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Cooper-Young — Many Voices, One Community

PEABODY'S PRINCIPAL SETTLES IN



Memphis native and Trezevant High alum Melanie Nelson is moving into her new job as principal of Peabody Elementary, taking over for Kongsouly Jones.

Melanie Nelson takes helm at Cooper-Young elementary

By Ginger Spickler

It came as a surprise to many when Kongsouly Jones, Peabody Elementary's popular principal for the past seven years, announced in late June that she had taken a job with the district as the instructional leadership director for the Northwest region of the newly merged Shelby County Schools.

But with a new school year quickly approaching, the district had to execute a speedy application and interview process which nonetheless brought in numerous strong candidates, according to district officials, for the highly desirable position as Peabody's new principal.

Melanie Nelson, formerly principal of Hawkins Mill Elementary, was announced as Ms. Jones' successor in mid-July and was at the school building just days later to start getting to know her facility and staff.

"I'm excited to be a part of Peabody Elementary and the Cooper-Young community," Nelson said. "Peabody Elementary has a lot of rich academics and culture to offer, and I want to be a part of enhancing these fundamentals for our students."

Nelson is a native Memphian and attended Spring Hill Elementary and Trezevant High School before going on to college at the University of Tennessee-Martin and graduate school at Freed-Hardeman University. She worked in the Memphis City Schools system for 17 years, as a teacher, an instructional facilitator, an assistant principal, and most recently the principal of Hawkins Mill Elementary. Nelson is married and has a 10-year-old son, who will remain at his current elementary school near their home.

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Blighted building frustrates neighbors

CYCA presses city for action on site

Neighborhood leaders are pleading to the mayor and city officials for action a derelict building on a prominent Cooper-Young corner.

Cooper-Young Community Association executive director Kristan Huntley said she gets calls from concerned residents every week concerning the dilapidated two-story commercial building at 2219 Young, at Cox Street. The neighborhood association would like to see the building either renovated or demolished. But despite more than a year of complaints and several letters, Huntley said she's seen no real action and gotten no response from several city officials. With the retirement in July of the code enforcement officer assigned to the area, she fears the neighborhood's needs are being ignored.

"This is a quickly deteriorating property that is worrying neighbors due to risk of collapse, unsafe due to gaps in the fence that squatters could enter and in general, an eyesore," Huntley wrote in a letter sent June 14 to City Council representatives Wanda Halbert, Myron Lowery, Janis Fullilove and Joe Brown.

The letter followed several discussions between Huntley and city code enforcement officers and months of requests to the Mayor's Citizen Service Center. Complaints from residents go back two years.

But city council members did not respond to Huntley's June 14 letter, or to a follow-up letter sent July 3, after the city's budget sessions ended.

On July 18, Huntley sent another

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PAGE 6,7 **YARD OF THE MONTH**
It's back, for both Cooper-Young and Idlewild, after a hiatus. See the results of many hard months of gardening.

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You ought to be in pictures. This month, it's snapshots from the Fourth of July parade and a birthday at Midtown Market.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I sit here in my relatively, new living room chair that now has one arm cover missing from one of the new dogs chewing a hole in it, I am reminded of how much I miss my old girls that I lost to cancer last year.



Don't get me wrong, I absolutely adore my rescue pups and all the love and appreciation that they give me for giving them a home. But do I still miss being able to leave anything out that I pleased with no fear of destruction? Absolutely. Do I miss the luxury of staying in bed on the weekends as long as I wanted without being pushed onto the floor by wrestling dogs? Yes, please. Do I long for the days that I came home and didn't have to piece together minuscule pieces of important receipts and paperwork? You have no idea. One good thing to come from their destructive habits is that I am now forced to keep my house clean and tidy whether I have the time

and energy or not. My old dogs could care less about anything that I left out unless it looked like it would be soft to lay on or they felt that it needed more dog hair on it. Young pups also require so much more play time and exercise that I am forced to be active even if all I want to do it take a nap.

Cooper even tried to help me replace some of those curb markers on the storm drains this month, just like the two from my photo. Actually, he ate both of those markers. I'd like to think that he sensed that they were somehow inferior quality or defective in some way, but I know he was just bored. I sure hope that I can get them trained before the National Night Out Parties on August 6! Wish me luck on that one, and be sure to register your block party with the CYCA. Party on, neighbors!

- June Hurt

CALENDAR

- Aug. 3**
MGLCC 10th anniversary in Cooper-Young, 3-7 p.m., 892 Cooper
- Aug. 6**
National Night Out block parties
- Aug. 7**
Red Hot Summer Music Series every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m at the gazebo: jazz from VIP Combo
- Aug. 14**
Red Hot Summer Music Series every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m at the gazebo: Freedom Rock
- Aug. 21**
Red Hot Summer Music Series every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m at the gazebo: Underway Jazz
- Aug. 28**
Red Hot Summer Music Series every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m at the gazebo: School of Rock
- No CYCA general meeting this month**

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No funds for proposed CY parking deck in city budget

Future of project unclear

By David Royer

A \$3.4 million request to the City of Memphis to build a proposed parking deck on Young Avenue was not included in the city's final budget approved June 25, leaving the future of the proposal unclear.

The Cooper-Young Business Association put the project forward as a solution to parking congestion in the entertainment and retail district, and had plans drawn up by Pensacola, Fla.-based Structured Parking Solutions. They asked the city to completely fund the project in a May 21 presentation, and council mem-



ber Janis Fullilove asked for the money to be included in the city's budget as the budget process was winding down in late June. But council members cited a tight budget this year, with council member Wanda Halbert calling the request "next to impossible." When the dust of the budget process

cleared, there was no money included in the final document. Charlie Ryan, the Cooper-Young businessman who spearheaded the effort and owned much of the land where the structure was proposed, did not respond to a request for comment on the project's status. Tamara Cook,

director of the CYBA, said she hadn't heard any news and didn't know what the next step for the parking deck might be — or whether the project would proceed at all.

Cooper-Young residents and business owners were divided in their opinions on the proposal. In a poll of 364 respondents, a slim majority expressed support for the parking deck idea, while 36 percent opposed. Seventy-five percent agreed that there were too few parking spaces in the district, but many people also expressed support for ideas other than a parking deck.

In 2012, the city approved \$16 million to build a 450-space parking garage and detention pond for nearby Overton Square.

Building, From Page 1

letter to Mayor A C Wharton asking for help. "I was honestly at a loss for what to do now that our traditional channels of having these problems address(ed) failed," Huntley wrote to Wharton. "I am even more disappointed because our elected representatives did not even respond to our concerns. Can you please advise what could be our next steps in having this issue addressed by the City of Memphis before the building collapses?"

