



# LampLighter

Cooper-Young — Many Voices, One Community

## NewsBriefs

### Upcoming 4-Miler defines Cooper-Young

BY CHRIS MCHANEY

As I sit and ponder my thoughts about what living in CY means to me and why I live here, the Cooper-Young Festival Friday 4 Miler is the cause, reason, and purpose. "Really?" you may ask. "A running event that goes through your 'hood defines where you want to live?" Short answer, yes!



Now, back to the why. Other than being the largest fundraiser for our nonprofit, the Cooper-Young Community As-

sociation, the 4 Miler has the distinction of showing off all that is Cooper-Young.

We have been told the "mission" of the CYCA right? It is to form an association of residents and interested parties to work together to make our diverse and historic community a more desirable and safer place to live, worship, work and play. It's actually a great way to sum up what the CYCA is all about, but what does it really mean, how is it put into action?

Organizing the 4 Miler, manning a water station, running, helping out with registration, serving food at the party site, being a wave start coordinator, serving beer to runners — yes, serving beer — are ways that neighbors can come together to help. Or, how about hosting a Light The Way party on the race route, having your business sponsor the 4 Miler, parking your car off the street so the runners have a clear path to run? These are just a few of the things that are put into action from months before the race all the way up to when the last runner leaves Cooper-Young.

Here's the deal though: I consider myself lucky, I call it rich, because of all of the friends and acquaintances I've come to know over my time in CY. I suspect you feel the same way. It's what makes our neighborhood stand out. We are united in so many ways, yet at the same time, diverse. Not many 'hoods can say that.

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Crowds congregate on Cooper Street during the 2011 Cooper-Young Festival. This year, 400 vendors and artists plus 16 bands will line the streets for the 25th annual festival, set for Sept. 15. Photo by David Sparks



## CY FEST TURNS 25 IN SEPTEMBER

BY THE COOPER YOUNG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Memphis' largest and most anticipated neighborhood event will be the place to be this year along with all your friends, more than 400 vendors, art booths and some of the best local talent.

Art, music, games and fireworks are slated to celebrate this year's 25th anniversary of the Cooper-Young Festival from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 15 (rain date Sept. 16) at the corner of Cooper Street and Young Avenue.

The Cooper-Young Festival is a free, family-friendly music, arts and crafts street festival that draws more than 120,000 people to the "hip-storic" Cooper-Young district for a day of music, art, shopping, people watching and dining.

The festival is hosted by the Cooper Young Business Association annually to make the

district known locally and regionally and to draw homeowners, merchants and businesses into the neighborhood. Proceeds from the festival are redistributed back into community nonprofit organizations and the local police community office and to make improvements to the infrastructure of the neighborhood. The 2012 CY Festival is dedicated to our beloved festival chairman for the last 25 years, Bill Stemmler.

The Cooper-Young Festival has always been about the art and home-grown music. Spend the day perusing the hand-made art up and down the street; pick up some funky items that will spur your senses for when you have to leave our little eclectic part of the city.

Music starts on the Main Stage at 12:15 p.m. with the Ross Rice Band headlining at 5:15 p.m. On three stages during the day, catch the tunes of Nancy Apple, Tiger High, Darien Clea, Darrel Petties, The Memphis Dawls, Patrick Todd Trio and Freakenyeah, to name a few.

In the Children's Area, hosted by the Civitans,

there will be bouncing fun, and games of chance and skill. You can take a slide down the Memphis Grizzlies slide or paint the day away with the students and staff of the Memphis College of Art. While you are here, be sure to get a picture taken with your favorite Super Hero. The Children's Area is sponsored each year by Lenny's Sub Shop.

In honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, please join us for a fireworks display, funded solely by CY independent business owners in celebration of our community and heritage. Fireworks will start immediately after the Ross Rice Band's set on the Main Stage at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Each year, the festival has various pre- and post-events. This year, join us from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 at the David Perry Smith Gallery for the CY Art Invitational, a showcase the art by local CY artists. The art on display is for sale and all proceeds go to the artists. This free event has open wine/beer bars and live music from 6-9 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 14, the Festival 4-Miler is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at Bluff City Sports, 769 Cooper.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



For quite some time now, fall in Cooper-Young has been the busiest and most exciting time of the year for me. This year we celebrate the 25th year of the CY Festival, the CY 4-Miler is growing every year, they are working on completing the bike lanes as we speak—and right now I could care less.

This morning, I called the vet to see when I could pick up my dog, Gracie, who was recovering well from recent surgery, and instead found out that

she had passed away sometime during the night.

As I sat at home, holding my other aging dog as if she could disap-

pear any second, my phone began beeping at me, reminding me of my monthly letter deadline. Rather than asking someone else to write it for me, I think I chose to write it myself just as a distraction, or maybe just to vent.

Either way, I'm devastated. I don't want to be funny, uplifting or supportive right now, and I know that most of my neighbors understand why and love me anyway. I'm lucky to have plenty of pet-loving neighbors that I consider family, and I'm certainly not suffering alone.

I consider September to be a celebration of community, neighborly love, and all things Cooper-Young. In a few days, I'll be back to normal (relatively speaking) and I'll join the festivities as usual. My condolences to the rest of my family, who love her too and have to deal with my grief, and to my neighbor, Edward, who, along with his late wife Beverly, allowed Gracie to also live in his home and in his heart. ~ June Hurt

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Sept. 6:** First Thursday Night Out

**Sept. 6:** 4-Miler race bag stuffing, 5:30 p.m., CYCA offices, 2298 Young Ave.

**Sept. 6-9:** Rock for Love. See story *this issue*.

**Sept. 14:** CY 4-Miler, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 15:** Cooper-Young Festival, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Sept. 18:** CYCA board meeting, 7 p.m., CYCA offices, 2298 Young Ave.

**Sept. 20:** Communications committee meeting, 7 p.m., CYCA offices, 2298 Young Ave.

**Sept. 24:** Safety committee meeting, 7 p.m., CYCA offices, 2298 Young Ave.

**Sept. 27-30:** Gonerfest. See story *this issue*.

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## Azaleas' death fueled garden's bloom



John and Tyrina Browning learned the art of gardening after trying unsuccessfully to save some azaleas in their yard 20 years ago. Photo by Sydney Ashby.

John and Tyrina Browning did not know that trying to save some azaleas from blight almost 20 years ago would lead to one of the most amazing yards in Cooper-Young: 1980 Nelson.

They have been Cooper-Young residents for 20 years, living first on Elzey and then recently moving to Nelson. Shortly after moving onto Elzey, they noticed the azaleas were suffering. John says he must've spent more than \$100 trying to figure out how to save them, to no avail. They died.

But that struggle started a process of adding a little of this and that to the yard and learning a lot in the process. You can see the culmination of their journey by admiring a remarkable variety of plants, flowers, shrubs and even a water feature in their Nelson front yard.

A sample of their impressive assortment includes corabells, midnight roses, colorful impatiens, hostas, a Mexican petunia, lantana, juniper, "elephant ears," and a lovely butterfly bush that had grown so large they had to move it and replace it with a gardenia.

All John has to left to mow is the median, and that's just how he likes it. He said he also likes being outside and working with his hands. You can find him and Ty outside just about every day working to maintain and improve their yard although, Ty takes care of the inside of the house, too, so you might not always catch her.

Both are very involved in the CYCA and give their time and talents to many neighborhood functions. Ty says about Cooper Young, "We like the people and ambience of Midtown. We are Midtown snobs and proud of it."

John agrees and tells people who give him a hard time about never leaving Midtown, "I go all the way out east to Buster's to buy liquor."

So stroll by and admire their remarkable work. They'll probably be outside. - Sydney Ashby

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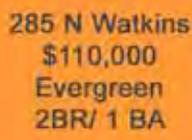


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### Booker T. Jones headlining four-day Rock for Love fest

Rock for Love 6, the sixth annual Church Health Center benefit concert, is set for Sept. 6-9 at the Hi-Tone, Overton Square and the Levitt Shell.

Twenty-three bands are set to perform include Booker T. Jones, Larry Raspberry and the High Steppers with the original Gentrys, Al Kapone, Star & Micey, Snowglobe, Mouserocket, The Merry Mobile and Dead Soldiers, at three venues. The Overton Square Street Festival and the Levitt Shell shows are free.

Shows at the Hi-Tone on Thursday and Friday begin at 9 p.m. The street fair in Overton Square begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, and shows begin at the Hi-Tone the same night at 9:15 a.m. Al Kapone will hit the Levitt Shell at 6 p.m. Sunday, followed by Booker T. Jones at 7:15.

For more information and the online auction, visit [RockforLove.org](http://RockforLove.org).

### Church health Center 5K to dash through CY

The first-ever Church Health Center 5K/10K is 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at Church Health Center Wellness, 1115 Union Avenue.

The 1-mile, 5K and 10K routes will weave through the Cooper-Young and Central Gardens neighborhoods. All proceeds benefit the Church Health Center. Online registration closes Thursday, October 19. Race day registration will be available.

For more information or to register, call (901) 272-7170 or visit [ChurchHealthCenterRace.com](http://ChurchHealthCenterRace.com).

### MCA hosting art exhibitions this month



Memphis College of Art is hosting several art exhibitions this month at the school's Overton Park and South Main campuses. Shows are: **Horn Island 28**, Rust Hall, Main Gallery, through Sept. 28. A reception is set for 6-9 p.m. Sept. 8; **Alumni Exhibition**: Joey Slaughter, Rust Hall, Alumni Gallery, through Sept. 30. A reception is set for 6-9 p.m. Sept. 8; **Faculty Exhibition**, Hyde Gallery, Memphis College of Art Nesin Graduate School (477 S. Main), through Sept. 22.

