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NEWS BRIEFS

It's time to party, volunteers

Let's just face it — we at the Cooper-Young Community Association simply cannot do it all alone. 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, the neighborhood wouldn't be clean and safe and your LampLighter would not 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 single event and stay for hours, we absolutely love you all and so we want to say thank you. 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 courtesy of Fork It Over.

This year's Holiday Volunteer Appreciation party will be on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 6-8 p.m. The great folks at Stone Soup Café have again agreed to host. Come as you are and feel welcome to bring the kiddos!

Alchemy welcomes new chef, marks anniversary

Alchemy welcomed a new head chef in November, the same month as the popular Cooper Street restaurant and nightclub celebrated its first anniversary.

Chef Nick Seabergh, a Vicksburg, Miss. native, learned to cook at the apron strings of his grandmother, Inez Hogue, whose kitchen produced a smorgasbord of flavorful dishes that reflected her family's Italian and German heritage sifted through the culinary traditions of her New Orleans and Mississippi Gulf Coast upbringing, the restaurant said in a news release.

While attending MUW in Columbus, Miss., Seabergh was part of a five-member team that entered the first national Student Culinology Competition, beating out such prestigious culinary schools as Cornell to win second place.

Seabergh takes pleasures in the traditions of his heritage but also embraces the new, contemporary fare that drives the menu at Alchemy.



Visitors peer through a window during a recent tour of the Kroc Center as construction continues on the aquatic center. The 104,000-square-foot recreation facility is set to open Feb. 23. Photo by Michael Lander

KROC AND ROLL **Massive new rec center set to fill Fairgrounds in February**

BY DAVID ROYER

The Zippin Pippin may be gone, but the fairgrounds' newest attraction is about to get Memphis families moving in a new way.

The Kroc Center will open Feb. 23, on East Parkway just a few steps from Cooper-Young. The \$31 million, 104,000-square-foot recreation, arts and worship facility is operated by the Salvation Army, a group that hopes to increase its visibility and ministry in the Memphis area.

"We want to introduce the Salvation Army to the community in new ways," said Stephen Hackett, IT and multimedia director for the Kroc Center, as he led a group of about 40 people on a tour Nov. 14 at the still incomplete site.

The sprawling Kroc Center campus just south of Fairview Middle is to a traditional recreation center what Lance Armstrong is to cycling competitors: on steroids. Members will be able to access a fitness center and group exercise area with sprung wood floors, or continue to the basketball and volleyball courts, which are separated by a glass wall from the indoor artificial turf soccer and flag football field.

In the aquatic center, a towering water slide — the only one in Midtown — that winds both inside and outside the building will chute swimmers into

a pool near the "lazy river" float stream, lap pools and whirlpool. Kroc Center representatives, touting the building's "green" features, proudly said the new pools were made with cement recycled from the old Fairgrounds pool.

A splash park and obstacle course, playground, fire pit and two NCAA-regulation soccer fields sit just outside the aquatics center. A cafe is located inside, near a "teaching kitchen" and Grand Hall banquet and event center.

Perhaps the most ambitious feature is the center's Challenge Area, a concept that even the facility's program director Ty Cobb admits is a little hard to explain. The Challenge Area, built by a company involved with building theme park attractions, resembles a set from a sci-fi movie or video game, with blinking industrial control panels and vault doors between its 11 rooms. Families, children and even corporate groups will be given one of dozens of "missions" to solve, learning team-building and math skills as they break codes to open doors and make their way through the challenges.

But more than just athletics and recreation, the Kroc Center also will focus on supporting artistic activities, with a low-cost recording studio, music education rooms and art gallery for local artists. A 300-seat theater and

BY THE NUMBERS

Breaking down the Cooper-Young Community Association's financial report for 2012. **PAGE 6**

MAKING THEIR MARK

Young artists show off their creativity in Cooper-Young contest. See the list of winners. **PAGE 8**

PEABODY POLITICS

Students dove headfirst into the presidential election with a lesson on political involvement. **PAGE 11**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



The holiday season is fast approaching once again, and I can't find my Grinch suit anywhere! If I do manage to find one, you can bet you'll be seeing me in it (still in stilettos, of course) riding down Cooper in our finally finished bike lanes! And there was much rejoicing – yea.

Some might wonder how a carol-hating, anti-shopping, crowd-loathing, "disser" of decorations gets

through the season without incident, but I've found something positive to promote and embrace this year. SHOP COOPER-YOUNG! I challenge everyone to buy all your holiday gifts from our local Cooper-Young businesses and CYCA Membership Sponsors!

There are so many wonderful things you can buy right around the corner, where your dollars are worth so much more because they stay in your community. Here's my attempt at being festive and relevant... on the 12th day of Festivus, my true love gave to meeeee: 12 beers for guzzling, 11 pretty pendants, 10 drums for drumming, 9 linen dresses, 8 personal trainers, 7 poppy paintings, 6 glass sculptures, 5 pedicures, 4 doggie walks, 38104 shirts, 2 movie rentals, and a massage gift card for me!

So where else do I hope to see you this month when you're not shopping? Join us for the annual Membership Renewal Stuffing on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the CYCA Office at 10 a.m. The more the merrier, trust me. Our Holiday Volunteer Appreciation Party is at Stone Soup again this year on Dec. 11. And finally, you can't miss the longtime C-Y tradition of the Police/Firefighter's Holiday Treat Bag Stuffing on Christmas Eve at the Office. Don't miss it! ~ June Hurt

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 30-Dec. 23: Santaland Diaries at Circuit Playhouse. See page 7.

Dec. 2: Christmas spectacular musical program at Lindenwood Christian Church, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 6: First Thursday Night Out, 5-8 p.m. **See story page 9.**

Dec 8: Membership Mailer Stuffing at the CYCA Office at 10 am.

Dec. 11: CYCA general meeting, 6 p.m. at CYCA offices, 2298 Young Ave.

Dec. 11: CYCA volunteer party, 6-8 p.m. at Stone Soup Cafe

Dec. 18: CYCA board meeting, 6 p.m. at CYCA offices, 2298 Young Ave.

Dec. 24: Holiday bag stuffing for police and firefighters, 7-8 p.m. at CYCA office, 2298 Young Ave.

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!

Dec. 31: Happy New Year!



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Relax ... You live in Cooper-Young

BY RENEE MASSEY



Like many of you, the holidays are something I look forward to for most of the year. But the same season that brings us so much joy can also come with a dose of stress when factoring in the frenetic holiday schedule, struggling through the throngs of holiday shoppers, forcing a smile as you force down Aunt Mabel's fruit cake, crossing off every person on your gifting list, and getting that last holiday card in the mail before it's too late.

Members of the Cooper-Young Community Association have an extra incentive to treat themselves to one appointment that will offset the stress and help them coast peacefully through the holiday season: discounts on therapeutic massage services. Midtown Massage &

Bodywork at 885 S. Cooper offers CYCA members a 10 percent discount on services every time the membership card is presented.

Larrie Ann Rodriguez, owner of Midtown Massage & Bodywork, said that most of the therapists there live in Cooper-Young, "and all of us work and play in Cooper-Young." This was the catalyst for their decision to be a membership sponsor for the CYCA. "We wanted to give back a little by offering a 10 percent discount on our massage services to [CYCA] members. Cooper-Young is 'historically hip' with thriving businesses and a strong sense of community. That, combined with the Southern hospitality, makes for a great place to do business. We sit on our porch every day and feel a sense of community that is sometimes difficult to capture these days."

If you've never had a massage and are not sure if it's right for you, Larrie Ann assures, "People of all ages, lifestyles, and professions come to us to help release stress and tension, relieve pain and soreness, stimulate the flow of energy, and improve flexibility and strength. Our talented therapists provide a variety of techniques such as therapeutic massage, Thai bodywork, ashitsu barefoot massage, neuromuscular therapy, and therapeutic yoga instruction."

Appointments at Midtown Massage & Bodywork can be made by phone at 596-3838 or online at www.midtownmassage.com.

And if you are looking for holiday gift ideas, Midtown Massage & Bodywork offers gift certificates for purchase inside the studio and online. Remember to support neighborhood businesses this holiday season including the many membership sponsors who offer CYCA members discounts during the membership year. Also, consider buying a Cooper-Young history book or a CYCA membership for a neighbor, and share all the special things happening in our neighborhood. Renewing your own membership for 2013 will enable these discounts for another full year, including the 10 percent discount at Midtown Massage & Bodywork every time you visit. Have a happy and safe holiday season and remember: Life is good in Cooper-Young!

Night Out hosts win big

A BIG thank you to all the wonderful hosts and attendees of the 2012 Neighborhood Night Out! As a special thank you, we held a random drawing of everyone that signed in on their hosts' sign-in form at the event. The winners of the Target gift cards were (drumroll please!)...Rebecca Henson/Ryan Anderson, Liz and David Royer, Steven Mehmed, Stephanie Sluyter.

Congrats winners! Your Target gift card should have arrived in the mail. If it was not received, please call us at 272-2922.

Christmas cards available

The Church Health Center is now taking orders for Christmas cards. In celebration of the Church Health Center's 25th anniversary, this year's card features a print of the original 1210 Peabody house decorated for the holidays. To send cards to the people on your list and support the work of the Church Health Center, call (901) 272-7170 or visit www.ChurchHealthCenter.org.