The letter has not received a response. Neighbors say the building was once a contractor's office, but it has been vacant for about a decade. Its roof has partially caved in, siding is falling off, weeds have overtaken the sidewalk, large tree limbs dangle over a neighboring property and an upstairs window remains open. In late July, a graffiti tag appeared and a tire was dumped in the yard.

"I have concerns about living next door to that nasty building," said Jonathan Hill, whose home sits just 10 feet to the south. "My only concern about tearing it down is that it's become somewhat of a wild animal sanctuary."

In April 2012, city representatives placed Do Not Enter signs on the property, but no further work was done. More signs were placed on the door this summer.

Huntley said she contacted city Code Enforcement about the property in 2012 and was told by an officer that the property had been turned over to attorney Steve Barlow, who would bring the case before the city's environmental court. Under the Neighborhood Preservation Act, the court could order the owners to demolish, rehabilitate or divest title in the property.

When Huntley followed up with Barlow in May to track progress, he said Code Enforcement had not turned the case over to him. He still doesn't have authorization to work on the case, and the city's condemnation department says they don't have any information, either.

In the meantime, the property was put up



Two views of the building at the corner of Young and Cox show a deteriorating roof, weeds and more recently, graffiti and a tire.

for sale at a tax auction in September, but Huntley said she was told the sale was pulled because the city was unable to locate the owners.

And in early July, the Code Enforcement officer who had been assigned to the area retired, said Code Enforcement representative Cynthia Stevenson. She wasn't sure who, if anyone, had taken over the case.

Stevenson pulled up records indicating that the owners had been sent a "no progress" letter June 26, giving them a "second chance" to make repairs to the property. But there was no deadline given for those repairs, she said, and she could not tell from the records to whom the letter was addressed.

The Shelby County Assessor's website lists the owners as the estate of James F. Summerall and Sandra K. Alderson, with a Memphis address given. Earlier this year, a person who identified himself as Mr. Summerall cleaned out a truckload of tools from the building



and told a neighbor the property had been broken into.

In April, the city approved creation of a vacant property registry to stem the tide of blighted properties in Memphis. According to the ordinance, the city found that "vacant and abandoned properties can lead to a decline in property value, a corresponding decline in property tax revenue, create and attract nuisances and lead to a general decrease in neighborhood and community aesthetic."

- LampLighter staff

Text from a letter sent July 18 from Cooper-Young Community Association:

Dear Mayor Wharton,

I am writing to request your assistance regarding a blighted house in the Cooper-Young neighborhood. I have sent two requests to our City Council representatives for assistance after no meaningful action had been taken by Code Enforcement. It has now been over two weeks since my last email to Councilmembers Halbert, Lowery, Fullilove and Brown and I have still yet to hear from either them or Code Enforcement. In fact, a resident of our neighborhood found out the other day that the lead Code Enforcement Inspector on the case, Troy Brown, has retired which has me even more concerned that no action will be taken on this blighted and dangerous house.

I was honestly at a loss for what to do now that our traditional channels of having these problems address failed. I am even more disappointed because our elected representatives did not even respond to our concerns. Can you please advise what could be our next steps in having this issue addressed by the City of Memphis before the building collapses?

Thank you,
Kristan A. Huntley
Executive Director

IN YOUR WORDS ...

What readers are saying on lamplighter.cooperyoung.org

In response to "Parking survey shows some support for garage":

the Jury is still out...but as more facts are made available, choices will be more clearer..At this point, I'm still against Charlie Ryan's 'project'.. however, it could change.
Nick Canterucci, June 27

In response to "Parking survey shows some support for garage":

Now I'll get personal.. This project will be in direct view of my home and we will lose 3 major trees. I have YET to see my idea about the vacant lot on Blythe addressed.
Dan Spector, July 1

#COOPERYOUNG

Here's what the Twittersphere has to say about Cooper-Young

Katie Hobson @KatieHob

Iced coffee at Java Cabana & book browsing at Burke's is a delightful way to spend a morning. #cooperyoung #choose901
July 12

ingrid cruz @ingridiswriting

I'm convinced that #Memphis is a food desert, and upset that my ex-favorite vegan restaurant is now closed :(#CooperYoung
July 12

Michael Hapner @mike8472

@zacattac I do "just" 3 miles all the time. Nothing wrong with that distance. You find a 5K race soon. Then next up..CooperYoung 4 miler!!
July 13

Dishcrawl Memphis @dishcrawlmem

Calling all #memphis #vegans & #vegetarians! A #foodie event just for you! A #dishcrawl in #cooperyoung on 9/18
July 14

Greencork Wine @GreencorkWine

#Greencork loves #artists. We hope to have some shows at our new #winerom and #restaurant in #CooperYoung #Memphis.
July 15

Lindy Tate @Lindy_Tate

New tees @KssBags in Cooper Young. Hot! #Memphis #cooperyoung tshirts #hot
July 18

Ray Rico @ricoinmemphis

Freelancers in #Memphis unite! Creative co-op coming to @cooperyoung neighborhood soon!
July 19



📍 'JohnnyCash' by Greg Giegucz is among the works on display during the ICONS exhibition at Allie Cat Arts on Cooper this month. See story below.

📍 A runner sprints to a finish after dark during 2012's Cooper-Young Festival Friday 4-Miler. The annual race, which takes place the day before the Cooper-Young Festival, will start Sept. 13 and registration is open now. See story on next page. Photo by Chris McHaney.

ICONS at Allie Cat Arts

This month Allie Cat Arts presents ICONS, an exhibition of images that tap into the shared experiences of our modern lives - extracting history, infusing the future and dispersing the present, in celebration of Elvis Week and the gallery's one-year anniversary.

Icons are recognizable images, people, or words that symbolize the beliefs, morals, fears and hopes of a culture. The show features icon-inspired works by local artists Barry Joyce, Debbie Crawford, Greg Giegucz, Adam Hunt, Karen Capps, Susan Younger, Mj Reeves, Band In My Hand, Meredith Wilson, Robyn Nickell, Caolinn Golden, Daniel Counce, Jessica Kellicut, Sandra Phelps, Rhonda Test, Clyde Johnson Jr, and Jason Peck.

The opening reception is Aug. 10 from 5-9pm at Allie Cat Arts, Cooper Street behind Café Ole. Dress as your favorite icon. Refreshments will be served. The show runs through the month of August (or until sold out).

