



TWELVE GIFTS* OF CHRISTMAS in COOPER-YOUNG

Hannah Boatwright, pacesetter at Langford Market and Addison, models the vegan leather motorcycle jacket by TCEC.

(Cover photos by Kate Taylor)

Give a little bit of Midtown for the holidays

If you're in the giving spirit this season, whatever season you celebrate, chances are there is a gift for your special someone no further than your own neighborhood.

If you live in or near Cooper-Young there's no need to dash off to the mall out in the suburbs for a gift — there are dozens of unique retailers steps from your door.

Here are 12 great Cooper-Young gift ideas in no particular order (* plus a baker's dozen 13th store) to keep you shopping local.

Addison/Langford Market/Wish

2155 Central; 901-274-4071;

www.facebook.com/LangfordMarketMemphis

Motorcycle jacket by TCEC, several styles and colors, \$99

The motorcycle jackets at Langford Market have been the season's big seller and, with three stores in one location, you're likely to find the boots, jewelry or accessories to go with the style. Vegan leather might be an oxymoron, but store managers say Memphis' vegan community has been flocking to the store for cruelty-free fashion. Next door at Wish, store managers say fitted Aztec-print dresses are the hot item, starting at \$69.90. You have to know your friends really well to buy them clothes for Christmas, but gift cards are available. Stores open 5 a.m. Black Friday.



New shoes and boots at Langford Market/Wish/Addison could be a Christmas gift to yourself.

Allie Cat Arts

961 S. Cooper; 901-722-0094; www.facebook.com/AllieCatArts

Fused glass pendants by artist Nicole Phillippe, \$5-\$30.

Allie Cat Arts also carries a range of made-in-Memphis works by more than 80 artists, including handbags made from vintage vinyl records.

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The Truck Stops here

Food truck eatery coming to Central/Cooper, but goodbye Midtown Nursery

By David Royer

A hip new combination restaurant/food truck hub moving onto the corner of Cooper and Central is generating big buzz, though some neighbors are lamenting the loss of Midtown's only independent landscaping business and putting up a fight to try to save it.

Truck Stop is set to occupy the northwest corner next year. Taylor Berger, the driving force behind YoLo, Chiwawa and Tamp & Tap and founder of

There will be a meeting with neighbors in Idlewild and Cooper-Young about Truck Stop, Dec. 3. Check lamplighter.cooperyoung.org for more details.

Memphis Food Truck Association, said he'd been working on the concept for two years and searching for a location for six months before he called Loeb Properties about the corner lot, where Midtown Nursery's lease was set to expire in March.

"We looked up and saw that railroad and all those trees and said, 'Yeah that would be perfect,'" Berger said.

Inside an architect-designed space built from stacked, reclaimed shipping containers, a restaurant will serve small plates and desserts. But aside from the architecture, what sets Truck Stop apart will be the rotating daily selection of food trucks bringing a variety of foods to the corner, day and night, almost like a food court.

Berger hopes to operate the hub 24 hours a day, if he's able to keep it up. "I don't think we have enough 24-hour stuff in Memphis," he said.

Food truck hubs are already operating in other cities like Atlanta, but Berger said Truck Stop will be the first in the country to integrate the concept within a restaurant. About 40 diners can sit inside a seating area and bar, while picnic tables will seat about 100 outside.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: Up on the rooftop, raccoon claws ...



June awkwardly tries to get into the holiday spirit.

Another holiday season approaches, and as most know, I'm a bit of a Grinch when it comes to holiday merriment in general.

Facing my first holiday season in an empty house will be an adjustment, but luckily, I have an awesome group of friends and neighbors to distract me ... and then there's the dogs, and what seems to be a huge, momma raccoon with a bunch of babies living in my attic again.

As I sit in my office writing this letter, my dogs are furiously pacing around my office following the bumps and squeaks from what sounds like a rugby match in my attic.

Personally, I'm thrilled that they are playing during the day, hopefully wearing themselves out, so that they will discontinue the night games that keep Cooper and Evelyn barking suddenly throughout the night.

Somehow, I don't think I'm that lucky and I'm pretty sure that the bill for the exterminator will cut into my budget for Tyler's birthday and Christmas presents. Looks like he is getting the Duck Dynasty Chia Pet after all.

Anyway, I hope all our volunteers are ready to be appreciated at this year's CYCA Holiday Volunteer Party at Stone Soup on December 10th, and I can't wait to announce this year's Alexia Hampton Volunteer Award!

Don't forget to take a break from your holiday shopping to spend some time helping out at the Membership Mailer Stuffing on December 14th. And finally, join us for my favorite holiday tradition of all, stuffing and delivering the goodie bags for the police and firefighters on Christmas Eve.

Fa la la la...la la la...la.

- June Hurt



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CALENDAR

Dec. 5 Christmas Unwrapped Night Out event, 5-9 p.m. Discounts and specials at shops and restaurants, Peabody Elementary choir performing at gazebo. See story, page 5

Dec. 10 Cooper-Young Community Association volunteer party, 6-8 p.m., Stone Soup Cafe. See story, page 9

Dec. 14 Membership mailing envelope stuffing. Volunteers needed. 10 a.m., CYCA office, 2298 Young Ave.

Dec. 24 Holiday bag stuffing for Memphis firefighters and police officers. Volunteers needed. 7-8 p.m. at CYCA offices, 2298 Young Ave. See story, page 5.

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

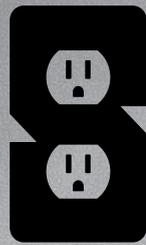
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BUSINESS

Fresh Market to open on Union Ave.; Ike's closing

BRIEFS

Midtown shoppers will finally get an upscale supermarket as Fresh Market prepares to move into the Ike's location at 2145 Union, the Commercial Appeal and other media outlets reported in November.

No date was given for the change, but a sign at Ike's indicated at least part of that store would be closing Dec. 31.

North Carolina-based Fresh Market will convert the existing building and make some landscaping changes around it, and intends to add space for two unspecified retail uses, according to a letter of intent filed with the Office of Planning and Development.

Fresh Market's opening comes as Kroger prepares to build a new, expanded store at its existing Union Avenue location, and shortly after improvements at Cash Saver's Madison Avenue location and Easy Way's Cooper Street location. Fresh Market has two area locations in East Memphis and Germantown.

Midtown Acupuncture joins with Calming Influence

Jessica Puckett of Midtown Acupuncture will be moving her business to Calming Influence at 74 N Cooper. She will be offering her wonderful acupuncture skills to all of her loyal clients starting December 1, 2013.

Jessica is a nationally board certified Acupuncturist and is certified to practice Acupuncture in Tennessee by the Tennessee Medical Board. She graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Oriental Medicine and Nutrition from Midwest College of Oriental Medicine in Chicago. She is a member of the American Association of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, the Society for Acupuncture Research, and the International Society for Complementary Medicine Research, and the National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy.

Jessica has been practicing acupuncture at her Cooper-Young office for five years and has loved building a strong relationship with her clients from in and around Midtown. The opportunity to join forces with Gene Elliott at Calming Influence presented itself and they both say they are excited about what that will mean for their clients. Jessica's schedule at Calming Influence will be Tuesdays noon-7 p.m. and Thursdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Visitors to Calming Influence will now have a unique healing center with healing

modalities from body wraps to regular massage as well as Ashiatsu Barefoot Massage and Reiki. Not only will there be acupuncture and massage services, Dan Kammer, D.C. will also be doing Chiropractic services. This grouping of health care professionals is rare. Clients can expect a richly rounded approach to their overall health.

For more information or to book an appointment visit Midtown Acupuncture at www.Midtown-Acupuncture.com or Calming Influence at www.CalmInfluence.com.

Memphis Made offering new seasonal brews

Memphis' newest brewery is changing its lineup in order to keep the fresh ideas flowing.

Memphis Made Brew Company is unveiling two new beers, Fireside Ninja and Harvest Porter, which hit bars in November.

Brewed with a base of Munich malt and delicately steeped with Perle and Tettnanger hops, Fireside Ninja is malty on the front end with a slight hop finish on the back to provide balance. "With an ABV of 5.7 percent, this beer, while very accessible, will keep you warm on a fall night," the brewery said in a release.