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New exhibit at MCA

Memphis College of Art announces its newest Alumni Exhibition, "Shifting and Being," by Amy Hutcheson, through Dec. 12, at the Main Gallery in Rust Hall, Overton Park. There also will be an opening reception from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 30. The exhibition and reception are open to the public and admission is free.

Hutcheson, who graduated with a BFA from Memphis College of Art in 2004, has shown in many coveted Memphis venues, such as Playhouse on the Square, Eclectic Eye, the Nathan and Dorothy Shainberg Gallery, and Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects.

"My paintings are as much about what I have left in them as they are about what I have taken away. Drawings are layered one on top of each other. Every time a new drawing is introduced to the surface, it changes the landscape of the entire piece," she explained in the artist in a statement.

"Surfaces are then erased and recovered and color is added; not trying to define or describe the original subjects, but rather un-describe them, shifting and pushing them as far as I can. In doing this, new images, shapes and structures are brought to the surface. The images that come to the surface come from my memories, my subconscious or influences outside the original content of the painting—a puzzle with infinite and changing pieces and solutions.

Rust Hall's Main Gallery is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The gallery is closed Dec. 22 – Jan. 2.

Annual food drive brings in beautiful bounty

BY SUZZANE STRIKER

Volunteers make our community engine run. They make the First Congo Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry food drive happen. Nearly all of them have busy full-time lives and have already been involved throughout the year with other CY activities. They do it for the community, for the food pantry that helps our less fortunate neighbors. I also take their actions personally this year more so than ever.

Most of the volunteers took on double duty in one way or another for this year's food drive Nov. 17. And saying "Thank you and you're greatly appreciated" seems inadequate compared to all their hard work and time, but unfortunately that's all I've got at the moment. So thank you, thank you, thank you, you are all so greatly appreciated by me and the Fishes and Loaves Pantry.

This pantry relies a lot on this food drive to help with them with the holidays. We did a great job of doing that. This year we also got additional help from Boston-Baskin Cancer Foundation-Bartlett, organized by my nurse practitioner, Angela Scott. She and her two sons also came and helped the day of the drive. Much heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Angela and to everyone at the clinic. They're all really sweet and wonderfully caring.

A special thanks also goes out to the CYCA for proving the fliers, June Hurt for helping me find volunteers and especially Kristan Huntley who printed fliers as well as fielding calls about the drive among other things. And thanks to David Adams, intern for the church, who was a joy to work with.

This food drive was started by Carmen Weaver and See'Trail Mackey, who gave me the honor a few years ago of being its organizer. I love doing it and it always brings me great delights that I would have missed if I weren't out about for the food drive.

At the end of drive day after I'd picked up late donations on my way home I encountered something that made me laugh and smile for a long time. Last year it was Topper the dog sitting head and shoulders out the sunroof of his daddy's small car. This year I saw a group of young women dressed in pirate garb — HAD to stop and check out their story. It was a roving birthday party complete with "treasure hunting" maps on which were tasks to be done and places to stop at. I'm pretty certain alcohol was going to be involved, probably already was involved. We took pictures. I took one for them completing the task of "planking."

I wished them a happy hangover and Holidays and left laughing (I'm still laughing) and remembering what fun I had when I was their age. I can hardly wait to see what I encounter next year!

I do want to remind everyone that the pantry is always in need of help so if at any time someone wants to donate food or money, either Molly Peacher-Ryan or myself will be happy to come pick it up for you. You can contact us at molly.peacherryan@firstcongo.com, 278-6786 ext. 104, or suzzanes@comcast.net, 276-6450.

Thanks to: Carmen and Joey Weaver, Ty and John Browning, Sydney and Andy Ashby, Barb and Jason Elder, Summer Burt, Edward Greene, Don Fowler, Nick Canterucci, Colby Spencer, Cathy Spencer, June Hurt, Debbie Sowell, Kristan Huntley, Patrick Miller, Angela, Adrian and Andrew Scott, Azuka Yow Family

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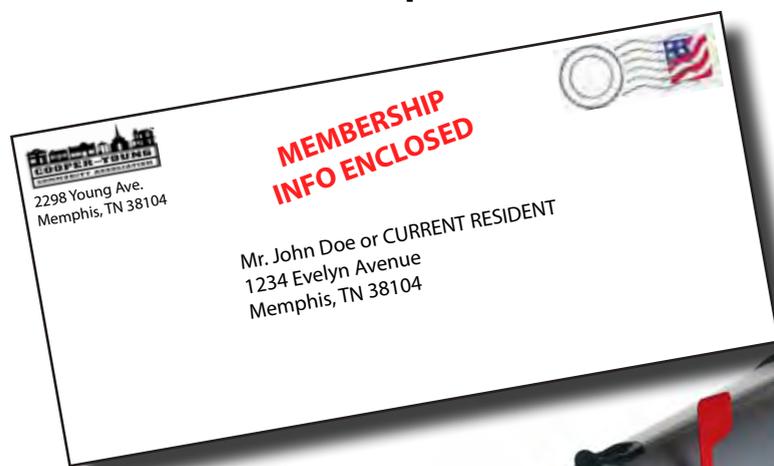
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Say thanks to our police and firefighters

BY COOPER YOUNG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Many of us look forward to a day off work to spend time with family and friends to celebrate the Christmas holiday, but unfortunately crime, car accidents and fires do not take a vacation. The dedicated men and women of the Memphis Police and the Fire departments work tirelessly and risk their lives on a daily basis to keep us safe in Cooper-Young, and this includes Christmas Eve and Day.

This year has been especially challenging for the MPD and MFD because the departments have frequently been asked to do more with less, and so we would like to show the wonderful police officers and firefighters that Cooper-Young loves and cares for them, and we appreciate their service and dedication to the community.

On Christmas Eve, volunteers fill bags with portable treats and drinks for the Memphis Fire and Police employees who serve our community. You can bring your donations (approximately enough to help fill 70 bags) to the Community Office at 2298 Young Avenue between 7 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 24. If you bring homemade treats, please feel free to label each bag with your family's information to add a special personal touch.

The treats do not have to be gourmet, either. If your kids want to decorate the gingerbread men and they come out looking like a Jackson Pollack painting, that is just fine! One child last year even wanted to put his special jingle bell necklace in a bag for a surprise, and I truly believe the lucky person that got that bag probably had a big smile on his or her face all evening knowing someone cared and took notice of their dedication. The officers and firemen and women 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:** Monday, 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:** Your Christmas spirit, a smile and a treat for the MPD and MFD. You can bring something sweet like cookies, something salty like peanut butter crackers or something for them to drink like a soft drink. Homemade or store-bought are fine.

Christmas concert Dec. 2

The Music at Lindenwood concert series of Lindenwood Christian Church will present "The Christmas Spectacular 2012!" at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2

Featured will be The Lindenwood Chancel Choir, orchestra, soloists, trumpet soloist Ryan Anthony, organist Chris Nemeč and conductor Gary Beard in the Mid-South's favorite holiday concert.

The 35th anniversary season of this perennial favorite will offer requests from the 34 previous seasons: Hallelujah Chorus, This Christmastide, Go, Tell it on the Mountain and much more. Trumpeter Ryan Anthony will bring his usual flare and dazzling playing along with the magnificent Golightly Memorial Pipe Organ.

General Admission seating is \$15. Lindenwood Christian Church is at 2400 Union Avenue at East Parkway. Lindenwood is handicap accessible and offers a staffed nursery. Call 901-458-1652 or email chris.nemec@Lindenwood.net for additional information.