MGLCC marking 10-year-anniversary

Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 892 S. Cooper, will celebrate its 10th anniversary in Cooper-Young with a party, open to friends, families and straight allies, Aug. 3 from 3 to 7 p.m.

There will be balloon artists and face painting for children as well as a DJ and food. We would love for you to meet our staff and volunteers and possibly find your niche in our community!

"Our Cooper Young neighborhood has helped us create the safe space so important to our community," the group said. "We want to say thank you for making us feel welcome, respected and comfortable. Cooper Young rocks!"

Jazz and Wine event at CBU

The 2nd Annual Soul Serenade Jazz and Wine Event will be held Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. at Christian Brothers University in to raise funds and awareness to the services provided in the Memphis area to 64 families. The proceeds from this event will benefit Open Arms Care - Memphis Operation.

The event will feature jazz saxophonist Mark Baker, as well as other musical artists including Gypsy Dudes, Lee Taylor and The Glo. In addition, this year's event will feature a special performance by a finalist on Team Aguilera from the third season of "The Voice" television show, Celica Westbrook.

The event will take place at Christian Brothers University Theater lo-

cated in De La Salle Hall on the campus of Christian Brother University located at Central and Parkway. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door.

The reception will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. During the reception, the guest will be able to enjoy wine and appetizers. The show, hosted by State Representative Antonio Parkinson, will begin at 7.

Open Arms Care - Memphis Operations is a nonprofit organization that provides residential and vocational services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the city of Memphis.

To purchase tickets in advance, call 371-9774 or visit: <http://oacjzandwine.eventbrite.com>

Get your image on Barksdale mural

Work on the Barksdale mural will begin soon, after the McLean mural has finished, but residents still have time to get their silhouette painted on the mural. Email Kristan Huntley at info@cooperyoung.org or drop by her office at 2298 Young to drop off your photo or get more information. The cost is \$20, but residents who have been in the neighborhood more than 20 years can get their image for free.

Guitar duo plays jazz, bluegrass



Les Paul.

Admission is \$12. Tickets can be purchased at otherlands, The Booksellers at Laurelwood and online at <http://internationalguitarduo.eventbrite.com>. For more info on the duo visit their website at www.lorenandmark.com.

The Memphis Acoustic Music Association will present the International Guitar Duo in concert at 8 p.m. Aug. 10 at Otherlands Coffee Bar, 641 S. Cooper.

Fresh from their recent European tour, the duo is returning for their second concert in Memphis. New Zealand's Mark Mazengarb and New Yorker Loren Barrigar play a repertoire of stunning guitar duets and songs ranging from jazz to bluegrass and country, incorporating the thumb-picking techniques pioneered by guitar greats Chet Atkins, Jerry Reed and

4-Miler race approaching

Registration is open for this year's Cooper-Young Festival Friday 4 Miler, which will hit the road Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

The race will be capped at 2,500 runners. Registration is \$25 or \$35 the day of the race. For the first time this year, people can register to "run in spirit" (i.e., just buy a shirt and cheer on a runner), for \$17.50. Registration is at <http://cooperyoung4miler.racesonline.com>.

The Cooper-Young Festival Friday 4 Miler, which kicks off the Cooper-Young Festival, is the largest annual fundraiser for the Cooper-Young Community Association. Last year, the race set a record by raising some \$37,750 for programs that improve the community.

Java Cabana's August music calendar

Java Cabana's music schedule features the following performers this month:

August 9, Daniel Amedee; August 10, Steve Lockwood & John Chambliss; August 11, Flint Blade & Honeydew; August 17, Mark Allen; August 21, Pop Wagner; August 30, Screamin Eagle & Zeke Johnson.

Miniatures at David Perry Smith Gallery

David Perry Smith Gallery, 703 New York Street, presents Miniatures, small works by gallery artists, through Aug. 31.

The gallery will host an opening Aug. 2, 6-8 p.m. Call 606-9690 for information.

'Memphis and Beyond' reception at Gallery 56

Gallery Fifty-Six, at 2256 Central Ave., will host a reception Aug. 2 for an exhibition of paintings by Terry Kenney called "Memphis and Beyond." The show will run through Aug. 30. Visit galleryfiftysix.com for more information.



Burke's owner pens poetry

Corey Mesler's new book of poetry, Our Lost Years (Unbound Content) is now available at Burke's Book Store on Cooper. The cost is \$16 and Mesler, who owns Burke's Books, can sign or inscribe. It can also be ordered at www.burkesbooks.com/shop/burkes/121945.html

Richard Tillinghast, author of Today in the Cafe Trieste and The Stonecutter's Hand, says: "Corey Mesler is a poet of intimacy and honesty with a gift for memorable lines and



phrases such as "a chapel shaped like a farm" and "She entered my life / like a battered dresser, all / drawers open . . ." His poems are intimate, wistful, and often erotic. Though he does not go out of his way to establish settings and a sense of location, his poems are subtly and yet unmistakably evocative of the city where he lives, particularly of midtown Memphis. Everyone who owns a book or two by Peter Taylor, who loves the music of Booker T. and MGs and Jessie Winchester, will want to have Corey Mesler on their bookshelves."

MCA opening annual Horn Island exhibit

Memphis College of Art will present the 29th annual Horn Island Exhibition in the Rust Hall Gallery at 1930 Poplar in Overton Park from Aug. 19 through Sept. 27. A reception will be held on Sept. 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Rust Hall Gallery.

The works in the exhibition are the outcome of an 11-day annual trip to Horn Island, Miss. for MCA students, faculty and alumni. Faculty member Don DuMont is the director of the Horn Island program. He coordinates the travel arrangements and logistics for the expedition, which immerses the participants in nature on the undeveloped island, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore. The program begins before departure as the artists begin work on a journal/sketchbook for the trip. DuMont says a visit to the Walter Anderson Museum in Ocean Springs, Miss. is always the first stop, as Anderson, an American artist who spent much of his childhood and adult life in coastal Mississippi, drew heavily on the environment and wildlife of Horn Island in his work.

Once on the island, participants live in primitive conditions, as there are no amenities. Over the years, the Wednesday night of the trip has become a favorite, featuring a dinner of SPAM and a contest for the most elaborate headdress made with found objects. "It can be anything from baseball caps with

items affixed on them, to full island regalia," says DuMont. The expedition usually numbers around 35, but DuMont recalls 52 participants on the 20-year anniversary trip.

Following the expedition, participants are given several weeks to develop a body of work based on their island experience. Participants create work for the exhibition that may include photography, sculpture, painting, drawing, ceramics and book arts. Students gain additional experience as they participate in the installation and logistical planning of the exhibition.