### Children get a vote at CMOM

Children can cast their vote for president in an interactive, educational program about voting and the presidential election at the Children's Museum of Memphis from 1-3 p.m. Sept. 15.

They will register to receive their own voting card, create campaign buttons and posters for their favorite candidate, cast their vote in a real voting booth and take part in interactive games, crafts and activities to introduce the presidential election process and our judicial system.

All votes will be counted and results posted on our website and in *The Commercial Appeal* newspaper.



### Farmer's Market open Tuesdays on Union

The Church Health Center and MIFA will host a farmers market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays through Sept. 25 at Church Health Center Wellness, 1115 Union Ave. For more information, call Esther Wills at (901) 259-4673, Ext. 1604 or visit [ChurchHealthCenter.org](http://ChurchHealthCenter.org).

### Young chef to cook at farmers market

Nine-year-old cooking sensation Logan Guleff will provide a free cooking demonstration from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 1 at the Cooper-Young Community Farmers Market.

Guleff is a Jiff Cooking Competition winner and the Tennessee winner of Obama's Health Lunchtime Challenge. His "Tuna Schooners" was one of 54 winning recipes selected from more than 1,200 participants who created nutritious lunchtime meals using each of the four food groups. Already, his recipe has been created by White House chefs and will be included in an online cookbook at [Epicurious.com](http://Epicurious.com), co-sponsors of the contest along with the Departments of Agriculture and Education.

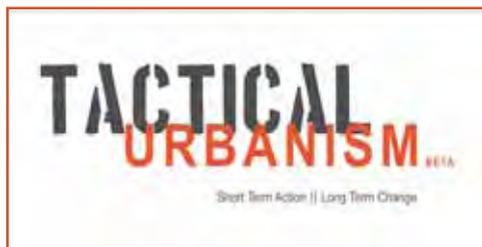


## Gallery Fifty Six hosts opening

This month, Gallery Fifty Six, 2256 Central Ave., presents "New Directions: Paintings by Mary Bowman and Jeannine Paul."

The show will open with a free artists' reception from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. The exhibition runs through Sept. 29. For information call 276-1251.

## City team to host salon on Tactical Urbanism



The Memphis Mayor's Innovation Delivery Team is partnering with The Street Plans Collaborative to produce a free Tactical Urbanism Salon on Sept. 22.

The Salon will be held at 363 South Main (Leadership Memphis Gallery), from 1-6 p.m. and is being supported by the Memphis Regional Design Center and Livable Memphis.

Named by the urban planning news site Planetizen as one of the top planning trends for 2011-2012, Tactical Urbanism focuses on implementing low-cost, short-term actions and pilot projects to test new ideas for the built environment. Temporary, low-risk experimentation allows Tactical Urbanism projects to prove their immediate value to neighborhoods and cities, which can then leverage larger investment in permanent, long-term improvements. Examples of Tactical Urbanism in Memphis include National PARK(ing) Day, A New Face for an Old Broad (on Broad Ave.), food truck rodeos, pop-up retail installations, and others.

The Sept. 22 Salon will highlight opportunities available to individuals, organizations, and local government to address neighborhood challenges through a tactical urbanism approach. Successful Salons held in Queens, NY, and Philadelphia, PA, attracted nationwide participation and media attention.

For more information, please visit the Tactical Urbanism Salon website <http://tacticalurbanismsalon.com>, or contact Tommy Pacello, Project Manager for the Mayor's Innovation Delivery Team at [Thomas.Pacello@Memphistn.gov](mailto:Thomas.Pacello@Memphistn.gov).



## PFLAG gift supports gay, lesbian community center

The Memphis chapter of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) has donated \$15,000 to help support Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center's (MGLCC) life-enhancing, life-saving programs and services.

PFLAG previously donated \$5,000 specifically to MGLCC's counseling referral program to ensure that folks in our community can connect to counselors who respect every individual regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. This second gift completes an offered \$20,000 total donation from PFLAG-Memphis to MGLCC for 2012.

"For 40 glorious years, [PFLAG has] been educating, supporting and advocating for gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender persons worldwide," said PFLAG-Memphis treasurer Dee Billmeier. "PFLAG is one of the oldest and most far-reaching gay rights organizations in the United States, with over 200,000 members and 350 local chapters. But the majority of the work done in the Memphis community to support the causes we are all championing is done by the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center."

MGLCC Executive Director Will Batts said, "PFLAG and MGLCC are strong partners in the struggle for LGBT equality. PFLAG's gift will help us expand the services we offer to the more than 4,500 people who visit us each year in search of assistance, support and community. We are incredibly grateful to PFLAG for their generosity."

The Memphis PFLAG chapter was founded in 1986. It meets on the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Benjamin Hooks Central Library on Poplar. For more information, see [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)

For more information about MGLCC's programs and services, see [www.mglcc.org](http://www.mglcc.org)



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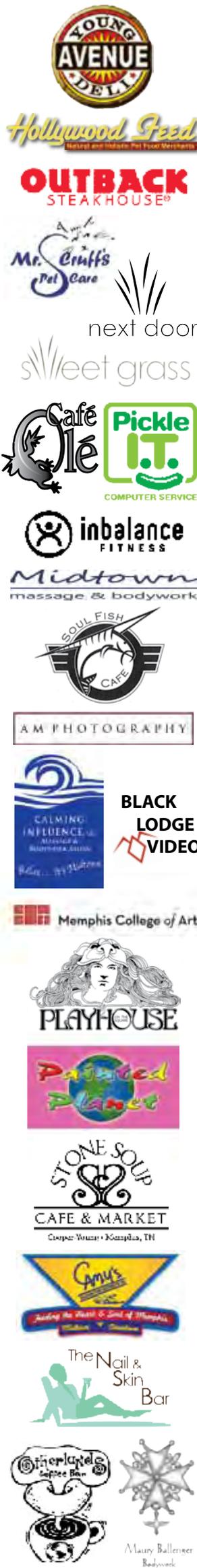
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CYCA News

# Enjoy a sweet deal with CYCA membership

BY RENEE MASSEY



It's September, time for the CY 4-Miler, the 25th annual Cooper-Young Festival, and — the autumn membership drive.

Many of our readers renewed their annual membership to the Cooper-Young Community Association months ago, but a few of you never got around to it and are now wondering if you should just wait until next year. By all means, renew now! We still need your support to handle things such as graffiti cover, informational neighborhood meetings, code awareness efforts, Lamp-Lighter publication and community advocacy.

But beyond that, there are still four months to use those fantastic discounts that are an extra benefit of your membership, and some of them can be used over and over through Dec. 31. Two of those repeat discounts can be used under the same roof: Sweet Grass and Sweet Grass Next Door offer CYCA members a 10 percent discount on a single entrée every time the membership card is shown.

Chef Ryan Trimm, nominated by Food & Wine magazine as a candidate for The People's Best New Chef of 2011, owns both Sweet Grass and Next Door with Glenn Hays. The restaurants share a kitchen, but their menus and purpose are different. Sweet Grass serves low country cuisine in a refined atmosphere, and Next Door is more of a neighborhood bar.

Despite their differences, the focus at both restaurants is on fresh, local ingredients. The quality and care show, as you may have noticed in any number of local publications and blogs where these restaurants have received praise: The Commercial Appeal, Memphis Magazine, Go Memphis, The Memphis Flyer, Dining With Monkeys, and No Rococo.

Trimm has cited his first-generation Italian-American grandmother, who made foods from scratch, as the inspiration for his cooking. You can benefit from that inspiration, experiencing the craft of a nationally recognized chef whose commitment to local is so great that he even offers neighborhood association members a discount at every visit.

To take advantage of this "sweet" discount, join Sweet Grass and Next Door in their support of the Cooper-Young Community Association by becoming a member or renewing your membership today. Our mission is to make Cooper-Young a safer and more desirable place to live, worship, work, and play.

To join, visit us online at [www.cooperyoung.org](http://www.cooperyoung.org), visit our community offices at 2298 Young Ave., fill out the membership form in this paper, or call our community director at 272-2922. Long live local!



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Staff from the Trustee's Office and the Shelby County Land Bank will conduct a community-wide Real Estate Road Show forums Sept. 18 starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Benjamin Hooks Central Library, 3030 Poplar. The presentation will be to the Community Alliance for the Homeless but is open to general public. The event is free but space is limited. To RSVP, please call 432-4884.

The goal of the Trustee's office and the Land Bank is to focus the attention of real estate investors on the growing portfolio of both county-owned properties as well as those currently being marketed through the Land Bank, said Trustee David Lenoir. Properties include both raw land and those with structures.

"All total, Shelby County holds more than 3,000 pieces of property and thousands are added each year during one of our four tax sales," Lenoir said. "The national real estate collapse has only further overwhelmed the pipeline of properties and is siphoning off needed tax revenue. These properties need to be back in the hands of taxpayers."

The event could be of interest to local real estate agents, appraisers, builders, property investors, bankers and even nonprofits looking for affordable property for themselves or for programming purposes.

## Chorus auditioning for new members



The Memphis Symphony Chorus is seeking vocalists to audition for the 2012 -2013 season. Bass, tenor, alto and soprano parts are needed. Auditions will be held beginning at 6 p.m. Sept. 4 at Balmoral Presbyterian Church, 6413 Quince Road.

Singers will audition in front of the chorus director and chorus president. Those auditioning will be asked to sing several scales, to sing different keys of the national anthem and to partake in a short listening and sight-singing exercise.

