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BREAKING GROUND AT DCC!

By Sherry Cornell

After years of working to save the Douglass Community Center, it is exciting to announce that the long process of review, analysis, discussion, and planning is now moving into action! Plans have been drawn up for the structural reinforcements that will bring the historic home up to modern code requirements. This will include footings in the basement and steel beams that will buttress the first floor for assembly use which means that people will once again be able to have parties, group classes, public meetings, and enjoy activities in the main house.

In addition to structural reinforcements, Phase 1 of the Douglass Community Center Restoration Project will include components that will bring the house into full compliance with ADA requirements. Doorways will be widened within the home, a new water fountain will be installed, and the kitchen and restrooms will be renovated to be 100% accessible.

As you may expect, this will be an expensive project. \$150,000 is needed for Phase 1. The good news is that a strong first step has been taken. The recent raffle of a Lakeside sponsorship brought in \$10,000 for the effort which we can add to the

\$3,600 raised a few years ago during the neighborhood Fete. Combine those dollars with other donations already made and we only need to raise \$135,000. The goal is to begin the project in early 2020, so let's get cracking!

The DCC has been a valued part of the Highlands-Douglass for many years, and now it needs our help. Currently, programs cannot be provided in the historic building, and it will only fall into further disrepair possibly facing permanent closure or demolition unless YOU help. It would only take a \$1,000 donation from each of 135 households in our neighborhood to quickly accomplish the goal, or perhaps your block could raise \$1,000. The end of the year is fast approaching. If you are planning to make a charitable donation, please consider the Douglass Community Center. Any donation will be greatly appreciated, and smaller donations quickly add up, so please consider giving in any amount that is comfortable for you.

Donations may be mailed to the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association at P.O. Box 5194, Louisville, KY

40255. You may also donate online through the Louisville Parks Foundation website at https://www.lpfky. org/donate. Select the Douglass Community Center from their drop-down menu on the donation page when prompted. Remember, all donations are taxdeductible. Give back to your own community and reap the benefits!

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20TH ANNUAL BIG ROCK JAZZ & BLUES FEST

by Brandt Ford

big first for the Fest this year was the move from the Cherokee Park Big Rock venue to Douglass Park on the grounds of the Douglass Community Center. HDNA has been involved with protecting the future of the DCC for several years now, and hosting the Jazz Fest on this site helped illustrate just how valuable the Center and its grounds are to the neighborhood and to the City of Louisville.

The new site turned out to be a great venue for music, food, the silent auction, and especially parking - all with room to grow! The event raised a handsome sum for the Douglass Community Center and the popular Lakeside Sponsorship raffle added \$10,000 to the effort.



The bands put on a show to remember starting with the Brazukas, the Jazz Fest's first

Latin band. Brazukas means Brazilians, and this band harkened back to their Brazilian roots with a fusion of jazz and South

American rhythm. If you missed the show or saw it and want more, you may be able to catch them in town. Follow them on

Facebook for upcoming performances (www.facebook.com/newbrazukas/).

The Buzzard followed in good form. A more traditional jazz group, The Buzzards delivered what jazz lovers everywhere love, cool beats with a smooth extemporaneous sound. Future performances by The Buzzard may be found at www.louisvillejazz.org.

Unfortunately, our blues band got rained out this year. Fans were very disappointed, and did, in fact, get the blues. However, never fear because the Stray Cat Blues Band was invited to play next year.

Thanks to everyone - musicians, sponsors, volunteers and guests - for your support! We will see you next year!

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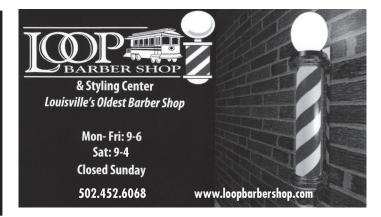
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SOLAR POWER IN LOUISVILLE AND THE WORLD

by Sam Avery

ccording to the most recent scientific consensus on climate change, the world has 30 years to eliminate all combustion of coal, oil, and natural gas. The problem is global; the solution is local.