'Royal Family' visits Theatre Memphis

"The Royal Family," a classic comedy set in the 1920s home of Broadway's most legendary acting family of the century, takes center stage at Theatre Memphis on the Lohrey Stage as the Cavendish clan struggles with fame, egos and career-altering decisions. Playing Aug. 16-Sept. 1, three generations of actors act out with outrageous road bumps and hilarious mix-ups that are the daily fare for this eccentric, lovable group of stars and the supporting players in their lives.

Shows run Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with matinees at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students with valid ID, \$10 for children under 12. Call the box office at 682-8323 or visit theatrememphis.org.

Wiseacre brews 2 in cans

Wiseacre Brewing Company, which will open later this year on Broad Street, announced it will have two new beers for sale by year's end. Tiny Bomb American Pilsner and Ananda IPA, an India Pale Ale, will be packaged into cans and available for year-round purchase. Wiseacre, a startup by to Memphis-born brothers with experience from the Chicago brewing scene, will be the first craft brewery in Tennessee to can beer.

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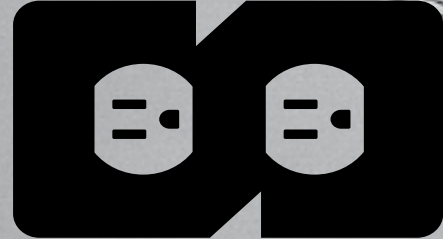

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IDLEWILD YARD OF THE MONTH 2029 Vinton Ave. blooms



Idlewild Neighborhood Association has restarted our Yard of the Month awards for most beautiful and interesting yard in the neighborhood. A big thank you to Midtown Nursery located in Idlewild at the corner of Central and Cooper. They are our partners in Yard of the Month providing our YOM sign and a \$25 gift certificate to the winners each month.

The July Yard of the Month award went to longtime resident, Ken Nelson of 2029 Vinton Ave. He admits he does have some help from Brian Walls. They are doing a great job. Congratulations and thank you for helping make INA a beautiful place.

- Mary Baker

CY YARD OF THE MONTH 1893 Oliver yard charms with red begonias, daylilies

Name: Caleb Simmons, Mark Lambert and Jonathan Pearson
Address: 1893 Oliver Avenue

Types of flowers/plants/trees:
Flower beds along the front porch are lined with red begonias and geraniums contrasted with variegated liriope and small boxwood shrubs with a backdrop of red-stemmed ferns and tall nandina shrubs. Surrounding the large elm tree are various green plants and shrubs, including native hydrangea, large elephant ears and ferns, complemented with a variety of colorful day lilies of differing heights and sizes.

In the back yard, curved flower beds are lined with yellow day lilies, crimson barberry and firepower dwarf nandina in front of tall evergreen hedges. A large maple tree is surrounded by lush greenery including various species of hosta, cannis, large elephant ears, liriope, Louisiana swamp iris and banana trees, accented by various colorful annuals and a water fountain.

Additional information:

We have lived in the house since 2007. When we purchased the property, the yard was pretty much a blank slate, which offered us a chance to develop it to fit our personality.



Caleb is originally from South Louisiana and we would visit often. We wanted to duplicate the tropical lushness of the area in our own backyard. The first spring we moved in, Caleb's mother visited for two weeks to help us pick out plants and come up with a plan; it has been a work in progress ever since. We love living in Cooper-Young because of the wonderful

neighbors and great places to hang out. One of our favorite activities is to host small get-togethers in our back yard for our friends, neighbors and family.

Thanks to Midtown Nursery at Central and Cooper for sponsoring Yard of the Month.



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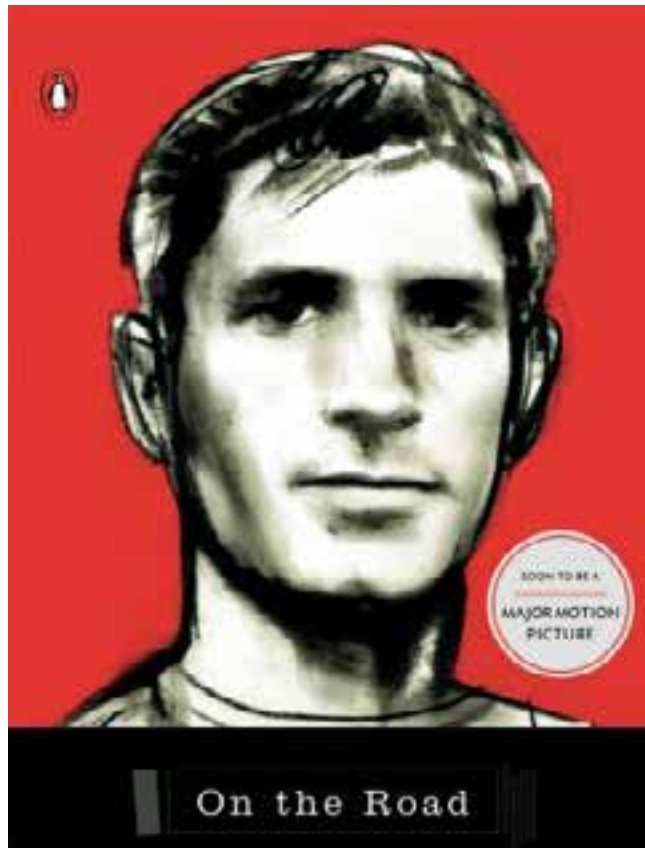
My name is Corey and I read fiction.

I have been putting my email address at the end of my columns, here in our lovely community newsletter, asking anyone to talk to me (I'm so lonely!). It was most gratifying this month to get a response to the column from someone who genuinely wanted to talk books and writers, a kind soul named Robert Humphreys. He said this nice thing: "Thanks for bringing something fresh to the paper. I found myself going straight to your editorial in this latest edition." Well, I mean, gosh, wouldn't any columnist find that a joyful thing, an encouraging thing? And Robert recommended a couple short stories that I had not heard of: Mohammed Mrabet's "Doctor Safi," and Wolfgang Borchert's "Do Stay, Giraffe." I will seek them out because that is what I do. I am a shamus on the trail of noteworthy literature, and, like all good espionage, one clue leads to another, and that new clue leads to another and then, one leads me to a book that possibly becomes essential to me. It goes, to use a hackneyed phrase for Internet phenomena, goes viral.