Harvest Porter is a lighter than normal porter with a slight nuttiness and hints of chocolate. This beer style, created by Barton, consists of Marris Otter, chocolate and melanoidin malts balanced with East Kent Goldings and Fuggle hops. It should be available late next week.

The locally owned and operated craft brewery, which opened in early October, is rolling out its next set of limited edition inaugural beers. Parkways Pale Ale and South Cooper Saison will enjoy an early retirement, but may make an appearance again someday.

After experimenting with a few different styles of beer, the Cooper-Young brewery plans on making two styles, an IPA and a Kolsch, year-round. Those beers should come out in early 2014. Memphis Made will continue to make seasonal beers as production capacity allows.

Memphis Made Brewing Company is a small production brewery at 768 S. Cooper, right next to the "I Love Memphis" mural at Cooper and York.

FIRST THURSDAY NIGHT OUT

CY unwrapping Christmas with Santa and shopping

Businesses in Cooper-Young will create a Christmas wonderland with lights, twinkles and sparkle galore during Cooper-Young's Christmas Unwrapped Night Out event, Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Neighborhood businesses will be open late to offer discounts on dining, drinks, retail, antiques and art.

- At the gazebo, the Peabody School Choir under the direction of Jerry Sanders will sing Christmas carols from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and Santa will be strolling about listening to holiday wishes and handing out candy. Dan Springer with Evolve Bank and Trust will be the judge for this year's business decoration contest and will be handing out prizes to our 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place winners.
- Stop by Allie Cat Arts to get in on their limited edition holiday collection including quality handmade ornaments, scarfs, funky sweater jackets and more, plus fine art, pottery and gifts by over 80 local artists. Check out new work by Barry Joyce and Adam Hunt (painting), BobX (mixed-media), Rachel Romero (abstract/mixed-media painting), Jean Handley (raku), Aundra McCoy (textiles), MJ Reeves (photography/mixed media), Kathy Hill (watercolor), and Bob Pearce (drawing/painting). Reclaimed metal sculptures by Iron Clad Insight are 50 percent off and glass pendants start at just \$5 each.
- Over at The Polish Bottle, it's all about Martinis and Manicures and don't forget a toy for their Infant Toy Drive which benefits LeBonheur Children's Hospital.
- Me & Mrs. Jones is hosting a Holiday Sip and Shop from 5 to 8 p.m.
- Toad Hall Antiques is having a Holiday Open House where shoppers can find gifts, decorations, and inspiration as well as enjoy the Toad's libations.
- Stop by Cooper-Young's newest business, Phillip Ashley Midtown Chocolate Design Studio and Boutique at 798 South Cooper, between 5 and 6 p.m. to get a look at the magical items created by Chef Rix.
- Tis the Season to Be Artful charity event for Arts Memphis will be happening at Langford Market from 5 to 8 p.m. Fifteen percent of proceeds will go towards the Arts Memphis - Arts Accelerator program. Join Langford for shopping, drinks, bites, and more.
- Ray Rico Freelance located at 2294 Young Ave. invites everyone to a Holiday Anniversary Party celebrating six successful years in business. Stop by Ray's from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres and spirits.
- Charvey McLemore will be singing live inside Café Ole from 7 to 10 p.m.
- Young Avenue Deli and Soulfish Café have buy one adult entrée get a child's entrée free specials.
- The Beauty Shop has discounts on drinks at the bar. Java Cabana has open mic night as well as discounts on coffee specialty drinks.
- Chris Johnson will perform at Celtic Crossing starting at 10 p.m.

- Tamara Cook/Cooper-Young Business Association



Make a police officer or firefighter in Memphis smile with a seasonal gift

Many of us equate Christmas with spending quality time with family and friends to celebrate the holiday, but take for granted that our local police officers and firefighters work tirelessly to keep us safe since crime, car accidents and fires do not take a vacation. The dedicated men and women of the Memphis Police and the Fire departments work year-round and risk their lives to keep us safe, so each year we organize fun treat for those who work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as a way of saying thank you.

On Christmas Eve, Cooper-Young volunteers fill bags with munchies and drinks for the Memphis Fire and Police employees who serve our community to enjoy. You can bring your donations (approximately enough to help fill 70 bags) to the Community Office at 2298 Young Ave. between 7 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Please feel free to label each bag with your family's information or address to add a special personal touch. The treats do not have to be gourmet, either. If you are not a good baker, then store-bought treats are

fine as well (I cannot bake anything other than a super crispy cookie no matter how hard I try!). The munchies do not have to be sweet either. Snacks like chips, little carrot packs and granola bars are great too, as well as handwritten notes from kids. The officers and firefighters really appreciate the love put into each bag and remember them for months.

It is lots of fun and a great way to share the Christmas spirit!

WHAT: Holiday bag stuffing for police and firefighters

WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 24, 7-8 p.m. so we can have them delivered and ready by roll call at 10 p.m.

WHERE: CYCA offices, 2298 Young Ave.

WHAT TO BRING: A treat or munchies to add to the holiday bags. We will have around 70 bags total.

- Kristan Huntley/CYCA

Lindenwood Christian hosting Christmas music spectacular

Lindenwood Christian Church will present "The Christmas Spectacular 2013" with the Lindenwood Chancel Choir, orchestra, soloists, The Gary Beard Chorale, trumpet soloist Ryan Anthony, organist Chris Nemecek and conductor Gary Beard at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1.

The concert will include the area premiere of two pieces for large chorus and orchestra by Barlow Bradford: "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Christmas Medley," as well as "This Christmastide," and carol arrangements by Mack Wilberg. Tickets are \$15, general admission. Call 901-458-1652 for more information. Lindenwood Christian Church is at 2400 Union at E. Parkway.

Marathon to run through CY Dec. 7

St. Jude Marathon runners will race through Cooper-Young on Saturday, Dec. 7, and neighborhood streets will be blocked for part of the day. The race will exit Peabody onto Cooper, turn east on Young, then north on East Parkway.

Plan your route in advance if you need to get into or out of Cooper-Young or, if you're staying in the neighborhood, please come out to the street and cheer on the runners.

Kroc Center church hosting Santa

Eat brunch and take pictures with Santa from 10:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 7 at Hardin Grand Hall at the Kroc Center, on East Parkway across from Cooper-Young. The cost is \$5. The program is presented by the Salvation Army's Kroc Center church.

Peter Pan lands at Playhouse stage

The boy who won't grow up is flying back to the Memphis stage in Playhouse on the Square's Peter Pan through Jan. 5.

Wendy, John, and Michael Darling's world is turned upside down when Peter Pan swoops into their nursery. He leads them to Neverland where they encounter the cunning and evil Captain Hook, villainous pirates, a crafty crocodile, and the sprightly fairy Tinker Bell.

Peter Pan is directed by Jordan Nichols. Lindsey Roberts and Carly Crawford alternate the role of Peter Pan. Bill Andrews returns as Captain Hook. Associate Company Members Caroline Simpson (Wendy), CharityRuth Haskins (Tiger Lily/Mrs. Darling), and Kent Reynolds (Smee) support.

Showtimes are evenings at 7 p.m. or matinees at 2 p.m.



Lindenwood Christian Church's Christmas Spectacular 2013 will play at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1



Bill Andrews and Carly Crawford star in Peter Pan at Playhouse.

Regular tickets are \$40 Fridays and Saturdays, \$35 for other performances. Seniors/Students/Military, \$22 and children under 18, \$15. Visit the website calendar at playhouseonthesquare.org or call 901-726-4656 for specific dates. Playhouse on the Square is at 66 S. Cooper at Union.

New paintings at Gallery Fifty Six

Gallery Fifty Six at 2256 Central will host "Places in the Americas," paintings by Janet Weed Beaver, through Dec. 28. The exhibition will open with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 6. Call 901-276-1251 or visit galleryfiftysix.com for information.

Handel's 'Messiah' at Midtown church

The Memphis Symphony Orchestra celebrates the holiday season with Handel's Messiah, a special performance with the Rhodes MasterSingers Chorale, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Evergreen Presbyterian Church, 613 University St.