The 100% Renewable Energy Alliance of Louisville (100% REAL) is currently presenting a resolution to the Louisville Metro Council for 100% renewable electricity for all city operations by 2030, for all forms of city operations by 2035, and for the entire Louisville community by 2040. Solar Energy will lead the way in Louisville and in the world.

The first stage of the solar revolution has been to install as many solar panels in as many places as possible. Houses that happened to have open, shade-free, south-facing roof exposures are the low-hanging fruit that has powered and continues to power this stage of solar development. The objective is to reduce overall consumption of fossil fuels and to familiarize the public with what solar can do. But reducing emissions does not eliminate emissions. The goal of the next stage of solar development will be to combine with other forms of renewable energy (wind, hydro, and geo-thermal) to produce all of the

for people who live in older, tree-lined neighborhoods such as the Louisville Highlands.

energy we use. This means solar energy in some shape or form

How do we do this? The first answer is technical: better architecture and better landscaping. Very few existing buildings and yards are designed for solar. As a solar designer, I have to work around bad design all the time. My greatest problem is finding uninterrupted roof space without chimneys, dormers, roof vents, skylights, and plumbing stacks poking up through the shingles. With solar in mind at the design stage, these could be placed on north facing roof surfaces. Total solar roof exposure could double overnight.

We need solar-ready architecture from the ground up, but this, of course, does little to help people in existing houses. They will not be able to "go solar" as individuals. Because their houses will not be part of the solar infrastructure, the answer for them will not be technical; the answer will be community. They will have to involve themselves with neighbors to demand renewable electricity from utilities and from state and municipal government. This is already happening but must happen on a much larger and more inclusive scale.

The greatest obstacle to community development of renewables is the existing monopoly of electrical production – not distribution: production. It makes sense to keep distribution of electricity (the grid) a monopoly because we want only one set of wires coming into our houses, but monopoly production of electricity in the age of distributed energy no longer makes sense. We need to open up electrical generation to the free market. As solar energy becomes cheaper than coal or gas fired electricity, utilities are developing their own solar facilities, but selling the energy at monopoly prices in order to protect their investment in old fossil fuel infrastructure.

Here's an example: Louisville Gas and Electric recently completed a solar installation in Shelby County and began a Solar Shares program for its customers. An average customer using 1000 kwh of electricity per month will need to buy 40 "shares" (10kwatts) to offset their electrical usage. Effectively, all thisdoes is increase their monthly bill from about \$113 to about \$141. There is no payback. Subscribers do not own an actual share of the solar installation, and they are charged far more than the cost of the electricity produced. Their only benefit is the right to say they are using solar. There is no competition,

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so the utility makes a profit at an artificial price and creates a discouraging solar scenario at the same time.

A true community solar installation (one owned by the shareholders and used to offset their consumption) could produce electricity on warehouses, barns, parking structures, fields and vacant lots for far less. This is what we need to be doing as a community. Or an investor owned facility could produce and sell solar electricity to the grid on the open market.

LG&E's attempt to keep control of all energy production is a natural reaction to maintain a monopoly position, but that monopoly was suitable only when large, centralized coal-fired power plants were the way to go. It will not work now. The renewable energy we seek in Louisville will not be provided by a fossil fuel monopoly.

Solar energy could produce all the energy we use in Louisville and throughout the world. Off shore wind could produce all of it too, or deep geothermal. But what will produce all of our energy is a combination of renewable sources.

There is no turning back. We have 30 years to make the transition.



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HDNA ANNUAL MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please join us at the Douglass Community Center for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26 from 3:00 - 5:00pm. This is an opportunity to meet 2019 Officers and Board Members and to elect those who will serve on the HDNA Board in 2020.

Watch your mailbox early next month for an invitation to join HDNA. We will be mailing everyone in our neighborhood a brief note along with an envelope to return your tax-deductible dues of \$15 for your 2020 membership.



