

LampLighter

Cooper-Young — Many Voices, One Community

NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

The party never stops in Cooper-Young

BY SARAH FRIERSON

On the heels of the Cooper-Young Festival, block clubs around the neighborhood are gearing up for this year's Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, October 12, from 6-8pm (please see page 16 for a list of registered NNO parties). NNO parties are a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors, share food and fun, and promote the safety of our neighborhood.

Neighborhood Night Out is the Cooper-Young version of National Night Out, a nationwide program encouraging neighborhood spirit, community safety, and police-community partnerships for a safer nation. For the second year in a row Cooper-Young has opted to hold the event in October rather than August in order to beat the heat. According to Ginger Spickler, our Block Club Chairman, "August 3 (the national date) was one of the hottest nights on record for Memphis. We think October will be much more pleasant." Despite the different season, Target, the corporate sponsor of National Night Out, will make their presence known in our neighborhood once again. Each party will receive a \$25 gift card from Target that one lucky partygoer will take home.

This year we also welcome a local sponsor for NNO – Outback Steakhouse. Kevin and Lauren Luke, CY residents and owners/proprietors of the Outback on Union, have generously supplied us with loads of goodies, including ten Outback gift baskets and multiple coolers that will be awarded to lucky party attendees in a drawing after NNO. "We live at Nelson and Meda, so we want to make sure we do what we can for our community," says Kevin. We are thankful to have such wonderful neighbors. Let's not forget that, in addition to their support of NNO, they also provided food for 1800 people at the Festival Friday 4 Miler.

The Lukes are doing their part to foster the neighborhood spirit, and the parties them-

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NNO promotes safety in our community, and this year information about emergency preparedness and CERT training will be distributed at each party. Above, CYCA President John Kinsey models the latest trends in emergency response gear.





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A neighborhood of volunteers

Wow! Another successful CY 4 Miler race and Festival weekend for the books. What a weekend it was. We saw record breaking numbers of runners in the race and a tremendous crowd for the Festival. I send a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out. We had volunteers stuff race bags, call for race donations, pick-up donations, distribute race packets, clean-up the

neighborhood, work the race, co-ordinate the "Light the Way" parties, meet with the media, work the Festival booth, host parties, ask for art for the Art Auction, pick-up art donations, sell Beerfest tickets, and much more. You can see from the list of tasks, this is more than a one man (or woman) operation. It takes everyone to succeed. Thank you to all our wonderful CYCA volunteers.

Although the race and Festival are over, the fun and volunteer opportunities continue in Cooper-Young. October 9 is the inaugural CY Beerfest. Tickets may be purchased online at cooperyoung.org. Halloween is also around the corner, and we need volunteers to help make that night safe. This *LampLighter* issue gives guidelines for how the CYCA is going to make this Halloween safer for our residents and others from outside CY who trick-or-treat in our neighborhood (see the Halloween article on page 7 for details).

Reflecting on the race, the Festival, and the upcoming events, I realize what a wonderful neighborhood we have. CY truly demonstrates that we don't have to think alike to love alike.

Happy October!

John Kinsey



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5 Volunteers make it happen

Where would CY be without all of the community volunteers? Read the CYCA thank you note to those of you who worked hard to pull off another Festival weekend.

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These aren't just rumors anymore. It seems this development is likely to become a reality soon. This article will give you the inside scoop and features some reactions from the community.

13 Requiem for a community development corporation

If you have been wondering about the closing of the CY Development Corporation, this article will answer many of your questions, while reflecting upon the good work they have done in our neighborhood.

All of these articles and more will be published online each month at lamplighter.cooperyoung.org.

Halloween Trick-or-Treating

Sunday, October 31

This year, in response to resident's concerns, the CYCA is posting signs with a suggested end time of 8 pm for trick-or-treating. Have fun and be safe!

Meetings & Dates

Cooper-Young Regional Beerfest

Saturday, October 9, 1-5 pm
Cooper and Walker
Last call for tickets is just around the corner. You may purchase them online at cooperyoung.org and join the rest of your neighbors as we gather to enjoy quality, hand-crafted beers from the Southeast.

Neighborhood Night Out

Tuesday, October 12, 6-8 pm
Celebrate the joys of living in CY with your neighbors on this special night. Check on page 16 to see if a party is being planned on your block. If not, it's not too late to plan one yourself. Contact Ginger Spickler at ginger-spickler@gmail.com for more details.

CYCA Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 7 pm
2298 Young Avenue

Preservation Plan Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 5:30-6:30 pm
2298 Young Avenue
In light of recent developments, there has never been a more important time to take steps to protect our community's historic sites. At this meeting you will have the chance to give input about what sites should be on the registry and get a glimpse of the newly proposed Preservation Plan.

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Maggie Cardwell

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to the preface of the CY history book

BY RANDY NORWOOD

After reading the preface from *Cooper-Young: A Community that Works* [reprinted in the September *LampLighter*], I am definitely looking forward to reading this interesting book. Since Cooper-Young is an older neighborhood that remained relatively stable all through the years when Memphis pushed the city limits east, it should be enlightening to read how the neighborhood did not succumb to white flight, slumlords, failing businesses, deteriorating property values, and increasing crime rate as many areas in Memphis did, especially in the 1970s.

However, in the rather rosy introduction to the book, the authors seem to imply that most of the houses in Cooper-Young have been renovated and that hardly any houses have been abandoned. Of course, this is not the case. I live in the area, and I have noticed several dwellings that need extensive work, as well as some that are boarded up. These distressed houses are not common, but there are several scattered throughout the neighborhood.

Nevertheless, Cooper-Young is on an upswing. Strong neighborhood and business associations, coupled with middle and high income home owners, have transformed the area into a trendy, family-friendly neighborhood that people are genuinely connected to. In many ways Cooper-Young is an oasis in a harsh urban environment. However, there is plenty of work to be done to make sure the deterioration and neglect of some Cooper-Young houses does not continue.

LETTER TO COOPER-YOUNG

Appreciating what we have in CY

BY DEE SANDERS

As Bob and I prepare to leave Cooper-Young, I am finally writing the letter I intended to write shortly after we arrived here two years ago and realized what an amazing place we had landed in. When a job transfer required us to move to Memphis and leave South Carolina for the first time ever, you can imagine how anxious we were. We had never stepped foot in Memphis! After hours of online research, we arrived in town on a Sunday afternoon. We had to find a home before we left on Tuesday. I had come across the CY neighborhood and CY Festival websites before we arrived to house hunt. We still felt like we needed to look around, and we did: Collierville, Bartlett, Germantown, and even Mud Island. We kept coming back to a little house on Young Avenue, and it chose us.

The first weekend we were in town we volunteered at the neighborhood water stop for the St. Jude Marathon. There we made the first of our very great friends. At every stop along this journey of two years in "the hood", we have been continually welcomed, excited, and entertained. We have made lifelong friends, and as our dear Maggie Cardwell said to me, "Cooper-Young is like Hotel California. You can check in, but you can never check out!"

Oh how we hope this is true, because we will certainly be leaving a part of our hearts here. We want everyone to take a minute and truly appreciate where you are. We cannot imagine how we would have dealt with leaving our family and friends without the support of this neighborhood. We leave with heavy hearts and great thankfulness for the chance to have been Cooper-Youngians! Remember, you are blessed to be here. It is a special, special place!

September Memberships

BY MAGGIE CARDWELL

The following memberships were received as of September 23. Memberships received after the 23rd will be listed in the next issue. The Cooper-Young Community Association is supported by paid memberships, and anyone is welcome to join and receive the benefits of membership, which include discounts to local businesses.

Community Memberships

Jim Arrington	Angela Helt	Benjamin Rednour
Amanda Ball	Heather Kolasinsky	Phillip Schwab
Jason Brewer	Damien Kovarik	Lea Speed
Sarah Cate	Matthew Nelson	Guillermo Umbria
Scott Epstein	Ansley Murphy	



HALLOWEEN SPIRIT

Contest for spookiest yard

BY SHELLEY THOMAS

The Great Pumpkin contest recognizes the yard with the best Halloween decor, with this year's judging taking place on Sunday, Oct. 24. The winner's name and pictures of their decked out yard will

be printed in the November *LampLighter*. As a prize, the winner will also receive The Great Pumpkin Cake donated by Suzzane Striker. Suzzane is a CY resident with a passion for baking and for working with very high-quality chocolate. The Great Pumpkin Cake is a yummy pumpkin spice cake with cream cheese icing, about 6 inches high and 10 inches in diameter, and serves about 16 (an ingredient list will be available for health purposes). For info about other great sweets Suzzane has available for purchase, call (901) 276-6450. To enter the contest you must be a CY resident, and you must contact the CYCA office, (901) 272-2922, by Friday, Oct. 15, with your name, address, and contact information. Good luck!



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

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DRINK TO THEIR HEALTH

Pop-Tab-Palooza benefiting the Ronald McDonald House

BY PETER OWEN

The Second Annual Pop-Tab-Palooza, sponsored by the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) of Memphis, is in full swing. Once again Cooper-Young is supporting the children and families of RMH by collecting the little aluminum tabs found on drink cans. The block that contributes the most pop tabs will win \$100 courtesy of Beth and Steve Pulliam. The 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive \$50 and \$25 respectively, courtesy of Jason Word.

In order to track all the tabs submitted, please give them to your block captain by Saturday, October 9, instead of directly to RMH. Be sure to include a note with your donation stating to which block club you belong. If your block doesn't have a captain or you don't know who your captain is, you can still participate by contacting Peter Owen at peter.owen@gmail.com or (901)264-9487. To learn more about Ronald McDonald House of Memphis or Pop-Tab-Palooza please visit rmhmemphis.org.



YARD OF THE MONTH

Blueprint for a landscaping transformation


BY SYDNEY ASHBY

Hector Martinez and Stephen Osborn at 1844 Young Avenue have poured blood, sweat, and tears into their yard and it shows. When they first moved into the house in December 2007, the entire yard was an eye sore. However, instead of starting from scratch, they decided to begin their makeover by salvaging what they could, rearranging, and transplanting. For example, two Japanese maples (the Twins as they are called) were moved to the front from the back and are thriving. An arborvitae, which was in the front yard and taking over the walkway, was moved to the back yard. It was the largest thing they had ever transplanted. For months they went out everyday and watered it, nursed it, and told it, "We hope you don't die!" It didn't, and that shrub is now affectionately named Hope.

Hector and Stephen have made it a habit to name many of their plants, shrubs, and trees. Plus, they enjoy planting new items to commemorate special occasions and special friends. There is a persimmon in the back yard called Elvis and a new red bud on the west side of the house named Annie, which they planted on their fifth anniversary. The three azaleas in the front yard were given as a parting gift from three good friends, Kristina, Dimitri, and Chance, when they moved to California. So of course, those are now the azaleas' names.

The yard blooms hyacinth, crocuses, daffodils, and tulips in the spring and amaryllis in the early summer. And don't be surprised if you see Hector and Stephen gardening their miniature crepe myrtles, hydrangeas, gardenias, and nadia in the late evening, as they refer to themselves as "the Midnight Gardeners." On a Saturday afternoon during the course of rehabbing the yard, Stephen accidentally killed all the grass in an attempt to rid the yard of only crabgrass. Not wanting a yard full of dead grass, they managed to convince Home Depot to deliver sod that evening and then stayed up until 4am tilling, planting, and watering. Please stop by, admire their yard, and thank them for such dedication! You may find them on their front porch, which has many potted plants, enjoying a cup of coffee in the morning or a beer in the afternoon.





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FROM THE CYCA WITH LOVE

Volunteers make it happen

BY MAGGIE CARDWELL AND BETH PULLIAM

We hope everyone enjoyed the Festival Friday 4 Miler and the Festival this year. We would like to extend a deep, heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers that made it all possible. Terry Lawrence and the AutoZone volunteers, David, Dawn, and Tina, have always worked hard for the community of Cooper-Young. Although this year we had planned on letting them take it easy, we hit a big snag at the race, and they stepped up to pull us through, working double time. We just cannot thank you guys enough.

In addition to the unwavering devotion of our long-time community volunteers and new neighbors who have joined in to help, we would also like to extend a special thank you to Bluff City Sports, Brent Barrett and team, for assisting us with clean-up, Memphis Runners and Track Club volunteers for finish line support, Breakaway Running volunteers for manning a water station, Union Avenue Baptist Church volunteers for manning the finish line water station, and the Target volunteers who assisted with course management.