Tickets are \$25 and \$5 for children. To order tickets by phone with Visa, MasterCard or American Express, please call the Memphis Symphony Orchestra Box Office at 901-537-2525. To order tickets online, 24 hours a day, please visit tickets.memphissymphony.org. Tickets are also available at the Memphis Symphony Orchestra office at 585 S. Mendenhall Road.

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Scrooge returns to Theatre Memphis

A Christmas Carol will open for its 36th year at Theatre Memphis Dec. 6, with a tribute gala event honoring Barry Fuller, the first actor to portray Ebenezer Scrooge in the original Theatre Memphis. Fuller will be reprising the role this year for his 13th and last time at Theatre Memphis. A Christmas Carol runs through December 23 at Theatre Memphis, 630 Perkins Extd.

Evening performances are at 7 p.m. Dec. 7,12,13,14,15, 17, 18,19,20,21,22. Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Dec. 8,14,15,21,22. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 students with valid ID, \$10 children under 12. Call the box office at 682-8323.

Tickets to the Dec. 6 gala are \$100 and will consist of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres prior to the opening performance with libations and desserts following along with a chance to meet and greet Fuller. There will be a silent auction to benefit the artistic programs at Theatre Memphis held throughout the evening along with special displays and acknowledgements for Fuller.

Rock N Roll Christmas at Cannon

Visible Music College will present The Rock N Roll Christmas Show, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts, 225 N. Main, Downtown.

The show features Visible Music College students, special guests Sarah Simmons of NBC's "The Voice" and the Neighborhood Christian Center Children's Choir. There is no charge to attend, but donations are accepted.

New plays to be read in competition

The NewWorks@TheWorks Reading Series continues on Dec. 1 with readings of the remaining finalists in Playhouse on the Square's playwriting competition:

We Live Here by Harold Ellis Clark. A black couple from New Orleans' 9th Ward wins a house in a white neighborhood and discovers their "dream come true" is too good to be true.

Reading Date: Dec. 1, 7 p.m. at Playhouse on the Square
Mountain View by Teri Feigelson. Set deep in the mountains of Appalachia, a teenage girl tells the story of her kinfolk and the shadows lurking in the woods around her.

Reading Date: Dec. 2, 7 p.m. at Playhouse on the Square
Sorrow's End by Nathaniel Lachenmeyer. A family hires a cult deprogrammer to save their son. What seems to be a casebook intervention turns into a psychological thriller.

Reading Date: Dec. 3, 7 p.m. at The Circuit Playhouse
Readings are open to the public. Admission is \$10. Each reading is followed by a question and answer session during which audience members can give feedback on the play. Audience comments will help to determine which two plays will be fully produced at TheatreWorks as part of Playhouse on the Square's 2014-2015 Season. To purchase tickets, call 901-726-4656 or visit playhouseonthesquare.org.

The NewWorks@TheWorks Playwriting Competition was established in 2012 so that Playhouse on the Square could renew its focus on cultivating original works. The company began accepting play submissions in January 2013. Under the direction of resident company member Jordan Nichols, a panel of local directors, actors, and designers selected the six finalists for the reading series. The reading series began in October.

Art students display works at MCA

Design Now, an exhibition by the students of the Department of Design at Memphis College of Art, will open Nov. 26 and continue through Dec. 7 in the Lower Gallery, Rust Hall, 1930 Poplar.

The exhibition will feature work from fall semester projects including poster designs for the National Portfolio Day Association, a collaboration with design students from Se Jong University in Seoul, South Korea designed to raise awareness of global and local water issues, and brochure and mural designs for the Strawberry Plains Audubon Center.

Rust Hall's Lower Gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Sundays noon - 4 p.m. All MCA exhibitions are free and open to the public.

Artist's sculptures at Playhouse

"Balancing Act," artworks by Leandra Urrutia, will be on display at Playhouse on the Square, 66 S. Cooper, through Jan. 5.

Urrutia works predominately in clay and is chair of the Fine Arts Department at Memphis College of Art. Playhouse's MCA Gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sundays from 1-5 p.m. and on show nights.

Order Church Health Center cards

The Church Health Center is now taking orders for Christmas cards (including both honorarium and memorial cards). This year's card features a print by local artist John Robinette. To send cards to the people on your list and support the work of the Church Health Center, call 901-272-7170 or visit churchhealthcenter.org

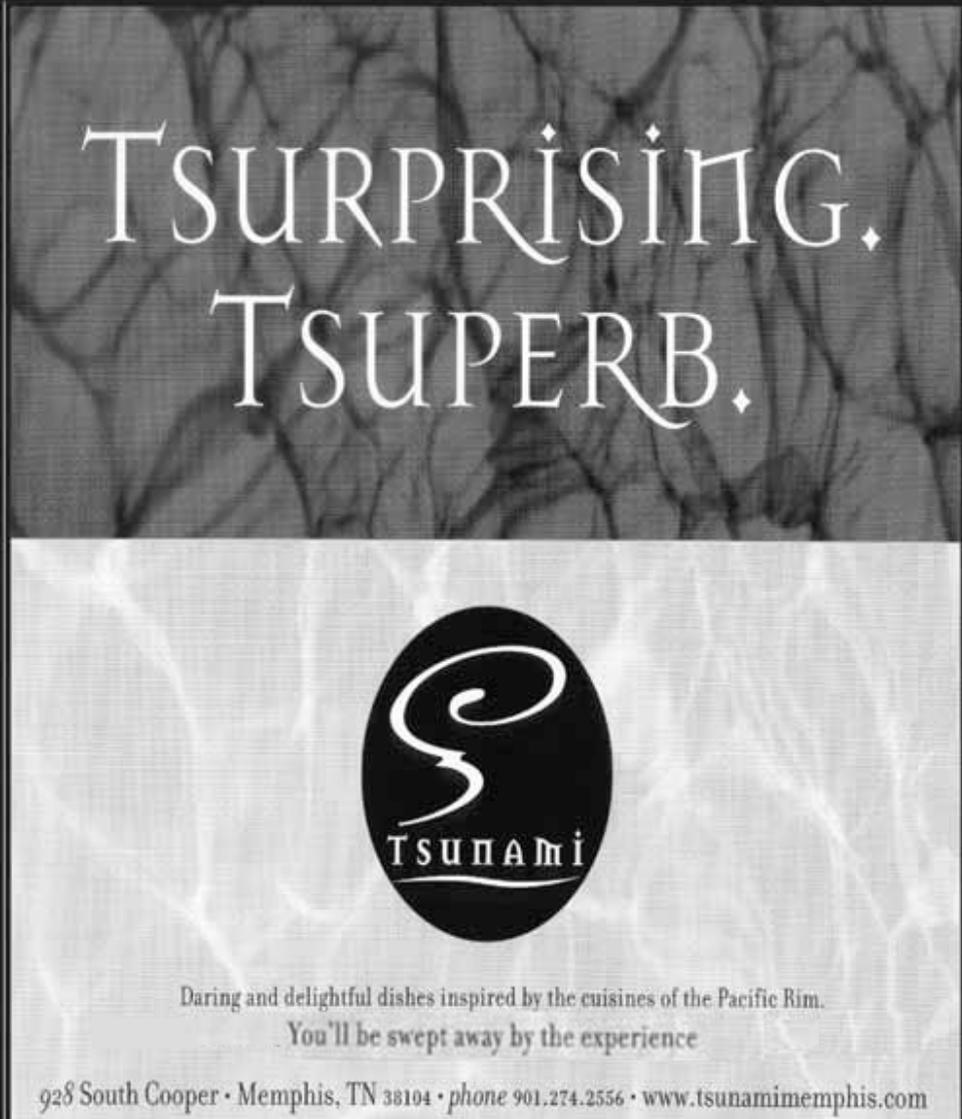


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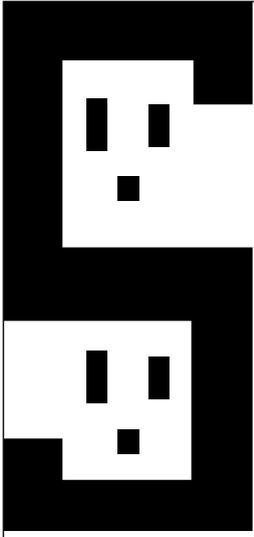


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First Congo food drive a success thanks to help

Once again this great community came together to donate food and money for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the 1st Congo's Fishes and Loaves Pantry and Soup Kitchen, that helps our less fortunate neighbors. The church really relies on our efforts.