As indicated in various articles in this Newsletter, HDNA continues to spearhead efforts to renovate and revitalize the Douglass Community Center. We sponsor an annual tree planting program through which we have planted nearly 1,000 trees in our neighborhood over the last several years. We work with local government to ensure that our neighborhood is well-represented when important decisions are being made and we maintain liaison with LMPD's Fifth District. Of course, each summer HDNA is proud to present the annual Ice Cream Social and every Fall we present the popular Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest.

When you receive your packet in the mail in a few weeks, please join your neighbors by becoming a member of HDNA for 2020.



LOOKING BACK TO 1906

DOUGLASS PARK--AND--BOULEVARD *Courier-Journal (1869-1922)*; May 13, 1906;

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Louisville Courier Journal

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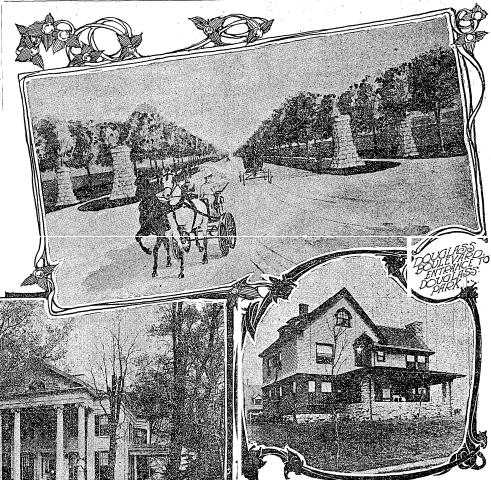
Among the captains of industry who laid the foundations for the wealth and expansion of Loulaville no name stands more conspicuous than that of George L. Douglass.

While he passed away more than a quarter of a century ago, his memory is still cherished by many of our older citizens who were proud of his acquaintance and friendship.

Many years ago he was associated with Dr. Norvin Green, Mr. James Guthrie and others in the consolidation of the numerous independent te egraph companies operating in the West, and out of which was formed the present great. Western Union Telegraph Com-Mr. Douglass was one of the non-

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Editor's Note:

This article appeared in the Courier Journal on May 13, 1906 and highlights the area we know as Highlands-Douglass. George Douglass's home, "Woodbourne," still stands in all its grandeur on the grounds of Douglass Boulevard Christian Church (the site of our seasonal Farmers Market) and we continue to enjoy Cherokee Park ("Eastern Park") and, of course, Big Rock. The iconic columns entering Douglass Blvd. from Bardstown Road still serve to welcome people to our neighborhood.

We thought you might enjoy an occasional "look back" featuring the history of our neighborhood. Let us know how you feel about this idea. In the meantime, enjoy this snapshot from 113 years ago!

HDNA TREE PLANTING UPDATE

by Barbara Berman

nder the auspices of HDNA, the Highlands Douglass Reforestation Project planted 130 trees in our neighborhood during October and November of this year, bringing our 6-year total to 958 trees. We eagerly and proudly anticipate planting our 1,000th tree next year.

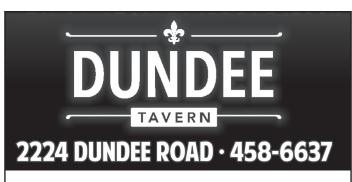
With the leadership of Josh White, HDNA volunteers have helped plan, organize, plant and maintain these trees throughout the Highlands-Douglass community. Hundreds of neighbors enjoy the benefits of these trees as they beautify our properties, contribute to the ecological well-being of the larger community, and add to our much-needed tree canopy. The goal of this

program is a 45% tree canopy per property.

The dry September weather put many of our trees and shrubs at risk. We are grateful to the many HDNA volunteers who watered so many of our young trees during this critical period and also to those who helped water the plantings at the Douglass Loop Farmers Market and Douglass Park.

If you would like to have one or more trees planted on your property or be a volunteer planter, please contact Josh White at 502-767-1722 or Barbara Berman at 502-553-6451.