Was the food really good? You bet it was! Kevin Luke and his crew, from Outback Steakhouse on Union, grilled for more than 1800 runners and volunteers. The Camy's pizza crew, Mary Ferguson, Keith Rook, Amanda Saunders, and Larry Hicks, provided every variety of Camy's specialty pizzas and subs to feed the lot as well. Weeks of preparation went into making this wonderful food happen for the Festival Friday 4 Miler. Thank you all so much for the thought, consideration, support, and volunteer time that you give to the Cooper-Young community.

Listed below are the names of the volunteers who worked the Festival Friday 4 Miler and the CY Community Association booth on Festival day. If we missed your name, please let us know. Remember to mark your calendars for the CYCA Volunteer Thank You Party, coming soon on December 14, 2010.

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Edward Greene

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Doris Porter
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Margaret Warnock
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Jason Word
Jennifer Word
Jeff Zuber

Businesses that extended volunteer support

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Outback Steakhouse
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Breakaway Running
Target



The Cooper-Young Festival Friday 4 Miler filled Cooper Street with over 1800 runners.

NAUGHTY OR NICE

Santa is coming to CY in November

BY KRISTAN HUNTLEY

In November a very special guest will make a stop in the neighborhood for one evening only. He has a white beard, a big jolly laugh, and travels with an entourage of elves. No, it's not Gandalf.

Come on out to the Gazebo on Thursday, November 11, at 5:30pm and visit with the one and only Santa Claus! Santa loves Cooper-Young and its residents, and he is a big supporter of the McLean Mural Project. As a fundraiser, he has offered to take his photo with you and your family for a small fee, all of which goes to benefit the Mural Project. How generous!

For \$5 per sitting, you may take your own photo of you, your kids, your pet (yes, Santa is animal-friendly), or any combination of the above. For \$8 per sitting, a volunteer photographer and Santa's helper elves will take the photo for you and e-mail it to you afterward. And remember, the money goes to a good cause.

Now, what does "per sitting" mean? A sitting, for example, would be if you wanted a photo taken of your son, Johnny, and Santa. If you wanted to take another picture, adding the family dog, Rex, and yourself to the photograph (because you are never too old for Santa!), then you, Johnny, and Rex can be in the photo with Santa, but you would pay another sitting fee. So, for a mere \$16, you have made Johnny's year, totally confused your dog, got to be a kid again, have two cool Christmas photos, and helped support Cooper-Young and the Mural Project!

Santa does need a bit of help though. He's trying to pack light during his pre-holiday travels, and so he needs a cool backdrop and a nice, comfy, Santa-suitable chair. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions or can lend a backdrop or chair for the day, please e-mail Kristan Huntley at k.huntle@yahoo.com. You better be good until Thursday, November 11, though. Santa is watching!

BOTTOMS UP

Local beers, education, and community come together at the CY Beerfest

BY TOBY SELLS

Handcrafted beers and a sense of community will flow together during the inaugural Cooper-Young Regional Beerfest on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 1-5pm in the Lifelink Church parking lot at 1015 South Cooper Street. The festival focuses on independent brewers in the Southeast, less than a one-day's drive from Memphis, as well as on education. These two emphases make the Cooper-Young Regional Beerfest the only festival of its kind in Memphis.

Nine brewers and one homebrew club will be pouring up frosty mugs of their one-of-a-kind beers that they've crafted themselves with love and ingenuity. These brewers will welcome questions either at their tables or in the festival education tent, which will feature question-and-answer sessions and lectures about beer and beer-making.

"The main idea behind this festival is akin to the philosophy behind farmers' markets," said Beerfest organizer Andy Ashby. "If you have a farmer who grows vegetables close to you, why would you buy your produce from Mexico? So, if a brewer is only three hours away and their beer is locally available, why wouldn't you drink their beer?"

Tickets for this event are \$25 for CYCA members and \$30 for non-members and are available exclusively at cooperyoung.org. Tickets are limited with less than 300 remaining. Any unsold tickets will be available the day of the festival for \$5 more, cash only. All proceeds from the event will go to the Cooper-Young Community Association for neighborhood resources and projects, like maintaining the Trestle Art over Cooper Street. Sponsors for the event include the Cooper-Young Community Association, Lifelink Church, Memphis Flyer, Au Fond Farmtable, and Celtic Crossing.

The festival will feature food to purchase from Au Fond Farmtable and live music provided by Visible School. The following brewers will bring two or more beers to pour.

Featured Brewers

Ghost River Brewing Co. (Memphis)

Boscus Brewing Co. (Memphis)

Bluff City Brewers & Connoisseurs (Memphis)

Lazy Magnolia (Kiln, MS)

Schlafly Brewing (St. Louis, MO)

Yazoo Brewing Co. (Nashville, TN)

French Broad Brewing (Asheville, NC)

Asheville Pizza & Brewing Co. (Asheville, NC)

Vino's Brewpub (Little Rock, AR)

Abita Brewing Co. (Abita Springs, LA)



MULCHING MANIACS

Clean-up crew helps CY look it's best for Festival weekend

BY KRISTAN HUNTLEY

On Saturday, September 11, volunteers at the CY Quarterly Clean-up braved the potential rain to help make the neighborhood look its best for the Festival Friday 4 Miller runners and Festival visitors. Volunteers helped pull weeds, spread mulch, pick up trash (and a couple of dead birds – yuck!), and trim overgrown bushes to make parking easier and safer for visitors. The neighborhood simply looked fantastic after!

A big thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers who did an amazing job! They were: David Early, John Kinsey, Emily Bishop, Andy Ashby, Leslie Thompson, Mark Morrison, Chris McHaney, Patrick Miller, Jessica Miller, Alex Miller, Tyrina and John Browning, Deborah Miller, Monika Aden, James Mayo, and Judi and Buzz Shellabarger. Also, we would like to give a very special thanks to Teresa Hester with Mulchworks at the Agricenter for donating mulch for our clean-up and beautification efforts. It is now much safer for pedestrians walking down the sidewalk, plus the gingko trees are loving the fresh mulch!

Keep an eye out for the next clean-up, and if you are interested in starting a block-level clean-up campaign or want to get involved with the Beautification Committee, please email Kristan Huntley at k.huntle@yahoo.com.



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MAPPING TIME


Meeting to help preserve historical sites

BY ALICIA COBBS

Since late 2006, a citizen committee has been working on an update to the 1997 Preservation Plan. Now, the final steps toward completion and approval of a draft plan have begun. Through a collaborative effort between several city divisions (Housing and Community Development, Planning and Development, and Memphis Landmarks Commission), a series of ongoing public meetings are being held to gather input on historic resources in Memphis neighborhoods. The 16 input meetings have been organized by Livable Memphis and preservation plan facilitator, Cathy Marcinko, to give citizens an introductory overview of the draft plan contents. Then, through a "mapping your historic resources" exercise, residents are asked to identify and talk about their own neighborhood's history, as well as historic and cultural resources.

The original plan's goals and objectives have been consolidated and reduced to achieve more attainable implementation strategies. The four major goals of the plan now address economic development, planning and regulation, resource protection, and education. The economic development section advocates for and presents ways that preservation can be used as a community and economic development strategy. Planning and regulation offers recommendations that will help preservationists impact community planning, code enforcement, urban design, and sustainability. The historic resources section recommends ways to identify, catalogue, and increase awareness of cultural and natural resources, while the education section stresses various ways to expand preservation education and advocacy through technology and outreach to schools.

Feedback regarding these goals and objectives, coupled with recommendations for historic buildings and sites not currently included in the historic database, will be taken from the public meetings, and where possible, will be incorporated into the plan. Cooper-Young's meeting will be held Thursday, October 21, 5:30-6:30 pm at the CYCA building, located at 2298 Young Avenue. Residents are encouraged to come participate in an interactive mapping exercise and note which historic resources have not been included in the database. Furthermore, personal memories and stories pertaining to community preservation efforts are welcome. For more information or to ask questions, call (901) 725-3124 or send an email to info@livablememphis.org.



Preservation Plan Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 5:30-6:30 pm
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TRICK-OR-TREAT

A fun and safe Halloween in CY

BY SHELLEY THOMAS

Do you know what you're doing for Halloween? Do you have your costume? Many of us don't but those with kids do. In fact, we've already bought costumes and are planning our parties. You might not know, but there are tons of kids living in CY, and they will be out trick-or-treating on Halloween in their Buzz Lightyear and super hero costumes. Many kids who don't live in the neighborhood like to join in the CY fun, and although we're happy to host, we want to ensure a fun and safe Halloween!




Past safety concerns have included people cruising and letting their kids run across the streets and children knocking on doors after 9pm (even with the lights off). These concerns were enough for the CYCA to take action. Based on what other neighborhoods are doing, it was decided that the following steps would be taken this year with the hopes that nothing more will be needed.

To ensure a safe Halloween, the CYCA will be putting out yard signs requesting that people park and walk vs. drive while trick-or-treating and to end at 8pm (a poll was conducted on the CYCA website and the majority of participants voted to end at 8pm). In addition, volunteers will patrol the neighborhood and remind people to adhere to the yard sign request. To volunteer email volunteer@cooperyoung.org or call (901) 272-2922. We need everyone to keep an eye out for any safety concerns and call the police if necessary (901-545-COPS). We also ask everyone who is not passing out candy to turn their porch lights off during trick-or-treating hours and for the whole neighborhood to turn their porch lights out at 8pm, unless they are having a party.

We anticipate a fun and safe Halloween this year. If you wish to volunteer to help make that happen, please contact the CYCA office and leave your name and contact information so that a representative can get in touch with you. If you wish to learn more about the annual Halloween party for kids organized by the Cooper-Young Parents Network (CYPN) to be held Saturday, October 30, join the CYPN yahoo group and get party specifics, as well as other great information. The CYPN celebrated its 2 year anniversary at the Festival Friday 4 Miler and was recently highlighted in the *Commercial Appeal*.

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Top Male Overall

CHRISTIAN MINOR 0:21:53

Top Female Overall

BLATTI CAROLINE 0:25:29

Top Male Masters

SCOTT MCNEIL 0:22:16

Top Female Masters

BARBARA ZOCCOLA 0:27:52

Top Male Grand Masters

BILLY SIMPSON 0:25:45

Top Female Grand Masters

LUCIA COLBERT 0:28:37

Male Age Group 1-9

- 1 JOSH GEARHART 0:36:06
- 2 LEO SPUNT 0:42:58
- 3 LOUIS MARFONE 0:50:28

Female Age Group 1-9

- 1 BRISTOL PUTNER 0:46:58

Male Age Group 10-14

- 1 JAKE BARRETT 0:28:15
- 2 ANDREW REESE 0:28:47
- 3 AVERY GATHERIGHT 0:32:45

Female Age Group 10-14

- 1 CLAIRE SENTILLES 0:28:53
- 2 MOLLY HANNA 0:28:58
- 3 CARLI TOULIATOS 0:29:41

Male Age Group 15-18

- 1 RICO KING 0:29:56
- 2 EVAN ROSS 0:31:03
- 3 TAYLOR FITZPATRICK 0:31:14

Female Age Group 15-18

- 1 ASLHEY BROOKS 0:28:10
- 2 LALONDRIA GRAHAM 0:33:03
- 3 FELECIA GRAHAM 0:37:02

Male Age Group 19-24

- 1 ALEX MAHONEY 0:22:27
- 2 JORGE VILLARREAL 0:22:29
- 3 SAM SCHANDORFF 0:25:26

Female Age Group 19-24

- 1 CARLI MURPHY 0:28:08
- 2 CASEY BEEMAN-BLACK 0:29:36
- 3 JESSICA UPTON 0:30:19

Male Age Group 25-29

- 1 SETH REGENOLD 0:24:36
- 2 MITCHELL BARTKLEWICZ 0:25:10
- 3 BOBBY GALLAGHER 0:25:30

Female Age Group 25-29

- 1 LAURA GILMOUR 0:27:51
- 2 NAKETA EDNEY 0:28:22
- 3 MAURITA LEWIS 0:29:12

Male Age Group 30-34

- 1 OLAF SCHULZ 0:22:38
- 2 BILL WILLIAMS 0:23:55
- 3 MASON BETLENGA 0:24:05

Female Age Group 30-34

- 1 LYDIA GIBSON 0:25:36
- 2 ASHLEY BRADFORD 0:26:53
- 3 CASEY MALONE 0:26:56

Males Age Group 35-39

- 1 ERIC BUTLE 0:22:36
- 2 PETER BANG 0:23:32
- 3 BRIAN NABORS 0:25:31

Female Age Group 35-39

- 1 LESLIE BRAHM 0:28:08
- 2 ALICIA SWANSON 0:28:25
- 3 AIDA WIESE 0:28:44

Male Age Group 40-44

- 1 BILL BIZOT 0:24:31
- 2 JAMES SLABA 0:25:53
- 3 STEVE ASHBAKER 0:26:00

Female Age Group 40-44

- 1 ALISON HAMMERSLA 0:27:57
- 2 KELLY HENSON 0:28:57
- 3 AMY LAHEY 0:30:22

Male Age Group 45-49

- 1 JEFF PELTZ 0:26:20
- 2 SCOTT IRWIN 0:26:31
- 3 JOHN SCHEIDHAUER 0:26:39

Female Age Group 45-49

- 1 CAROLYN ROCK 0:28:18
- 2 LISA POLLOCK 0:29:51
- 3 JJ JENSEN 0:31:09

Male Age Group 50-54

- 1 KEVIN JENKINS 0:26:13
- 2 JAY SOLE 0:26:51
- 3 JOHN PHILLIPS 0:27:05

Female Age Group 50-54

- 1 KATHY JENKINS 0:31:50
- 2 JULIE MOORE 0:32:41
- 3 SUSAN MARKHAM 0:33:56



One lucky runner went home with a new bicycle, donated by The Peddler Bike Shop.