Author releases third novel

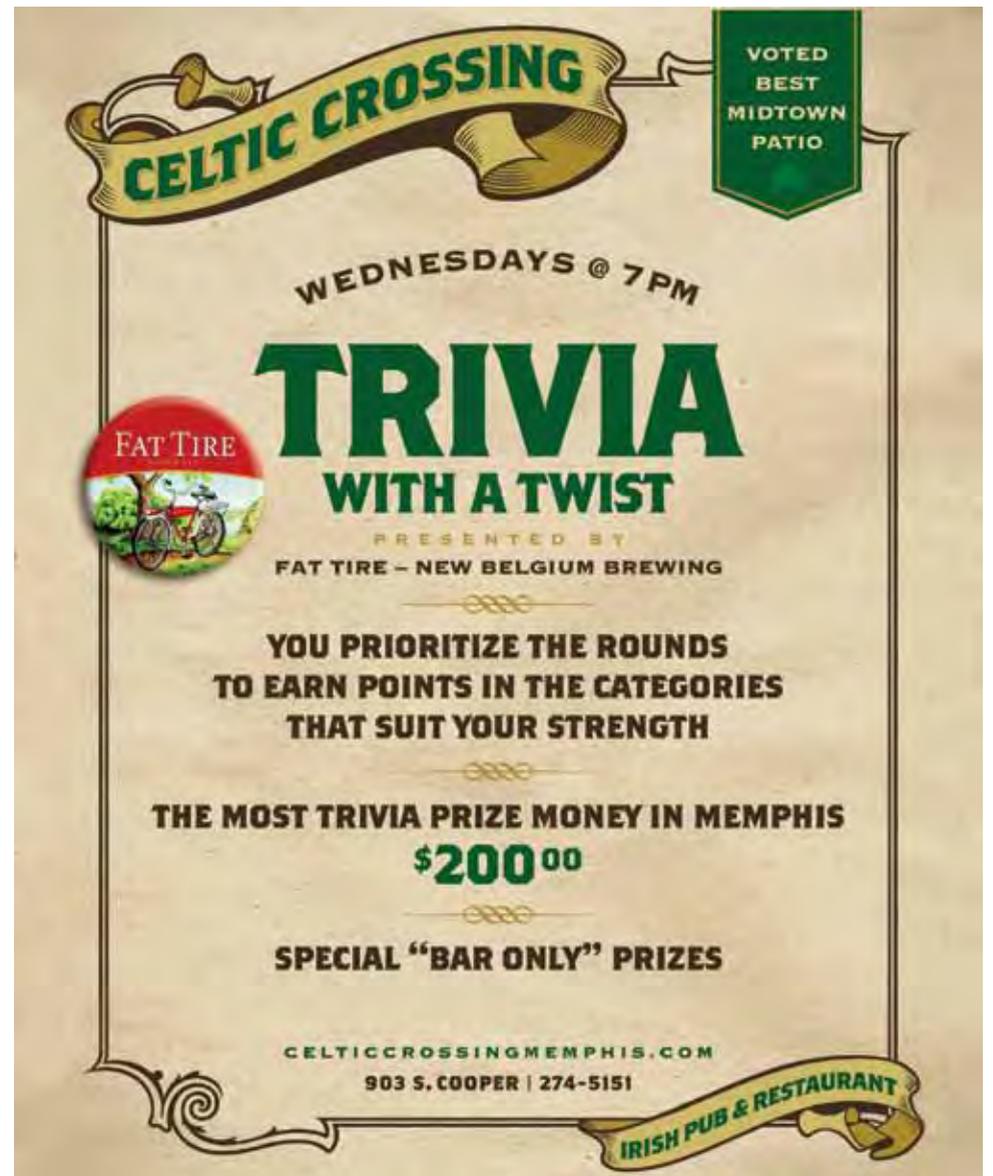
Local author James C. Paavola has released the third novel in his Murder In Memphis series, titled *Which One Dies Today?* The novel, set amid the backdrop of Midtown Memphis, was inspired by former Memphian Wendell Potter's 2010 national best seller, *Deadly Spin: An Insurance Company Insider Speaks Out On How Corporate PR Is Killing Health Care and Deceiving Americans*.

In *Which One Dies Today?* Memphis Police Lieutenant Julia Todd discovers that health insurance companies have been applying their versions of death panels, withholding funds while their policyholder dies after car bomb attacks. Using one Iraq War demolitions expert to catch another, two car bombs are found and diffused. The bombers up the ante — pledging a suicide pact and adding police to their target list — Julia is number one.

Paavola has been a practicing psychologist for 44, retiring from the Memphis City Schools in 1999. Paavola's first two books in the Murder In Memphis series, *The Chartreuse Envelope* and *They Gotta Die Sometime*, have been local bestsellers at The Booksellers at Laurelwood (formerly Davis-Kidd). Paavola was showcased as an "Author of Merit" by Kirkus Reviews, which called his latest book "A fun, keep-you-up-at-night thrill ride."

Paavola will sign copies of his book at The Booksellers at Laurelwood at 2 p.m. Dec. 15.

Paavola continues his support of the Memphis Police Department with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of books in this series donated to the 501(C)(3) charity to support police training.



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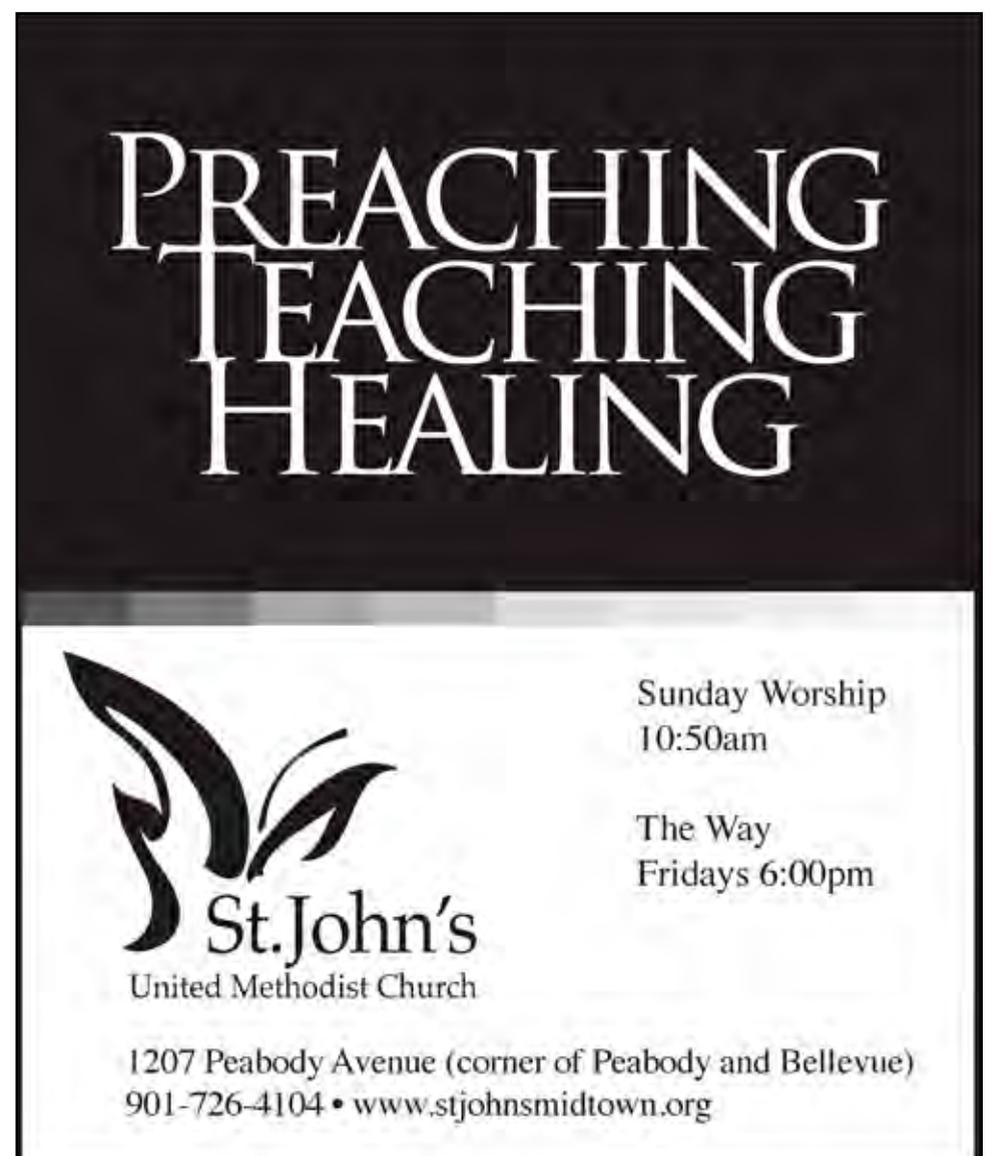
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Cooper-Young Community Association wraps up a big year

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2012

Membership Drive – Great discounts to local businesses make it smart to support the CYCA, so join early because the membership sponsor list continues to grow.

Building Tenants – The CYCA office has two bays it does not use. For additional income to help pay the mortgage, these are rented out. Charmed, a consignment clothing store, is celebrating its second year. The other bay is recently vacant and will have a new renter soon.

Alley Survey Grant – This grant through the University of Memphis Strengthening Communities program was awarded to help the CYCA research residents' perspectives on how the alleys impacted safety, aesthetics and other areas in the community, as well as resident views on how to make the alley upkeep more sustainable going forward and ideas for best use.

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 had a renewed focus on the local artists.

CY Community Yard Sale – Spring brings out the bargain hunters and those looking to make some extra cash. The neighborhood-wide, annual yard sale is always a big hit.

Art Showings – The CYCA held its second art show this past spring. Nick Canterucci showed his unique works and increased the attention of the office as a gallery space for local artists. We plan on having additional shows in 2012. **LampLighter** - All year long volunteers put in countless hours to produce and deliver the LampLighter to your doorstep and online for your enjoyment and information.

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

Code Awareness – We are proud to have a very strong relationship with the City of Memphis Code Enforcement department, and in particular the dedicated Inspector Troy Brown. After some departmental reorganization, we had a renewed focus on trouble properties in Cooper-Young and will continue to work with them to fight blight.

Murals – We hit an unexpected delay with the murals at McLean and Barksdale when we discovered that we were required to have the railroad's approval to paint the underpass. After much red tape, we have received the green light from the City of Memphis and expect a green light from the railroad the first quarter of 2013. Artists Carl Moore and Michelle Reeves are still committed to the project and ready to get started.