Thank you to all who contributed.

The drive wouldn't be possible without the help of volunteers several of whom distributed flyers and helped pick up food on drive day and CYCA who printed flyers and sent out reminders and request for help.

And while I do greatly appreciate the efforts of all our volunteers, I do want say a special thank you to Nick Canterucci. Every year Nick has taken on distributing flyers to several streets in his area and comes from working a night shift to pick up contributions in that area for the drive. I would also like to thank June Hurt (she also did pick up) and her friend, Susan Andersen from VECA, for taking over the day of the drive.

The Pantry's needs are ongoing year round. If you missed the opportunity to participate in the drive you can donate food anytime. If you want someone to come pick it up contact me and someone will be happy to do that, or you can make a financial contribu-

tion (however small) via the churches PayPal account be certain to indicate that its for the Pantry and soup kitchen. You can go to www.firstcongo.com/support.shtml to make a donation to First Congo on their paypal account . . . just be sure to say "CY Food Drive" under program for which you are giving.

Thank you to the following for delivering flyers and/or picking up the day of the drive:

- Edward Green
- Ty & John Browning
- Kristan Huntley
- Sydney Ashby
- Larry Rutledge
- Debbie Sowell
- Colby & Catherine Spencer
- Daniel Levin
- Vickie Flake
- Wes Williamson
- Natalie Mannon
- Azuka Yow
- Sameer & Natalie Ibrahim
- Diane Sable of Artistic Body Movement, who held a gathering and encouraged her guest to bring contributions for the food drive.

Once again many thanks to everyone.

- Suzzane Striker

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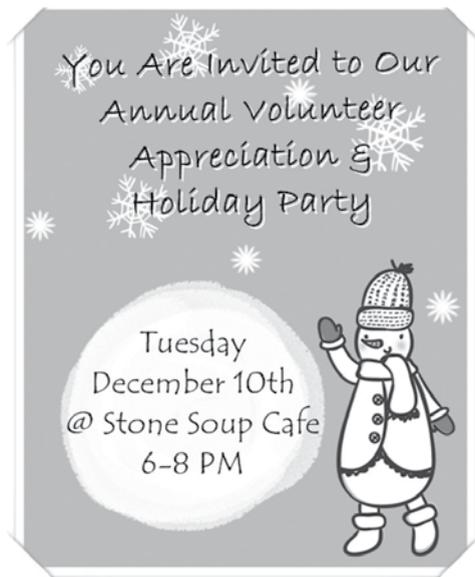
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Volunteer this year? You're invited to CYCA annual volunteer party

As the holidays approach and the year draws to a close, we would like to have an evening to come together and celebrate the holidays and our amazing volunteers, without whom we would not have the fantastic community that we have today. If it weren't for the amazing volunteers who pitch in all year long, we would not be able to do any of our events such as the 4-Miler or the Beerfest nor would your *LampLighter* be sitting there on your doorstep each month.

From the volunteers who pick up litter when they can lend a half hour to the ones who are at every event, we absolutely love you all and want to show our appreciation. If you have volunteered with the Cooper-Young Community Association this year, we invite you to come and kick back, relax and be treated to some wonderful food.

So mark your calendars now for the Cooper-Young Community Association's Holiday Volunteer Appreciation party, Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. The great folks at Stone



Soup Café (993 S. Cooper) have again agreed to host this fun occasion. Dress as casually or as festive as you like and feel welcome to bring the kiddos!

- Kristan Huntley/CYCA

#COOPERYOUNG

Here's what social media had to say about Cooper-Young this month,

FuzzyBrew @FuzzyBrew

Best beer festival in #Memphis was even better this year with Saturday's sold-out @CYBeerFest.

Oct. 21

MBJ @MBJMemphis

The Cooper-Young restaurant Ink, which opened in June, has apparently closed.

Oct. 30

Ashley Dacus @AshleyDacus

MARVELOUS NEWS! Fresh Market moving into Midtown http://www.bizjournals.com/memphis/blog/morning_call/2013/11/fresh-market-moving-into-midtown.html?ana=tw... via @MBJMemphis

Nov. 5

Holly Whitfield @ilovememphis

Wishful Thinking on the Corner of Cooper and Young...what should go in the former Ink space? <http://bit.ly/Hzlclm> #cooperyoung

Nov. 6

@ulesniekrasz

This is why I love living in cooper young.. pay what you can to hear some amazing classical music just down the street! #eroicaensemble #stunning

Nov. 23

LaLa Deaton @lalabeth

Beale Street bound, but gotta say, I love my little Cooper Young area I'm staying in. Very trendy, hipster-type area.

Nov. 23

JustLarry @justlarry

Dropped by Cooper Young earlier to pick up some utterly amazing handmade local chocolates from chocolatier @phillipashley ! So good!

Nov. 23

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2013 Young Artist Contest winners awarded for work

The Cooper-Young Business Association awarded winners in its annual Young Artist Contest at a reception at Peabody Elementary Nov. 7. The CYBA received 255 entries for the contest which had a theme of "Cooper Young – A Top 10 Neighborhood in America."

This year's winners were:

Grades 1st – 4th

- First Place – Cameron Witherspoon – Peabody Elementary
- Second Place – Scarlett Garcia – Wells Station
- Third Place – Breunia Fullilove – Peabody Elementary
- Honorable Mention – Lena Zeng – Grahamwood Elementary

Grades 5th – 8th

- First Place – Melanie Berends – Riverdale Elementary School
- Second Place – Tera Pratt – Colonial Middle
- Third Place – Maria Nugyen – St. John's Catholic School
- Honorable Mention – Grace Martin – Cathedral of Immaculate Conception

Grades 9th – 12th

- First Place – Markeith Humphrey – Central High School
- Second Place – Gali Du – White Station High School
- Third Place – John Dobbs – Central High School
- Honorable Mention – Breyana M. Donald – Oakhaven High School

Pictured here are the first-place award winning entries for all three grade levels. Above is the work of Cameron Witherspoon, Peabody Elementary, grades 1-4; top left is Melanie Berends, Riverdale Elementary, grades 5-8; top right is Markeith Humphrey, Central High School, grades 9-12.

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I would love to have the neighborhood help in this next cycle to be collected in February. Our school has a goal of \$1,000 but that cannot be done without the help of our schools neighborhood! Remember, collection boxes are in the Stone Soup Cafe and Burke's Book Store. Or you can bring them to the CYCA office at 2298 Young.

- Debbie Sowell

Family-friendly Winter Break destinations

By. D. Jackson Maxwell

Winter Break for students is just around the corner. As this year would have it, students are off for 17 ½ days in a row for Christmas and New Year's. While some of the time will be used for last minute shopping, decorating, and seeing family, there is still plenty left over for winter traveling (if the parents can swing the time off of work).

In the past, many families have used this time to take the big ski trip, visit the Caribbean or some other exotic location. However, with most of us still digging out from the lingering effects of the Great Recession, a more regional trip may be what the pocketbook can afford. Here are a few suggestions based on my family's adventures.

Our favorite destination is the Emerald Coast. The stretch of coast from the Florida panhandle to Mobile, Ala. has some of the most pristine beaches anywhere. While the ocean water can feel cool to adults, this does not deter children from being knee to waist deep. Temperatures at this time of year are typically in 60s to low 70s which with a light jacket makes beach combing comfortable. Being off season, the crowds are minimal as are the condo prices. Activities abound such as dolphin cruises, pier fishing,

state/national park activities, hiking, biking, outlet shopping, and local amusement parks.

If you are near the Florida/Alabama state-line for New Year's Day make sure to put on a bathing suit and head to the Flora-Bama Oyster Bar for the annual Polar Bear Dip. A crowd of hundreds make a coordinated dash into the surf at the appointed time. While chilly, unlike other places' this Polar Bear Plunge will not subject you to hypothermia!