So, thanks, Robert Humphreys, for trusting me with your opinion, for sharing book talk. This is what I had in mind when The Lamplighter so kindly gave me this space. Rob-



By Corey Mesler



ert also mentioned John Irving's Hotel New Hampshire, as the book he was currently reading, and Kerouac's On the Road, as the book he was rereading. Nabokov famously said, "There are no good readers. There are only good re-readers."

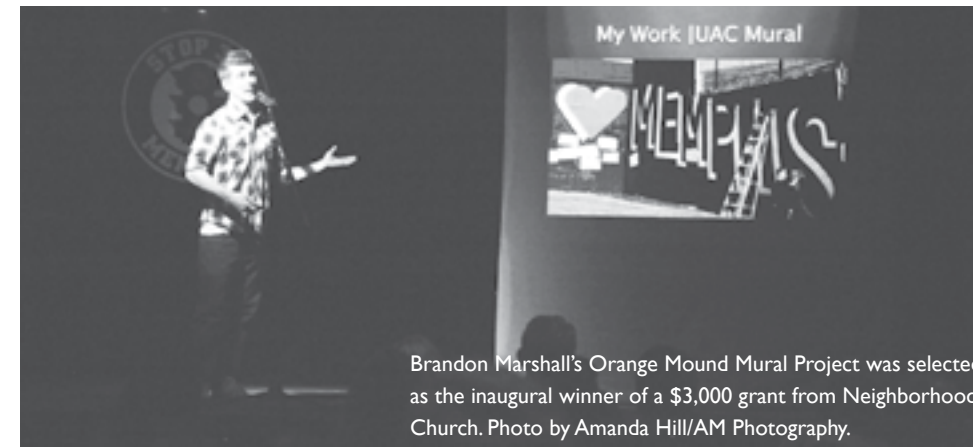
Vladimir would be disappointed in me, in this aspect, I fear. I rarely reread anything (except for a few brief personally important novels like *The Stranger*, *The Moviegoer* and *The Sun Also Rises*) because I figure my time is limited (Damn, you Damocles!) and there are authors I still need to discover. Here are a few: Balzac, Stendhal, H. E. Bates, Benjamin Percy, Tana French, Dawn Powell, Harold Brodkey, Stephen Dixon, Alexander Dumas, Louisa May Alcott, Victor Hugo, Don Carpenter, Louis Bayard, John Milton, Isaac Babel, Carl Hiassen, Edward P. Jones, Henning Mankel, Elizabeth Spencer, Eric Kraft, Booth Tarkington, John Galsworthy, Christopher Isherwood, Yukio Mishima, to name a few.

O, the richness of literary endeavor! O, the depth of my ignorance! Do you still respect me?

I am 58 years old as of the 20th of July, 2013. I have my work cut out for me. Having exhausted some of my touchstone writers — that is, I've read everything by them — I must cast my net wide. But, I also have novels left by some of my favorite writers: a few of Nabokov's, many Peter DeVries, one Joseph Heller, many Alice Hoffmans, a couple Alasdair Grays, a few Updikes, a couple Philip Roths, many Thomas Bergers, a few Graham Greenes, many Wodehouses, many Ross MacDonalds, a couple John Barths, and one, only one novel left from the divine Dame Iris Murdoch's incomparable output.

Here is how we can stay in touch: coreyjmesler@gmail.com.

What am I reading now, you ask. Thanks for asking. I am reading Somerset Maugham's *Ashenden*, or *The British Agent*.



Brandon Marshall's Orange Mound Mural Project was selected as the inaugural winner of a \$3,000 grant from Neighborhood Church. Photo by Amanda Hill/AM Photography.

Neighborhood Church grant to bring art to Orange Mound

By Shelley Forrest Thomas

Yes, people still tithe at church even when times are hard. Neighborhood Church in Midtown recently decided to turn tithing into a community investment, ultimately helping turn Orange Mound into an art gallery.

Most churches use tithes for essential church operations and assistance for those in need, and Neighborhood Church is no different in that respect. But for the first time in NC's six-year history, it found itself to be fully funded through its members' tithes, not dependent upon outside support. In gratitude, NC decided to be a catalyst for community improvement by providing the first-ever Neighborhood Grant.

Josh Spickler, a member of NC and the Neighborhood Grant team said, "Neighborhood Church has been blessed with partners who have overwhelmingly supported its needs, and we wanted to use the surplus to invest in Memphis. The Neighborhood Grant was a way to give legs to the ideas of those who share our vision and passion for this great city."

NC publicized the Neighborhood Grant project through social media and word of mouth, and ended up with over 41 entries, five of which were chosen, based on their potential impact on local neighborhoods. In June, the five finalists presented their ideas live to an audience of over 100 people, including NC church members, the presenters' families and friends, and others, at a party at Stop 345 on

Madison. After all the presentations, attendees voted and, although all ideas were great, the Orange Mound Mural Project by Brandon Marshall was selected as the inaugural winner. Marshall received a \$3,000 check on the spot.

One attendee commented that his vote went to Marshall, who was also the creator of the original "I Love Memphis" mural on Cooper, because he was so passionate about and committed to his project, and he was clear on what the funds would be used for. During his presentation, Marshall shared that he and his wife purchased a house in Orange Mound for just \$6,000 so they could truly be a part of the community, and that some of the grant funds would cover their living expenses during the project, allowing him to focus on his art.

The remaining four presentations were for a Melrose High School Garden, Roots Memphis, a Spillt Festival, and a Broad Avenue Pocket Park. Each of these finalists received \$500 to put toward their projects. Special guest Jeff Hulett, a one-man band, provided music and NC church members provided an array of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, all of which made for a great evening.

Neighborhood Church gathers on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel at Union Avenue Baptist Church, and throughout the week in smaller groups at various Midtown homes. The church's vision is to know and love God and serve its neighbors, as a community of Christ-followers in Memphis. For more about NC, visit www.ncmidtown.com.

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THIS PAGE: The Cooper-Young 4th of July parade started at Peabody Elementary and continued down Young on the morning of July 4. Photos courtesy Kathy Fisher

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TOP: Friends of Midtown Market on Cooper celebrate the 60th birthday of James King (Mr. Jimmy, at center) July 10. ABOVE: Midtown Market owner Kevin Park chills Cooper-Young style with King, who looks after the market.

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Cool your house for less

By George Grider

Recently my wife and I made substantial cutbacks to our electric bill — nearly 50 percent from this year's June and July billing period over last year's. The cooler weather helped, but still.