CY Festival Friday 4 Miler and Festival booth – The 2012 running of the 4 Miler had almost 2,500 runners, an all-time record for us. As is tradition, neighbors competed to throw the most spirited Light the Way party along the race route. This year, we featured a new party site at Midtown Auto Werks and invested in a Water Monster water tank for 2013 to ensure no runners go thirsty. The CYCA Festival booth sold posters and T-shirts celebrating the 25th anniversary of the festival, as well as history books, maps and koozies

Pop-Tab-Palooza – Residents collected pop tabs for St Jude in a fun competition for a good cause.

Neighborhood Night Out – The CY community celebrated safety and had fun catching up with neighbors in October. Block captains helped organize parties and get info to our residents. We couldn't have asked for better weather!

CY Regional Beerfest – This was the third annual Beerfest and we had an attendance of almost 800 people. Weather was amazing and new brewers from Kentucky and George joined the fun. This is a much anticipated CY tradition.

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.

St Jude Marathon Aid Station – We cheered on the runners and handed out water along with a warm Cooper-Young welcome.

CY Holiday and Volunteer Thank You Party – The CYCA Board of Directors host 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.

PLANNING FOR 2013

The CYCA Board of Directors will hold their annual retreat in January 2013. 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, Alley Survey, CY history book sales, special donation from Frayser CDC

LampLighter – ad sales, email sponsorships, LampLighter Benefactors

Memberships and donations

Building – rent from the two commercial spaces

Programs/Projects – beautification, UOM grant

EXPENSES

Events – Festival Friday 4 Miler, Art Auction, Beerfest, Festival booth, Alley Survey

LampLighter – printing, management, production, online support/hosting

Membership and donations – campaign supplies

Building – taxes, insurance, maintenance

Programs/Projects – Trestle Art, Neighborhood Night Out, Clean-ups

Community Director – part-time wages

Office – postage, supplies

2012 TOTAL INCOME - \$182,919.08*

65% Events - \$118,238.89

10% LampLighter - \$18,145.57

8% Membership/Donations - \$14,304.27

8% Building - \$14,267.69

10% Other (Including mural donations) - \$17,962.65

2012 TOTAL EXPENSES - \$130,188.43*

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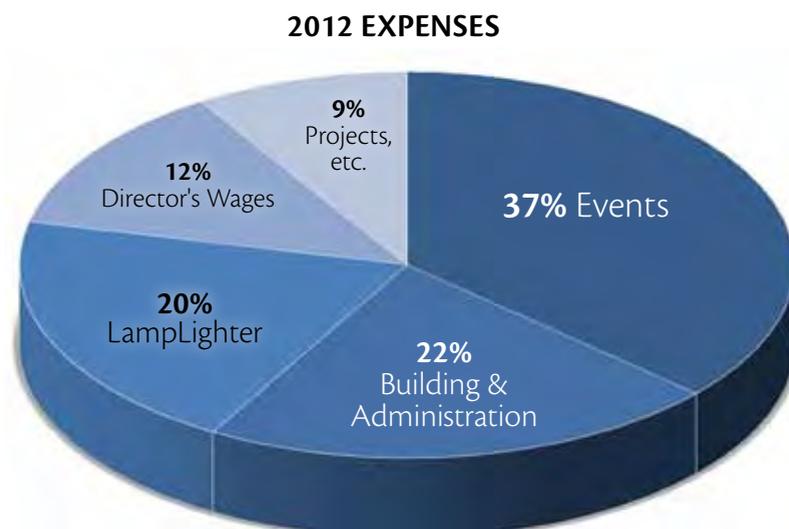
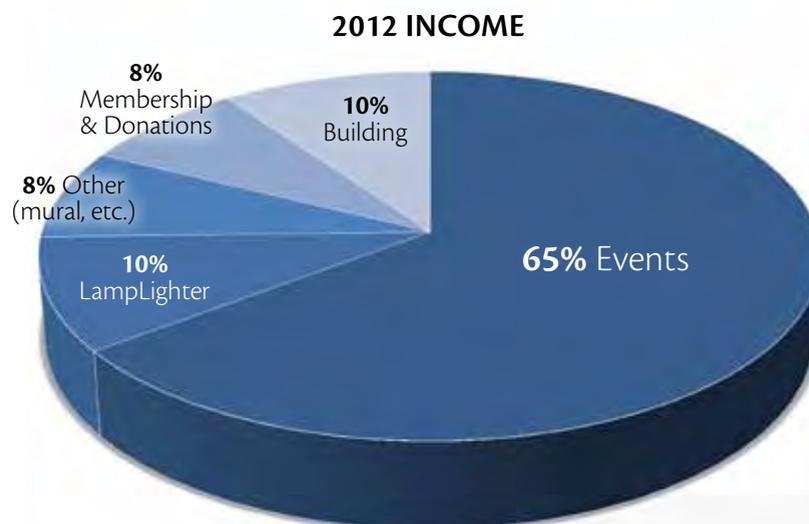
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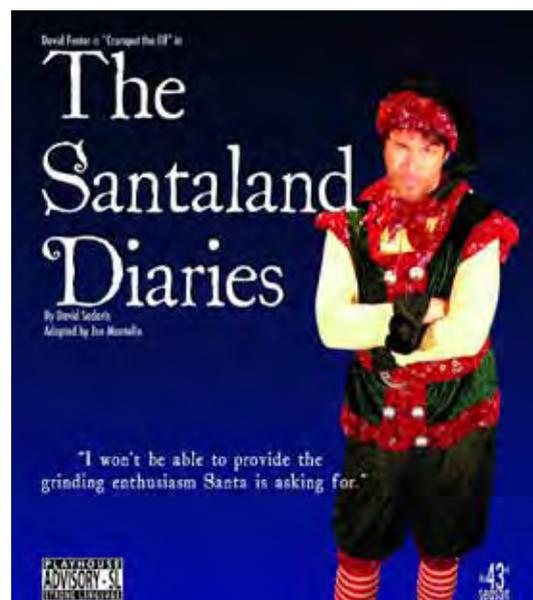
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Santaland Diaries returns to Circuit Playhouse

The elf is back by popular demand. Crumpet, Macy's grumpiest elf, and his fellow elves will again be taking over the Memphian Room at The Circuit Playhouse in David Sedaris' The Santaland Diaries.

Share drinks with friends as Crumpet recounts his training and his hilarious encounters with surly parents and their

greedy children. With a healthy dose of sarcasm and snark, Crumpet manages to reveal the shortcomings of the hustle and bustle surrounding the holidays, while gently reminding us of the true meaning of the season. This intimate, cabaret-style performance is a night at the theatre like no other

The Santaland Diaries is directed by Dave Landis. Resident company member David P. Foster reprises the role of Crumpet. The show runs Nov. 30-Dec. 23 on a special holiday schedule: Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m., special late night show Dec. 21, 10 p.m. The pay what you can performance is Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.

The Circuit Playhouse is located at 51 S. Cooper Street in Midtown. For more information or to make reservations, please call 901-726-4656 or purchase tickets online at playhouseonthesquare.org.

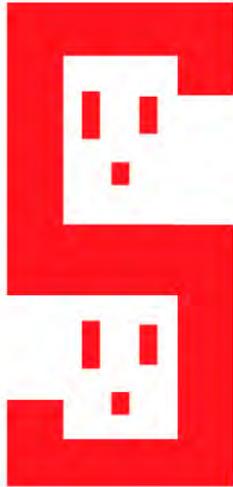
Pop-Tab-Palooza winners announced

Thank you all who participated in the 2012 Pop Tab Contest to benefit the Ronald McDonald House!

This year we saw a bit of an upset as the long-reigning champions, Evelyn Avenue, came in 2nd. This year's new Pop Tab Contest winner is...drum roll please... Oliver Avenue (between Tanglewood and Barksdale)! Bringing in the majority of their pop tabs right under the wire, a resident brought a big plastic kitty litter bucket to the Beerfest for counting and it was enough to put them in the winner's seat.

The first place block will receive \$100 towards their next block club party, generously donated by Steve and Beth Pulliam. The 2nd place block, Evelyn Avenue between Cooper Street and Tanglewood, will receive \$50 from the CYCA towards their next party. The Pulliam's were also kind enough to do the final tabulations for the contest and deliver the pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House, so please make sure to say thank you when you see them!