A bit closer trip is Nashville. The Grand Ole Opry and Opryland Hotel have plenty of holiday shows and events including millions of lights, ice sculptures, and the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. The Nashville Zoo at Grassmere is wonderful and spacious with insightful zoo keepers' talks and a huge fort-style playground. The Parthenon, the Adventure Science Center, and Riverfront Park Ice Rink are also popular. Just south of Nashville is Franklin. Throughout the holiday season the historic downtown area hosts parades, holiday shopping, and the "Dickens of a Christmas" event featuring costumed characters from Charles Dicken's classic A Christmas Carol.

St. Louis, Mo. is another family-friendly destination. The incredible City Museum is guaranteed fun for everyone. It features indoor and outdoor attractions. So, even if the weather is

not at its best there is still plenty to do. The City Museum boasts tunnels, art classes, creative performances, swinging ropes, a train, an aquarium, a rooftop Ferris wheel, and many other artistic and architectural wonders. Other attractions include The Magic House, Museum of Westward Expansion, the Italian restaurants of The Hill, and do not forget the famous St. Louis Arch.

A fact which surprises many is that on the outskirts of St. Louis there is a fabulous ski area called Hidden Valley. Large and small slopes are perfect for the whole family plus for those so inclined, snowboarding is allowed. Hidden Valley rents the equipment, provides lessons, and even has a snack bar. Hidden Valley manufactures its own snow and the slopes usually open the day after Christmas. A great day of snow skiing is within reach without having to pay airline prices.

Hopefully some of these winter vacation ideas pique your interest enough to check them out. After the rush of the season, I know my family needs a break. The only problem we have is deciding which destination to choose!

Dr. D. Jackson Maxwell is a teacher at Downtown Elementary School and a freelance writer. If you have any questions or comments, please contact him at: djacksonmaxwell@gmail.com

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The Backpack Messenger, \$99

Reversible, upside-down-able, inside-outable, the Backpack Messenger can be worn eight different ways, with several different looks to go with anything, says Stephanie Langston. Seven ladies across the Mid-South sew these top-selling bags for Kindred Spirit Style, and they can only be found here.

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Xanadu Books & Music

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Truck, from Page 1

The shipping container design, while innovative, has elicited confusion from some commenters online. Berger said the containers reflect the location's proximity to the freight railroad that still rumbles overhead above the lot, as well as Midtown's historic connection to the railroads and Memphis' status as a world shipping hub.

"I'm not doing just cause I think it's cool," Berger said. "I'm doing it because I think it tells a story and I think it will get Memphis a lot of press."

The small, awkward triangular lot on a busy corner could make parking a challenge, but Berger said after hearing comments from the community on the parking issue, his team tweaked the design to increase parking from 10 spaces to about 20.

He plans more community dialogue with Cooper-Young and Idlewild neighbors to make his vision fit with the neighborhood.

"The Truck Stop will not be a 'parking lot' for trucks, but rather an innovative structural design of inside/outside space using recycled shipping containers," wrote Truck Stop supporter Maria Levina of Memphis on a Facebook page debating the restaurant.

"The restaurant will open no matter what. We're just hoping we can make it really special."

- Taylor Berger

"Architecturally speaking it is actually rather neat and will serve CY community."

But an online petition to save current tenant Midtown Nursery garnered more than 100 signatures and some heated online commentary.

"This nursery is a great asset to this neighborhood; to Midtown in general. We need to promote independently owned and operated businesses," wrote Amy McDaniel of Memphis on the online petition site. "Also, there is not adequate parking for a food truck stop. This business would only aggravate an already congested intersection and create more of a hazard for cyclists and drivers alike."

Mike Earnest, owner of Midtown Nursery, said his first choice would be to stay in the corner location he has occupied since 2009, or move to a vacant lot across Central, but neither seems to be an option now. He is lin-



Taylor Berger's team has tweaked the layout of the proposed Truck Stop restaurant and food truck hub to allow more parking. The shipping container construction designed by the brg3s firm is meant to reflect the freight railroad lines that run overhead, as well as Memphis' role as a shipping hub, Berger said.

ing up temporary properties at Madison and McLean, and on Poplar near East High School, and said wherever he goes, he wants to keep his business in Midtown.

Berger will face the Memphis and Shelby County Board of Adjustment in December for

a variance that will allow construction with shipping containers, but he said there's no slowing down the Truck Stop now.

"The restaurant will open no matter what," he said. "We're just hoping we can make it really special."

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By June Hurt

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Over the last few years, it has become more and more difficult to keep the paper afloat due to falling ad sales in a struggling economy. This has warranted numerous discussions on whether it was a good use of the community's funds to maintain a publication that was losing money most every month.

I'm happy to say that at this time, there seems to be a lot of community support

for doing just that. In a time where for-profit, print publications are furiously struggling to survive, as your CYCA president, I feel a personal responsibility to keep our non-profit paper going as long as possible. And those that know me well, know how stubborn I can be, so let's just say that the LampLighter is not going anywhere anytime soon ... not on my watch, at least.

Fortunately, due to the creativity and determination of our editor, David Royer, as well as our hardworking ad sales person, Susan Jaynes, for the first time in a few years, the LampLighter is moving in the right direction to making a profit again. Hopefully, as new businesses open in the neighborhood and our local economy continues to grow, more businesses will be willing and able to help support our beloved paper.

For a fourth year in a row, I am asking for a few good souls that are blessed with the means to consider showing their support for our struggling LampLighter. By making a one-time donation of \$60 or more or a monthly donation of \$5 or more, one can be a LampLighter Benefactor and be listed as such in every issue. We have already gotten commitments from some of the existing LampLighter Benefactors to continue their support, and I hope that others decide to continue also. There's always room for more!

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Lifeblood blood drive coming to CY Jan. 18

The Cooper Young Community Association is collaborating with Lifeblood Mid-South Regional Blood Center to host a blood drive at the CYCA office at 2298 Young Ave. on Saturday, Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Every year during the holiday season the number of blood donations drops dramatically, resulting in dramatic shortages in the blood supply at our local blood donor center and within our community. In hospitals, these blood shortages can cause delays in medical procedures and may even have a negative impact on patient care.

In an effort to lessen the effects of this annual blood shortage and to give back to our community, the CYCA is calling on your generosity and volunteer spirit to donate blood at the CYCA blood drive on Jan. 18. At the CYCA General Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14, we will have a speaker from Lifeblood who will talk to us about the blood donation process, the need for blood donors in our community and to answer any questions that you may have.

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- Kristan Huntley/CYCA



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Cooper-Young Community Association wraps up year

Here's some of what your neighborhood association accomplished to make CY a great place in 2013

By Kristan Huntley
Executive director, CYCA

Art for Art's Sake Auction – This annual event, hosted at Young Avenue Deli, celebrates the talents of our local artists and raises funds for the CYCA and the Trestle Art. This year's Art for Art's Sake Auction raised funds to help make the Trestle Solar Project possible.

Art Showings – The CYCA hosted a lovely art show from local artist Katie McWeeney, who also donated a beautiful piece to our Art for Art's Sake Auction. McWeeney's bold three-dimensional artwork that was so popular at the Art Auction really popped in our meeting space and brightened the area. We are looking forward to more art showings in 2014.

Building Tenants – The CYCA office building has two bays that the Association rents out to help pay the building's mortgage. Charmed, a consignment clothing store, is celebrating its third year. Ray Rico Freelance has been a welcome addition in the building as well and is about to celebrate its first anniversary. InCity Realty, owned by long-time CY resident Debbie Sowell, also shares office space in our office.

Code Awareness – We are proud to have a very strong relationship with the City of Memphis and Shelby County Code Enforcement departments. Longtime City of Memphis Code Inspector Troy Brown has retired, but Inspector Cooper that now works the Cooper-Young area is very passionate and involved in helping combat blight.

Cooper-Young Community Yard Sale – The community-wide, annual yard sale is always a big hit both with bargain hunters and residents wanting to clear out some extra space in their homes.