Male Age Group 55-59

- 1 DAVID BRANNER 0:27:49
- 2 CHUCK SCHUETTE 0:28:23
- 3 JIMMY ARNOLD 0:29:56

Female Age Group 55-59

- 1 MARY ROSE BRANYAN 0:34:31
- 2 PATTI SEYS 0:35:45
- 3 MARY ANN STAFFORD 0:37:22

Male Age Group 60-64

- 1 FRED PERSECHINI 0:33:11
- 2 WAYNE CONLEY 0:33:58
- 3 DAVID COOK 0:34:05

Female Age Group 60-64

- 1 MARCIA RHODES 0:36:44
- 2 LYN JOYNER 0:40:13
- 3 BEVERLY PICKENS 0:41:29

Male Age Group 65-69

- 1 LOUIS ALPE 0:34:20
- 2 JIM BROOKS 0:40:11
- 3 GLENN GROSS 0:41:12

Female Age Group 65-69

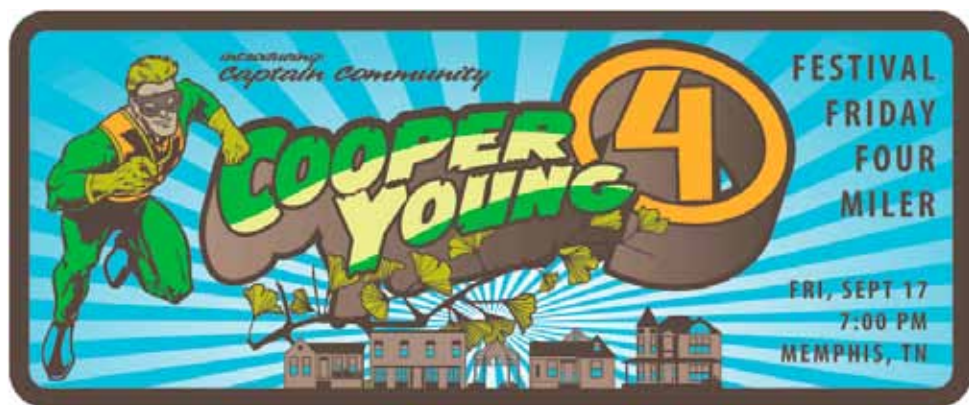
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- 2 MARILYN PAAVOLA 0:45:39
- 3 TAYLOR CLARK 0:47:21

Male Age Group 70+

- 1 DON FOSTER 0:36:53
- 2 PHILLIP TAYLOR 0:40:03
- 3 JIM BRISKE 0:41:53

Female Age Group 70+

- 1 GLORIA FOLK 0:51:29
- 2 ANNE COWAN 1:05:33



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Several strollers were pushed along the race route. The Festival 4 Miler is an event for the whole family.



The second wave of runners started 2 minutes after the first wave headed down Cooper Street. Precision Racing provided the chip on the runners bibs which recorded the times of each runner. A new digital display helped everyone count down to the start of the race.

LIGHT THE WAY 2010

Pirates steal first place in party contest

BY DEBBIE SOWELL

As the sun started to set on the 2010 CY Festival Friday 4 Miler, all parties were gearing up to cheer the runners to their best possible times. They ranged from just a few lawn chairs along the sidewalk, to rowdy partygoers inviting runners to enjoy a cold, frosty beverage, to a seaside pirate adventure, and everything in between. Thanks to all who supported this event and these runners. Fun was had by all, from the oldest to the youngest.

This year's winner for best Light The Way party goes to **2027 Nelson**. They had an "Ahoy Matey" theme that was over the top! The picture says it all. The runners were abuzz at the after party asking, "Did you see the pirate ship?" This crew thought of everything.

Second place went to **1854 Oliver**. At this LTW party all attendees dressed in sports gear, from headbands to jerseys. Go! Team! Go!

Third place went to **2077 Oliver**. There were lights everywhere that shown down on an enthusiastic bunch.

Thanks to all who participated. Good things were said about all of our wonderful neighbors. Nevertheless, someone had the gall to ask for more parties. Well, next year is our 20th anniversary. They don't know what they're in for!





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Community associations work together on two tough issues

BY LINDA WILLIAMS

Glenview/Edgewood and Rozelle-Annesdale Area Associations are impacting our community in a positive way. On Tuesday, August 31, the regular Glenview/Edgewood meeting united both associations to work on two common problems: vicious dogs loose in our neighborhoods and urban blight. Matthew Pepper, new head of the Animal Control Center, came to address the issue of vicious dogs. He has placed animal control officers in this area near the school and parks where dogs have been found roaming loose. We have seen good results from this effort in the short time that he has been on the job, and we applaud his responsiveness. Mr. Pepper discussed the challenges they face in combating the increasing number of calls about animals running loose with the limited number of animal control officers available. However, good news was shared that a new shelter is near completion, which will relieve the overcrowding in the existing shelter. Nevertheless, the main focus needs to be on increasing spaying and neutering to control the population and on educating the public on how to be responsible pet owners. We distributed the proposed spaying and neutering ordinance to every member present. This ordinance is sponsored by City Council member Shea Flinn and is coming to a vote soon.

The second presenter was Brad Watkins of the Peace and Justice Center who has gathered a tremendous amount of data on urban blight. The facts that astounded the crowd were that Memphis has 6000-7000 unsecured vacant houses, over 13000 vacant lots, and over 3000 properties owned by Shelby County due to abandonment or delinquent taxes. We learned that it costs only \$600 to board up an abandoned house, while it costs \$17500 to fight a fire. There were 240 fires in vacant buildings in 2007, 218 in 2008, and 182 in 2009. Why the decrease in 2009? In 2008 Memphis Community Enhancement began boarding up vacant properties. We discussed what we could do to combat urban blight and planned meetings with other associations where blight is a major concern.

What an awesome, productive hour we shared, and we left the meeting with a plan for action for our associations. Kudos to Glenview/Edgewood Manor Area Association President, Eartha Reeves, for her leadership in this area. We are looking forward to working together with all associations to find solutions for these issues. Join us in being involved, informed, and invested in our communities.

Linda Williams is President of Rozelle-Annesdale Area Association.

Tree care advocates organize

BY LEE WARDLAW

Undesirable tree trimming by MLGW has led the Rozelle-Annesdale Historic District and volunteers from other Midtown historic neighborhoods to combine efforts, working with the utility, to develop more tree-friendly standards for their tree trimming program. Organized by Stoy Bailey from Rozelle-Annesdale, this group of concerned neighbors met with the MLGW board on July 28, to begin the reform effort.

Since then this same group has met with the ongoing TreeCity USA Ad Hoc Committee for Memphis. This committee is in the process of proposing an all inclusive Memphis city ordinance that would provide for quality tree care including directional pruning for utility lines, annual training for employees, tree planting, and public education. The current MLGW line clearance policy would be included in this ordinance and it would adhere to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) guidelines. The ad hoc committee continues to develop this ordinance and is receiving input from the Memphis and Shelby County Division of Planning and Development, the Memphis Parks Department Horticulturalist, the Memphis Area Master Gardeners, Memphis City Beautiful, The TN Urban Forestry Council, MLGW, the Director of Shelby Farms Park and Park Friends, International Paper, the Memphis Botanic Gardens, and the Dixon Gallery and Gardens.

To become a TreeCity USA, Memphis must meet four basic requirements: the city must have a tree board, a comprehensive forestry program, an annual Arbor Day proclamation and observance, and a tree care ordinance. A tree care ordinance encourages beautification, air cooling and purification, noise abatement, and property value enhancement. A community's trees, or urban forest, are an asset that merits protection and management for the common good. At least thirty-five Tennessee towns and cities have already been designated a TreeCity. Should Memphis meet the requirement to receive the Tree Line USA Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation in addition to becoming a TreeCity USA, it would be eligible to receive grants to help finance the maintenance of its urban forest.

The Midtown volunteers working toward these goals represent almost all of the historic neighborhoods in the city. Stoy Bailey and I will continue to work with MLGW and other stakeholders to move this effort to an early and successful conclusion. If you would like to join these efforts, you may contact me at (901) 240-4344.





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To Our Readers

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. This list includes the case number, which you can use to contact the police. The crimes were reported from August 24, 2010 to September 23, 2010.

CASE #	ARREST	OFFENSES	DATE	100 BLOCK
1009012099ME		Other Theft/Non-Specific	09/22/10	1000 MEDA
1009011783ME		Theft of Vehicle Parts/Accessories	09/22/10	900 PHILADELPHIA
1009011732ME		Theft from Motor Vehicle	09/22/10	1000 NEW YORK
1009011675ME		Burglary/Residential	09/21/10	2300 ELZEY
1009011282ME		MVT/Motorcycle	09/21/10	1900 YOUNG
1009010874ME		Vandalism/Misdemeanor	09/20/10	1800 OLIVER
1009010839ME		Vandalism/Felony	09/20/10	700 SOUTH COX
1009010825ME		Burglary/Residential	09/20/10	2000 WALKER
1009011372ME		Vandalism/Misdemeanor	09/20/10	1900 OLIVER AVE
1009009999ME	Yes	Vandalism/Felony	09/19/10	2000 FELIX
1009009910ME		Vandalism/Misdemeanor	09/18/10	700 S COX
1009009898ME	Yes	Drugs/Narcotics Viol/Felony	09/18/10	COOPER AND ELZEY
1009008150ME		Drugs/Narcotics Viol/Felony	09/15/10	900 NEW YORK
1009008151ME		Drugs/Narcotics Viol/Misdemeanor	09/15/10	900 NEW YORK
1009007740ME		Vandalism/Felony	09/15/10	1000 SOUTH COX
1009007639ME		Simple Assault/DV	09/14/10	1900 SOUTHERN
1009007510ME		Burglary/Residential	09/14/10	800 TANGLEWOOD
1009005592ME		Theft from Motor Vehicle	09/10/10	2100 YOUNG AVE
1009005491ME		Aggravated Assault	09/10/10	2000 SOUTHERN AVE
1009005412ME		Burglary/Residential	09/10/10	1000 NEW YORK ST
1009003619ME		Burglary/Residential	09/07/10	1900 SOUTHERN
1009002104ME		Burglary/Residential	09/04/10	2100 NELSON
1009002064ME		Other Theft/Non-Specific	09/04/10	1000 TANGLEWOOD
1009001348ME		Other Theft/Non-Specific	09/03/10	1000 BRUCE
1009000466ME		Vandalism/Misdemeanor	09/01/10	1000 MEDA
1009000458ME		Burglary/Residential	09/01/10	800 PHILADELPHIA
1009000406ME		Vandalism/Misdemeanor	09/01/10	1000 PHILADELPHIA
1009000245ME		Other Theft/Non-Specific	09/01/10	1900 CENTRAL
1008017239ME		Theft of Vehicle Parts/Accessories	08/31/10	2000 OLIVER
1008016949ME		Burglary/Residential	08/30/10	900 PHILADELPHIA
1008016739ME	Yes	Drugs/Narcotics Viol/Felony	08/30/10	1000 S COX
1008016010ME		Aggravated Assault/DV	08/29/10	2000 YOUNG
1008014657ME		Other Theft/Non-Specific	08/26/10	1000 COOPER
1008014605ME	Yes	Burglary/Residential	08/26/10	1000 BRUCE
1008014188ME		Simple Assault/DV	08/25/10	1000 BRUCE
1008014162ME		Vandalism/Misdemeanor	08/25/10	1800 YOUNG
1008013865ME		Theft from Motor Vehicle	08/25/10	TANGLEWOOD AND YOUNG

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Crime Map

Do you want to know what crime is taking place in our neighborhood? The Memphis Police Department offers a tool on its website (memphispolice.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 returns with the results of your search for the previous 30 days.