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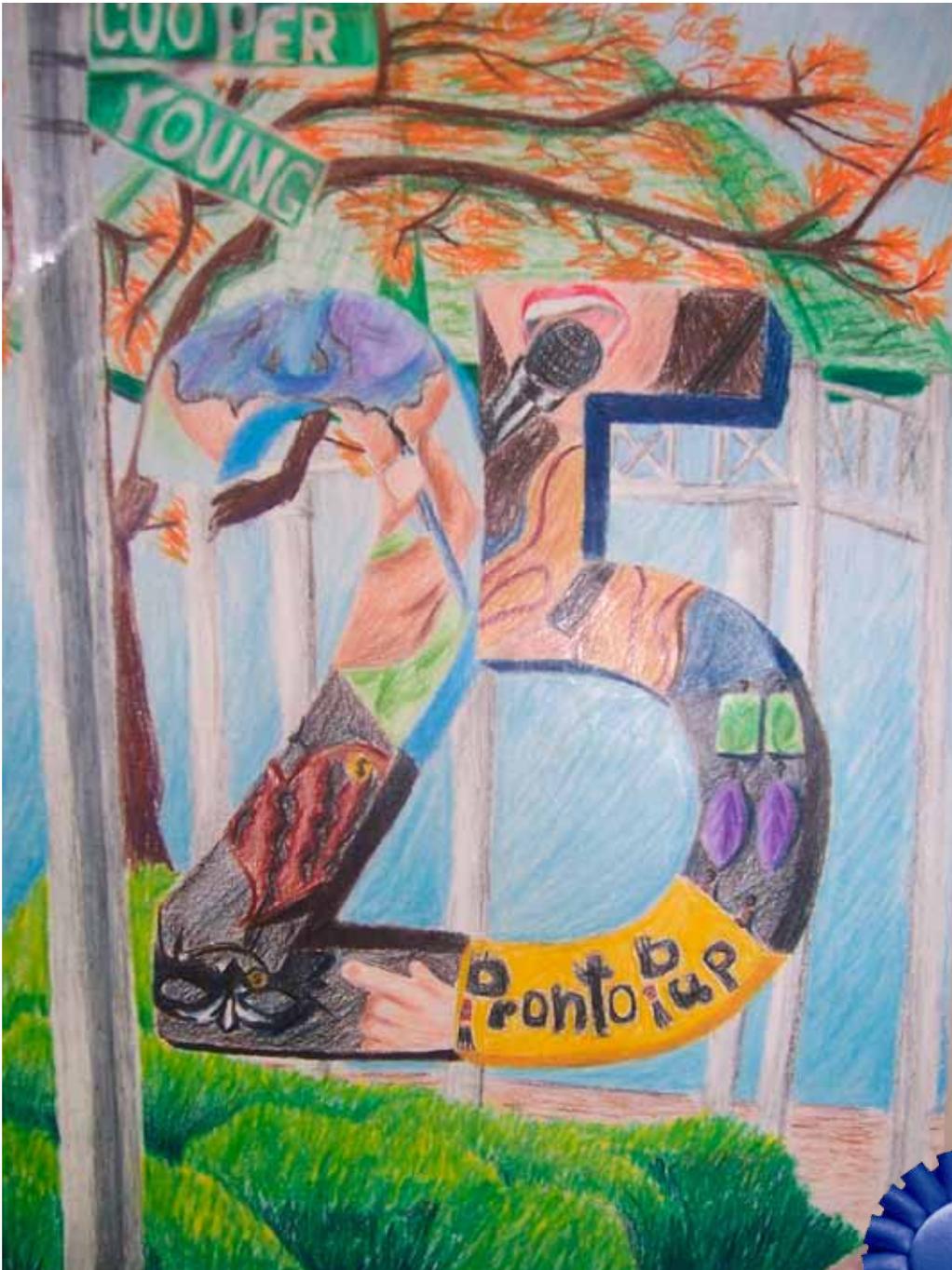
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Young Artist Contest winners announced

BY TAMARA COOK/COOPER YOUNG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



The Cooper Young Business Association has announced this year's winners of the 2012 Young Artist Contest. This post-festival event is held annually to encourage the love of art in school age children.

The CYBA received 279 entries for the contest which had a theme of "Celebrating 25 Years of the Cooper-Young Festival." A reception for winners and artists was held at Peabody Elementary, 2086 Young Ave., from 6-7 p.m. during the Cooper-Young Night Out on Thursday, Nov. 1.

This free contest was open to children grades 1-12 all over Memphis and surrounding communities, and was sponsored by Lenny's Sub Shop. All entries will be on exhibit for viewing in the cafeteria of Peabody School on the night of the reception.

Prizes were awarded in the following categories: Three \$500 First Place, Three \$100 Second Place, Three \$75 Third Place, and Three \$50 Honorable Mention; one each for grades 1-4, grades 5-8, and grades 9-12.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

GRADES 1-4

First Place: Abigail Cassius, Grahamwood Elementary (shown bottom left)

Second Place: Ian Parish, Richland Elementary

Third Place: Manal Ahmad, Grahamwood Elementary

Honorable Mention: Caroline Solecki, Grahamwood Elementary

GRADES 5-8

First Place: Kaylyn Webster, Colonial Middle School (shown left)

Second Place: Arianna Kartaltepe, Colonial Middle School

Third Place: Lyrikal Jenkins, Colonial Middle School

Honorable Mention: Mikelle Graham, Grandview Middle School

GRADES 9-12

First Place: Jeff Carter, White Station High School (shown below)

Second Place: Kelsey Lawrence, White Station High School

Third Place: Gali Du, White Station High School

Honorable Mention: Ricky Moreno Espinosa, White Station High School



Holiday fun Dec. 6 in Cooper-Young

BY TAMARA COOK/COOPER YOUNG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



Celebrate the holidays at Cooper-Young Night Out from 5-9 pm. Dec. 6, when neighborhood businesses stay open late and offer discounts on dining, drinks, retail, antiques and art. Local businesses will be displaying their holiday decorations for a contest hosted by the CYBA. Mary Schmitz, vice president of business development with the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau will judge the contest. Judging will be at 5:30 p.m. with prize presentation afterward.

At the gazebo, the Peabody School Choir under the direction of Jerry Sanders will sing

Christmas carols from 5-5:30 p.m. and Santa will be strolling about listening to holiday wishes and handing out candy. The CY Parents Network will be hosting refreshments for this evening. Be sure to stop by for some wonderful holiday cookies and cheer.

Allie Cat Arts is hosting a Holiday Art Show and Sale with gifts created by more than 50 local artists.

Join the owners of Tsunami for an opening reception for the students in the Papermaking Department of Memphis College of Art. Chef Ben Smith's father, local artist Dolph Smith, founded the program years ago and named the paper studio "The Flying Vat". He has recently returned to teach this course along with former MCA alumni artists Billy Riley and Colleen Couch-Smith. The students are responsible for the setup and all aspects of the show. which is from 6-8 p.m.

It's a Holiday Pop-Up Retail Shop at Midtown Acupuncture from Dec. 6-13 including items from many different artists and retailers like art, jewelry, pottery, antique watches, skincare and perfumes.

Purchase dinner at Imagine Vegan and enjoy free wine and discounts on beer this evening.

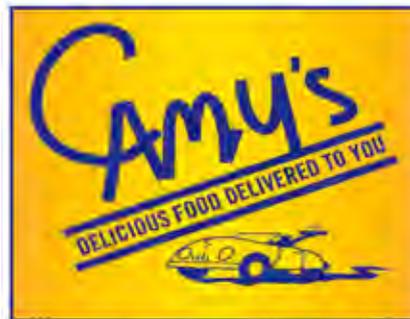
Me & Mrs. Jones is hosting a Holiday Sip and Shop from 5-8 pm.

Toad Hall Antiques is having a Holiday Open House where you can buy gifts, decorations, find inspiration as well as enjoy the Toad's libations.

Charm Boutique is celebrating the owner's birthday with 37 percent off, as well as warm egg nog to those shopping.

Get in on live music at Celtic Crossing at 6 p.m. as well as discounts on food and drinks. Café Ole has happy hour discounts from 5-7 pm and a DJ starting at 9 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. The Polish Bottle is asking everyone to bring an infant or toddler toy and your manicure is free with the purchase of a pedicure. All toys will be donated to LeBonheur Children's Hospital.



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BY JUNE HURT

For the last 23 years, a few dedicated people have put forth great efforts to produce the Cooper-Young *LampLighter* for our residents and visitors 11 months a year. I have to admit that it is my absolute favorite thing about our neighborhood, and something that I wanted to be involved with from the moment I first joined the CYCA Board.

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. (Anyone that saw me run as Wonder Woman last year will attest to my dedication!) And those who 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.

This prompted me to ask the question, (on Facebook, of course, because it seems to be my primary mode of communication these days) "What do people like most about the *LampLighter*?" I was pleasantly surprised at the great responses I got. There was a general consensus that the paper brings neighbors together and represents the diverse interests of our residents.

For a third 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. If you would like to become a *LampLighter* Benefactor or are choosing to continue to be one, you can go to www.cooperyoung.org and click on the *LampLighter* Benefactor link under Membership & Gifts.

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Many times, it's only after we go through a major hardship do we discover how large our circle of friends is. At the beginning of October, my business, Calming Influence Massage & Bodywork, suffered a lighting strike and a fire. We were very fortunate that no one was injured and the building suffered only minimal damage.

As a CYCA Membership Sponsor, I already knew that I loved being a part of the Cooper-Young community. But as the smoke cleared that evening, I found out what a truly generous community Cooper-Young really is. I had people I had never even met reaching out to help me get my bearings and back on my feet. This is such a giving and caring area to live and work in, and I wouldn't trade it for anything.

The building is well on its way to being repaired, and it's going to be even better when it's completed. I'm taking the opportunity to make some improvements that I never had time to do before, like stripping and staining old panel doors for all the rooms. I can't wait to see how it's going to look. We're hoping to be back open within a couple of weeks, but we are also still booking services and have plenty of gift certificates available for your holiday gift list.