Cooper-Young Festival Friday 4 Miler and Festival booth – The 2013 running of the 4 Miler had a record number of runners. It is an awe-inspiring sight to see approximately 2,500 race participants fill the streets of Cooper-Young. As is tradition, neighbors competed to throw the most spirited Light the Way party along the race route and runners were very impressed with the neighborhood's enthusiasm. Due to the growth of the race and increase in the number of runners, some expenses were increased this year versus last year. Some of those were for resources we will be able to utilize next year. The CYCA Festival booth sold posters and T-shirts as well as history books, maps and koozies.

Cooper-Young Regional Beerfest – This much anticipated Cooper-Young fundraising event has definitely hit its stride. Brewers from around the region joined in the fun to educate event-goers about the different types of beer that are available right in the area. This year, the location was moved to Midtown Autowerks to accommodate growth.

Executive Director – Due to the growth of the association, the CYCA board voted to take our part-time community director to full-time executive director in March.

Halloween safety and fun – Signs were posted to remind trick-or-treaters to be safe while having fun. Neighbors joined the festivities by decorating their yards in hope of winning the coveted Great Pumpkin Award.

Holiday and Volunteer Thank You Party – The CYCA Board of Directors hosts this party for the entire community to honor the volunteers who work hard all year.

Holiday snack bags – Volunteers drop off homemade goods or pre-packaged snacks for the police and firefighters who work the night shift on Christmas Eve.

LampLighter – Year round, dedicated volunteers and a few key staff members put in numerous hours to bring the LampLighter to Cooper-Young residents. This vital neighborhood publication helps keep those in the area abreast of local news through both its print and online versions as well as its active Twitter feed.

Membership Drive – The number of great discounts to local businesses keeps growing each year. Join early to make the most of your membership and have full voting rights for CYCA leaders.

Murals – We are thrilled that the McLean Mural is about 99.5 percent complete. Artist Carl Moore, with the help of Jamie Steward and several volunteers, has created a beautiful and bold welcoming public art piece underneath what used to be a drab, graffiti-tagged railroad underpass. Moore also plans to create some computer wallpapers and coloring pages for local residents to enjoy. The Barksdale Mural kicked off in October and will be complete in 2014.

National Night Out – Block clubs and neighbors hold lawn parties, catch up with one another and celebrate to help combat crime in August for National Night Out. The Memphis

Police Department visited several parties to say hello and educate residents on how to stay safe against crime. Target donated some fun swag for kids and adults to enjoy and Central BBQ provided great discounts on catering packages so no party host was overly burdened with prep work.

Neighborhood cleanups – At least four times a year the Beautification Committee organizes clean ups in the community to keep us looking good.

St Jude Marathon Water Station – Volunteers help ensure that the St. Jude marathon runners are greeted with a smile and cup of water or Gatorade as they come through the neighborhood. Local residents and businesses also cheer along the race route throughout the area in support of this great local cause.

Trestle Solar Project – We must not be good stewards of just our neighborhood — we must also be good stewards of the planet, which is why we have taken the iconic Trestle Art over Cooper Street solar and converted all the light bulbs to long-lasting LED light bulbs and installed a battery-based solar power system to power the lights that are illuminated in the artwork. This project, originally proposed by resident Daniel Atlas, was made possible through the support of the Cooper-Young Business Association, Frank and Sue Guarino, InBalance Fitness, Memphis Animal Clinic, Midtown massage and Bodywork, Tsunami, Sharp Electronics, Schwartz Electric and numerous resident donors. It was completed in September.

PLANNING FOR 2014

The CYCA Board of Directors will hold its annual retreat in early January 2014. This is the time when the board looks back at the previous years and begins planning for the upcoming year. Thoughts and ideas from residents are encouraged. You may send them to info@cooperyoung.org.

INCOME

Events – Festival Friday 4 Miler, Art Auction, Beerfest, Festival booth, LampLighter – ad sales, email sponsorships, LampLighter Benefactors
Memberships and Donations
Building – rent from the two commercial spaces and shared office space
Programs/Projects – beautification, CY history book sales

EXPENSES

Events – Festival Friday 4 Miler, Art Auction, Beerfest, Festival booth, Alley Survey
LampLighter – printing, management, production, online support/hosting
Membership and donations – envelopes, postage, paper
Building – taxes, insurance, maintenance
Programs/Projects – Trestle Solar Project, National Night Out, clean-ups
Executive Director – full-time wages
Office – postage, supplies

2013 TOTAL INCOME - \$180,023.11*

70% Events - \$125,238.07
12% LampLighter - \$21,490.00
7% Membership/Donations - \$12,445.93
11% Building - \$19,726.70
1% Other (including mural donations) - \$1,122.41

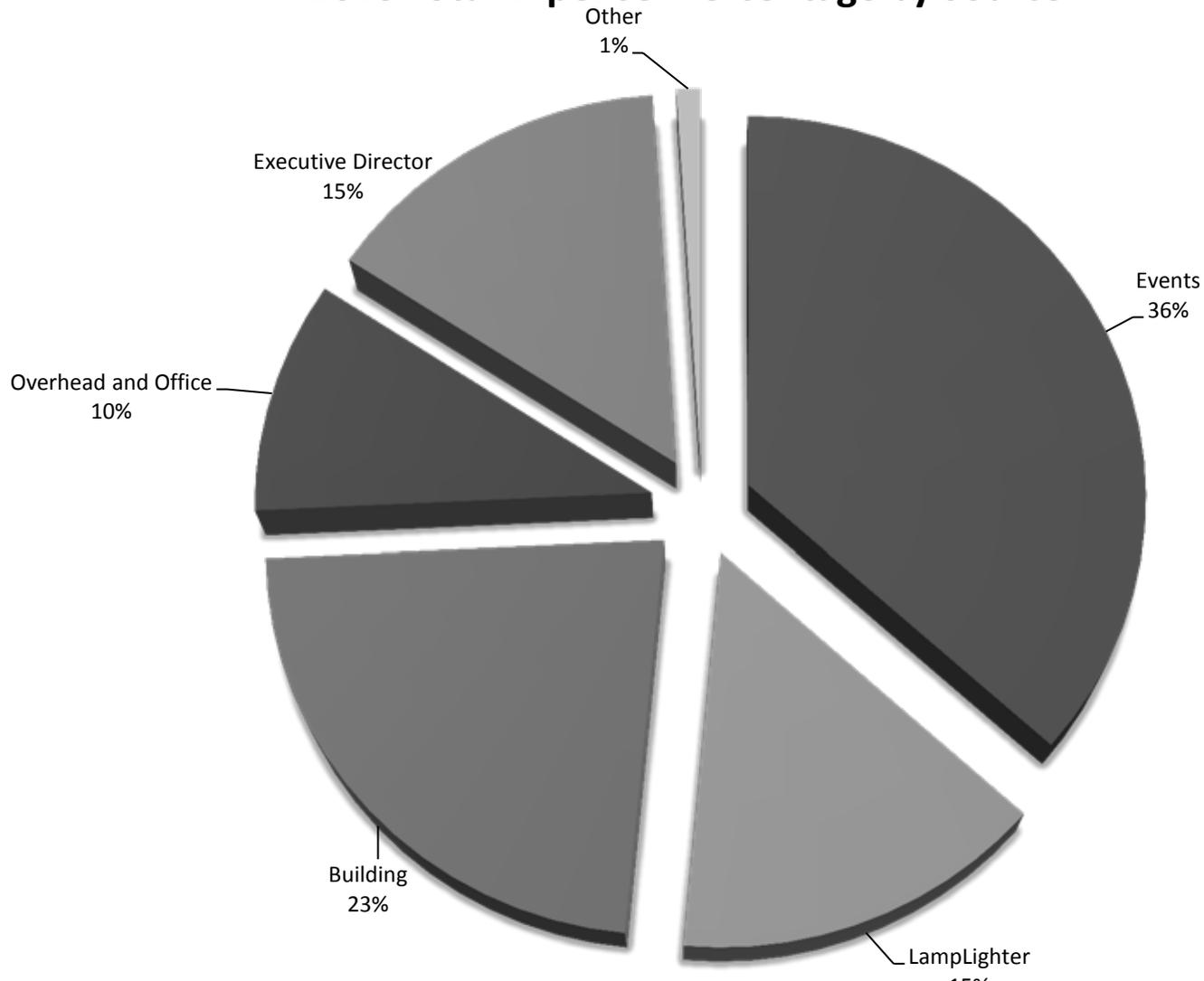
2013 TOTAL EXPENSES - \$182,901.89*

37% Events/Projects - \$68,225.09
15% LampLighter - \$27,268.22
23% Building – \$41,682.36**
10% Office & Overhead - \$17,642.16
15% Executive Director - \$28,079.06
<1% Other - \$5