Vocalists must have a reservation in order to audition. To schedule a time, please call the Memphis Symphony Office at 537-2500, or email [info@memphissymphonychorus.org](mailto:info@memphissymphonychorus.org). More audition details, as well as additional information about the chorus, can be found by visiting [www.memphissymphonychorus.org](http://www.memphissymphonychorus.org).

## Your popped tops can make a difference



The CYCA will accept pop tabs beginning at the CY Festival booth on September 15th through October 15th. The winning block will receive \$50 towards a block club party.

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## Art Invitational highlights neighborhood artists



Singer-songwriter Michael Joyner will provide music for the event.

The 2012 Cooper Young Art Invitational, appropriately named “5 x 5 = 25”, will be held from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 at the David Perry Smith Gallery, 703 New York St.

The “5 x 5 = 25” art show will feature five pieces from five well-known artists who live in the Cooper-Young Historic District, in celebration of the Cooper-Young Festival’s 25th anniversary.

This free event allows local artists the opportunity to showcase their work at no cost to them in a gallery setting. All the proceeds from the sale of their art go back to the artists.

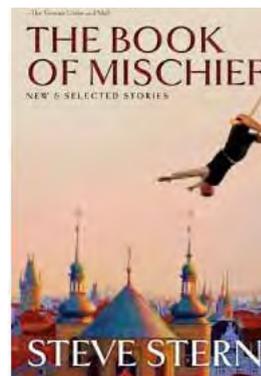
This year’s invitational will feature Jeanne Seagle, landscapes; Colleen Couch-Smith, wall-mounted sculptures; Nick Canterucci, folk art; Tyler French, free-standing sculptures and Karen Bottle-Capps; folk art. The work will remain up during the Festival weekend.

David Perry Smith will be the curator of the show. David has a Masters of Art in History of Art from the Ohio State University and has been in the gallery world since graduate school in 1987.

There will be a variety of works including sculptures, paintings, photography, paper, glass, craft art and wood pieces.

There will be complimentary wine/beer bars and live music by local singer-songwriter Michael Joyner. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.cooperyoungfestival.com](http://www.cooperyoungfestival.com).

## Local authors to appear at Burke's



Memphian **Jim Williamson** will be at Burke’s Book Store from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sept. 6 to read from and sign copies of his second novel, *The Ravine* (Sunstone Books, \$24.99 paperback). Reading will begin at 6 pm. This event coincides with the Cooper-Young First Thursday Night Out.

The publisher describes this as “a compelling story inspired by real events, *The Ravine* evokes a South during the early years of the Civil Rights movement where a complex mixture of love and hate, ignorance and enlightenment, and guilt and innocence coexist. It promises to keep the reader on edge until its dramatic and unexpected conclusion.”

Williamson, a professor of architecture at the University of Memphis, was raised in the South in the days of segregation. His first novel, *The Architect*, was praised as “a thoughtful, moving novel...and a lively treatise on architecture itself.”

Memphian **Kristen Iversen** will be at Burke’s Book Store from 5:30-7 p.m. Sept. 14 to read from and sign copies of her new memoir, *Full Body Burden: Growing up in the Nuclear Shadow of Rocky Flats* (Crown Publishers, \$25.00, hardback). Reading will begin at 6 pm.

The publisher describes this as “a haunting work of narrative nonfiction about a young woman ...growing up in a small Colorado town close to Rocky Flats, a secret nuclear weapons plant once designated the most contaminated site in America.”

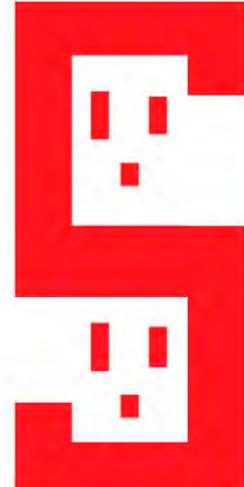
Iversen grew up in Colorado and received a Ph.D. in English from the University of Denver. She is director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at the University of Memphis and editor in chief of *The Pinch*, an award winning literary journal.

Memphian **Steve Stern** will return to Burke’s Book Store from 5:30-7 p.m. Sept. 20 to read from and sign copies of his new collection, *The Book of Mischief: New Selected Stories* (Graywolf Press, \$26.00 hardback). Reading will begin at 6 pm.

*The Book of Mischief* triumphantly showcases 25 years of outstanding work by one of our true masters of the short story. Stern’s stories take us from the unlikely old Jewish quarter of the Pinch in Memphis to a turn-of-the-century immigrant community in New York; from the market towns of Eastern Europe to a down-at-the-heels Catskills resort.

“The voracious pace lets Stern spill a hundred years of vivid Jewish history onto the page ... He writes with piercing zeal,” said Ben Marcus, *The New York Times Book Review*. Stern grew up in Memphis. He is a winner of the Jewish Book Award, and teaches at Skidmore College in upstate New York.

If unable to attend you may order signed or inscribed copies through [www.burkesbooks.com](http://www.burkesbooks.com). For questions concerning this event, please contact Corey Mesler at 278-7484.



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## CY Beerfest to bring the brews Oct. 13

BY TOBY SELLS / COOPER-YOUNG BEER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE



The crowd raises its cups during the 2011 Cooper-Young Regional beerfest. Tickets for this year's event are on sale now.

Love beer? Love Cooper-Young? Then come and grab a beer with your neighbors on Saturday, Oct. 13 for the third annual Cooper-Young Regional Beer Festival. It will again be in the parking lot of Lifelink Church, just west of the corner of Walker and Cooper.

The Cooper-Young beer festival is different than other beer festivals in Memphis in two crucial ways: The festival is a fundraiser and only independent breweries are invited.

All (as in 100 percent) of the funds raised by the event go to the Cooper-Young Community Association to keep our cool, safe neighborhood cool and safe. Last year the festival raised about \$11,500 for the CYCA.

You can get all of the beers you will find at the beer festival in just one day's drive of Memphis. This puts the "regional" in the Cooper-Young Regional Beer Festival.

Many of the brewers loved at last year's festival will return and many with new stuff to try. Brewers from states never represented at the beer festival will show off their goods, giving us new road trips to take and new excuses to stop and have a beer.

The festival will have more food this year than in years past with some delicious food trucks for those quick bites between beers.

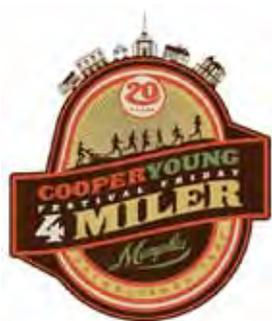
Education will again be a major focus of the festival with the revival of the ever-popular Beer Tent Revival where our brewers preach the gospel of what they do and how they do it. Brewers are scheduled to speak throughout the day and questions, of course, are encouraged.

We keep the festival smaller than most to make sure there's rarely a line and that people can talk to brewers at their tents.

Tickets are now available at our website, [beerfest.cooperyoung.org](http://beerfest.cooperyoung.org), where you can also get the latest news on the festival and an ever-updating list of the brewers secured for the festival. Tickets are \$30 before the day of the festival and \$35 at the gate on festival day. CYCA members get a \$5 discount.

The festival is made possible with the crucial help of the Cooper-Young Community Association, Goner Records, Celtic Crossing, Central BBQ and Stone Soup Cafe.

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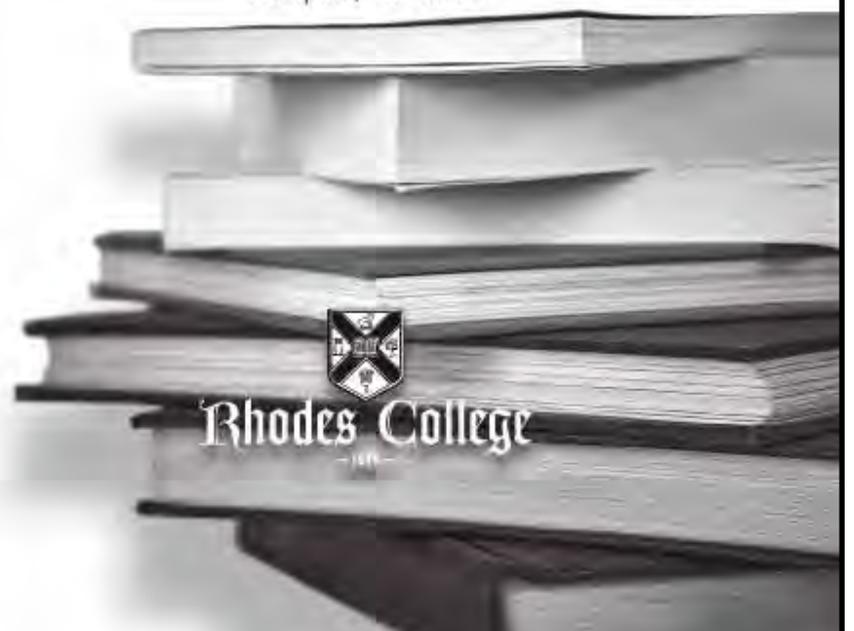
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## CYHappenings

# Calming Influence balances new energy in Overton Square

BY GENE ELLIOT / CALMING INFLUENCE SALON



A buzz is in the air for Midtown's Overton Square expansion — just picture a revitalized area rich with local theatre, restaurants, shopping and, well, just hanging about. So cool, so Midtown — and coming so soon!

Calming Influence Salon is embracing this change, while also celebrating our fifth year in business serving Cooper-Young and the rest of Midtown. We now have a new and improved look — more to offer, and more of that eclectic Midtown feel.