Once more, let me thank all the big hearted people who helped me, and also the community that has given me so much love and support. I'd also like to personally thank Sharron and Rex Johnson and Steve and Beth Pulliam for going above and beyond to help me, and the CYCA for clearing out a corner of their office so I could continue to run my business. Most of all, thank you, Cooper Young! - Gene Elliott, Owner, Calming Influence Massage & Bodywork Salon

"The *LampLighter* is a unique and tangible fixture of Cooper Young that documents recent history of our eccentric, ardent, all American neighborhood, as well as a monthly adhesive holding together our present and future." - Amanda Ball

"It is a monthly milestone in our life as a family and as a community. It is a great way to mark memories and reflect upon our diversity and unity. It reinforces the fact that life and Cooper Young itself is more than just our own lives and are personal narratives. Its beautiful, singular history includes us, (of all people!) and should cause us to pause and give thanks for how fortunate we are to live here, now." - Jason Elder

"When my wife and I first moved to Cooper Young, back during the Hoover administration, we were so charmed by our surroundings we used to walk the streets every morning before opening the bookstore and just take in the funky wonderland in which we had landed. Soon after that we began getting a monthly little rag called The *LampLighter*. It would just turn up on our porch like manna from, you know, heaven. I loved its DIY look, its oddball articles and drawings, its neighborhood pizzazz. Since then The *LampLighter* has evolved through many wonderful editors and writers and artists. It has become lovelier to look at, better organized, meatier. Yet it stayed true to the CY vibe. I love that CY vibe. *LampLighter*, esto perpetua." - Corey Messler, writer and owner of Burke's Book Store

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Peabody Program Promotes Political Involvement

BY DUSTIN AZLIN/MICROMEMPHIS



Peabody students participated in a mock debate and election Oct. 31. Photo by Dustin Azlin

Peabody Elementary students learned firsthand about political discourse and the election process through a program designed to engage children from kindergarten to fifth grade.

Students participated in a mock debate in the school cafeteria and were allowed to vote for a candidate after the debate concluded. Different

aspects of the election process, from voter registration to casting a ballot, were covered by the new program.

Tony de Velasco, parent of a Peabody student and associate professor at The University of Memphis, helped organize and set up the event. He said it was designed to engage young children in politics and teach them about factors that influence an election.

"With the presidential election coming up," he said, "The students needed a space to think through the issues."

Jennifer Eoff, resident assistant principal and instructional facilitator at Peabody, said she wants students to think critically about the ideas that are important to the electorate.

"I hope this will spark an interest in issues that affect us all," she said.

The debaters covered a range of issues including Afghanistan, unemployment, education and healthcare. The students also discussed the auto-industry bailouts and the Keystone XL pipeline.

Velasco said he enjoyed watching the audience react to the debaters on-stage.

"I was impressed that the students were really interested in what the other students had to say," he said. "The students actually paid attention and followed what was going on."

Velasco said that children most often form political viewpoints in conformity with parents, but don't often ponder the issues behind it. The debate, which took place on Oct. 31, was designed to get students thinking about how democracy works.

"Being involved as a citizen in democracy is thinking about facts," he said.

The participating students were divided into two teams, one for Barack Obama and the other for Mitt Romney. Others were tasked with asking questions of each team. Children in the audience participated as well by holding signs supporting either candidate.

Velasco said mock debates like this one would help engage the students in democracy once they reach voting age.

"(Students) get to practice something that in just a few years they will be doing for real," he said. "That will benefit our community and our country."

All grades participated in the event. Kindergarteners created campaign buttons, first graders conducted historical research, second graders dealt with statistics and third graders dealt with the rhetoric. Rebutters were chosen from fourth graders and lead debaters from fifth grade.

Making the process enjoyable was the main goal for Velasco.

"Politics can be exciting and it can be fun," he said. "It's more transformative if it's fun and they enjoy it."

After the debate concluded, students went to the voting booths. But just like in a real election, each student had to report to a specific precinct in order to cast a vote. Around 360 votes were cast. President Obama won by a landslide with 300-plus votes. Governor Romney walked away with 30 to 40 votes. Vote error accounted for the remaining difference.

Kongsouly Jones, principal of Peabody, said voting was an important part of the program because it showed students that voting gives you a voice in democracy.

"Today you get to have a vote," she said. "You get to choose our next president too."

Micromemphis, an online news hub for Cooper-Young, is a program of The University of Memphis journalism department. Find out more at cooperyoung.weebly.com.

Holiday Gifts: Picking a Winner

BY D. JACKSON MAXWELL

As a librarian, around holidays and birthdays I am frequently asked to recommend a good book that children will enjoy reading.

This is a much tougher question than it first appears. For one, every child has varied interests and reading preferences. Further, despite their age and grade level, children read at all different levels — some on age/grade level, others below or above by many degrees. Therefore, since I do not know these children or their interest and reading levels it is best to let the gift giver do the actual choosing.

That said, I routinely use my skills as a librarian to help the gift givers choose top-quality, popular books that are on the proper reading level. I do this by educating adults to identify award-winning books from a variety of genres and on a wide range of subjects. In this way, gift givers become experts who are able to quickly find appropriate, high-interest books for presents. Therefore, let me share some tips concerning awards you can use to select great children's books.

The big three awards are the Caldecott Medal, the John Newbery Medal and the Corretta Scott King Awards.

The Newbery Medal has been awarded to the author of the most distinguished books for children every year since 1921. The Newbery Medal book, plus runners-up called honors books, are selected each year by the American Library Association (ALA). Books earning this distinction are selected based on the story and are considered the top children's book of the year.

The Caldecott is similar in being awarded annually but instead of text, these books are recognized for their illustrations. The award is named after Rudolph Caldecott, who was known for the beauty of his illustrations.

The Corretta Scott King Awards are presented to outstanding African-American authors and illustrators. The winners of this prestigious award are honored on a yearly basis for promoting the ideas of peace, brotherhood and non-violent change.

Since 1950, the National Book Awards have been presented by a consortium of book publishing

groups. Their goal is to increase public awareness of outstanding books for children and to encourage reading. The awards are broad-based and given in the categories of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and literature.

The Book Sense Book of the Year Award is a similar award where independent booksellers nominate the books they most enjoy selling to customers in various categories. The Ezra Jack Keats New Writer and New Illustrator Awards recognize promising authors and illustrators and are presented in conjunction with the New York Public Library Association. These awards recognize and encourage emerging children's authors and illustrators and are named after Keats, who was both a Caldecott Award and Honor winner.

There are a number of recognitions that are geared toward specific audiences but are excellent reads for everyone. These include the Tomas Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award that was established to honor authors, illustrators and publishers of Mexican-American descent and to promote a wider reading of their work. The Mystery Writers of America Edgar Award recognizes the best mystery literature, often including works appropriate for children. Another excellent bellwether honor is the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Children's Book Award that focuses on children's (ages 6-10) books that deal with diversity, tolerance and justice by promoting positive change. The Carter G. Woodson Awards are for outstanding social studies books for elementary, middle and high school students.

When looking for children's books, you cannot go wrong picking the award winners. The award winners have been deemed the top in their respective genres. When looking for a book for children, ask a librarian, bookseller or go online to find the ones that not only match the child's interest but also have been recognized as great literature. You won't be sorry!

Dr. D. Jackson Maxwell is a school librarian at Downtown Elementary and an educational consultant with over 25 years of educational experience. Please forward questions or comments to: djacksonmaxwell@gmail.com.



and chapel will feature community theater — beginning with a production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* this summer — and dance productions. Painting, singing and music classes are set to begin Feb. 25.

In a nod to Memphis' musical heritage, six large garage doors open onto the basketball court to provide elevated stages for young local musicians and bands who might be playing in public for the first time. Cobb said the Kroc Center plans to schedule all-ages concerts and events on Friday and Saturday nights.

Memphis' Kroc Center will be one of 27 around the country when it opens, created through a \$1.5 billion endowment from Joan Kroc, the widow of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc.

Local representatives say the location — adjacent to Cooper-Young, Orange Mound, Belt Line and Chickasaw Gardens — was chosen because Kroc required all facilities to be located in areas near both high- and low-income neighborhoods. The acreage at the old Mid-South Fairgrounds was purchased from the city at fair market value, Cobb said.

A \$50 million endowment will help keep the facility operating, but Cobb said the Kroc Center will ultimately rely on memberships, which are \$30 a month for individuals and \$50 for families, with no contract.

Andy Ashby, Cooper-Young Community Association secretary, said he sees "nothing but upside" from the Kroc Center opening.

"This is a real opportunity for people from diverse neighborhoods to congregate together on a regular basis," Ashby said. "I have a young son and I really look forward to him growing up with a place where he can swim and play various sports, all within walking distance of our home."

Other Cooper-Young neighbors have expressed mixed feelings on the center's opening.

"I know the neighbors were very concerned about the link to Salvation Army and the possibility of homeless, addicts and such coming there with children around," said real estate agent and CYCA board member Debbie Sowell. "Another big concern was the threat of forcing ministry down the throats of the patrons. I am a Christian, so ... I guess that does not bother me but I feel that they do know they have a delicate balance here."

The Kroc Center does not contain a shelter and no homeless would be housed there, Cobb said. However, in keeping with the Salvation Army's mission, there will be a social services office in the facility that could receive walk-in traffic. From



(above) A visitor tours the Challenge Area, which program directors say will offer unique team-building exercises, during construction at the Kroc Center. (left) The Kroc Center, on East Parkway at the old Fairgrounds, will allow Cooper-Young and Midtown residents to walk or bike to a first-class athletic, aquatic and recreation center when it opens in February. Photos by Michael Lander



that office, Cobb said, people in need would be directed either to shelter facilities or services that fit their need, such as utility bill assistance.