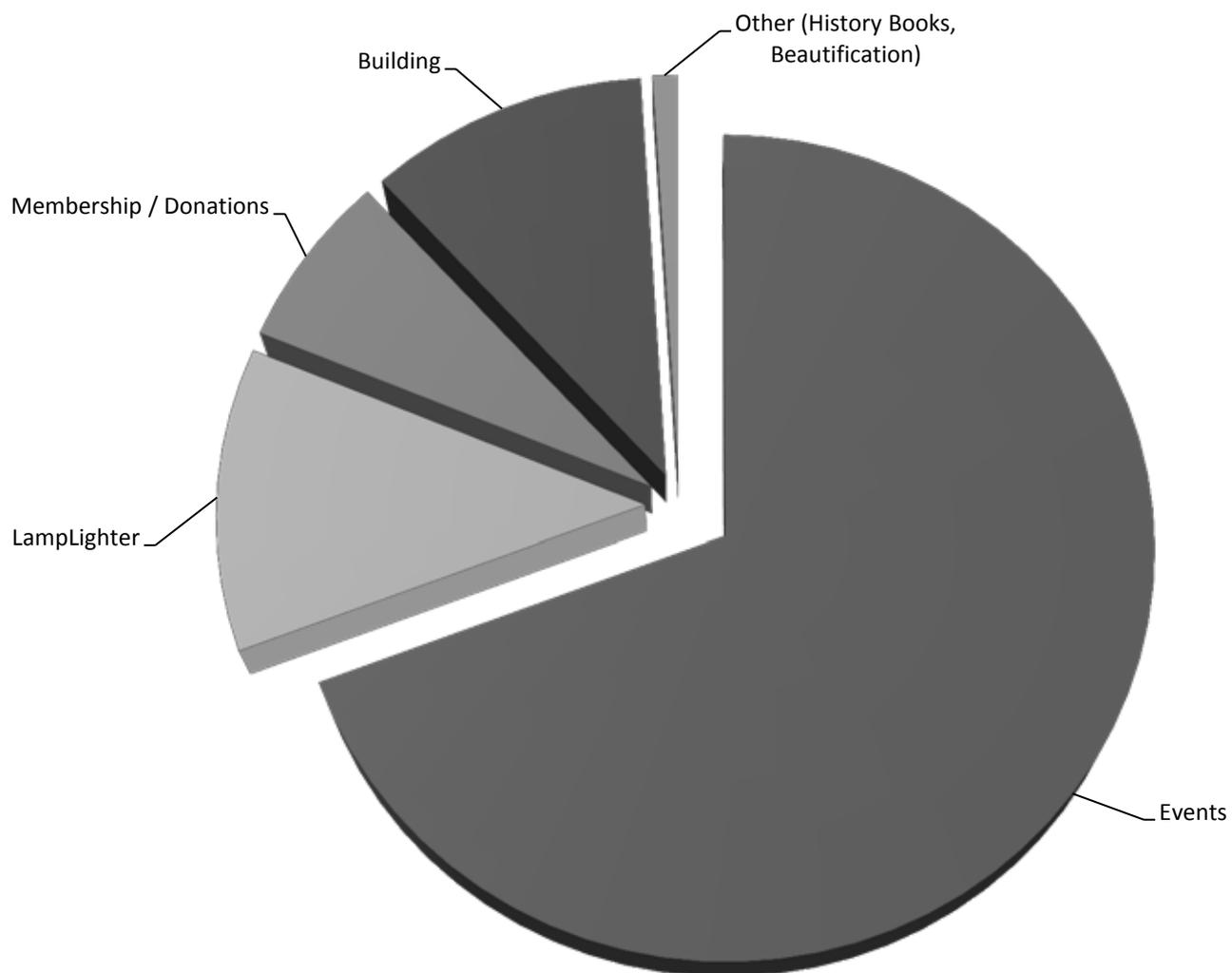
*Totals as of 11/14/2013

** The CYCA Board also approved and made a payment of \$30,000 to dramatically decrease the loan on our building.

2013 Total Expense- Percentage by Source



2013 Total Income - Percentage by Source



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The Hub Automotive joins CYCA sponsor businesses

By Renee Massey

As 2013 comes to a close, the Cooper-Young Community Association (CYCA) is already thinking about 2014.

We will be replacing trees on Cooper Street to fill in a couple of missing ginkgos, we plan to celebrate the completion of the McLean and Barksdale murals, we'll continue to cover up neighborhood graffiti, gauge resident opinions on neighborhood developments, help lost pets find their way home through email alerts and social network posts, advocate for Cooper-Young with local entities, host informational meetings, and bring you the events you love like the Art for Art's Sake Auction, July 4th neighborhood parade, Festival Friday 4-Miler, and Cooper-Young Regional Beerfest.

We'll continue to celebrate locality and the special things happening in our great neighborhood. You can be part of it by joining the CYCA to support our mission to make Cooper-Young a safer and more desirable place to live, worship, work, and play. Not only will you be part of this progressive organization, but you'll get access to the great local discounts listed in this newspaper.

To sweeten the deal, we recently welcomed our newest membership sponsor: The Hub Automotive.

The Hub is located at 2200 York Ave. at the corner of York and Meda, and is owned by Midtown residents Andrew and Jennifer Brunson. Andrew and Jennifer are excited about being part of the Cooper-Young community.

"What is there not to love!" Jennifer Brunson said. "We love the people, the diversity, the incredible welcome we received! We just love everything about Cooper-Young."

And they're showing the love by offering free tire rotation and free courtesy checks (tires and fluid, check/top off) whenever a CYCA membership card is presented.

If you'd like to know more about The Hub, check out their website at www.hubautomotivemidtown.com. There you'll learn that Andrew was formally trained as a mechanic at American Motor Institute and has 24 years of automotive experience including work in small shops and large dealerships. He knows how to work on domestic and foreign cars and maintains certification as an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Master Automobile Technician.

The pair feels that because Andrew started out as a mechanic first, then became a business owner later, he has a more customer-oriented approach. He will happily explain all aspects of the work they are doing in down-to-earth terms that the mechanically challenged can understand. Along with Jennifer, his hope is that they can provide an experience to their customers that will instill

Volunteers needed

Got an open spot in your dance card on Saturday, Dec. 14? The Cooper-Young Community Association needs your help to stuff envelopes with membership renewal reminders. We'll have refreshments, fun, and fellowship starting at 10 a.m. at the CYCA office at 2298 Young Ave. Get to know your neighbors and help make Cooper-Young a safer, more desirable place to live, worship, work, and play. All the cool kids will be there, so you should be, too!

trust, provide a positive encounter, and foster a long-term relationship.

The Hub is a full-service shop and can handle everything from routine oil changes to computer and electrical system diagnostics and repair to fuel economy issues for most makes and models. In addition to the Brunsons, technicians Taylor and, most recently added to the team, Pierre are there to provide service.

"We are trying to grow while maintaining our small town feel and service," Jennifer said.