The crime map for this issue was compiled by June Hurt.



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Did you know that theft from vehicles represent a large percentage of property crimes reported in Memphis?
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Urban Outfitters coming to the corner of Central and Cooper

BY BRAD CHRISTIAN

Entering the neighborhood from the north, you may have recently noticed some activity in the long-empty building at Central and Cooper. The building, that most recently housed an antique mall and seasonal craft market, will become home to the neighborhood's first national retail chain, Urban Outfitters. The store will contain over 11,000 square feet of trendy clothing and home décor and will open in March as the state's second location.

When we first heard about the possibility of the store moving into the neighborhood, we asked for feedback on our website and got several responses.

Some, like Kristan Huntley, were cautious about the prospect, "I am usually against big chains in a neighborhood, but if done correctly and sensitively, this could be really cool. My biggest concern would be the traffic, because it is on a busy corner."

Another viewpoint came from Leslie Thompson, "I'd shop there. I already shop their online store. At least this way I could ride my bike there and get instant gratification at the same time. I hate waiting for stuff in the mail. Win. Win."

Commenter Sam Davis is downright giddy, "This would be an absolutely incredible deal if it worked out! I am an 18-year-old who would be ecstatic if this happened. It fits the area, and it's a great store with great morals!"

Comments like these seem to suggest the store is off to a good start with customer demand. Another plus is the company's adaptive reuse of a historic structure, reversing a recent trend in Midtown chain development.



What makes Hemingway great?

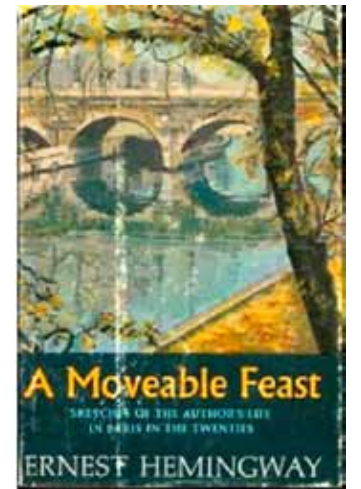
BY KIMBERLY RICHARDSON

Ernest Hemingway is one of those writers who writes for the common man. There are no lofty words or higher planes of existence in his books. His descriptions are simple and to the point, yet they carry such weight that it is easy to forget you are merely reading a book instead of listening to him speak. My first dance with Hemingway was the book *The Sun Also Rises*. Immediately I wanted to pack a bag and fly to Paris to see if I too would experience that city in the same way. Would I, as a writer, come to love and loathe the City of Lights like he did?

So, it came as no surprise to me when I began reading *A Moveable Feast* years later that I fell in love with, not only his words, but also Paris and the Lost Generation all over again. Here we see Hemingway, or Hemi as people called him, along with his first wife Hadley and their son, living the life of a poor but artistically inclined family in Paris. Along the way, he meets up and drinks with F. Scott Fitzgerald and his insane wife Zelda, Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, and others while walking through the streets, writing furiously at cafes, eating a bare minimum, and living the life of a true expatriate. There was not one moment wasted in his life. He saw fit to do whatever he wanted whenever he liked, which was all part of why he was in Paris.

After devouring the book in one day, I found myself wondering why reading Hemingway was so profoundly different than reading Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer* a couple of months earlier. Miller was a writer who pushed the envelope to the edge then, with a wink and a smile, threw it over without giving a darn if anyone cared enough to look. However, when attempting to reread Miller recently, I found myself unable to finish. Why? The manuscript had not changed, so why could I not go beyond 70 pages of Miller while consuming Hemingway in one night? Both lived in Paris around the same time, both were writers, both loved and hated the city. The difference is that Hemingway's words flow smoothly across my brain like a cool stream of water. Reading Miller feels to me like running through a rocky patch of road, but Hemingway is like sailing on a lake with a bump every now and then.

For now, let me sit in a quiet Paris cafe, sipping on a cup of tea or perhaps something stronger, and watching a young man two tables away furiously write out his words in a journal, watching him pour his very essence into what would later become his gifts to the world – *"I've seen you, beauty, and you belong to me now, whoever you are waiting for and if I never see you again, I thought. You belong to me and all Paris belongs to me and I belong to this notebook and this pencil."*



REPRESENTING

CY supports City of Memphis Green Up Festival

BY SHELLEY THOMAS

The Cooper-Young Community Association is joining other non-profits, businesses, and community groups for the first ever Memphis Green Up Festival. The city is hosting this festival on Saturday, October 30, from 11am-3pm, on the green at South Front Street adjacent to the Downtown Memphis Farmer's Market, on the west side of Central Station.

The goal of this initiative is to encourage Memphians to take action to make our city a beautiful, clean, and green place to live, work, and play. The festival, and its associated activities, is one of the ways the city is emphasizing sustainable practices to address issues that affect the quality of life for the people of Memphis.

CY residents can show their support by spreading the word and continuing to participate in our own neighborhood clean up efforts, which are organized quarterly by the CYCA Beautification Committee. Cooper-Young will be recognized for these efforts at the festival on October 30. We would love for as many Cooper-Youngians to be there as possible!

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Requiem for a community development corporation

BY STEVE LOCKWOOD

The collapse of the housing market has been hard on everyone connected with the business. It's been slim pickings for realtors and builders, there have been layoffs of lenders, and it's been slow for lumber yards and paints stores. It's also been very stressful for community development corporations.

It's within this context that the Cooper-Young Development Corporation (CYDC) has folded its tent. After many years helping rebuild this now thriving neighborhood, CYDC has filed for bankruptcy and is dissolving. After renovating dozens of dilapidated homes, primarily in the southeast quadrant, as well as constructing dozens of new homes, the CYDC is done. After, by my count, half a dozen directors, there is no longer a staff. In part, CYDC has become a victim of its own success. In part, it has suffered from missteps in a very dangerous real estate market.

There is not space here to do a full recounting of the work accomplished by the CYDC or to fully recognize the contribution that they have made to Cooper-Young. One of the objectives, early on, of the CYDC was to raise property values and jump start the market, particularly in the southeast quadrant of the neighborhood. They did a good job. Suffice it to say on the 1000 block of New York, property values would be very different without the numerous houses that the CYDC built or rebuilt there.

The CYDC bought in those areas of the neighborhood where dilapidated homes would otherwise languish; in areas with the least value and the lowest sales. There are virtually no such areas left in Cooper-Young. Over the years this made finding new projects harder and harder. There are few cheap fixer-uppers to be had now in the neighborhood. As I said, victims of their own success.

About 6 years ago, to carve out a new frontier and improve the western flank of the neighborhood, the CYDC ventured onto Seattle Street. Were it not for the housing collapse, this would have looked like a good decision. As it turned out, these houses never sold, continuing to sit empty to be periodically vandalized. This was a long, hard financial drain. A recent suit filed by Regions Bank for another long-standing debt was the final straw. Like many other developers, for-profit as well as non-profit, the CYDC could not meet its financial obligations.

Cooper-Young is better prepared than most older neighborhoods to live and flourish without a development corporation. The market here, in part due to the work of the CYDC, has been jump started and is generally very healthy. As in *It's a Wonderful Life*, it is hard to picture where we would be without the CYDC's work. Cooper-Young owes a debt of gratitude to all of the staff and board members who have served the CYDC for these many years. You are too numerous to mention. Many of you still live in the neighborhood.

It is gratifying that the CY Community Association was able, several months ago, to buy the office building that has been the home of the CYDC. The CYCA, as well as the CY Business Association, remain on the job, and I'm sure will at times be called upon to pick up the slack left by the CYDC's departure.

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Peabody "Flip This Schoolyard" finale

BY KATE LAREAU

A few months ago, parents of Peabody students surveyed Peabody teachers and asked, "What can we do to help the school?" The number one answer, "Help us flip our schoolyard, please!" Shrubs and plants were sparse or non-existent on the Peabody grounds, and since landscaping was obviously important to the teachers, parents knew this was the right project to tackle.

Planning started over the summer, as Kalki Winter, Vice President of ServiceMaster Landscape and parent of a Peabody kindergartner, contributed his expertise to create a plan for the yard. He drew up plans to surround the school with shrubs and small trees that would be hardy enough for Memphis weather. Kalki collaborated with experts at the Botanic Gardens to create the final landscaping plan, and he listed the work that needed to be done before planting could take place. Parents had their marching orders and got to work right away.

On July 24 and 31, parents and Peabody staff gathered for the first two rounds of "Flip this Schoolyard." Weeds and roots were pulled out and existing shrubs were whipped into shape. Some great work was done on the playground, as ServiceMaster Landscape brought in a truck full of mulch to line the perimeter of the play area, and parents and grandparents contributed sweat to make it look great! Wendy Sumner-Winter led a craft project with the Peabody kids who were present, creating concrete stepping stones for the playground that were printed with children's hands. Mayor Wharton and school council member Martavious Jones both came by to lend helping hands and were a great encouragement to everyone.

On September 11, parents were back for round two of "Flip this Schoolyard," as cooler weather meant safer planting temperatures for the new shrubs and trees. The new plants were purchased using funds raised at the annual Cooper-Young/Peabody School Chili Cook-Off. Starting at 7am, Peabody parents, students, and staff gathered and worked hard to prepare the ground, get plants in the ground, and spread mulch. By 10am the school looked fabulous! The parents and staff of Peabody are grateful to ServiceMaster Landscape and Kalki Winter for contributing time and expertise to make sure that the school looks great for years to come. Memphis City Schools has also helped give the school an extra shine. Since the landscaping project started, they've come by to re-paint railings outside the school and power wash several areas. Next time you drive by, be sure to notice all the improvements, and get ready to eat some chili at the next Cook-Off so that we can see what else the Peabody staff and parents have planned!



Part of the Flip the School Yard work team, L to R: Jennifer Hardesty, Jason Whitworth, Mandy Grisham, Martavious Jones (MCS School Board Commissioner), Craig Blondis, Chris Lareau, Charlie Land, Josh Spickler, Jeff Woods, Principal Kongsouly Jones.



Peabody parents Chris Kelley, Josh Spickler, and Elizabeth Blondis plant shrubs on the last work day.



Peabody first grader, Miles Land, unloads mulch for the beds.

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Free HIV medical and support services

BY KESHA WHITAKER

The Shelby County Ryan White Program, which provides free primary medical and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS, has launched a new campaign to raise awareness and promote treatment. The "Know Now. Live Longer." campaign is part of the Ryan White Minority AIDS Initiative in response to the disproportionate impact that HIV/AIDS has on the area's African-American population. Of the 6,673 people living with HIV/AIDS in the Memphis area, 78.7 percent are African-American.

"The goal of the campaign is twofold," said Lisa Krull, Ryan White Program contracts coordinator. "First, we want to educate the community about the services offered by the Ryan White Program. Second, we want to raise awareness that treatment for HIV/AIDS is available and makes it possible for those living with the disease to live long, healthy, productive lives."

The campaign will include billboards, public service announcements, posters, bus ads, post-cards, informational wallet cards, social and online media, and fliers to help get the word out about the program, a federally funded initiative that provides free primary medical and support services to more than 500,000 persons living with HIV/AIDS in the United States. The services are intended to reduce the use of more costly inpatient care and increase access to care for underserved populations. In addition, the campaign promotes an HIV care hotline, (877) HIV-KNOW.

All of the campaign materials, as well as the website, hivmemphis.org, feature Shelby County residents who are living with HIV/AIDS. Among them is Nicole, a 37-year-old Memphis native who has lived with HIV since she was sexually assaulted 14 years ago.

"The Ryan White Program has helped me, a young, self-employed businesswoman, with my HIV medication costs. It also offered me HIV/AIDS education classes and nutritious food. It is a wonderful resource," Nicole said. In addition to Nicole, several other courageous, HIV-positive Memphis residents have agreed to lend their stories to the campaign.