So what's new, you ask? We have been designing a pampering package for mothers-to-be. This package offers many components that can be performed individually or together for an amazing spa experience. We are excited to be offering belly casting for the expectant mothers, which creates a plaster mold of the mother's pregnant stomach. This is not only soothing but is also a

one-of-a-kind beautiful keepsake. Artists are on hand to paint the casting if desired. If moms-to-be want a full-pamper day, packages are available which include belly casting, belly facials and scrub, a reflexology foot treatment and a one hour pregnancy massage.

In addition to the new prenatal offerings, Calming Influence is pleased to announce the addition of experienced Ashiatsu Oriental Bar Therapy practitioner Maury Ballenger to our staff of qualified therapists. Maury, a fellow CYCA Membership Sponsor, is one of the very few massage therapists who is certified and specializes in Ashiatsu Oriental Bar Therapy in Memphis. Although she has been offering discounts to CYCA Members from her downtown studio since last year, she is excited to now be able to provide these services closer to Cooper-Young.

To kick off our new makeover, Calming Influence will be celebrating on Sept. 20 by hosting our Five Year Anniversary Party. Please join us at 74 N. Cooper from 5:30-8 p.m. for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres from Fork It Over catering, live music, door prizes and contests. On display will be actual belly casts, photos and a list of our wide range of services. Bring in this ad for a 10 percent-off coupon and, as always, gift certificates are available for purchase.

Thank you for making our first five years wonderful — we are so looking forward to many, many more. Cheers to our new makeover and to the future of Overton Square ... Relax! It's Midtown!

## Gonerfest back for ninth year



What's that sound? It's Gonerfest, a three-day music festival for garage, punk and assorted obscure genres hosted annually by Cooper-Young's own Goner Records.

Gonerfest, now in its ninth year, will take place Sept. 27-30. Opening ceremonies with Monsieur Jeffrey Evans are set for the afternoon of Sept. 27 at the Cooper-Young Gazebo.

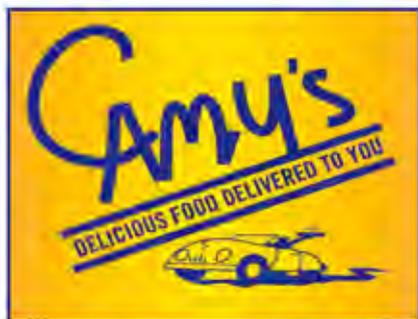
The music will continue Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Hi-Tone, Friday afternoon at the Buccaneer, Saturday afternoon at Murphy's and Sunday night (DJs only, no bands) at the Buccaneer. Closing ceremonies

with Rev. John Wilkins will be Saturday afternoon at the Cooper-Young gazebo.

More than 40 bands and DJs, including Memphis' own the Oblivians, are included in a lineup that hails from as far as Melbourne, Tasmania, Amsterdam, Ottawa, Paris, Portland, Austin and Chicago.

Tickets are \$60, Golden Pass, good for all events; \$18, advance, \$20 at the door per night for Hi-Tone shows; \$5 Buccaneer show; \$10 Murphy's show.

Find out more at [www.goner-records.com/gonerfest](http://www.goner-records.com/gonerfest). -David Royer



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## Neighborhood recycling center to see improvements

BY ANDY ASHBY

Being green will get a lot cleaner in Cooper-Young as a new partnership takes over the recycling facilities on First Congregational Church's corner at Cooper and Walker streets.

Local nonprofit Project Green Fork and Get Green Recycleworks, a private recycling company, are reorganizing the existing recycling center at First Congo, and will take on management of the site by the fall. Organizing the center will include increasing the number of pickups from two times a week to three with additional pickups as needed, such as on holidays.

They will be getting rid of the old containers, replacing them with two new 30-yard containers. The city will use the old containers elsewhere.

"We'll be adding clearer signage and are looking into repaving the area as well," Margot McNeeley, executive director of Project Green Fork, said. "Eventually we'd like to add lighting and native landscaping, maybe even edible, but that may be down the road."

The recycling center is well used by Cooper-Young residents, Project Green Fork-certified restaurants and other businesses. However, the

containers were often full and covered with graffiti.

"Seeing the center overflow encouraged us to explore increasing the center's capacity," McNeeley says. "The overflow meant that the Cooper-Young residents and businesses were doing the right thing, recycling as much as they could, but the center needed some help keeping up with the amount of recycling happening."



**"Cooper-Young is such a vibrant neighborhood, we want the recycling center to match that vibe."**

The plan came together when McNeeley, along with Madeleine Edwards with Get Green, met with Andy Ashford, deputy director of public works for the city. Together, they worked out a plan to better the community's recycling center.

"We were able to tap into Andy's expertise of how to change the center into a more useable center," McNeeley said.

Charlotte, N.C.-based ReCommunity provided the missing link to make it all happen: hauling of the recyclables and sorting them.

"This was great timing since ReCommunity is converting to single-stream recycling, which helps make recycling much easier for everyone involved," McNeeley said.

They also met with Julia Hicks, pastor at First Congo, and discovered that the timing for them was good as well, because the church is exploring improvements for its space.

"We hope to install a sense of pride in a center that has been neglected and pretty much of an eyesore," McNeeley said. "We also see more opportunities to recycle for Cooper-Young/Midtown residents and businesses. Cooper-Young is such a vibrant neighborhood, we want the recycling center to match that vibe."

Project Green Fork and Get Green Recycleworks are also working with the Cooper-Young Community Association to invite local artists to help make the recycling containers fit with the look and feel of Cooper-Young.

If interested, please contact McNeeley at [margot@projectgreenfork.org](mailto:margot@projectgreenfork.org).

## Music & martinis at September's Night Out

BY TAMARA WALKER / COOPER YOUNG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
Pat McAllister will rock the gazebo at

Cooper and Young from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 6 for this month's First Thursday Night Out.

Pat is a longtime Memphis rocker known for his single, "Steal Some Midnight." Pat regularly plays around town with Jimi Jamison, Buddy Church, and Black Oak Arkansas as well as his band, Haywood Drive.

Area independent business owners stay open late and offer all kinds of specials and discounts on the First Thursday Night Out. Be sure to sign up for drawings and giveaways and volunteer to stuff CY Fest 4-miler bags at the CYCA offices located at 2298 Young Ave. starting at 5:30 p.m.

### Elsewhere in CY during Night Out:

- The Beauty Shop will celebrate its 10th anniversary in Cooper-Young with a big ole party benefitting the CY Farmer's Market. Roll up your hair and come on over for some special cocktails and small plates like only Karen Carrier can make. Party starts at 6 on the patio and inside the shop. Call 272-7111 for more information.
- Around the corner at the neighborhood's newest art gallery, Allie Cat Arts has a group exhibition featuring work by more than 25 local artists. View a unique collection of paintings, printmaking, photography, sculpture, pottery, glass, handmade clothing and more.
- Me & Mrs. Jones has a Sip and Shop on new paints and finishes from 5-8 pm.
- Café Ole hosts a happy hour from 4-7 with a "Jazz and Laffs" stand-up comedy and jazz performance starting at 10.
- The Randy Ballard Jazz Collective will be at Cortona Contemporary Italian from 7-9:30. Enjoy happy hour specials on cocktails, wine and daiquiris all night starting at 5.
- The Mollie & Daddy Project is this month's art opening at Tsunami. Meet 3-year-old Mollie as well as her dad, Nathan Parten. The opening is from 6-8 p.m.
- The House of Mews is offering half-off approved cat adoptions and 20 percent off retail purchases for your pets.
- It's a Ladies Night Out Party with free martinis at The Polish Bottle starting at 4.
- Loudeans boutique has expanded their shop to include a new courtyard as well as a bigger retail space for their linens, soaps and vintage clothing items.

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## Rice tops CY Fest music bill

Ross Rice will headline the main stage at this year's 25<sup>th</sup> Cooper-Young Festival, performing at 5:15 p.m. Sept. 15.

Rice has been a professional musician for more than 23 years. After finishing his Bachelors of Music Composition degree at University of Memphis in 1983, he then went to the „real“ University of Memphis music: the Memphis club scene. Working his way through the ranks, he ended up in a group called The Coolers, which featured Stax Records house bassist Donald “Duck” Dunn, (Otis Redding, Sam and Dave, but, most notably, Booker T. and the MG’s). This became the premier rhythm section in town, backing up Charlie Rich, Ron Wood, Jerry Lee Lewis, Joe Walsh and Luther Ingram, among many others.

After more than two years, Ross left to form Human Radio, which signed with Columbia records, and had a minor hit in 1990, “Me and Elvis,” the video of which was briefly in heavy rotation on MTV (back when they actually showed music videos).

After a coast-to-coast tour, and several years in Nashville, the band broke up, and Rice continued writing and performing, co-

writing songs on albums by Susannah Hoffs (Bangles) and Adrian Belew (Talking Heads, King Crimson). A batch of publishing demos found its way to Steve Earle, who promptly signed Ross to his new E-Squared label. Ross’ CD “Umpteen” was released in 1997 to international critical acclaim (also released on Sony Japan).

Ross relocated back to Memphis, and became a mainstay on the local scene, producing and performing frequently. As a sideman, he contributed to CDs by Steve Earle, Jill Sobule, Steve Forbert, Tim Easton, Amy Rigby, Banyan (w/ Stephen Perkins of Jane’s Addiction), Garrison Starr, Swan Dive, and the Bloodthirsty Lovers. He appeared on tour with Banyan, Rob Wasserman’s Space Island, Todd Snider, Eek-A-Mouse, Scott Miller and the Commonwealth, Kim Richey, Jamie O’Neal, Willie Waldman Project, Mark Farner (Grand Funk Railroad), and most recently, Peter Frampton.