We've been using two methods. First, we moved the bedroom downstairs and turned off the upstairs air conditioning. (An uncooled upstairs can get into the 90s, so be careful what you leave up there.) We run the downstairs temperatures at around 80 degrees. This works fine with floor or ceiling fans. Fans use far less electricity than an air conditioner.

Second, we keep an eye out for cool nights (high 60s, low 70s). Morning relief dominated June and extended into July, and should be a frequent occurrence in September. In the early hours when the roosters crow (as they sometimes do in Cooper-Young), we crank up one or two window fans aimed outside, then open selected windows elsewhere. A clear airway (not necessarily direct) must be provided, connecting the intake windows to the fan windows. Cool air flows in, and the house starts to breathe. The only sound we hear is that of the neighbors' air conditioners.

If you're fortunate enough to own one of those massive attic fans (think NASA wind tunnel) found in older homes, you know the drill.

A word about the smart meters. Make no mistake, their purpose is to influence our consumption habits, and they will. Unlike retail establishments, utilities have the unique responsibility of not being allowed to run out of product. (When you turn on the switch, you're not just hoping there will be power.) Therefore, power plants and grids are designed to accommodate peak usage, usually occurring on summer afternoons. Another handicap utilities face: New-plant sitings are a headache for everyone, utilities included. This on account of costs, climate concerns, and NIMBY (not in my backyard).

How can utilities meet higher peak loads without adding capacity? By paying its customers to cut back during peak hours. Smart meters allow companies to do just that, by using variable rates. The good news is that shifting usage from peak to off hours could lead to increasing consumer consciousness leading to conservation. Whether improved efficiencies and lower costs result in lower electric bills depends largely on who's minding the civic store.

You can get a jump on the smart meters by inaugurating your own cut-backs during the remaining weeks of summer.

George Grider and his wife Beverly have been Cooper-Young residents since 2001. During the 1970s he worked as an environmental consultant for electric utilities across the United States.

CYBA NEWS

Cooper-Young fills void for Operation Feed drive

For the second year, 20 businesses owners in the Cooper-Young Historic District have joined together for a campaign to fight hunger across the Mid-South. Several boxes of canned goods and \$1,314.81 were collected by the businesses over the week of July 8 through July 15.

Those participating to help feed over 4,100 people with the money and food collected are:

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- Cooper Young Community Association
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Red Robin's nest welcoming new chicks

Cooper-Young child care center will offer pre-K for unified school district

By Amy Jocius Rosenberg

As Cooper-Youngians walk or drive past First Congo Church, they may be unaware of a gem that is tucked away in the basement of the church building. Home to Pilgrim House Hostel, Global Goods Fair Trade Store and other businesses, First Congo also welcomes infants to pre-tweens at Red Robin's Academy. For 10 years, Robin Mayweather, center director, has served Cooper Young's diverse and eclectic families.

The academy takes children beginning at six weeks old and reaches out to families of all demographic and socioeconomic backgrounds. The technology integrated curriculum carries students through pre-K and even into after-school care as the center provides transportation to and from home and school. But a few months ago Mayweather was dealt a blow when she learned that her center would no longer be considered a pre-approved pre-K site for public school children. Up until this point, Memphis City Schools pre-K students made up a great percentage of the school's enrollment and Mayweather was left scrambling to make up the difference.

"I was upset. Just the thought of having to let go of teachers and let parents who were excited to start pre-K know that it would no longer be available... how would I break it to them?" Mayweather said.

Thankfully, she didn't need to ponder too long as Red Robin's Academy was recently selected as one of only 25 area child care providers to serve as an approved pre-K community partner site. Mayweather is especially relieved that she isn't forced to let staff go considering more than half of her employees have been on board from day one.

Parents like Misti Morris are glad that Red



Robin's Academy will be offering pre-K to students of the new Unified Shelby County Schools as she's seen great success in her two children who have both completed the program.

"Both of them are more than ready for kindergarten and first grade. I've seen first-hand what not only pre-K can do for the well-being of a young child, but more specifically, Red Robin's Academy," Morris said. "It is absolutely the best thing I could have done for my children before they started school."

Mayweather is eager to open her doors to more families and will allow special sneak peeks to parents and children monthly during Parents' Night Out which will be held during Cooper-Young Night Out, the first Thursday of each month. The school will offer babysitting for only \$5 per child to include fun activities and snacks while parents enjoy some



time away. Parents who take advantage of the event will have a chance to win a special Night Out gift card package.

For more information about Red Robin's Academy or to take advantage of Parents' Night Out, call 901-272-2736 or fly by their nest in the basement of First Congo Church, 1000 S. Cooper St.

- Amy Jocius Rosenberg works with Kingdom Quality Communications in Memphis.

Principal, From Page 1

When asked about what she sees as some of Peabody's current strengths, Nelson mentioned the International Studies curriculum, the community garden and the school's commitment to the Responsive Classroom program.

"Through the Responsive Classroom approach, everyone will see students taking more ownership of their learning goals and behavior expectations because students will be a part of the decision-making process," said Nelson who was one of the district's original Responsive Classroom trainers. "I have seen school cultures change just by implementing (Responsive Classroom) practices."

Jones, the former principal, had overseen a number of changes at Peabody, including the influx of a growing number of Cooper-Young families and the increased community involvement that brought.

"There are a lot of things we'll all miss about Principal Jones," said Peabody PTA president Chris Kelley. "For one, the way she stood at the front door nearly every morning, smiling and welcoming our kids as they entered school. She really embraced the Cooper-Young community, allowing neighborhood parents to play an active role in the education of their children. She also was driven to improve the outcomes of all teachers and children. The promotion she received is a testament to all of these qualities, and I am thankful her new leadership role within the Shelby County system will allow her to share best practices with other administrators."

While Nelson was quick to point out that she didn't plan to make any drastic changes immediately, as she wants to get to know the school better first, some things Nelson hopes to focus on in her first year at Peabody are ensuring that all students are strong readers, as well as enhancing the aftercare program with a wider array of offerings, like athletic and music opportunities.

Her request of the community? "Please continue to support the school with your involvement through this transition." She stressed that she has an open-door policy and is always open to hearing the views of the community.

Kelley said the PTA scheduled a meet-and-greet with Nelson and parents before the first day of school.

A few fun facts about Principal Nelson:

- Favorite vacation spot:** The Bahamas
- Favorite movie:** The Notebook
- Book she's currently reading:** The Twelve Tribes of Hattie
- Favorite children's authors:** Eric Carle, Margaret Wise, Arnold Lobel
- Favorite sports team:** She's a hometown girl — the Grizzlies and Titans

Dr. Maxwell: Will county students wear uniforms?