Services provided by the Ryan White Program include: outpatient medical care, AIDS pharmaceutical assistance, medical case management, mental health services, medical nutrition therapy, transportation to appointments, early intervention services, dental health care, a food bank, emergency financial assistance, substance abuse outpatient care, psychosocial support, and health education workshops. Memphis-area residents are eligible for Ryan White Program services if they reside in one of the following counties: Crittenden, DeSoto, Marshall, Tate, Tunica, Shelby, Fayette, and Tipton. In addition, eligible persons must be underinsured or lack health insurance, have proof they are HIV-positive, and have an income at or below 300 percent of federal poverty level.

You can learn more about the Ryan White Program by visiting hivmemphis.org or by calling (877) HIV-KNOW. This project is funded by grant awards from the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and Shelby County Government.

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October book signing at Burke's

BY COREY MESLER

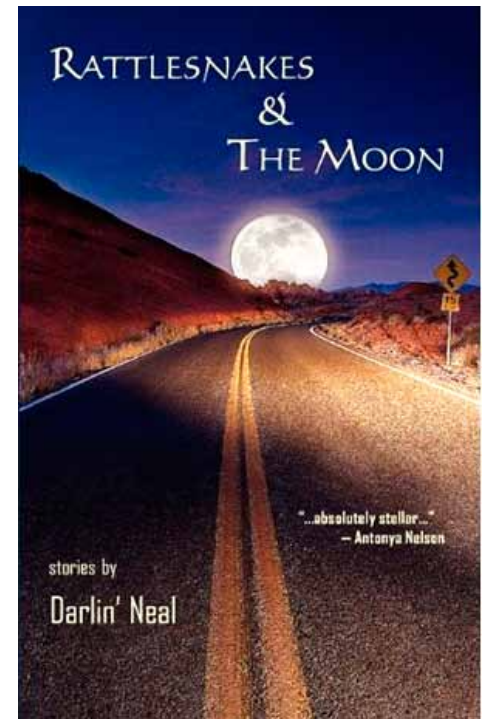
Darlin' Neal will be at Burke's Book Store on Thursday, October 7, from 5:30-7pm, to read from and sign copies of her first collection of short fiction, *Rattlesnakes and the Moon* (Press 53, \$14, paperback). The reading will begin at 6pm. This event coincides with the October CY Thursday Night Out.

Frederick Barthelme, author of *Waveland*, wrote, "These [*Rattlesnakes and the Moon*] are dark stories lit by headlights and lightning, fluorescent signs and tall highway lights, tough stories so real that they have the scent of the lived-through about them, which is testament to Darlin' Neal's extraordinary gift for prose and story."

"Darlin' Neal's book of stories is the literary equivalent of a Lucinda Williams music album..." praised Antonya Nelson, author of *Nothing Right: Short Stories*.

Darlin' Neal is a native Mississippian whose work has appeared in *The Southern Review*, *Shenandoah*, *Smokelong Quarterly*, and dozens of other magazines. She is currently an assistant professor in the MFA program at The University of Central Florida.

If there are any questions concerning this event, please contact Corey Mesler at (901) 278-7484.



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CERT is a two-day program that provides hands-on training in basic disaster relief, from fire safety to search and rescue. Cheryl Yarbro, Manager of Operations and Training with the Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS/EMA/UASI, has set aside two Saturdays for Cooper-Young residents to complete their CERT training as a group: January 15, and February 12, 2011.

To sign up email Sarah Frierson at sarahfrierson@yahoo.com.



January 15, 2011 and February 12, 2011

Neighborhood Night Out

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selves aid in creating a safer community. Parties should be visible and take place on the front lawns. Ginger Spickler points out that the increased visibility of the parties "shows anyone who is watching our streets (neighbors, police, criminals) that we know each other and that we're watching out for each other." Expect to see representatives from the West Precinct making the rounds as well.

This year the parties will also be an opportunity to spread the word about the CYER (Cooper-Young Emergency Response) plan. In the event of an emergency or disaster, it will be essential to know how to best help one another. A comprehensive neighborhood plan is currently being developed, but it is important for each household in the neighborhood to create a family plan as well. Be sure to pick up full-size and wallet-sized copies of the Family Communications Plan, which will be distributed at each party.

Partygoers will also receive save the date flyers for the upcoming Cooper-Young Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). CERT is a two-day program that provides hands-on training in basic disaster relief, from fire safety to search and rescue. Cheryl Yarbrow, Manager of Operations and Training with the Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS/EMA/UASI, has set aside two Saturdays for Cooper-Young residents to complete their CERT training as a group: January 15, 2011 and February 12, 2011. To sign up, send an email to sarahfrierson@yahoo.com and put these dates on your calendar now so that we can show them our appreciation for the special training sessions with a great turnout. CERT training is available year-round from the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) at no charge. If you are interested in completing the training at another time, please contact the EMA at (901) 515-2605 to register. Everyone who completes CERT training will receive a CERT kit, which includes a hard hat, reflective vest, gloves, metal whistle, flashlight, batteries, and a carrying bag.

In addition to great information and good company, you can also count on tasty food at your NNO party. Those of you hosting a party, don't forget that both Central BBQ and Outback

Steakhouse are offering special deals on food for the evening. At Central BBQ, you can order the basic catering package (pulled pork, beans, slaw, sauce, buns, paper products, and serving utensils) at a discounted rate of \$3.75/person. Or, you can get pulled pork for only \$6/pound if you want to have neighbors bring sides. Outback Steakhouse is offering a dinner package, including 25 sandwiches, salad, sodas, and desserts, for \$100. Please place your orders by October 5, and let them know that the food is for NNO. The first 20 hosts to turn in their receipts and block club rosters will receive a \$50 reimbursement from the CYCA, so hang on to those receipts!

We wish everyone a safe and fun Neighborhood Night Out! Feel free to call the CYCA office at (901) 272-2922 if you have any questions.



CYCA president, John Kinsey, demonstrates how to turn off a residential gas line, an essential skill to master in the event of an emergency. Learn this and more at the upcoming CERT training.

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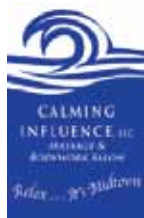
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The Vanishing Delta showing at Gallery Fifty Six

BY J. EVERETT

Two artists pay tribute to the vanishing delta at Gallery Fifty Six in October as they stir memories of lazy drives down dusty roads or meandering walks across muddy fields. The flat, expansive Mississippi River Valley Delta begins at our own Peabody Hotel and ends on Bourbon Street, shaping the lives of the people who live along the mighty river and beyond. It's a part of all of us in the Memphis area, whether we grew up on one of its fertile farms or in one of the cities it birthed.

Emery Franklin grew up in south Memphis. His designs can be seen in the Black Heritage Calendar annually and as an official print of the Million Man, Million Woman, Million Youth March. His oil paintings invoke the mood and feel of the delta. These people and places are real to us, even though many have long since turned to dust. Sensual and somewhat surreal, Emery's paintings are deeply Southern, from the sharecropper harvesting real money, to the elegant woman playing violin in the cotton fields.

Paul Clarke is a well-known Memphis photographer whose giclees on canvas are familiar to many of us. His photographs capture deserted, decaying delta icons, before they disappear forever. The once bustling bright yellow train station in Webb still stands, boarded, shut, and pale. An empty, decaying grocery store becomes what Clarke calls a "classic delta roadside temple," its Coca-Cola sign faded to dim.

The Vanishing Delta will bring back memories you thought were lost forever. Everyone is invited to an artists' reception on Friday, October 1, from 5-8pm at Gallery Fifty Six, 2256 Central Avenue. For more information call (901) 276-1251 or go online to galleryfiftysix.com.



Emery Franklin, oil on canvas, *Delta's Melodies*.

OPINIONS PLEASE

Online education survey needs participants

BY SARAH BOGDEWIECZ

I am a graduate student in the Anthropology Department at the University of Memphis, and I am conducting research in an attempt to understand the relationship between your community and Peabody Elementary. The ultimate goal of this research is to gather community perspectives that will lead to recommendations to help strengthen the relationship between your community and Peabody Elementary.

I invite all CY residents 18 and older to participate in this research by completing an online survey. You may access this survey at surveymonkey.com/s/DBWYSKF. The results of this research project will be made known in a variety of ways, including a presentation open to the public. Look for further information and updates in future *LampLighter* issues and on the Friends of Peabody Facebook page. You may direct any question or comments to sbgdwezc@memphis.edu, or email to schedule an interview for this research project. Thank you in advance for your participation!

St. John's United Methodist Church begins a new children's ministry

BY STEVEN GARCIA

A votive candle sits at the top of a staircase at St. John's United Methodist Church. The candle rests snugly in a candle holder depicting Jesus with a lamb. Lighting the candle signifies Jesus' presence. It also serves to greet children into their new learning environment at the church on Sunday mornings.

The educational space is part of a new ministry at St. John's called *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. The ministry is an approach to Christian formation that is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. On Sunday mornings, children (ages 3 to 12) start by gathering in the Atrium, the name given to their new learning space. The Atrium is a dedicated place of prayer where children are given the time and space to meditate on the stories of the Christian faith so they may continue to see and experience God's grace in their lives. It's a place where they use hand-made materials to learn about Scripture, sacraments, liturgical gestures, and key liturgical moments – all toward fostering their own personal prayer life and relationship with Christ.

For nearly a year the people of St. John's have trained and worked diligently to prepare this special place for all children, regardless of denomination. The place is more retreat, less recreation. It's a place of discovery, where children have the revelations of God at their fingertips at all times. It's a place for the child's imagination, heart, soul, and spirit to take shape around the facts and information concerning our faith. In this place children come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

By introducing this ministry on September 12, 2010, St. John's became only the second United Methodist Church in Memphis to offer the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* ministry, and only the twelfth United Methodist Church in the nation. While the doors to God's Kingdom have always been wide open, the Atrium offers children (and adults, alike) the opportunity to be in communion with one another. The ministry and its space are designed with a deep respect for the process of the Holy Spirit and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide the child's relationship with God.

Rebecca Thomas, one of two trained catechists at St. John's, states, "This approach to Christian formation represents the very best we can offer to the children placed in our care." Simply, this approach expects nothing less for our children than a deeper exploration of Jesus' teachings and the development of a more intimate relationship with God.

So what does St. John's expect of its new ministry? According to Rev. Renee Dillard, associate pastor at St. John's, "The goal has always been for the children at St. John's to know they are loved – loved by their church family and, most of all, loved by God. Learning about Jesus as the Good Shepherd, as someone who seeks them out and loves and protects them, seems like a good way for children to not only learn about God but to experience God's loving presence for themselves. We hope that children from our neighborhood will participate in and benefit from *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, and that this formation will lead to loving God and loving neighbor in a deeper way."

St. John's United Methodist Church invites all children (ages 3 to 12) to share in the journey that is the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. The Atrium, which is located on the second floor of St. John's, at 1207 Peabody Avenue, is available on Sunday morning from 9-10:30am. For more information, please contact the church at (901) 726-4104.

Cooper-Young promotes dog safety awareness

BY APRIL BOLEWARE

We've all seen them – the signs, the emails, and the most heartbreaking of them all, the car that stops with the child in the backseat asking, "Have you seen our dog?" It is every pet owner's nightmare, and in our community it happens a lot. We take so many steps to keep our pets safe with Frontline, Heartguard, and even pet insurance. But what happens if they get lost? I know that on more than one occasion I have heard my husband yell from the back door, "Get out front!" This is code for, "I left the side gate open, and Evie is heading for the front yard." Thankfully, she knows she's not supposed to be out there, but what if we hadn't noticed?

Luckily we had her microchipped. It was one of those things on the new puppy checklist. I have talked to many people in our neighborhood who say they intend to take that step but just haven't gotten around to it. For those who are unfamiliar with the microchip process, it is a very simple procedure that literally involves a microchip. It contains a code that houses all of your pet's vital information including the pet's name, owner, and veterinary information. It is implanted under the skin using a small syringe, between the shoulder blades. All veterinarians, shelters, and the Humane Society have microchip scanners to check for microchips in the event that a dog is brought in as lost or stolen. There are several different types of microchips available, but the most popular is AVID. The AVID microchip charges a one-time fee that does not require an annual renewal. Change of address is the only cost that can be later incurred. For more information on this company you can visit their website at avidid.com.