Cobb also said the Salvation Army — a recognized Christian denomination — will not proselytize Kroc Center patrons, though it will hold regular services in its chapel, which doubles as a performing arts theater.

Salvation Army leaders recently implied that the organization rejects homosexuality based on its reading of Biblical scripture, though the organization later apologized and clarified that position. Officially, the Salvation Army states that it does not discriminate based on sexual orientation in its hiring practices, and Cobb said the Kroc Center would welcome any members.

Still, the implication is a clear source of tension for some in Cooper-Young.

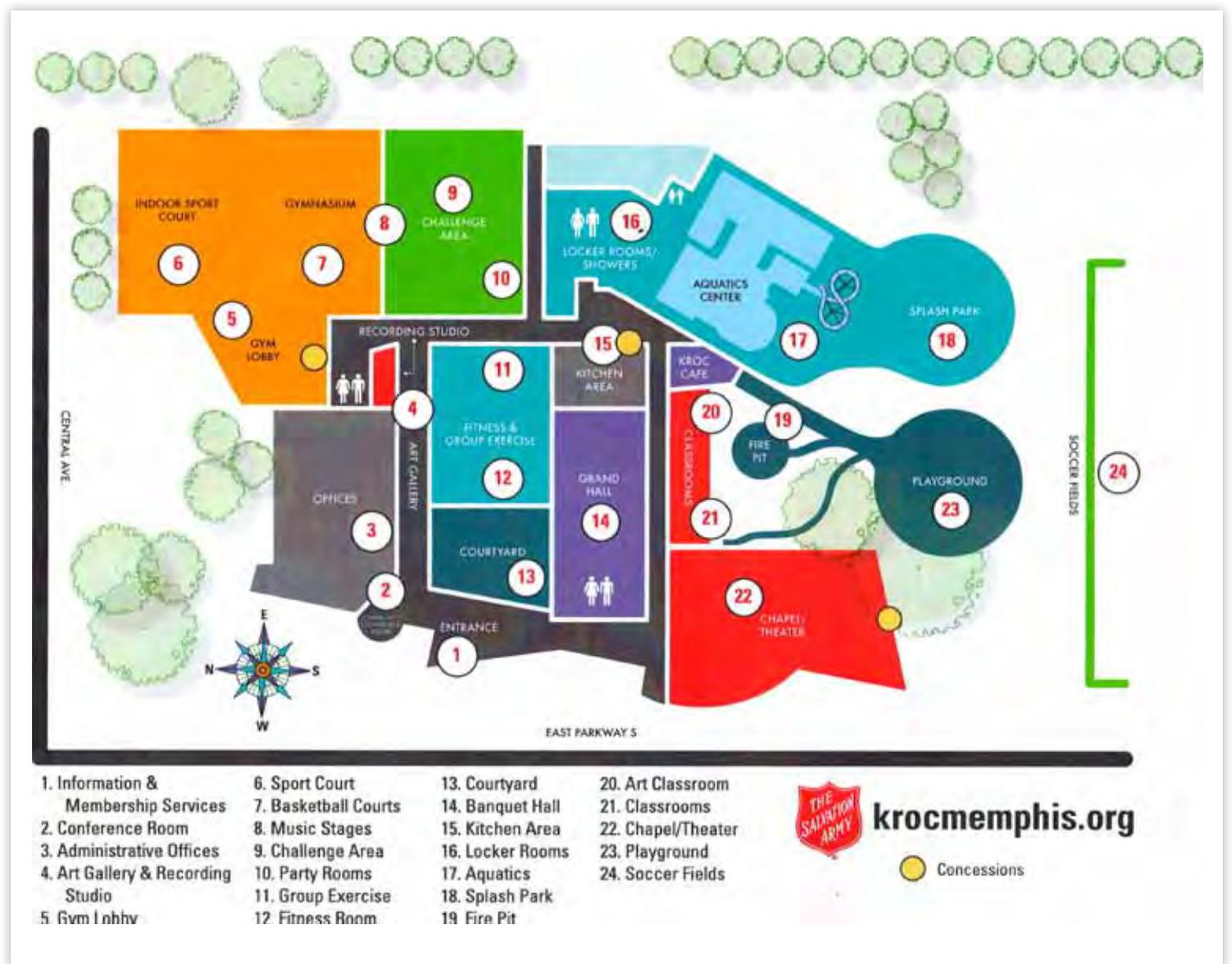
"I think they are not friends of the gay community, I'll put it that way," said Will Batts, executive director of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Cooper.

Sowell, who has a house on East Parkway, said she also was concerned about the possibility of increased traffic on the street and intrusive lighting from the outdoor soccer fields.

However, she said she thinks the Kroc Center will be able to handle these potential negatives and would ultimately make homes in Cooper-Young more desirable. The benefits of having a first-class recreation center with an aquatic center for her 6-year-old, close enough that Midtowners could walk or ride their bikes there, convinced her to sign up for a membership.

And while Batts said he doesn't plan on getting a Kroc Center membership, he added that he supports the Salvation Army's right to its beliefs and thinks the center can peacefully co-exist with its diverse neighbors to the west.

"I'm confident that based on Cooper-Young's reputation as a place that respects diversity and people's right to live as they desire ... I'm hopeful that the Kroc Center and the Salvation Army will be a good neighbor for Cooper-Young."





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IDLEWILD Journal

Pineapple and her people

BY MARY BAKER



Since I adopted my precious little dog, Paige, I have really noticed that there are so many dogs who live here with our residents in Idlewild neighborhood. That gave me the idea of doing a series of articles featuring Idlewild people and their pets.

I asked Margo Mueller, vice president of Idlewild Neighborhood Association, if I could make her and her very cool dog, Pineapple, the first article. Margo wrote such a cute story about Piney, I am leaving it just as she wrote it. I hope everyone enjoys it as much as I did.

We got Pineapple 7 years ago this past August when she was already six months old. She came from a very bad breeder and was quite ill. She's our second Old English sheep dog and second rescue. The name "Pineapple" came from the book "Mangrove Squeeze"

by Lawrence Shames. Pineapple was a homeless guy that only saw the good in people. I decided we could use a little "Pineapple" in our lives.

We had not had her very long when we took her to St. Charles, Mo. for an outing. We were in the "Old Town" section and all was well until she decided she had had enough walking. She laid down on the narrow wooden sidewalk and refused to get up, blocking all pedestrian traffic in the process. Needless to say a crowd gathered and loved it. We had to get the car, pull right up to her and lift her into it.

When Piney was nine months old she adopted our cat. Piney got by with bathing the cat daily for about the first year. They still play daily and if one of them ignores the other for too long they will seek each other out and instigate some chasing. We named the cat Suki from another character from the same book.

Old English sheep dogs are known to be mischievous and funny. Piney loves sorting clothes, snatching items from opened drawers, walks, car rides, dogs, cats and people. She "bounces" when she's exceptionally happy. We've raised Piney about the way we raised our son. It's hard to discipline either when you are laughing. Here's to laughing!

Old English sheep dogs began in the early 19th century in England. They were working dogs that helped to herd livestock to the markets in the cities. Most people easily identify them by their very large size and profuse coat. They are highly intelligent, energetic and playful. I am so glad that Margo and her husband Ralph rescued Pineapple and made her a part of family and home.

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As 2012 draws to a close, we here at the Cooper-Young Community Association are reflecting upon the past year and looking forward to what

is to come in 2013. In January, we will hold our annual board retreat where we discuss community issues that we feel need to be addressed, set priorities for the coming year and begin to plan our events.

We do not want to plan in a vacuum, though. As your neighborhood association, we strive to represent your needs, interest and concerns as best we can but unfortunately we are not mind-readers (though that would be pretty handy sometimes!). Therefore, we rely on the good ol' surveys, emails and phone calls to find out how best to serve you.

Back mid-year, we kicked off a survey asking just that — what YOU think about the neighborhood. How safe do you think it is? How clean? How does the do at serving the community? What do you like and dislike most about Cooper-Young? Although these questions may seem mundane, they really help us shape our focus and direct our energies into things that will better help the community as a whole.

Sadly, when we did the survey midyear, only around 50 people responded. Now, I will take some of that flack. I am not sure if we did a very efficient job at getting the word out in the *LampLighter* and although we promoted it via Facebook and email, in this modern fast-paced world I know I am even guilty of putting an email on the back burner intending to do it, but forget if not reminded.

The input of the people that responded mid-year has been reviewed and is very, very much appreciated, but in order for us to move forward confidently move forward and feel like we are truly reflecting the views of the community as a whole, we need more input.

On Dec. 5, please visit our website at www.cooperyoung.org to find the link to the survey. If you do not have Internet access, that is no problem. We are more than happy to drop by a paper copy. Also, even though we would love for you to complete the full survey so we can have a well-rounded idea of your views and priorities, it is not required.

If there is something you feel passionately about, just drop us a line at info@cooperyoung.org or call us at 272-2922 and I am more than happy to discuss it and make notes for our board retreat. We really need everyone to be involved so that this neighborhood stays as vibrant, safe and clean as possible.