Parents and schools are fans, but kids uniformly despise them

By D. Jackson Maxwell

We are well on our way toward unification — joyful for some, kicking and screaming for others while temporarily forcibly united by court orders for yet another group. However, even as we unite, the dream for a better world where all children can come together despite differences in skin tone, economic situation or geographic location still remains elusive. Hopefully, whatever the future holds for the new Shelby County School system we as parents will act responsibly serving as role models to ensure the right of all children to achieve their dreams.

That said, all my kids care about concerning unification is whether or not they will have to wear uniforms next year. Uniforms, while appreciated by most teachers and adults, are almost universally despised by students. At the time of the writing this article, uniforms are just another of the hundreds of issues that seemingly cannot be satisfactorily resolved by the Transition Steering Committee. As Judge Hardy Mays stated, the glacial pace of decision making must end and even the most trivial decisions such as if uniforms will be required needs to be made.

As a rule, uniforms are easy. There is little pre-planning for parents in deciding what clothes to buy for the upcoming school year. It is easy at night to lay-out what outfit

needs to worn the next day. There is little room for arguing with teens about what clothes are acceptable. Plus, outgrown clothes can be passed down to younger siblings or schoolmates saving everyone money while being green by way of recycling used clothes.

Uniforms help level the playing field economically. With uniforms, there is less of a "runway" mentality where students try to out-spend each other on the latest fashions. Additionally, at the previous elementary school where I taught there was no district-wide uniform policy and students were often assaulted on the way home by older children seeking to steal their high dollar clothes. Later, a comprehensive dress code that was enforced by the school's administration went along way to solving this problem and helping to bring about sense of security for these students. Further, when all children are dressed similarly there is one less potential distraction from learning.

Uniforms are appreciated by teachers because they decrease controversy. As a dress code policy, uniforms are easy to enforce. Teachers do not have to waste class time trying to discern if the clothes students are wearing have offensive logos, unacceptable slogans, or are too revealing. A scan of the classroom quickly reveals if students are dressed in school colors and designated styles. If they are not there is no room for debate, students are sent to the

office and parents contacted to bring proper clothes.

As for the belief that uniforms improve student behavior, the jury is still out. Most studies on student dress point more to an affect on teachers' attitude or perception rather than an effect on students' actual behavior. That said, teachers apparently are swayed, at least in their first impressions, based on a student's appearance. Therefore, whether or not there is a uniform policy it is a good idea for students to dress smartly to curry

"... all my kids care about concerning unification is whether or not they will have to wear uniforms next year."

their teachers' favor.

Anyway, none of these arguments sway my 9- and 13-year-olds. Instead I hear how not letting my kids' wear some outlandish dress or the same unwashed shirt day after day is somehow a violation of their freedom of speech rights. Fortunately for the rest of society, my kids live under a benevolent dictatorship where even if there is not a uniform policy they will be dressed modestly and appropriately.

Hopefully the unified school board will make uniforms the policy so my wife and I will not have to be the bad guys when it comes to selecting school attire!

Dr. D. Jackson Maxwell and Robyn Maxwell are both teachers with over 20 years of teaching experience in Memphis City and Shelby County Schools. Please forward questions or comments to: djacksonmaxwell@gmail.com

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Use your marketing skills as CYCA board member

By Renee Massey

At the Cooper-Young Community Association, our mission is to make Cooper-Young a safer, more desirable place to live, worship, work, and play. This translates into public art, informative emails and social network posts, bicycle racks, block clubs, National Night Out, solar retrofit of the trestle gateway art, a full-time executive director, neighborhood clean-up events, community offices for art shows and public meetings, an annual community yard sale, lost pet alerts, graffiti cover-up, this

neighborhood newspaper, and many other real and tangible benefits to Cooper-Young residents and visitors.

How many other neighborhoods can claim all these benefits? And how does the CYCA make all of this happen? It happens through the efforts of volunteers who care enough to spend a few hours every month contributing to this mission, and it happens because we have a vibrant, active membership base. In fact, we have a committee whose entire purpose is to maintain and grow the CYCA membership to support the mission state-

ment, and it needs a leader. It needs you!

The CYCA Membership Committee supports the association's mission by ensuring that members of the community stay engaged with the association and recognize the value and importance of membership. Why is membership important? Memberships raise operating funds for the CYCA, and those funds drive the initiatives listed above. Membership gives stakeholders a voice in the direction of the CYCA and the neighborhood they love. High membership levels also turn up the volume on the voice of Cooper-Young when

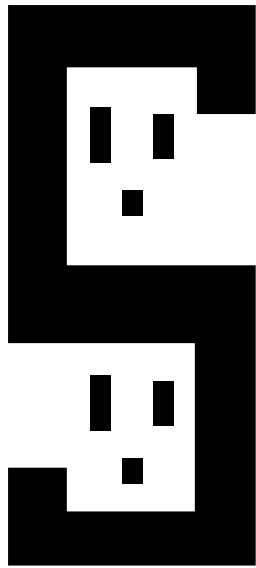
the association is advocating for community interests to local organizations, including local governments.

The membership committee's chairperson organizes the efforts of the membership committee on a volunteer basis. The chairperson recognizes the many assets of Cooper-Young and educates the public on the numerous reasons to have pride in our neighborhood: walkability; diversity; a strong sense of community; bike lanes; an elementary school with no less than one century of local history; eclectic local businesses including touted restaurants, antique and boutique merchants, alternative healthcare providers, dance schools, repair shops, and breweries; and non-profit organizations like the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and the Cooper-Young Farmers Market. This knowledge is then transformed, with the assistance of other members, into memberships that help fund the association's activism. The chairperson has the opportunity to create a legacy in the community by putting his or her stamp on this process.

Membership development might include meetings, membership drives, or any other method for stimulating and instituting fresh ideas for driving membership growth, managing our partnerships with membership sponsors (usually local businesses), and overseeing the year-end mailer event. This may be a perfect way for you to feel good about contributing to the community. Use your creativity. Press "play" on your marketing talents. Network and get to know the neighborhood, its leaders, its residents, and its business partners. Nail down the bragging rights that come with a job well-done. The membership committee chairperson has the opportunity to make an important and valued contribution to the quality and character of Cooper-Young while meeting many of the movers and shakers that make this community special.

Last month we introduced Liz Royer, our new Block Club chairwoman. We can't wait to introduce a new membership chairperson. If you have a few hours per month to contribute and want to seal your place in Cooper-Young history as a membership chairperson, contact the Cooper-Young Community Association at 901-272-CYCA (2922) or info@cooperyoung.org or come by a general meeting (second Tuesday of every month). If you aren't ready for that level of commitment but want to join the association in its mission, we welcome you!