During the last CY Safety Committee meeting, we talked about ways to encourage pet owners to do what they can to protect their pets in the event that they are lost or stolen. Block captains are, of course, a great resource, but how will we get the message out to everyone? On Saturday, November 13, from 1-4pm, the CYCA will be hosting a "Register Your Pet Day!" with the help of Central Animal Hospital located at 2192 Central Avenue. Steve Karnes, owner of Central Animal Hospital, will be offering our residents a discount on microchipping services. The usual fee is about \$80, but they have offered to do it for \$40! They will also be showing off their newly renovated boarding facility that can play host to both dogs and cats. We will be starting a flicker page that will provide a photo of your precious pooch and all their vital contact information. In the event that your four-legged family member goes missing, Cooper-Young residents can search this website to help find the owner. Taking advantage of this opportunity is a great way to protect your pets, meet your neighbors, and maybe even set up a play date at our local dog park. For more information on this event, you can email April Boleware at benapril1@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!



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Halloween fun: All Hallows Eve then and now

BY DR. D. JACKSON MAXWELL

Traditionally fall is the harvest season, when the last fruits of summer are collected and fields are prepared for next year. The land takes on a stark, bare look. Leaves turn colors and fall from trees, darkness encroaches earlier, and first frosts appear. With fall comes a holiday that is a favorite of children and adults alike. Halloween has roots dating back centuries to harvest festivals, pagan celebrations, and primeval superstitions.

Since ancient times, people the world over have held festivals in the fall honoring the dead. For example, The Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico from October 31-November 2. During this celebration families remember relatives who have died by visiting cemeteries, holding picnics, and decorating graves. The Celts in Britain held a festival called Samhain on October 31, the day they believed that spirits roamed the land making mischief and causing mayhem. Later this holiday was combined with the Christian All Saints' Day, eventually becoming known first as All Hallows Eve and today, Halloween. Due in part to these customs and the change of seasons, fall and early winter are frequently the setting for stories about ghosts, haunts, monsters, aliens, supernatural beings, and other unusual occurrences.

In the United States, Halloween is celebrated on October 31. Traditionally pumpkins are decorated and cut into jack-o-lanterns, scary decorations adorn lawns, haunted houses abound, and children dress up in costumes often appearing as monsters, ghouls, or demons. On the evening of Halloween children visit neighbors' homes or attend parties where they trick-or-treat, asking for candy and trinkets for their bag or bucket. Today, Halloween focuses less on a belief in spirits and the supernatural, and instead is a time for costumed children to gather for fun and frivolity.

The following game focuses on Halloween related topics plus teaches Internet searching techniques. So, take the challenge and go online to seek the answers while also having some fun!

The Game:

- 1 Do a keyword search for "Monster Mash Video" and then select the related *youtube.com* link. Explore the music videos found here. Who had the 1962 hit song "Monster Mash?"
- 2 Go to Wikipedia and keyword search "monster." Read the entry. From which Latin word does monster come?
- 3 Using the same website, what was the first RKO giant monster film with sound?
- 4 A final question for the Wikipedia monster site. Click on the "Werewolves" link. Read the text. What is the Greek word for werewolves?
- 5 Do a keyword search using the phrase "Mythic Creatures Yahoo". Name the mythic creature from Jewish folklore made from inanimate matter and featured in a book by David Wisniewski.
- 6 Using the same Yahoo website, click on the link for "Bunyips" and then choose "Bunyip Stamps." According to Australian aboriginal stories, where do bunyips live?
- 7 On Yahoo's Mythic Creatures website, select the link for "Trolls" (*trollmoon.com*). Read the short story about trolls. What two related things do trolls fear most?
- 8 Using Google (*google.com*), search for *The Dollhouse Murders*, *Moonlight Man*, and *Christina's Ghost* to discover the name of the popular author of all of these ghost stories for children.
- 9 Once again, conduct a keyword search on Google using the phrases "Author Frankenstein" and then, "Author Dracula." What are the names of the authors of these classic novels?
- 10 Go to Dav Pilkey's homepage at *pilkey.com* and find the title of his hilarious story of a trick-or-treating dog who ends up saving the day.
- 11 Go to *answers.com* and keyword search the name of the person who came up with the term cryptozoology to describe the search for hidden animals such as yeti or werewolves.
- 12 At *pibburns.com/cryptozo.htm*, follow the links to the Jersey Devil. Anthony Perticaro retells the long history of this legendary creature. According to the article, Pine Barrens is where the Jersey Devil lived. What is the nickname of the area where it was born?
- 13 Bad luck and superstitions play a big part of the mystique of Halloween. Search for the roots of the myth of unlucky number 13 at *shyamsundergupta.com/unlucky13.htm*. Halloween is celebrated on October 31, which is 13 backwards. Do you believe this is a coincidence?

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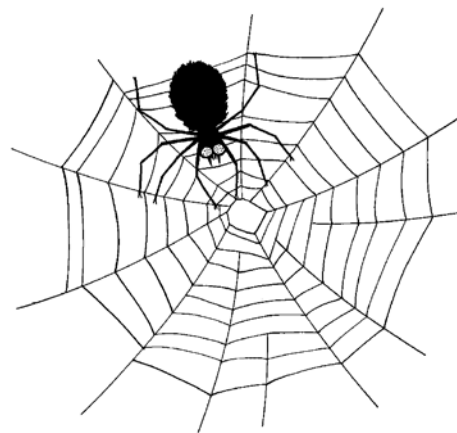
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 - 8 Betty Ren Wright
 - 9 Mary Shelley (*Frankenstein*) and Abraham "Bram" Stoker (*Dracula*)
 - 10 *The Hillo-Wiener*
 - 11 Bernard Heuvelmans
 - 12 Leeds Point

Gandhi-King Conference on Peacemaking

BY JACOB FLOWERS

Mahatma Gandhi lived his life as an experiment in truth. The sentiment of his time was that a battle fought without the use of violence was a battle that would be lost. But Gandhi knew differently and lived his life according to nonviolent ideals. This life inspired the actions of another icon of our modern times, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King too conducted his own great experiment as he waged campaigns to demand human and civil rights for the poor and people of color in this country. His experiment, unfortunately, ended here in Memphis, but the greater experiment that both of these figures pioneered continues today in the struggle for social justice taking place all over the world.

October 22-24 will mark the continuation of another great experiment as the seventh annual Gandhi-King Conference on Peacemaking opens its door to hundreds of youth and adults from all over the country. The Gandhi-King Conference on Peacemaking, with Tim Wise, Rev. Billy Kyles, Spirit Trickey-Rowan, Jaribu Hill, and workshops from dozens of other experts, is a three day event bringing together modern visionaries on nonviolence and social change. At this conference community leaders, activists, academics, and organizers will train, plan, and learn to create a culture of liberation and justice for all.

Participants will engage in training and education in nonviolent theory and practice. They will also have the opportunity to network and learn from movement builders from all over the country. Conference participants will end the transformational weekend in a better position to decide, where to put their energies for maximum effect and with concrete tools to use in their personal and social movement work. We hope that you can join us for this important event as we learn the skills, make the connections, and provide the inspiration to make our community a better place.

If you are interested in attending, please visit gandhikingconference.org for more information and to register securely online. If you have any questions, please contact the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center at (901) 725-4990. Also, if you or someone you know is a high school or middle school aged youth, then register for the Gandhi-King PeaceJam Slam. This all-day youth conference offers high school and middle school youth an innovative community building experience full of fun and inspiration. If you or your child are interested in participating, please contact Mikkel at (901) 260-3733.

Halloween party benefiting Friends For Life

BY KRISTI FRISCH

Friends For Life has developed a reputation for not only serving people in our community who are living with HIV/AIDS but for throwing the biggest and most extraordinary Halloween party benefit in Memphis. On Saturday, October 30, you can party with a gnarly pirate or dance with a lovely mermaid at this year's unbelievable event where the theme is "Shipwrecked!"

Shipwrecked will take place at Bridges in downtown Memphis, located off Auction between 4th and 5th Street. With last year's attendance well over 500 guests, this year's party promises to be an even bigger success. Halloween party chairman, John Snook, boasted, "I have no doubt that Shipwrecked is going to be the biggest and best Halloween party we have ever thrown. The party committee has really out done themselves this year. This will be the party that everyone talks about for years to come." Shipwrecked will include delectable food, music from DJ Steve Anne, and a cash prize costume contest that has to be seen to be believed! Doors open at 8pm and the party will continue into the night.

Linda Safford, Director of Development at *Friends For Life*, remarked, "The tremendous work of our volunteers continues to amaze me each year! Their dedication to this event makes possible so many of the services that Friends For Life provides, like our food pantry, housing supports, education, and prevention. We could not do this much-needed work throughout the Mid-South without the community's great support of events like Shipwrecked!"

This annual Halloween party is Friends For Life's biggest fundraiser, and it supports the mission of the organization: to help persons affected by HIV/AIDS live well. Friends For Life offers comprehensive and client-centered services that include education, housing, food, transportation, healthcare, and healthy life skills training. They also strive to educate the Mid-South community in a manner that heightens awareness, facilitates acceptance, and promotes prevention.

Tickets are available online at friendsforlifecorp.org. Advance tickets cost \$35 or you can pay \$45 at the door. For additional information you can go to our website, look us up on Facebook or Twitter (twitter.com/fflmemphis), or contact Linda Safford at Linda.safford@friendsforlifecorp.org or (901) 272-0855 x264.

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Festival hits record numbers

BY TAMARA WALKER

It was an outstanding weekend in Cooper-Young! Art lovers flocked to the Art Invitational and Festival Kickoff Party, held at David Perry Smith Gallery the Thursday before the Festival. Attendees were packed in shoulder to shoulder just thirty minutes after doors opened and remained that way throughout the duration of the evening. In addition, the CYCA hosted over 1800 runners in the 4 Miler race the Friday before the Festival. And even though temperatures hit record highs on Saturday, the police estimated over 100,000 attendees at this year's Festival. Needless to say, it was a huge success for our neighborhood.

I was standing in the middle of the street Saturday night after the Festival, directing vendors to travel south on Cooper Street as they left the neighborhood. I had dozens of artists stop to tell me excitedly that they had completely sold out this year. On Monday, several neighborhood businesses called to tell me how much they made and how thankful they are for this annual Festival. The support of businesses, artists, residents, and others in the Memphis area help make this one of the largest summer events in the city. All of this makes me very proud for Cooper-Young.

I always like to look back and hope that I can remember everyone who helped make this weekend a reality. First, I would like to thank the Festival Committee, Bill Stemmler, Stephen Crump, Charlie Ryan, Lizi Beard-Ward, Ken Whitehead, Cameron Mann, and Chuck Parr, for their countless volunteer hours. These are the people that worked tirelessly before, during, and after Festival day. They are the backbone of this event and have been for many years.

I also want to thank everyone else that helped make this great day happen, big or small, it takes us all. If I miss someone, I am truly sorry.

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I also wish to extend a special thank you to all of our sponsors who donated money and other items to help offset the cost of this huge event. Our sponsors this year were A. S. Barboro, Lenny's Sub Shop, *Commercial Appeal*, Memphis Grizzlies, Sam's Town, Comcast, Albert Cook Plumbing, Terminix, Bank of America, McAlister's Deli, Pro Show Systems Memphis, Chick-Fil-A on Union Avenue, Southland Park Gaming & Racing, Salvation Army – Kroc Center, Summer Winds Resorts, T-Mobile, WMC TV5, WRVR, Classic Hits KQK, ESPN FM, Toof Commercial Printing, Methodist Healthcare, Delta Ice Services, and Zebra Marketing.

Please mark your calendar for next year's Festival on September 17, 2011! See you then!

Tamara Walker is director of the CY Business Association.

The CYBA has received a donation in the memory of Mrs. Margaret Goff from her grand daughter, Kristin Sullivan Cummings. Our sympathy goes out to Kristin in her time of loss.

Snowden School commemorates 100 years of exceptional public education

BY KATY LEOPARD

On September 12, 1910, the first Snowden School students entered the doors of the newly constructed building, located at what is now the corner of North Parkway and McLean. At that time McLean Avenue was a 30-foot-wide road and North Parkway was graded but unimproved. Only one paved street existed in the new Evergreen neighborhood on the eastern edge of Memphis. R. Brinkley Snowden was persuaded to donate land for a new school if the Evergreen Club could prove to him that there were 175 children who would attend.