We are pleased to highlight the following musical performances on three stages the day of the festival. The Main Stage is sponsored by Miller Lite.

## Music Schedule

### MAIN STAGE

12:15 p.m. – Side Street Steppers  
1:15 – The Memphis Dawls  
2:15 – Patrick Dodd Trio  
3:15 – Darrel Petties & Strength in Praise  
4:15 – Tiger High  
5:15 – Ross Rice Band

### VISIBLE MUSIC COLLEGE STAGE

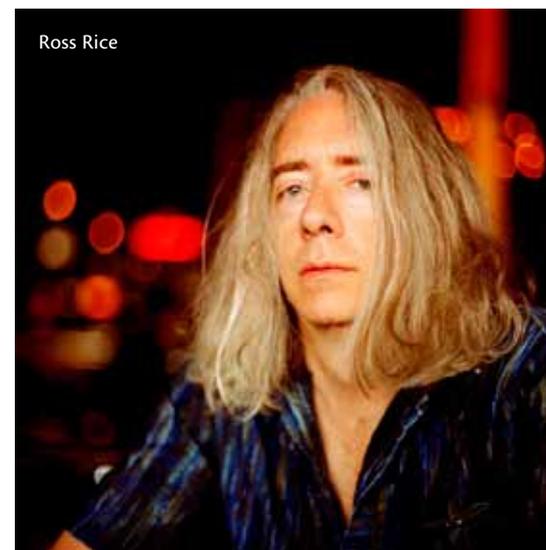
12:15 p.m. – Lindsay Ritter  
1:15 – The Covers  
2:15 – Darien Clea  
3:15 – Freakenyeah  
4:15 – She Said

*The Visible Music College Stage, located in front of the Lifelink Church at the corner of Cooper and Walker, will highlight musicians, sound technicians and bands that are connected with this local Memphis College.*

### MEMPHIS DRUM SHOP STAGE

12:30 p.m. – Candy Company  
1:30 – Nancy Apple  
2:30 – Allied Standard  
3:30 – The Soul Thieves  
4:30 – Harpeth Rising

*The Memphis Drum Shop Stage, located at the corner of Young and Nelson Street, will highlight some popular local favorites this year with various genres of music.*



Ross Rice



The Memphis Dawls



## The Thought Process Behind the CY Fest 25th Anniversary Poster

BY DON DUMONT / POSTER ARTIST AND PROFESSOR AT MCA

I started with the year 25 and the task given was to incorporate all the past 24 artists. At first, I thought about what a common denominator would be. I quickly realized it was the letters C and Y and the numbers 2 and 5. You can flip a 2 and it looks like a 5 upside down. That was the starting point.

Quickly thinking, if you use XXV to represent 25, then you can find a common denominator between X, V, C, and Y. Those four letters are what made the chevron shapes and repeated several times to form a pattern.

Then the obvious thing was to incorporate the art of the 24 past artists. It came to me that another theme was the communal and creative process in quilt making. So you think about a traditional quilt like a spinning square. If you combine the C and the Y and then combine all 24 images in a quilt layering pattern with an emphasis on CY, you have the poster.



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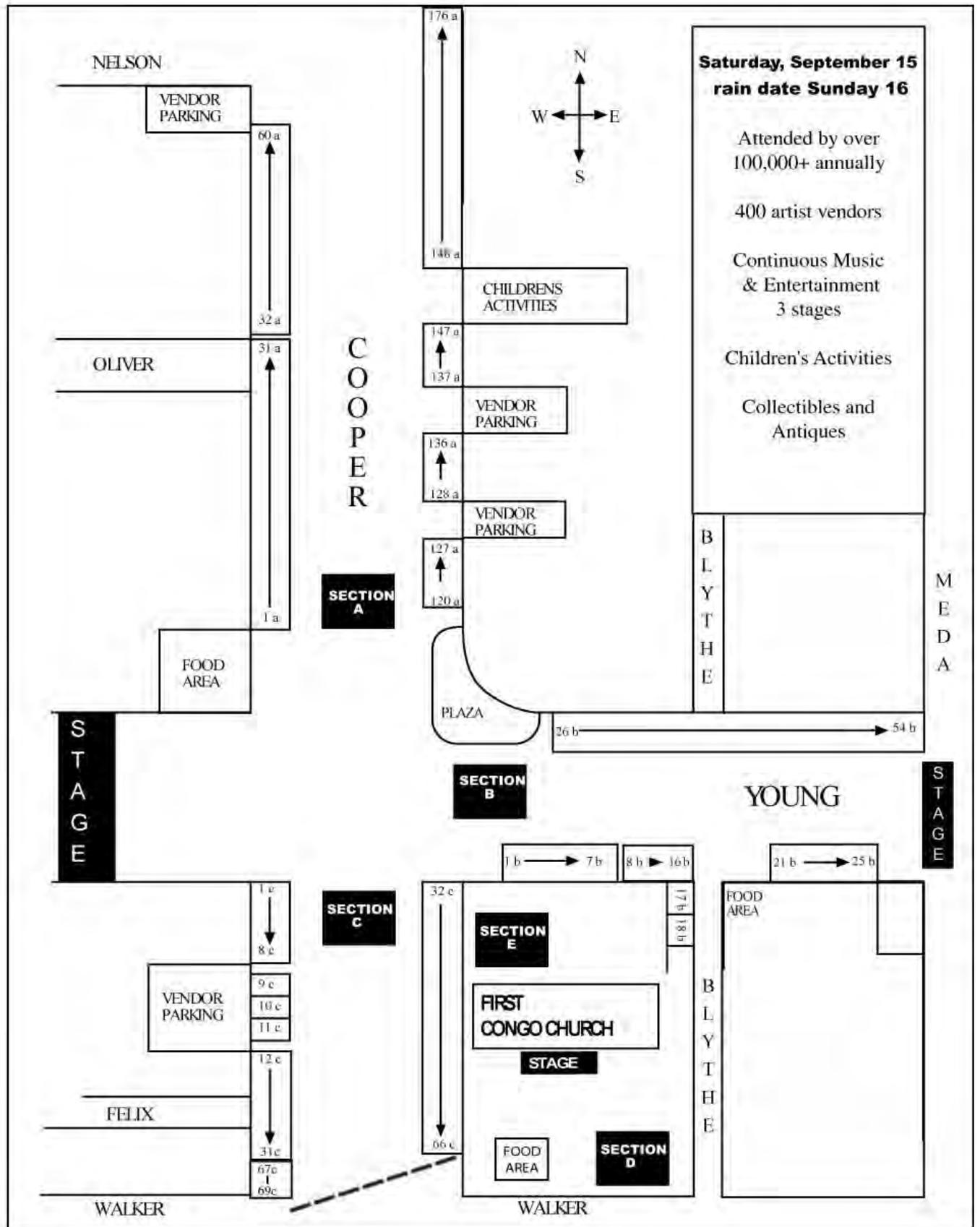
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- A001 T-Mobile
- A002-03 Sweet Grass**
- A004-05 CYCA
- A006 The Flying Pencil
- A007 House Of Mews
- A008 Painted Rooster
- A009 The Barker's Market
- A010 Art By Jenna
- A011 WEVL FM 89.9
- A012 TD Designs
- A013 Aluminations Recycled Aluminum Jewelry
- A014 Prints and Sculpture by Nikka Valken
- A015 Good Gollie Miss Mollie
- A016 Billy Moore Folk Art
- A017 Albert Cook Plumbing Co.
- A018 Scatterlings of Africa
- A019 Buckeye Hollow
- A020-21 Dilly And Dough
- A022-23 Spring River Candles
- A024 Aden/Chipman Copper and Driftwood Art
- A025 Allan James Art
- A026 Colin's Vintage Watches
- A027 Infractum Studios
- A028-29 Generations
- A030 Solstice Studios
- A031 Marjorie Mebane Originals
- A032 Vintage Clothing and Folk Art
- A033 Greater Memphis Greenline
- A034-35 Celtic Crossing**
- A036-37 Daniel Tacker Originals
- A038 HAND CARVED WOODEN GIFTS
- A039-40 St. John's Artisans
- A041 Kismet Properties
- A042 Textstyle Bags
- A043 Shannon Mitchell Designs
- A044 The Apothecary Fairy
- A045 Ed Wade Studios
- A046 Antiques & Collectable Glassware
- A047 Me & Mrs. Jones
- A048 Polly's Pen
- A049 Southern Silverworks Jewelry
- A050 Unique Gifts
- A051-52 Backwoods Toys
- A053-54 Artistic Impressions
- A055 Jen Winfrey
- A056 Creative Wire Jewelry
- A057 Backyard Pottery
- A058 Jenna Williams Photography
- A059 Big John's Forge
- A060 Cadence Bank
- A061 Southland Park Gaming & Racing
- A062 Marokel Jewelry