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BECOME A BUSINESS MEMBER OF HDNA!

If you are a business owner with customers who reside in the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood, you might wish to become a Business Member. Benefits include:

- Growing your customer base among area residents.
- Gaining exposure through our biannual newsletter, The Neighbor.
- Complimentary presence on the HDNA website.
- Showing your support of HDNA's activities with a business membership decal.
- Gaining exposure at HDNA events and activities.

For details on becoming an HDNA Business Member, email us at: info@highlandsdouglass.org



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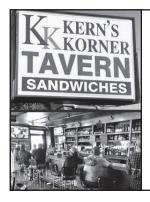
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ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

by Barbara Ford

We often hear, "What can be done to address concerns about the homeless in our community." This article provides information about how two local agencies who often work closely together address this question: Louisville Coalition for the Homeless (www.louhomeless.org), and Volunteers of America (VOA) Mid-States (www.voamid.org/services).

Louisville Coalition for the Homeless

The Coalition's mission statement (www.louhomeless.org/who-we-are/mission/) states: The Coalition for the Homeless is the lead advocate for the homeless locally. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to prevent and end homelessness in Louisville. We have been the voice of the homeless in Louisville since 1986, when we were founded by community leaders. Our job is to strategically evaluate the needs of the homeless and of our 30+ member agencies, and to implement smart, long-term solutions.

Here are our strategic priorities:

- Educate the community about homelessness
- Advocate for system changes and inspire action
- **Coordinate** the community response to homelessness through efficient use of resources and funding

The following link from the Coalition for the Homeless provides information for immediate services: www.louhomeless.org/news/gethelp/. A few of those services are listed below.

Reserve a Louisville shelter bed by calling our Single Point of Entry office between 10am-4pm: (502) 637-BEDS (502-637-2337)

Find help in Louisville: www.louieconnect.com

Get a shelter ID or reserve a bed: Visit the Coalition for the Homeless (1300 S. Fourth St #200) from 10am-3:30pm Monday through Friday

In his most recent newsletter, Councilman Brandon Coan wrote:

"Finally, while our Make Positive Change donation boxes have been site selected, are in production and will be installed soon, you can help the Coalition for the Homeless now. For just \$5, you can cover the cost of getting one person off the streets and into shelter for one night of extreme weather."



Volunteers of America (VOA) Mid-States

What follows is from the website of Volunteers of America Mid-States (www.voamid.org/future):

Our Present and Future

Volunteers of America is proud to be an accredited, licensed not-for-profit business serving individuals and families who face some of our society's most complex challenges. Because our mission focuses on the mental, physical and spiritual health of each person we serve, we are planning for a future in which we will broaden our core competency of care management. This person-centered, family-focused, integrated approach to transforming lives leverages the highly professional team that we have attracted to our mission.

What you need to know about us:

- We focus on the health and well-being of our clients, integrating all aspects of healthcare into our approach to care management.
- We successfully address some of our communities' most complex problems affecting individual and families.
- We are accountable. We focus on quality and outcomes, measure our impact, and maintain transparency in our finances, employment practices, and operations.
- Those we serve experience our core values of diversity, justice, commitment, integrity and compassion.

Specific programs pertaining to homelessness include:

Eviction Prevention Program

VOA Home's Eviction Prevention Program stabilizes resident families and individuals living in Louisville Metro Housing Authority properties by preventing evictions through financial assistance, crisis intervention, mediation, and collaborations with other service providers. Recognizing the value of short-term assistance in preventing the long-term cycle of homelessness, the Eviction Prevention Program provides immediate financial assistance and crisis intervention.



Unity House

Volunteers of America's Unity House provides safe emergency housing for families who become homeless due to a wide range of factors. The shelter's hallmark is a commitment to serving the whole family in one location. The program also provides individualized case management, housing placement, and other services to help families transition back to the community and become self-sufficient.