The tract of land Mr. Snowden offered to the City of Memphis in April, 1909 was valued at \$12,000, yet he offered it for free upon assurance that the building would be of brick or stone, and of such size, character, and design as to be an ornament to the Evergreen neighborhood. Walk Jones, Sr. and Max Furbinger designed the original Beaux Arts building. Snowden Elementary School enrolled 172 students that first year. There were eight large classrooms, and since the desks had not arrived, the students sat on the floor.

Snowden School began as a suburban school on the far eastern reach of town and continues its tradition of excellence 100 years later in the heart of historic Midtown. Its history and growth reflect that of the neighborhood and Memphis. Snowden remains a fine school and a shining example of what public education could be in Memphis with a truly diverse student population devoted to academic excellence.

We will be celebrating our 100th anniversary all year with special events for the neighborhood, Snowden Alumni, and supporters! The festivities have already begun with a special school tour and choral performance in September. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and walks down memory lane.

A special Overton Park Levitt Shell concert to celebrate the Snowden School Centennial will be held on Saturday, October 2, from 4-6pm. Performers include Snowden Alumni, teachers, and students. This event will be followed by a regular season Levitt Shell concert by the Dirty Dozen Brass Band at 7:30pm.

Then on Monday, October 11, at 6pm, join us for a special preview of a documentary about the school, created by Evergreen resident and Snowden supporter Willy Bearden. The movie will be shown in the Snowden School auditorium and school tours will be available before and after the show from 5-7pm. Doors to the auditorium open at 5:30 so come early for a good seat!

Snowden Alumni and supporters who want to keep up with Snowden School Centennial events and receive regular updates about the school can visit our new Snowden School Foundation website at snowdenschoolfoundation.org and register.



Pit bulls in need of rescue

BY DONNA VELEZ

Some connect with their Higher Power through religion. Some connect through yoga, prayer, or meditation. Some connect through art forms, and still others through the help of a 12-step program. After a life long search for God, I found him through my journey rescuing pit bulls.

In 1989 I was given a 4-month-old brindle, female pit bull. I was terrified of her. For two days I would not turn my back for fear she would become aggressive and attack me. I was angry with my husband for bringing this "killer" home, and I wrestled with the decision of whether or not to keep this puppy. But I kept her, raised her in a loving home, socialized her well, and Josey grew up to be a jewel.

A year later I rescued my first pit bull from life at the end of tow chain. Rudy lived out the remainder of her life sleeping on a bed, eating popcorn and ice cream, and being surrounded by her human and canine family members. Rudy passed away in her home snuggled up in her daddy's arms. She was loved.

In 1993 I formed a rescue group called Hearts of Gold and started, one pit bull at a time, to open my home to the true underdog, the most abused animal on earth. It has been an adventure, a spiritual journey, an ongoing lesson in psychology, and a personal encounter with courage, loyalty, and love. Yet it has also been a painful look at cruelty, neglect, and scars, both outside and in.

Looking back over the years I have memories of carrying dogs into my home because they were too weak to walk. I have memories of coaxing dogs into my vehicle because they were so afraid of everything that they froze and refused to move. And I have memories of dogs who jumped in, brimming with enthusiasm, ready to start a new life. Each and every rescue, both the dog and the experience, is unique.

I remember Isaiah. Today he is sleeping on his back, all four feet stretched up to heaven with a wide grin across his face. He has learned to bond with both dogs and humans. However, not long ago he was standing in mud attached to a 2-foot chain. He lived this way for 7 years.

I remember Chester who now lives with a vet and travels to work with him everyday. He serves as a blood donor and has a one-eyed beagle "sister" who is also a rescue. But Chester once lived

on a tow chain tied to a house in the middle of a grassy field, covered in a thick fog of mosquitoes. When he was found he had a heavy load of heartworms, fighting scars, and lots of broken teeth. Nevertheless, his owner assures me that his wife loves Chester so much that he will have to bury her on the same day Chester passes.

Merci also comes to mind. She is a seasoned game dog (a dog that has seen a lot of action in the fight ring) from South Memphis and is intelligent beyond belief. While exhibiting dog aggressive behavior, she has an extraordinary love for humans, is gentle with children, and wants to kiss everyone she meets square on the lips. Merci was found stumbling down a sidewalk near collapse when a kind man took her in and called me for help. She now sleeps on my bed, fills my heart with her smiles, and helps me train and rehab other dogs.

Handsome was confiscated in a dog fighting bust in South Memphis. He was inside the pit when law enforcement arrived and had a heavy heartworm infection, but he was definitely not a fighter. He now has a home and is described as "perfect" by every person he meets. He is thrilled in the company of all dogs and all people. He is a wonderful example of why one should never judge a book by its cover.

Snowflake was found with a broken pelvis and scars from a wire that had grown into her neck. She was starving and lying on a porch in Frayser in below freezing temperatures. Today she lives in a Nashville mansion with a yogini/wildlife biologist and two cat buddies.

Trinity was clearly abused. She was found with wounds and an abscessed chest. She may have been someone's pet that got loose and fell into the wrong hands. Today she lives in a home with three children in Connecticut and has her own website. She has changed many minds about pit bulls.

But most recently it is Wiggles who has captured my heart. She was a fighter that could not overcome her deep programming. The abuse she endured at the hand of humans could not be undone. Wiggles was euthanized on June 29, 2010 at the Animal Emergency Center on Summer Avenue wrapped tightly in the arms of a woman who loved her enough to set her free. I will miss the way she wiggled when she was happy. I will miss her walking on her hind legs with front paws crossed, reaching in the air for me with that wide, broken-toothed grin. Wiggles was a powerful girl with a powerful message. The healing of a soul is not always about change – it may simply be about acceptance.

Rescue work is physically, mentally, and financially draining. It is no easy task to take in pit bulls from the saddest of conditions and nurse them back to health, socialize them, train them, and evaluate them for adoption. They often need expensive medical care including vaccinations, spaying/neutering, heartworm treatments, treatment for skin conditions, and monthly preventative medicines. I want to quit on a regular basis. I get discouraged and depressed. But just as I think I am going to throw in the towel, I hear the words that God softly spoke to me many years ago, "You provide the heart and I will provide all the rest."

I encourage you and your children to get involved in community volunteer work with a rescue group or shelter. You can help by volunteering, organizing fundraisers, updating websites, or sponsoring the medical needs of a rescue dog. There are so many ways that rescue groups can use your help. Those who get involved will learn responsibility, compassion, and service to others. And it always seems that what we give, we get back. You can go to petfinder.com to find a list of rescue groups and shelters in your area.

If you are considering adopting a rescued pit bull, please let the rescue group match you with the right dog for your lifestyle and experience level. Dogs are individuals and the perfect dog for one home may not work at all in another home. If you would like more information about Hearts of Gold, learn how to get involved, or how to adopt a pit bull you may contact me at heartsofgold-pitrescue@yahoo.com or visit our website at heartsofgoldpitrescue.com. Thank you for letting me share my journey with you.



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Our cinematic past: the biker film

BY MATTHEW MARTIN

In the midst of the chaos of the 60's, no group better reflected the rejection of America more than bikers. Even more than hippies, beatniks, and delinquents, the biker had become the ultimate fear of polite society, denying all but the freedom of the open road, all else be damned. And it all began with a photograph.

In January of 1965, Life magazine published a photo of a very unusual funeral. "Mother" Miles, leader of the Sacramento branch of the Hell's Angels, had died. Every Angel in the state turned out, and the procession was spectacular – wall to wall Harley Davidson's rumbling down the highway for as far as the eye could see. America was entranced, fascinated by a community they didn't even know existed. It sparked a new kind of outlaw cinema: the biker film.

While thumbing through the issue of Life, legendary independent filmmaker Roger Corman (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Trip*) was struck by the graphic power and majesty of the photo – the desire for freedom and individuality mixing with the obvious devotion to their "family". Corman felt it was ripe with cinematic possibilities.

He was right, and after an evening of drinking and drugging with the Venice chapter of the Hell's Angels, Corman had everything he needed for his movie. Although biker flicks had existed before, both great (Brando's *The Wild One*) and lame (*Teenage Thunder*), most early attempts were closer to "Juvenile Delinquency" films. The biker lifestyle had never been actually portrayed until Corman's *The Wild Angels* in 1966.

Less a story than a series of nihilistic misadventures, *The Wild Angels* follows Peter Fonda as "Heavenly Blues", a brooding young misfit and leader of the Angels. When a fellow biker is shot by cops for stealing a chopper, his friends decide to break him out of the hospital. He is freed, but without medical expertise the Angels are unable to keep him alive. So they do the next best thing – let him die and give him a funeral, Angels-style – boozing, raping, and destroying a church. At the end Fonda buries his friend as the cops close in, convinced that in a meaningless world death is a welcome relief.

The film was a smash in the South and Southwest, but the dark, unflattering look at biker culture so incensed the Hell's Angels that they attempted to sue Corman, eventually resorting to death threats. Much to the chagrin of some American officials, it was chosen to play at the Cannes Film Festival. America was ready for bikers and the race was on to produce the next big one. Both small time producers and eager major studios jumped on the bandwagon with rip-offs like *The Devil's Angels* and *Angels Unchained*.

However, these were overshadowed by the efforts of an unknown, enigmatic named Jack Nicholson, and his first film *Hell's Angels on Wheels*. Like *The Wild Angels*, the film is virtually plotless, following Nicholson's descent into the biker underworld. One of the biggest money-makers of 1967, the film was directed by the talented Richard Rush (*The Stunt Man*), but the real magic was the rapid fire photography of Lazlo Kovacs, who since has become one of Hollywood's most sought after camera men.

Nicholson and Kovacs came together again, and along with budding actor/director/acid-dropper, Dennis Hopper, they created the definitive biker film, *Easy Rider*, in 1969. Part 60's road trip fantasy, part existential nightmare, the film became the calling card of a counter-culture. Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper set off for New Orleans to find the "real" America and find it with a vengeance. Its ending is considered one of the darkest ever, and Nicholson's part, as a small town, alcoholic lawyer, made him a star.

Over 50 biker films followed over the next three years. Most were boring and repetitive, but several were unforgettable and even bizarre. Several factors killed the genre, as well as the lifestyle, including skyrocketing gas prices and new highway speed limit laws. However, the real death knell for biker culture came with Altamont. Billed as the "Woodstock of the West", Altamont is known for the bloody confrontation between former allies, the hippies and the bikers. Captured in the Rolling Stones documentary, *Gimme Shelter* (who were on stage during one fatal stabbing), this event permanently poisoned the image of the biker in the mind of America. Soon after the

biker film, like the gangs they helped promote, quietly dropped from view. Biker's went back into anonymity. The year was 1972.

Only a few attempts to revive the genre have appeared since, but none have been successful. Nevertheless, after virtually disappearing from cinema for 35 years, the biker film has finally returned to our television on the breakout FX channel show *Sons of Anarchy*. Outlaws roll again.

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Two new businesses open next to the CYCA office

BY KRISTAN HUNTLEY

If you pass the building on Young Avenue that houses the CY Community Association, you will notice some new neighbors. Two new businesses, Victory Bicycle Studio and Charm Boutique, have decided to call Cooper-Young home. Both of these businesses hope to have a very special identity, not just within the neighborhood, but within Memphis as well.



Victory Bicycle Studio is owned by Clark Butcher and Robert Taylor, who combined have more than 30 years of experience with cycling and the art of bicycle maintenance and set-up. Though their studio is small (only 500 square feet!), it is packed with experience and tried and trusted products. Because of their size, Victory is able to provide a customized and comprehensive experience for each individual. When sizing a cyclist for a new bike, Victory not only takes the bike's height into consideration, but also the individual's arm length, the bike's purpose, road or trail conditions, and other factors. Consequently, when the cyclist receives the bike, it is fully tuned and perfectly fitted, ready for road or trail. Victory attracts all types of cyclists, including bike enthusiasts, weekend warriors, and racers. Their focus is on providing cyclists with a tuned, hassle-free bike that they can enjoy and be comfortable riding. One of the key reasons they chose their new home was the easy access to Parkway, which connects to the other major roads in the city so that customers could easily come by, drop off their bikes, and pick them up after work. In fact, they have already serviced close to 40 bikes! For more information, visit them at victorybicyclestudio.com or give them a call at (901) 481-1642.