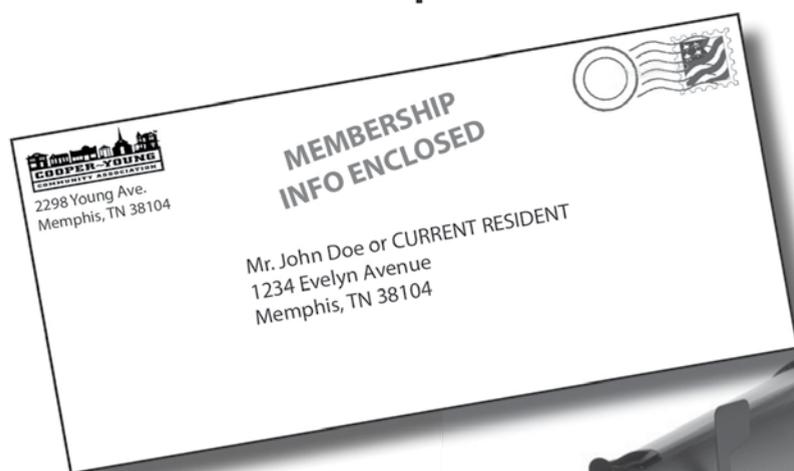
On a personal note, Andrew and Jennifer have three children from 6 to 16 years old. Andrew is from North Carolina but has been in Memphis, where Jennifer was born and raised, for 12 years. Jennifer has a master's degree in social work and has worked with families to navigate the foster care and juvenile justice systems. She and Andrew hope you will stop in and get to know them, maybe while taking advantage of the free tire rotation and courtesy checks. If you'd rather call, the number is 901-725-1352. When you do, please thank them for their support of the CYCA.

If you would like to join The Hub Automotive's owners, Andrew and Jennifer Brunson, by supporting the CYCA, December is the perfect time to do it. It's membership renewal time, so join or renew your membership now to enjoy all the membership benefits from the first day of 2014 to the last. You can join online at www.cooperyoung.org, fill out the membership form in this paper, call our executive director at 901-272-2922, or stop by the office during business hours at 2298 Young Ave.

Think your neighbors might be interested in the history or support of Cooper-Young? Buy them a gift membership or a Cooper-Young history book (available at our office or at another of our membership sponsors: Burke's Books), and remind them why life is good in Cooper-Young. Happy holidays!

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Your 2014 CYCA Membership information



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23 Cases	Arr	Date	Description	Addr	City
1311010629ME		11/18/2013	Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	1900 Walker	Memphis
1311010361ME		11/18/2013	Vandalism	900 Meda	Memphis
1311005966ME		11/10/2013	Vandalism	2100 Felix	Memphis
1311005643ME		11/10/2013	Vandalism	2100 Felix	Memphis
1311004622ME		11/8/2013	Burglary	1000 Bruce	Memphis
1311004188ME		11/8/2013	Theft Other	2100 Central	Memphis
1311004787ME		11/8/2013	Burglary	2200 Nelson	Memphis
1311001612ME	Yes	11/3/2013	Assault	1000 Rembert	Memphis
1311001068ME	Yes	11/2/2013	Vandalism	1900 Nelson	Memphis
1310019179ME		10/31/2013	Theft Other	2100 Nelson	Memphis
1310019179ME		10/31/2013	Theft Other	2100 Nelson	Memphis
1310019267ME		10/31/2013	Drugs/Narcotics Vandalism	800 Mclean	Memphis
1310018353ME		10/30/2013	Assault	1900 Manila	Memphis
1310019007ME		10/30/2013	Assault	1900 Manila	Memphis
1310018911ME		10/30/2013	Burglary	2000 Southern	Memphis
1310018605ME		10/30/2013	Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	2100 Young	Memphis
1310017795ME		10/29/2013	Vandalism	900 Mclean	Memphis
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1310015327ME		10/25/2013	Theft Other	2100 Central	Memphis
1310015238ME		10/25/2013	Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	2200 Central	Memphis
1310014365ME		10/24/2013	Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	800 Meda	Memphis

Crimes reported Oct. 23-Nov. 22, 2013

Map compiled by Ben Boleware

The LampLighter is working with the CYCA to bring you meaningful crime information. In addition to the crime map, which details crimes within a one-mile radius of the Cooper-Young intersection, we also included a list of crimes that happened within our neighborhood. The list includes the case number, which you can use to get more details from police. The information is also available online at lamplighter.cooperyoung.org, with a link to further information from police.

The Memphis Police Department offers a tool on its website (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 the results of your search for the previous 30 days.

'Santa Claus Conquers the Martians,' and other classics



By Corey Mesler

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. And I love Christmas. It brings out the child in me, the child who is always right below the surface anyway. At 58 I am still waiting for maturity to arrive. I hope this year I get the Tiger Joe tank I want.

A key part of Christmas for my families, old and new, were holiday movies. My sister and

I especially were tuned into the TV schedule of every Christmas themed movie. Some were regular: if my memory serves me right it went like this: Christmas Eve night was the Reginald Owen version of *A Christmas Carol*. Christmas night was *Miracle on 34th Street* and New Year's Eve was *It's a Wonderful Life*. And New Year's Day was *Holiday Inn*. Sometime, wedged in there among these classic nuggets was an odd holiday movie called *The Holly and the Ivy*. I can find few people today who remember *The Holly and the Ivy* but it was always my favorite. It was so ... existential. As if Sartre had written a holiday story. I could easily think I dreamed this movie — especially since it is currently unavailable on DVD — but I did manage to find an old VHS copy online, for which I paid dearly. It is now part of my own family's Christmas viewing.

If you remember the movies in a different order, on different nights, you can write and tell me if you want but I won't listen. I prefer to order my past this way. Ok?

Also, and my sister Sue will back me on this, at some point we added *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians*, one of the best worst movies ever made with its earworm theme song, "S-A-N-T-A

C-L-A-U-S, hooray for Santy Claus." Santy. (Not to be confused with Groucho's "Sanity Clause" joke.) Whatever song-penning whiz-kid concocted this gem was perhaps translating it from the Cyrillic alphabet.

And then, sometime later, a more mature, more recent classic was added: *A Christmas Story*. Wanna swap funny lines from it? I can do it all day long. "In the heat of battle my father wove a tapestry of obscenities that as far as we know is still hanging in space over Lake Michigan."

We'll skip over the ugly step-sisters of holiday movies: slasher films like *Black Christmas* (directed by the same guy who did *A Christmas Story!*) or *Santa Claws*. The makers of these films must be Scrooges or the products of mothers who did not breastfeed.

Ok, so this column is called "This Reading Life." I know. What I want to talk about here is the source materials for these treasured movies. Maybe most viewers don't even know the original sources. And I want to ponder this: Why are most of them are so dull?

Miracle on 34th Street comes from a short story by Valentine Davies. It is the bare bones of the story, written with very little style. It is more like a sketch for the finished painting of the movie. The same is true of *It's a Wonderful Life*, which comes from a blah story by Philip Van Doren Stern. *Even A Christmas Story*, which is from Jean Shepherd, one section from his novel, *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash*, is a disappointing read. This is surprising because it is Shepherd's beguiling voice-over in the movie which really makes the tone of the thing so delightful. The book is ... charming ... but it is not as much fun, nor as funny, as the movie.

Two are exempt: *Holiday Inn* is "based on an idea from Irving Berlin." And, my favorite, *The Holly and the Ivy*, is from a play by Wynward Browne.

Santa Claus Conquers the Martians is, believe it or not, from a short story by someone named Paul L. Jacobson. One can only assume that Mr. Jacobson, as a writer, was a better dentist, or bricklayer, or hot walker. Try this bit of dialogue from the film: "I wasn't sleeping, chief. It's just that I haven't been able to sleep these last few months. I forgot how. So I was just practicing."

What?

This leads one to surmise that holiday movies are those rare instances of movies which are better than their books. There may be other fields like this (science fiction, occasionally? horror?).

We are on more solid ground, of course, with *A Christmas Carol*. The Dickens novella is every bit as powerful as any of the fine screen adaptations of it, if not more so. And Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales* is a beautiful story, almost, but not quite, equaled by the screen version with Denholm Elliot (who is also in *The Holly and the Ivy*). Better perhaps than either of these is Chuck Jones' genius rendition of Dr. Seuss's genius *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. I hope whoever thought to hire Boris Karloff for the voice-over got a big bonus. (Don't get me started on Jim Carrey's criminal spoliation of Seuss, which is only just a chit above Mike Myers' criminal spoliation of Seuss [I'd like to slap the jerk]).

Anyway ... have a great holiday season. I apologize for not having any Kwanzaa or Hanukkah films in this column. Write it off to my ignorance.

I heard someone ask, what are you reading now, Corey? So I will tell you: Philip K. Dick's *The Three Stigmata of Palmer Eldritch*.

As always, it would be lovely to hear from you: coreyjmesler@gmail.com.

Corey Mesler owns Burke's Book Store in Cooper-Young.

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