Family Stabilization Program

The Family Stabilization program serves families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. VOA offers case management and support to these families by managing crisis situations and offering solutions and referrals as appropriate. They are helped to set goals and meet those goals so that ultimately families are preparing themselves for self-sufficiency and are able to live successfully on their own.

Transitional Housing Program

Recognizing the need to build a bridge between homelessness and permanent housing, the Transitional Housing Program offers families a place to live for up to two years after leaving the Volunteers of America Mid-States' Family Emergency Shelter, as well as case management and housing placement services.

For more information see: www.voamid.org







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WHAT'S NEW AT THE DCC

While fundraising has begun for the historic home, the Douglass Community Center continues to grow and thrive! Thanks to Councilman Coan's participatory budgeting initiative and to the citizens of District 8 who voted to apply funds to the Center, they have installed new flooring in the gymnasium, new flooring in the weight and fitness room, repaved the outdoor basketball court, and installed new basketball goals there as well. Volunteers have promised to paint the gym, so the whole space will look fresh and new.

There are many programs available and classes have been added due to record participation. Here are some of the offerings you may want to try.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pickleball (intermediate) 10a - 2p	Silver Sneakers 10:30 - 11:30a	Silver Sneakers Yoga 10:30 - 11:30a	Silver Sneakers 10:30 - 11:30a	Adult Archery 10a - 12p	LVAA Art Class 10a - 12p
Home School Fun (1st Monday) 12 - 4p	Book Club (1st & 3rd Tuesday) 11:30a - 12:30p	Rockerettes 11a - 1p	Adult Coloring 11:30a - 12:30p	Pickleball (intermediate) 12 - 3p	Yoga 10:30 - 11:30a
Home School Archery 3 - 4p	A.I.R. Gym Time 12 - 3p	Pickleball (intermediate) 12 - 3p	Preschool Time 12:30 - 1:30p	Open Gym 3 - 6p	Pickleball (beginners) 12 - 2p
Senior Fitness 4:30 - 5:30p	Open Gym 3 - 5p	Knitting Club 12 - 3p	Open Gym 3 - 6p		
Adult Art 6 - 8p	Peace Education 5:30 - 6:30p	Open Gym 3 - 6p	4H Club 6 - 7p		
Square Dancing 6 - 8p	Deaf Volleyball 6 - 8p	Folk Dancing 5:30 - 7:30p	Teen Archery 7:30 - 8:30p		
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HYR PROGRAMS FOR WINTER 2020

Futsal divisions for youth ages 5 through 16 and Basketball divisions for players aged 5 through 12. The cost is \$67 per player. Sign up continues through December, 2019. All divisions will meet for one practice on a weeknight. Practices begin the week of January 6th, 2020. All divisions play games on Saturdays with a randomized schedule between 9 AM and 4 PM.

All practices and games will be at one of three facilities: St. Paul United Methodist Church, Douglass Blvd. Christian Church, or the Douglass Community Center.

The season runs from January 11th through February 29th 2020. We have 2 open gym nights scheduled for St. Paul United Methodist Church:

November 14th from 6 PM – 8:30 PM and

December 5th from 6 PM – 8:30 PM.

Contact Patrick Fitzgerald at: hyr@hcmlouisville.org

FENCING CLASS AT DCC

by Dawn Wilson

The Louisville Fencing Center has been a fixture in Louisville for the past 25 years. Our goal is to develop and promote the whole person through competitive and recreational fencing and to bring out the best in our athletes through world-class coaching, hard work and a strong community spirit. We want to continue our mission throughout the Louisville Metro community by offering fencing to minority and economically disadvantaged children to develop successful and productive young adults through the art of fencing. The Louisville Fencing Center wants to provide a program to:

- · Help underserved youth grow and become successful through sport;
- Provide role models and academic help to underserved youth so they can become successful in the classroom. As the program grows, we hope to use it as a recruitment tool that works with local business (from start-ups to Fortune 500) to recruit to Louisville talented student-athletes from universities.