- A063 Uncanny FX
- A064-65 JABBERBLABBER MAGAZINE
- A066 Habitat for Humanity and HfH ReStore
- A067 Hats etc. by Trudy
- A068 Elaine Neeley - Artist
- A069-70 Spare Time Fun
- A071 Butterfly Vintage
- A072 Garden Art
- A073 Talant Trade Co
- A074 John D's Wood Things
- A075 Feeffibby
- A076 Teetahs Treasures
- A077 Debbie Sew Busy
- A078 Barn Door Duo/Paper & Pearls /Soul Sisters
- A079 Glass by Sha
- A080 Emily Allison
- A081 Tall Cotton Photography
- A082 Wolf River Conservancy
- A083 Blue Sky Tie Dye
- A084 Smash Vintage
- A085 Cooper Cottage Daycare
- A086 CPR Fashion
- A087 Happy Hippie
- A088 STEVIE'S STUFF
- A089 Southern Soy
- A092 Love Nation Creations
- A093 The Eclectic Artist
- A094 Powers Design and Studio
- A095 Sweet Ella's Emporium
- A096 Memphis Guitar Paintings
- A097 Wooden Hands
- A098 KRISTINE RIIS DESIGNS
- A099 RP Funderburk Birdhouses
- A100 Tin Roof Mercantile
- A101 On The Avenue
- A102 A.N.A. Designs
- A103 Earth Crafts
- A104 Galloway Art Collective
- A105 Rhonda Harris
- A106 BritWhitArt
- A107 Monkey Business
- A108 Down South Country Candles
- A109 Adornments From Deborah
- A110 Kindred Spirit Style, Inc
- A111-12 J AND S DESIGNS
- A113-14 Beer**
- A115 Nutty Bavarian
- A116 Vandergriff's Ornaments and Art
- A117 Castle Delites
- A118 Metcalf Collection Jewelry by R. Combs
- A119 Toadilly Handmade
- A120-21 Alchemy**
- A122 Smashing Threads
- A123-24 Dell Clark
- A125 Burke's Book Store



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A128	Jill Yelland Art	A192	Green Seas
A129	Olive This Art	A193	The SmorgasBOARDS
A130	Makowsky Millinery	A194	David Johnson Ceramics
A131	2FriendsHomemade	A195	Designs by Mindy
A132	Question the Answer	A196	Decor & More
A133	Playhouse on the Square	A197	Ear Art Designs
A134	Marjorie's Meltdowns	A198	The Paisley Rooster
A135	CB Books	A199	Dr. Dredds Wagon Of Wonders
A136	Dixie Pet Memorials	A200	Nicolette Jewelry
A137	On the Rag Design	A201	State Farm Insurance
A138	MPM DESIGNS- STAINED GLASS	<b>A202-03</b>	<b>Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream</b>
A139	Gurleygurl Design	A204	Rhodes College
A140	Metal and Mud Designs	A205	Citizens To Preserve Overton Park
A141	yokieB	A206-07	Sew Clever
A142	Hoot Vintage	A208	Quirky Dinky Knacks
A143-44	Young Avenue Glassworks	A209	So Pretty
A145	Creative Home Solutions	A210	DeDe's Jewelry Box
<b>A146-47</b>	<b>Pronto Pup</b>	A211	Memphis Freethought Alliance, Inc.
<b>A148</b>	<b>Lenny's Sub Shop</b>	A212	Handmade Style Market
A149	Debra Edge	A213-14	Wolf Ridge Crafts
A150	Artsy Fartsy	A215	Winking Girl Designs & Art
A151-52	Literacy Midsouth	A216	Darby Drake Jewelry & Design
A153	Silver Leaf Jewelry	A217	Suzan and Chuck Buckner Art
A154	New World Henna	A218	Imagine Brazil
A155	Atticdwellers	A219	Manos de Madres
A156-157	Southern Rocks & Ooh La La Beads	A220	Johanna's Loft
A158	Kingfish Metal works	A221	Joyce's Castile Creations
A159	Painted by Holly	A222	BluSky Of Mississippi
A160-161	MGLCC	A223	Art by Slim
A162	Mid-South Pride	A224	C & G Artworks
A163	Moments of Whim	A225	Pinot's Palette
A164	Recycled Lights	A226	Painting by Kristi
A165-166	SJS Images	A227	Soul Food
A167-168	Lakeshore Camp and Retreat Center	A228	Perfect Piece
A169	SweaterTherapy	A229	Joy Wright
A170	Hair Bling and Girly Thingz	B001	Mewtopia Cat Rescue
A171	6:21 Treasures	B002	Dyeworks11
A172	BEBO Folk Art	B003	Sophia's Room
A173	The Dancing Brush	B004	Art by KHaze
A174	Salvation Army Kroc Center	B005	Shove It Designs
A175-176	Memphis Drum Shop	B006	Heavenly Essence Skin Care
A177	Summer Winds Resort	B007	Trinkets and Treasures
A178	J. R.'s Pillows	B008	McCarter Coasters
A179	Tori Norton	B010	Khakiman Designs
A180	Ole Don's Craft Shoppe	B011	Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County
A181	Jennifer Prince Designs	B012-13	Boat House Chair Company
A182	Susanglass and Hel's Bells Beads	B014	Stencil Station
A183	Art by Susan	B015	Mo's Bows Handmade Bow Ties
A184	Boyd-Randolph Designs	B016	Unique Flatwear
A185	Earth Grace Artisan Jewelry	B021	Debria's Designs & Rings with Names
<b>A186-87</b>	<b>Soul Fish Café</b>	B022	Arymaz Aromas
A188	Judyvandergrift	B023	Coldwater Alpaca Ranch
A189	Savory	B024	Annie Fraley Jewelry

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- B025 Bob X Art
- B026 Amurica Photo Booth
- B027 Methodist Hospital
- B028 Mandala Art- by Terril
- B029 Lester Jones Pottery & Sculptures
- B030-31 Goner Records
- B032 LoveLPFree
- B033 Imagine Vegan Café**
- B034 Poplar Ridge Pottery
- B035 ARTjamN
- B036-37 Pawprintclothingcompany.com
- B038 Toonies
- B039 Yellow Wood Wares
- B040 Elke' s Bees
- B041-42 Java Cabana**
- B043-44 The Purple Door
- B045 38104 and I <3
- B046 Lalosh Silver
- B047 Bowsandgirls
- B048 Misty's Miracle Jewelry
- B049 Planned Parenthood Greater Memphis Region
- B050 Brooke Ward Designs
- B051 Natural Cuties' Market
- B052 Awesome Tie Dye
- B053 Indie Memphis Film Festival
- B054 JH Artwear & Designs and Channing's Canvas
- C001-02 Chuck's Vintage Art and Accessories
- C003 Up Cycled Glassware, Jewelry and Artwear
- C004 Bryan Blankenship Pottery & Fine Art
- C005 Robert McCarroll Pottery
- C006 Nighttime Photography / THE REAL
- C007 Allie Cat Arts
- C008 Lisa Hudson Pottery/ Hope Hudson Paintings
- C009 Eco Art - Creative Metal Recycling
- C010 Brigitte Lang Handknits
- C011 Scentsy
- C012-13 Tracy Parrish
- C014 Taropop
- C015 Thoughts Manifested
- C016 Mr. Hydes Custom Leather
- C017 Makeda's Cookies
- C018 Focus For the Good**
- C019-20 Tino Tie Dyes
- C021 Sundry Blossoms
- C022 Art Corner
- C023 The Blues Foundation
- C024-25 Stone Soup Cafe**
- C026 AEBDesign
- C027 Empty Nest Studio
- C028 Mark McKie Vintage Records and Collectables
- C029 CraftyNaturals
- C030 Distracted Renegade Art
- C031 Little expressions
- C032-33 Mulan Bistro**
- C034 Do Sushi**
- C035-36 Beauty Shop**
- C037 Memphis Heritage
- C038 Bell Fine Art Jewelers
- C039 Whimsical Garden-Art
- C040 Lauren Huggins Artwork
- C041 Crop Circle Designs
- C042 In Stitches
- C043 Tennessee Equality Project
- C044 Persephone's Picks
- C045 Revolution
- C046 Memphis Area Gay Youth
- C047 Memphis Peace and Justice Center
- C048 First Congo Church
- C049 Farmers Market**
- C050 Jacquinique Design & Embroidery
- C051 BEADNIK DIVAS
- C052 Hungry Fire Workshop
- C053 Movie/Comic Book Madness
- C054 Photography/Crafts
- C055 Debbie Crawford Art
- C056 Pmdesigns
- C057 D&J Creations
- C058 Experience Bonsai
- C059 ScatterBrained
- C060 Friends For Life
- C061 Kara Nicole
- C062 Rip and Mil Works
- C063 Cowboy and cowgirl swings
- C064-65 Human Decor
- C066 Love, Notes & Sunbubbles
- C067 Gifts by Lasting Impression
- C068 Artworks by Caroline and Greg Gustafson
- C069 Sunny Brook Studio
- D001 SMITH WRIGHT & COMPANY
- D002 KC's Clip Joint
- D003 Wired and Stoned
- D004 KMT Creations
- D005 GAMEPLAN/BLACK GURLS INK
- D006 The Raven's Den
- D007 Anago Samina
- D008 Penny P & Me Jewelry
- D009 Shelby County Chess
- D010 Carolyn Wass
- D011 Jessica Thompson Design
- D012 Cathy's Canine Complements
- D013 CRYSTALOGRAPHI
- D014 Wild Pens
- D015 Grow Memphis
- D016 Stuccoart
- D017 Lisa's Gems
- D018 Natural Awakenings Magazine
- D019 AROMA 4 U
- D020 VonStein Designs
- D021 Yard Art
- D022 Window Art and More

