and planter urns near bus stops and street corners. Many thanks to Ginny Keen and her cadre of volunteers who keep our planters beautiful throughout the year!

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES: The 21st Annual Bedding Plant Sale last April was one of our most successful ever. The sale delivered thousands of beautiful plants to neighborhood gardeners. This was followed in July by our 15th Annual Hidden Treasures Garden Tour, chaired by Tim Bottorff and Judith Payne. The garden tour attracted hundreds of visitors from all over Kentucky and out of state as well. In October, the Association had a very successful year parking cars at the Jefferson Community College. None of these successes would be possible without the dedication and generosity of the hardest-working volunteers in Old Louisville! **THANK YOU!!**

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Last June the Association hosted its annual picnic to honor 4^h Division Police Officers and local firefighters. Over 100 neighbors and guests attended the event hosted by the Lockharts in their backyard. In October, Dave & Pam Murrer hosted the annual Halloween Party for both young and old trick-or-treaters. The food was delicious and the party was well attended. As 2008 drew to a close, Christopher White and Dennis Rollins graciously opened their home for the annual SSNA Holiday Party where Santa’s visit and presents were eagerly anticipated by neighborhood children. As always, the party was well attended by over 100 guests and holiday foods were provided by the best cooks in town: Second Streeters.