The other new face in the neighborhood is

Charm Boutique, owned by Elayne Perry. Elayne is a native Memphian who is passionate about all types of fashion. She believes that image can play an intricate part in one's self-esteem and overall personality and thus loves to see people dress



sharp and be happy. Her passion for fashion is one of the key reasons why she is opening an upscale consignment boutique that specializes in women's quality clothing, jewelry, and accessories. Designers such as BCBG, Gucci, Trina Turk, and others will be showcased. Elayne chose Cooper-Young as the home for Charm Boutique because the community has a reputation for being supportive of its residents and businesses. In addition to our reputation, Elayne has previous first-hand experience to base her decision on – her dad's business, Perry Realty Company, was in the neighborhood. Elayne says that CY emits a warm and welcoming feeling that no one can deny. She feels that the area has a clean, ritzy look and loves the vibe in the neighborhood. If you would like to talk to her about possible items you would like to place on consignment, give her a call at (901) 725-0079 or email her at secondtimesacharm@ymail.com. Make sure that you stop by on October 23 for her grand opening!

Editors Note: There was a fire in the Cooper-Young Community Association building on Monday, September 27. Thankfully, no one was injured, but the building sustained water, fire, and smoke damage. Please contact each business regarding their operating plans.

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1. Paul Haught and Emily Holmes of Evelyn Avenue are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jacob Francis, born at home on August 2, weighing 8 lbs, measuring 20.5 in. Mom, dad, baby, and big brother Dominic are all doing well!
2. CY cutie Harlen Murphy, son of Joe and Virginia Murphy, celebrates big brother Abel's 5th birthday with face painting and a parade down Felix Ave.
3. Vincent Yow, son of Jeremy and Asuka Yow of Walker Avenue, takes a turn with the guys from Memphis Drum Shop during the Festival.
4. Cooper-Young buddies (L to R) Atticus McRae, Elek Owen, Robbie Huserik, and Jesse Ammons had a great time cheering on the runners at Peter and Diana Owen's 4 Miler grill out in their front yard on Oliver.
5. Suzzane Striker and John Silberman of Nelson hosted a "Light the Way" party during the Friday Festival 4 Miler.



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- 6. Joshua Hannah of Walker Avenue and his daughter, Faithlynn, supporting the runners at the one-mile marker.
- 7. Peabody Elementary kindergartner Maddox Kelley celebrates the letter "T" at school by bringing his teddy bear and wearing a tie for a class tea party!
- 8. Toby Sells and Ansley Murphy of Young Avenue, pictured just after getting engaged at the finish line of the 4 Miler on Friday night of Festival weekend!
- 9. Little Cleo Kelley models with a doll and Cooper-Young Festival vendor Darla Ives, owner of Sew Darla. Cleo is the granddaughter of Young Avenue residents Sal and Georgene Cachola.
- 10. Stella Grace Cook of Nelson Avenue didn't let a little oil spill get her down! She and her parents, Scarlett and Chris Cook, traveled to Panama City this summer where Stella Grace had a ball playing in the sand and water.
- 11. A huge group of friends and neighbors gathered at the Nelson Avenue home of Josh and Ginger Spickler on August 27 to send off Joe and Susan Currier, and their sons, Mason and Josiah, in style. The Curriers have moved to California after a wonderful four years of having them as Nelson neighbors!



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Indie Memphis *Freedom Series* continues in October

BY ROBIN SALANT

This month Indie Memphis is presenting 4 films as a part of their *Freedom Series*. All are welcome to attend these events. As always, the Indie Memphis *Freedom Series* is free and open to the public!

On Sunday, October 10, at 3pm at East High School (3206 Poplar Avenue) *Heart of Stone* by Toni Beth Kruvant will be showing. This film won the Audience Award at the Slamdance Film Festival and was hailed by Zach Braff as, "One of the most powerful documentaries I have seen...I cannot recommend something more."

Before 1960, Weequahic High School (WHS) was known as one of the top schools in America. By 2000 it was one of the most violent schools in the 12th most dangerous city in the country. *Heart of Stone* is an inspiring portrait of a bold principal who works with gang leaders and predominantly Jewish alumni to give his students a hopeful future. The WHS experience is a model for other inner city schools to rejuvenate by engaging gang members into the schools culture and inspiring them to graduate and go on to college. By crossing over cultures and reaching into their own past, WHS pulls support from the residents of the surrounding suburbs who show they care. Inner cities were once proud downtown districts with excellent education programs that graduated professionals who long ago moved to the suburbs. *Heart of Stone* shows how disparate groups can join together to give their old communities something they haven't had for generations – a future.

This event is hosted by BRIDGES and the Memphis Jewish Federation, with special thanks to the members of Give365 and the Greater East High Foundation. The showing will begin with a few words from Nika Jackson, the manager of the City of Memphis' Office of Multicultural and Religious Affairs.

On Thursday, October 14, at 6pm at the National Civil Rights Museum, *The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter* by Connie Field will be shown. This film was a British Academy Award Nominee for Best Documentary Feature and received 15 international awards for Best Documentary.

Women in the 1930's were eligible for very few jobs. They could be domestic help, shop girls, waitresses, or cooks, if they could get work at all. Suddenly the US entry into World War II created an unprecedented demand for new workers. Notions of what was proper work for women changed overnight. Thousands of posters and billboards appeared calling on women to "Do the Job He Left Behind." On one such poster, Rosie the Riveter was born – the symbol of working women during World War II. After whirlwind training, women found themselves doing "men's work," and they did it so well that production levels rose despite the military call-up of millions of male workers. They discovered a new sense of pride and dignity in their work. Their earnings leapt upwards. Many joined unions and found substantial new benefits from labor representation. And for the first time in history, black women gained entry into major industrial plants. When the war was over, Rosie wanted to stay. But neither the structure of the American economy nor the dominant view of women's place in society sustained such hopes. The story is told by the women themselves, five former "Rosies," who movingly recall their histories working in Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco during the war. In *The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter*, their testimony is interwoven with rare archival recruitment films, stills, posters, ads, and music from the period which contrast their experiences with the popular legend and mythology of Rosie the Riveter.

This event is hosted by the National Civil Rights Museum, with special thanks to the members of Give365. There will be two short films preceding this feature, *I Think I Was An Alcoholic* and *Truth Movements*, which merit a warning of adult content and strong language. Join the post-film conversation on the current situation of women in the workplace, with women of the Memphis Bar Association and Memphis Roller Derby.

I Am A Man: from Memphis, a Lesson in Life, will be showing on Sunday, October 24, at 3pm at the National Civil Rights Museum. This film is the winner of 2010 Mid-South Emmy Awards in three categories and is hosted by the Gandhi-King Conference on Peacemaking and the National Civil Rights Museum.

In 1968, Elmore Nickleberry stood among 1300 other African-American men in Memphis who collectively asserted their right to be treated with dignity. Mr. Nickleberry hasn't sat down yet. Each weeknight, he guides his garbage truck through the streets of downtown Memphis, a living link to a frequently forgotten chapter in American history, one long eclipsed by the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Filmed on location in Memphis in late 2008, *I Am a Man: From Memphis, a Lesson in Life* offers a modern-day look at the legacy of Mr. Nickleberry and others like him. Their inspiring story is tied to character traits and principles just as valuable today as they were more

than 40 years ago, a time in Memphis when everyday working men stood together to say, "Enough!"

On Sunday, October 24, at 3pm at Malco's Studio on the Square (in conjunction with the 13th Annual Indie Memphis Film Festival, October 21-24), *The Last Survivor* directed by Michael Pertnoy and Michael Kleiman will be presented. This film won Best Documentary at the Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival, and is hosted by members of the Jewish community in Memphis, with special thanks to the members of Give365.

The Last Survivor is a character-based, feature-length documentary film that presents the stories of genocide survivors and their struggle to make sense of tragedy by working to educate, motivate, and promulgate a civic response to mass atrocity crimes. As survivors from four genocides and mass atrocities, the Holocaust, Rwanda, Darfur, and Congo, unite in a story of dignity and hope, the film focuses both on their activism and the deep-rooted connections that bind them as human beings. Having shot on location in five countries across four continents, the film focuses on the universality of the horror of genocide, combating the misguided notion that genocide is something that happens "over there." Rather, the film asks its audience to consider genocide as an evil that has occurred on nearly every single continent and one that affects all of us as human beings.

Additional screenings will be announced online at Indiememphis.com/freedom.



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8pm Neil's – The Normal Evening featuring Chief Green Bud, Muck Sticky, Taco, Slick Sid

WED OCT 6

9pm Neil's – Wednesday Night Bar Stars feat: Jeremy Stanfill, Nick Redmond, Grace Askew and Dave Cousar

THU OCT 7

7pm Neil's – Memphis Blues Society

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SAT OCT 9



1-5pm Cooper-Young Regional Beerfest
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Purchase ticket online at cooperyoung.org. \$30 each or \$25 for CYCA members.

8pm Neil's – Comedian Spanky Brown

SUN OCT 10

7pm Neil's – The Bill Shipper Economic Collapse Anniversary Concert

MON OCT 11

9pm Neil's – Monday Night Folk Ups Acoustic Singer Songwriter Showcase

TUE OCT 12

6-8pm Cooper-Young Neighborhood Night Out.
See cover story and page 16 for a list of registered parties and for more info.

9-11pm Neil's Open Mic Comedy Night

WED OCT 13

9pm Neil's – Wednesday Night Bar Stars feat: Jeremy Stanfill, Nick Redmond, Grace Askew and Dave Cousar

THU OCT 14

6-9pm Freedom Series: Freedom + Women in the Workforce. National Civil Rights Museum. *The Life & Times of Rosie the Riveter* presented by the National Civil Rights Museum. The image, the icon, the beginning of widespread gender integration in the labor force and the ensuing struggle for equal opportunity - oh, and equal pay? Join members of the Memphis Bar Association & the Memphis Roller Derby for a lively post-film conversation. **ADULT CONTENT/ LANGUAGE ADVISORY. Visit indiememphis.com for more info.

9-11pm Neil's – Hot Latin Jazz featuring Orchestra Caliente with Marcela

FRI OCT 15

8pm-12am The Vine (1819 Madison) – Friday Night Dance Party featuring Randy and the Radiants

8pm Neil's – Country Music featuring Eddie L Smith, Buddy Church, & Terry Bailey

SAT OCT 16

9pm Neil's – Pulse: A Pink Floyd Tribute Show

SUN OCT 17

7pm Neil's – KWEST JAZZ

MON OCT 18

9pm Neil's – Monday Night Folk Ups Acoustic Singer Songwriter Showcase

TUE OCT 19

9pm Neil's – Open Mic Comedy Night

WED OCT 20

9pm Neil's – Wednesday Night Bar Stars feat: Jeremy Stanfill, Nick Redmond, Grace Askew and Dave Cousar

THU OCT 21



8:30am Grace-St. Luke's Admissions Open House
For parents interested in 2011-12 admission (PK-8th Grade). Brief introduction of the school

followed by group tours. Please join us! For more information, visit the GSL website

5:30-6:30pm Preservation Plan Meeting
CYCA office, 2298 Young Avenue

7pm Neil's - The Memphis Blues Society Blues Competition Round 1

FRI OCT 22

7pm Neil's – The Memphis Blues Society Blues Competition Finals

8pm The Vine (1819 Madison) – Friday Night Dance Party featuring Funk Deville

SAT OCT 23

8:30am Life Choices of Memphis – The Human Race 5k at Bert Ferguson Park, Cordova, TN

10pm Neil's – The Rindstars

MON OCT 25

9pm Neil's – Monday Night Folk Ups Acoustic Singer Songwriter Showcase

TUE OCT 26

9-11pm Neil's – Open Mic Comedy Night

WED OCT 27

9pm Neil's – Wednesday Night Bar Stars feat: Jeremy Stanfill, Nick Redmond, Grace Askew and Dave Cousar

FRI OCT 29

8pm The Vine (1819 Madison) – Friday Night Dance Party featuring Gary Johns and the Coolers

8-11pm Neil's – Country Music featuring Eddie L Smith, Buddy Church, & Terry Bailey

SAT OCT 30

8-11pm Friends for Life Shipwrecked Halloween Party Fundraiser, Bridges, 477 N 5th St, Memphis, Shipwrecked is the theme of the 2010 Halloween fundraiser benefiting Friends For Life. This extravaganza will feature costume contests, food, drinks, entertainment and dancing – all supporting the life-changing programs of Friends For Life, the Mid-South's oldest and most comprehensive AIDS service organization.



9-11:30pm Neil's – Halloween Party Featuring Blackberry Wednesday and 714

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8pm Neil's – Country Music featuring Eddie L Smith, Buddy Church, & Terry Bailey

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