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19 CASES	Arrest	Offenses	Date	Address
1211011100ME		Theft Other	11/19	2100 OLIVER
1211011006ME		Theft Other	11/19	2100 CENTRAL
1211009251ME		Theft Other	11/16	1900 EVELYN
1211009780ME		Vandalism	11/16	1900 SOUTHERN
1211007925ME		Vandalism	11/14	1000 MEDA
1211006524ME		Assault	11/12	1000 MEDA
1211005768ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	11/10	900 MEDA
1211004260ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	11/8	2100 ELZEY
1211003238ME	YES	Assault	11/6	2000 WALKER
1211002438ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	11/5	800 NEW YORK
1211001925ME		Theft Other	11/4	2100 CENTRAL
1211002037ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	11/4	1000 MEDA
1211000675ME		Theft Other	11/2	2100 CENTRAL
1210017333ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	10/30	1900 EVELYN
1210017005ME		Vandalism	10/30	800 S COOPER
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1210014414ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	10/25	YOUNG AVE & COOPER
1210014279ME		Auto Theft/Parts/Acc.	10/25	1000 MEDA



CYCA CRIME MAP

Do you want to know what crime is taking place in our neighborhood? The Memphis Police Department offers a tool on its website (memphispolice.org) that allows you to locate crime information. Crimemapper allows you to input an address and search in quarter-mile increments for a specific type of crime. It then returns with the results of your search for the previous 30 days. The crime map for this issue was compiled by Ben Boleware.

A Few Reminders for a Safe Holiday

BY SARAH FRIERSON/CYCA SAFETY COMMITTEE



The holiday season should be nothing more than joyous and celebratory, but unfortunately this time of the year can present a few more challenges as we try to keep the neighborhood safe and sound.

We continue to see a slight uptick in burglaries and thefts from motor vehicles, so a few reminders as we enter into December:

- Don't leave valuables in your car. It will be tempting to leave gifts in your vehicle until you are ready to wrap them, but don't. Same goes for the items that keep popping up on police reports from our neighborhood: laptops, purses, cell phones, etc. Takethem with you.
 - If you must leave purchases or items in your car as you are running errands, do not leave them in plain sight. (All together now: "Stow it. Don't show it!")
 - Park in well-lit areas. If a light is out on your street, call 820-7878 to report it.
- Don't forget to cut down boxes or packaging from new purchases before you put it out on the corner for garbage pickup. No reason to advertise the new goodies in your house.
- Leave your porch light on and consider a timer for interior lights if you are going to be out of town.
- Inspect your christmas lights and other decorations for wear and tear. Turn off Christmas lights when you leave the house or go to bed, or even if you leave the room for an extended period. If you have children or pets, be mindful of potential poisoning and choking hazards.
 - If you travel during the holidays, put your house on vacation watch. The MPD can send a directed patrol by your house several times a day to check the property. Call the Union Station (soon to be Crump Station) desk at 636-4631. This service is a free and easy way to protect your home while you are away.
 - If you need to report a robbery, burglary or theft, call 545-COPS. Police cannot combat crime if they don't know about it.
 - If you witness suspicious activity, call 911 immediately.

As always, keep an eye out for your neighbors. We are each other's best security team. If you have concerns or ongoing problems, call the CYCA office at 272-CYCA. Have a safe and happy holiday!



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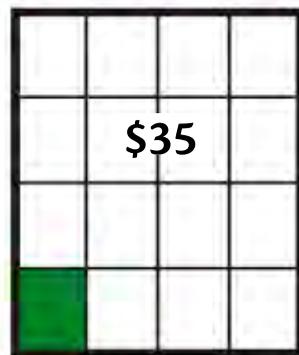
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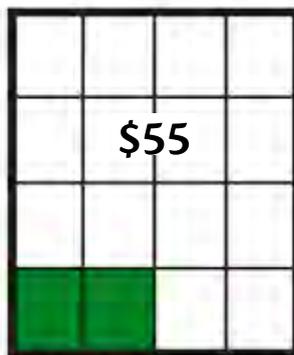
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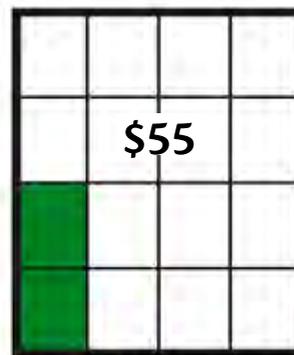
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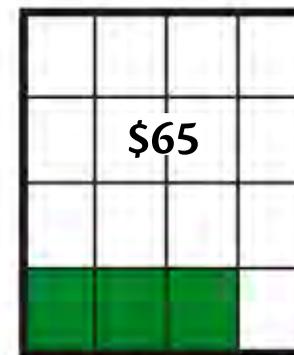
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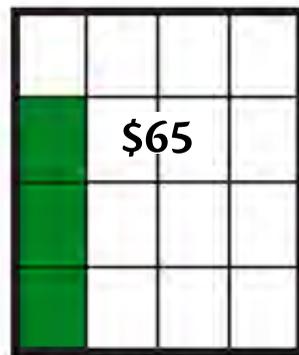
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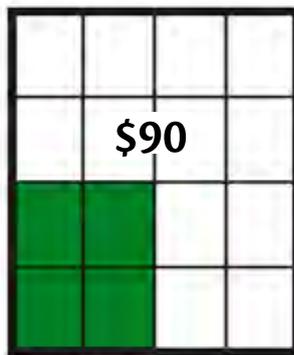
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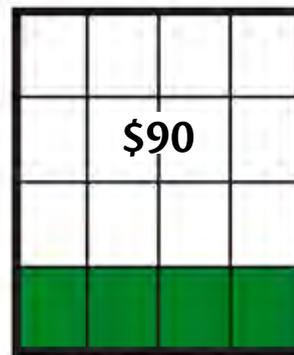
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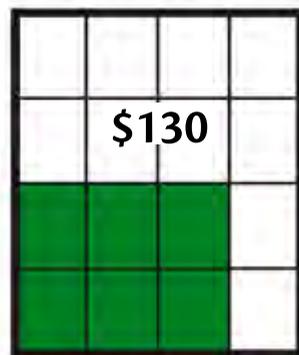
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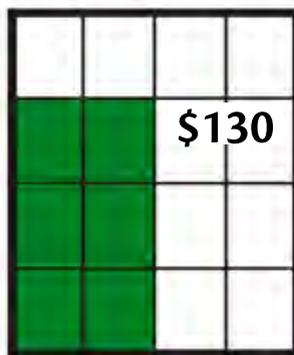
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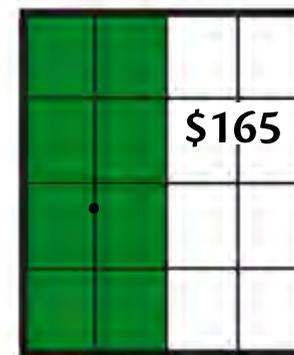
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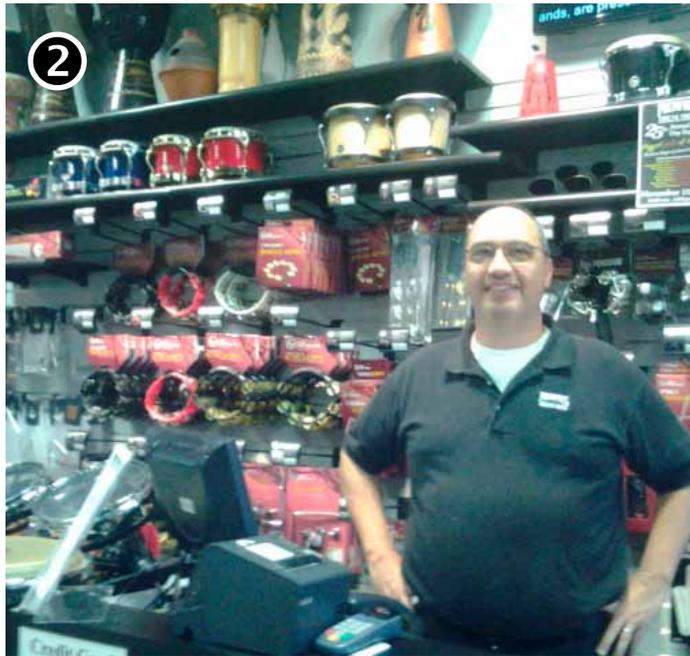
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If it's good news in CY, we want to hear about it!

- 1 Toney Armstrong speaking at the Citizen's Academy graduation on Nov. 15th. Three CYCA board members and the CYCA director participated.
- 2 Bill Frazier of Memphis Drum Shop on Cooper takes a break from serving a throng of customers during the store's 25th anniversary sale last month. Photo by David Royer
- 3 Cooper-Young Community Association's Kristan Huntley volunteers for Peabody's STAR tutoring program.
- 4 Carmen, Luke & Joey Weaver enjoy a treat after picking up food for the CY Annual Food Drive.
- 5 Author and chef Marisa Baggett signs her new sushi cookbook at Burke's Book Store in October. Photo by Corey Mesler
- 6 Amy Rigby and Wreckless Eric perform live at Burke's Book Store in October. Photo by Corey Mesler

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