Become a member by completing the form in this paper, joining online at www.cooperyoung.org, stopping by our offices at 2298 Young Avenue, or contacting our executive director at 901-272-CYCA. You'll be doing your part to make life good in Cooper-Young.



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National Night Out block parties set for Aug. 6

This year's National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 6, and your block should be a part of the action.

This annual event is a great time to reconnect with neighbors, welcome newcomers on your block and promote an overall safer and active community. Block clubs around Cooper-Young will be hosting gatherings around the neighborhood, so don't miss out. Last year, Cooper-Young moved National Night Out to October because of the summer heat, but moved it back to August this year to stay in sync with the national Night Out celebration.

There still is time to register. As of press time, more than 10 blocks in Cooper-Young had registered their parties. If you are interested in being a block captain and hosting a National Night Out party Aug. 6, or want to find out who your block captain is, contact

Liz Royer at lizroyer@gmail.com.

The first 20 block clubs who register with the Cooper-Young Community Association will be eligible for up to \$50 reimbursement for food and supplies (anything but alcohol - receipts required). Registered block club parties will also receive a goodie bag full of gifts and prizes and drawings will take place for special gifts throughout the evening. The always amazing Central BBQ is again offering CY party hosts a special deal on barbecue packages for the evening.

Please contact Central BBQ at 767-4672 (Ask for Elizabeth or Leslie) to place your order and mention the Cooper-Young Neighborhood Night Out to receive the discount. Also, let them know that you will be picking up your order at the Central location.

Cooper-Young Neighborhood Association

Every month the LampLighter reaches your doorstep thanks to the dedication of some great volunteers. **You can be one of them.** If you'd like to help keep Cooper-Young connected by running one of the open routes listed at the bottom, contact Rich at 726-4635 or distribution@cooperyoung.org

Thanks to our volunteers:

Faye Gardner: Metcalf & Velma
Jack Maxwell: Downtown Elementary
Gary Thompson & Rick, Elzey: Barksdale to dead end
Lia Ginus: York, Barksdale to McLean
Steve & Beth Pulliam: Evelyn, Cooper to East Parkway
Shannon Maris: E. Parkway, Young to Central; Elzey, New York to E. Parkway; New York, York to dead end
Doris Parker: York, Meda to East Parkway
Joan Foley: Meda, Elzey to York; Elzey, Cooper to Meda
Beverly and Edward Green: Evelyn, Cooper to McLean
Tyrina Browning: Meda, Young to Southern
Andy Ashby: Cooper, Young to Central
David Early: Nelson, Tanglewood to McLean
Judi Shellebarger: Nelson, Cooper to Tanglewood
Steve Crossnoe: Philadelphia, Nelson to Young
Suzzane Stryker: New York, Nelson to Young; Bruce, Nelson to Southern; Oliver, Meda to E. Parkway; Meda, Nelson to Young
Antone & Betty Baltz: Blythe, Young to Nelson

Katie Billings: Cox, Central to Young
Deana Ming: Cox, Southern to Young
Lisa Lumb: Peabody School
Peter Owen: Oliver, Cooper to Barksdale
Debbie Sowell: Oliver, Barksdale to McLean
Beverly Cooper: Young, Barksdale to McLean
Chip Armstrong: Young, Cooper to Barksdale
Kendra Martin: Felix, Barksdale to McLean
Joseph Nored: Felix, Barksdale to Cooper
Melodie Griffin: Manila, Rembert to dead end
Stoy Bailey: West of McLean
Sharron Johnson: Philadelphia, Young to Southern; E. Parkway, Young to Southern
Jason Goike & Misty: New York, Southern to Young
Kathleen Carey: Blythe, Southern to Young
Tommy Davis: Edwin Circle
Margo & Ralph Mueller

Open Routes:

Elzey, west of Cooper, and Saulsury
Fleece, Tanglewood and Rembert, Southern to Walker
Nelson, E. Parkway to Cooper
Walker, Cooper to McLean
Central, McLean to Cooper

Thanks to the following new and renewing members of the Cooper-Young Community Association for June and July. Your donations make a difference and help make Cooper-Young a great place to live, worship, work and play.

Household and Senior Members

Billy Coker
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23 Cases	Date	Description	Arrest	Address
1307012732ME	7/22/2013	Theft Other		2100 Central
1307013567ME	7/22/2013	Theft Other		2100 Central
1307013027ME	7/21/2013	Assault		2200 York
1307011061ME	7/18/2013	Vandalism		2000 Young
1307010742ME	7/17/2013	Theft Other		1000 Philadelphia
1307009522ME	7/15/2013	Theft Other		2100 Central
1307009265ME	7/15/2013	Assault		900 Mclean
1307008033ME	7/13/2013	Burglary		2000 Elzey
1307006532ME	7/11/2013	Vandalism		1100 Cooper
1307006789ME	7/11/2013	Burglary		1000 Philadelphia
1307007162ME	7/11/2013	Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.		2200 Oliver
1307006183ME	7/10/2013	Theft Other		2100 Central
1307005339ME	7/9/2013	Robbery		Young & Meda
1307002051ME	7/4/2013	Assault		Southern & Cooper
1307001783ME	7/3/2013	Theft Other		2100 Central
1307001645ME	7/3/2013	Burglary		900 Bruce
1307000662ME	7/3/2013	Assault		1900 Walker
1307000678ME	7/2/2013	Burglary		2100 Evelyn
1307000615ME	7/1/2013	Vandalism		900 New York
1307000010ME	7/1/2013	Burglary		900 Cooper
1306016658ME	6/27/2013	Theft Other	Yes	2000 Southern
1306016045ME	6/26/2013	Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.		2000 Southern
1306015629ME	6/25/2013	Vandalism		2200 York

Crimes reported
 June 25-July 23, 2013
 Map compiled by Ben Boleware

The Lamplighter is working with the CYCA to bring you meaningful crime information. In addition to the crime map, which details crimes within a one-mile radius of the Cooper-Young intersection, we also included a list of crimes that happened within our neighborhood. The list includes the case number, which you can use to get more details from police. The information is also available online at lamplighter.cooperyoung.org, with a link to further information from police. The Memphis Police Department offers a tool on its website (memphis-police.org) that allows you to locate crime information. Crimemapper allows you to input an address and search in quarter-mile increments for a specific type of crime. It then restores the results of your search for the previous 30 days.



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