- D023 ARCHER: Paintings, Photos, Prints
- D024-25 Hippie Geek
- D026 Am. Assoc. Zoo Keepers, Memphis Chapter
- D027 BynaBowls
- D028 The Freckled Frog
- D029 Millworks and Such
- D030 Usborne Books & More
- D031 Girls Night Out Parties By For Girls Only
- D032 The Nile
- D033 The Arcane Harvest
- D034 Hoop City Memphis
- D035 CHOICES
- D036 Taylor Company
- D037 John and Sandra
- D038 Just A
- D039 Design Concepts
- D040 Sistas Doin it for Themselves
- D041-42 Gifts to Go
- D043 Lucky Bamboo and Sunglasses
- D044 Mr. Sogs Creatures
- D045-46 The Mud Puddle
- D047 ANTEBELLUMS
- D048 Emily LaForce Art
- D049 Purse String
- D050 Wanderlust Treasures
- D051 Funky Knits and Naturals
- D052 The Krafty Artisan
- D053 The Celtic Cat
- D054-55 P & L Reproductions
- D056 Munns and Sims Artistry
- D057 MOLLYGEEdesigns
- D058 Jayd Dragyn's Designs
- D059 Intensity Expose' Fashions
- D060 Art By Estelle
- D061 Simply Squared Designs
- D062-63 The Silver Pyramid
- E001 Paintings by Meredith Slover Wilson
- E002 Michael Rocks Jewelry
- E003 Mid-South Men's Health Organization
- E004 Shirley Frames
- E005 Liz's Art
- E006 Shelby Farms Greenline
- E007 Running Gag Improv
- E008-09 Hall in the Family
- E010 Ellajude
- E011 When It Rains It Pours
- E013 HustleandSew
- E014 Dana Decorates it All
- E015 Sierra Club
- E016 Pro Fishing Ventures,LLC
- E017 From Bates to Plates
- E018 Overton Park Conservancy
- E019 Just 4 You
- E020 Hooper Troopers

## OPINION

### Breathing Underwater

BY TED NORMAN

For those Cooper-Young residents who witnessed the foreclosure sell off with neighboring homes the good news is that the housing market is surfacing instead of submerging. Witness the flurry of home remodeling in the Cooper-Young area (evident by those big cart-away bins) and take a big breath as prices are expected to re-establish where they were some five years ago.

Realtor agents are starting to notice the lack of stock, and if you're looking to sell your home make sure you get a deal on the selling commission. The real estate industry is not a holy cow that requires full fees when after all you are the one providing them with their stock in trade.

Selling your own home can be an option in a popular area like Cooper-Young where you're likely to meet a like-minded buyer and perhaps a good karma deal where both seller and buyer benefit will present itself.

Real estate is a cyclical industry and big banks' eagerness to heavily discount homes thereby pushing the short-term prices

down is drawing to an end. Foreclosed homes are now being sold at higher prices than the asking price as both investors and home owners recognize that the bargains are running out. Rental prices are on the increase with record low vacancies for good homes with modern amenities and quiet locations. This situation will continue to drive up rentals.

Many home owners are discovering the cost to remodel old homes is far higher than anticipated, to meet current coding on electrical and plumbing adds big bucks to what appears to be a simple job.

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# Be a STAR at Peabody

BY GINGER SPICKLER



In its inaugural year, the STAR (Super Tutors Achieving Results) program at Peabody Elementary put more than two dozen community volunteers to work, coaching second and third graders on their reading skills. It was an amazing outpouring of support for the school's students and Peabody's teachers believe it really made a difference.

"My students became more fluent, confident readers as a result of the excellent commitment the STAR

volunteers expressed with each visit," said second-grade teacher Debby Smith. "I appreciate the commitment and dedication the STAR volunteers displayed and I can't wait to work with them in the near future."

The Peabody PTA and staff will once again be running the STAR Program to help support our teachers' work with second- and third-grade students who are dealing with challenges in their ability to read or process what they're reading. And there's really no more important time to intervene with these children.

An April 2011 study by Donald Hernandez reported, "Third grade is an important pivot point in a child's education, the time when students shift from learning to read and begin reading to learn. Interventions for struggling readers after third grade are seldom as effective as those in the early years." The report goes on to say that a child who is not reading on grade level by third grade is four times less likely to graduate from high school on time than a child who is reading proficiently.

The STAR tutoring program is designed to be as simple and straightforward as possible so that volunteers know exactly what they're signing up for. Each tutor commits to coming to Peabody for one hour each week from early October until late April for one school year. For those who can't commit to every week, there's the option to recruit a few friends or co-workers and form a tutoring team so that each volunteer only has to come a couple of times a month.

During your hour, you will tutor two students for 30 minutes each. (Another tutor will work with those same students later in the week so that each student gets an hour per week of one-on-one coaching.) The materials you need will be ready and waiting for you in the same place each week so that you're not scrambling for supplies.

The requirements to participate in STAR are simple. First, you'll need to attend one training session. Second, you'll have to fill out the online volunteer registration form and get fingerprinted at the MCS main office (last year's tutors will not have to complete this step). The last thing you need is simply a commitment to your students. They will look forward to seeing you and will count on your help as they work hard to become better readers.

To learn more about the STAR program or to sign up, please visit [www.FriendsOfPeabody.org](http://www.FriendsOfPeabody.org), or call Ginger Spickler at 216-2162.

# A Message to the School District Unifiers

BY D. JACKSON MAXWELL

I would like to offer a bit of advice to the unified school system administrators as they move to establish a new board and unify the Memphis City Schools (MCS) and Shelby County Schools (SCS) systems.

As both a parent and teacher, I have a vested interest in seeing our decision makers merge the systems in the least fractious way possible while creating the most effective and efficient organization possible. The ideas I am proposing come from research on the current proposals, conversations with parents and consultation with my education colleagues.

First, let's not throw the baby out with the bath water — both MCS and SCS have policies, procedures, programs and curricular strategies that work well. For example, MCS's award winning Optional Schools and gifted (CLUE) programs provide opportunities for academically advanced students who need challenges beyond what the traditional, daily classroom curriculum provides. MCS's uniform policy levels the playing field for rich and poor alike. All students are required to wear basically the same colors and styles of clothes no matter their economic status. Further, an SCS teacher stated to me that she wishes her system had this policy so that she would not have to waste instructional time making sure that students' attire is not too short/low cut or contains offensive or racist logos/messages.

On the other hand, Shelby County schools have had great success on comprehensive achievement tests such as TCAP and college entrance exams, and could provide MCS insight and guidance into the educational strategies they use to achieve these results. Additionally, based on parent and teacher complaints, two of the most controversial and despised MCS policies concerning the ability to readily retain students who need to repeat a grade, and replacing the traditional A-F grading measure with standards-based grading for elementary schools, would be rescinded if SCS policies are adopted.

Finally, SCS appears to have a less top heavy and intrusive Board of Education administration. SCS seems to direct more of its resources to the schools and into the classrooms to provide an immediate impact on student academic achievement. While MCS has lost focus on its primary business of educating children and instead has turned more to becoming a social welfare organization dispensing healthcare, running art/project showcases, operating a Teaching & Learning Academy, feeding children three meals a day, and other peripheral programs — all of which can be provided at home or obtained through organizations that make these activities their business.

Another program that has not been fully implemented by either system is establishing universal pre-kindergarten (Pre-K). While MCS has begun expanding its traditional and gifted Pre-K classes, these need to be made available to all students throughout the unified district. Research has repeatedly shown that students, especially economically challenged students, who participate in Pre-K programs are better prepared for the early elementary years, acclimatized to the required procedures and routines, cognizant of social expectations, and more likely to meet with initial academic success. The extra year helps ease parents into their role of being involved in their child's classroom, being a homework helper and establishing parent-teacher connections.

Finally, as the political leaders of the unified school system are installed, it is my hope that they will remember teachers who do the daily work of educating and preparing our children for the future. Too often, the students, parents and teachers seem to get lost in all the educational initiatives, social programs, political battles, and platitudes such as "Every Child. Every Day. College Bound." All stakeholders need to feel that they have real input into the education system to create buy-in. From my conversations, under recent MCS administration's stakeholders do not feel they have had meaningful access to contribute to the district's overall objective, planning and direction. For example, top-down management has taken away teachers' voice by suppressing their contact with the media, threatened educators with termination if they challenged school or BOE administrators, and undermined teachers' ability to collectively bargain. The current evaluation system failed not only MCS and SCS teachers but those across the state and has created the lowest level of morale our profession has ever seen.

Let us pray that our new unified school leaders listen to their constituents and make the right decisions rather than cutting a deal with the devil for what is personally expedient to their political careers.

*Dr. D. Jackson Maxwell is a veteran educator with 25 years' experience, an educational consultant, and a freelance writer. If you have any questions or comments, please contact him at [djacksonmaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:djacksonmaxwell@gmail.com)*

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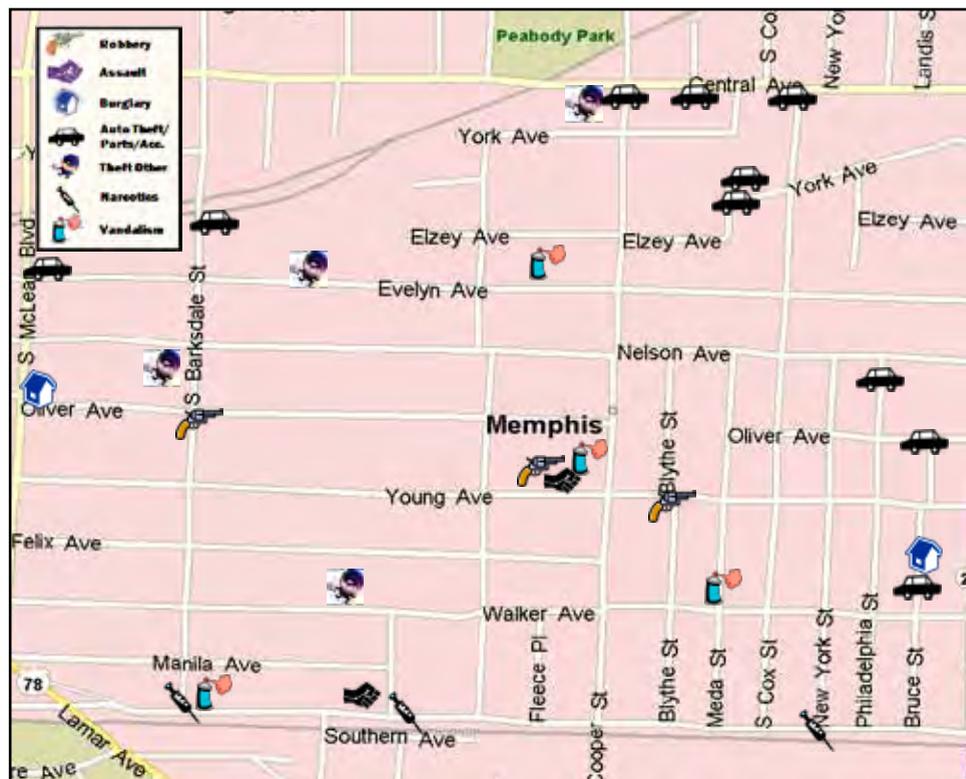
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The *LampLighter* is working with the CYCA to bring you meaningful crime information. In addition to the crime map, which details crimes within a one-mile radius of the Cooper-Young intersection, we also included a list of crimes that happened within our neighborhood. This list includes the case number, which you can use to contact the police. These crimes were reported from July 24 to August 23.