Historically, our beginner Louisville area student programs were very popular and garnered strong neighborhood cooperation. We were proud to host a series of classes at Douglass Community Center. The programs included children and adults from all backgrounds and it garnered great results. Although this success from the recent past causes us to be optimistic about the future, we are seeking to grow beyond our initial modest beginning to build pathway to college programs.

The recent fencing class experience at DCC was fun, educational and rewarding. It provided an opportunity to learn the sport of fencing and fine tune skills among friends. Overall the DCC class was a great program and we look forward to continuing to work with members of the community to introduce this great sport.

If you have any questions about the Fencing Center and its programs, we are located at 1401 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd. Our website is www.louisvillefencing.org and our e-mail address is info@louisvillefencing.org



UPGRADING SECURITY AT BIG ROCK

By Ron Loughry

We're rounding third and heading for home," seems to be the collective opinion regarding progress centering upon safe and healthy use of Big Rock. For well over a year, many folks have been raising concerns related to multiple issues, including: illegal parking and camping, trash, illicit drug traffic, shootings, vandalism, and swimming in the polluted waters of the creek. Individuals in the neighborhoods surrounding Big Rock, along with the HDNA, Metro Parks, Councilman Coan, and the Olmsted Parks Conservancy are collaborating on a common-sense approach to these issues, which includes a security upgrade.

In addition to better policing and rule enforcement one such upgrade involves the installation of a security camera with motion detector. Funded through Councilman Coan's office, a stationary camera will be installed atop a pole, with a range that will include the pagoda and the main parking area. The camera, with infrared sensor and motion detector covering a 270-degree field of view, will include a strobe light for warning and a microphone for live voice warnings and instruction. The system will be activated during hours when the park is closed. When any movement is detected, an automatic voice warning will go off informing the person(s) that the park is closed and to vacate the premises. A signal will also be sent to a private alarm company monitoring the site video. If the premises are not vacated within a short period of time, the alarm company will repeat instructions



about vacating the area and, if necessary, will alert police to come investigate. The Olmsted Parks Conservancy will pay the monthly monitoring fee. The final point of consideration is whether an existing pole belonging to LG&E can be used or if a new pole needs to be erected.

We are grateful to many people for persevering through this task including residents Bob Harlow, Trevor Soergel, Gary Pennington, and, Layla George of the Olmsted Parks Conservancy, the HDNA Board, and Councilman Brandon Coan. These people, among others, have led the efforts regarding this situation, recognizing our community's responsibility in ensuring its ongoing quality of life.



HDNA BOARD MEETINGS

We welcome everyone in the neighborhood to join us at one of our monthly Board Meetings. There is no better way to keep abreast of what is happening in the neighborhood, and we invite all neighbors to participate. Meetings are held at 6:30PM on the first Wednesday of each month (EXCEPT JANUARY) at the Douglass Community Center, 2305 Douglass Blvd. You are invited to drop by anytime to help us plan neighborhood activities and to present/discuss any topics that pertain to our area.

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You can keep up to date with events and news from the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood on Facebook.com/highlandsdouglass, on Twitter@HDNA40205 or Instagram www.instagram.com/highlandsdouglass. You can also find a wealth of information about our neighborhood on our web page at www.highlandsdouglass. org On our website you can find information about:

- HDNA as an Organization
- Committees and Meetings
- Our Bylaws
- Douglass Community Center
- Events and Activities
- The Neighborhood Plan
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For just \$15 per household per year, you can become a member of the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association. Your membership will help us serve our community by:

- Working with your Metro Council representative to improve our neighborhood.
- Promoting safety and security in our area.
- Bringing neighbors together by sponsoring events and activities such as the Big Rock Jazz & Blues Fest, Old Fashioned Ice
 Cream Social, Speakers Series and Reforesting the neighborhood.

To join, please mail your check for \$15 to the Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 5194, Louisville, KY 40255 or go on line to highlandsdouglass.org/membership and pay with PayPal.