28 Cases	Arrest	Offenses	Date	Address
I208012900ME	YES	Narcotics	8/21	2000 CENTRAL
I208012262ME		Theft Other	8/20	2000 EVELYN
I208011279ME		Robbery	8/18	BLYTHE AND YOUNG
I208011198ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	8/18	700 MEDA
I208010746ME	YES	Narcotics	8/17	SOUTHERN AND BARKSDALE
I208010226ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	8/17	1000 BRUCE
I208010213ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	8/17	900 BRUCE
I208009506ME		Assault	8/16	2100 YOUNG AVE
I208009463ME	YES	Robbery	8/15	2100 YOUNG
I208009428ME		Robbery	8/15	1900 OLIVER AVE
I208008661ME		Burglary	8/14	1800 OLIVER AVE
I208008329ME		Assault	8/14	2000 SOUTHERN
I208007360ME		Vandalism	8/13	2100 EVELYN AVE
I208005837ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	8/10	1800 EVELYN AVE
I208005717ME		Vandalism	8/9	1100 S BARKSDALE
I208003802ME		Vandalism	8/7	2100 YOUNG
I208003056ME		Burglary	8/6	1000 BRUCE ST
I208002640ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	8/5	COX AND CENTRAL
I208002628ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	8/5	CENTRAL COOPER
I208002597ME		Vandalism	8/5	1000 MEDA
I208000170ME	YES	Narcotics	8/1	SOUTHERN AND NEW YORK
I208000544ME		Theft Other	8/1	2000 WALKER
I207017184ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	7/30	900 PHILADELPHIA
I207016627ME		Theft Other	7/29	900 S BARKSDALE
I207016226ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	7/28	1900 ELZEY
I207014306ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	7/25	2200 YORK AVE
I207013357ME		Theft Other	7/24	2100 CENTRAL AVE
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## CYCA CRIME MAP

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## Idlewild Residents Transplant Neighborhood Azaleas

BY MARY BAKER



Cameron Frechette and Paige the dog are members of the "azalea bucket brigade" in the Idlewild neighborhood.

A group of Idlewild residents planted four large azaleas in Peabody Park on June 16, after moving them from the front of Regina Morrison's home on Rembert Street into the bed around the solar system sculpture in the park.

A few days earlier, Morrison had posted on the Idlewild Facebook page that she planned to remove large azaleas from the front of her home, and she offered them to anyone who could dig them up and move them. Regina and her husband said the azaleas were too large, and they wanted to replace them with smaller flowering plants.

Margo Mueller saw Regina's FB post and sprang into action. She quickly arranged a time to dig them up and asked for volunteers to come to the park on Saturday morning to help dig holes and put them in the ground.

Although it was only the middle of June, it was already brutally hot. Because of the terrible heat, we decided to

surround the base of the plants with big pieces of cardboard and cover the cardboard with a thick layer of mulch. We also knew that we would have to find a way to water them regularly until they become established in their new location.

This led to the formation of our "bucket brigade," a group of residents who take turns watering the azaleas using five-gallon buckets. So far our bucket brigade has included Margo and Ralph Mueller, Kathy and Jerry Brown, Rodney Nash, Pamela Lord O'Brien, myself and my boyfriend Cameron Frechette. My precious dog Paige comes to help, but we only allow her to supervise from underneath a nearby shade tree.

We have been helped tremendously by our neighbor Alicia, who lives near the park and has generously allowed us to use her water faucet and hose. This has made our task of regular watering much easier. By next summer, the azaleas should be established and not require so much water.

As soon as the weather gets a little cooler we plan to cover the rest of the bed with cardboard and mulch. Then we can add some flowering perennials in the gaps between the large azaleas. I plan to lobby for putting in native plants that can tolerate the heat and drought conditions that characterize mid to late summer in Memphis. I also hope these will be nectar and host plants for butterflies, such as echinacea, black eyed Susan, butterfly milkweed and coreopsis. If we do that, I can transplant the perennials from my own garden on Higbee Avenue less than two short blocks from the park.

This is the culmination of a plan that Idlewild Neighborhood Association started back in December 2011, so we are very proud. If you want to help with the bucket brigade or adding mulch in the fall or anything else, please let us know. An easy way to contact us is through the Idlewild Neighborhood Association Facebook page.

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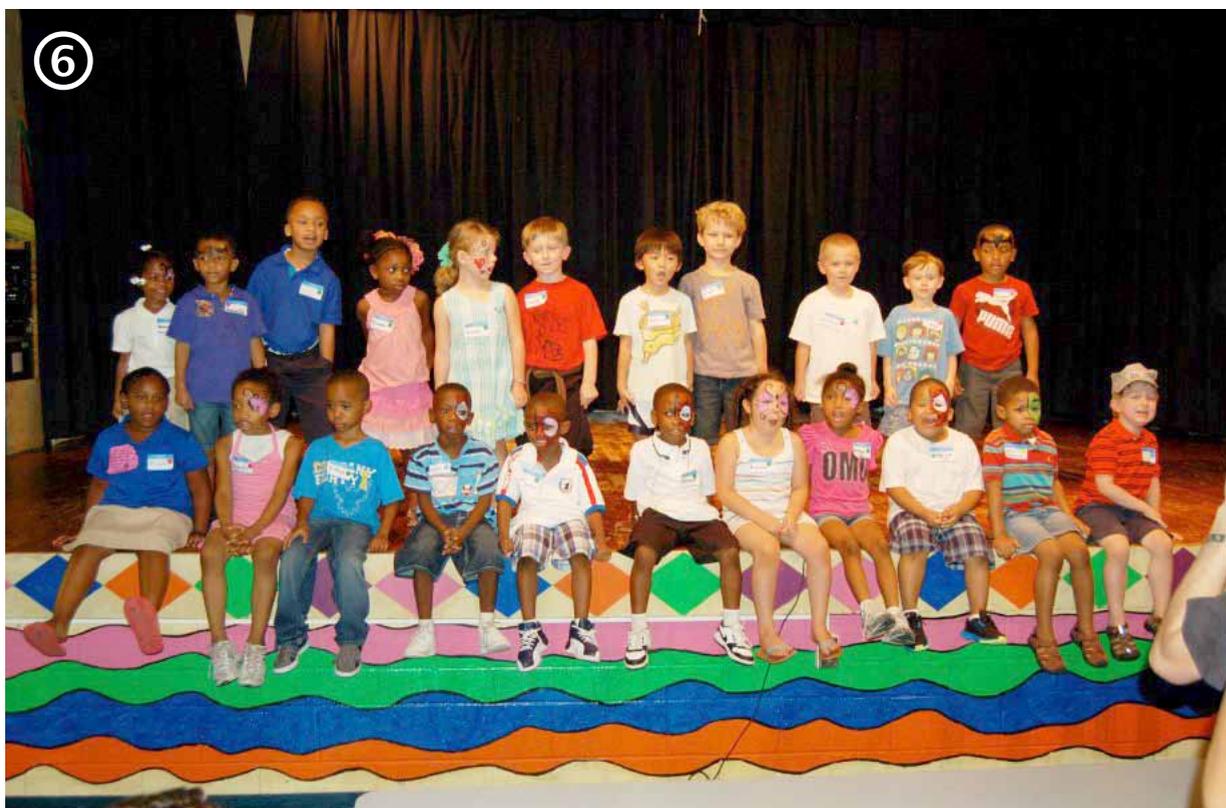


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❶ New Union Station Commander Col. Houston addresses neighborhood safety during the CYCA general meeting.

❷ Friends and family gather on Blythe Street for Eliza Dill's second birthday.

❸ The new shade tructure at Peabody Elementary is up. Thank you to all parents who helped write the grant, to MCS for helping guide the process, to Ms. Jones for working extra hours to make this all happen and to all the people who helped fund this project. A special thanks to KaBOOM and Let's Play for awarding the grant and making safe play a priority for our schools.

❹ Tonya Meeks, Debbie Denny, Shantih Smythe enjoy the open house party at Midtown Massage & Bodywork.

❺ Jon Veazy, Mary Stock and Midtown Massage & Bodywork Owner Larrie Rodriguez. More than 100 people attended the July 17th open house event.

❻ Members of the 2012-13 Peabody Kindergarten class during the Kindergarten Ice Cream Social.

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