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NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE THIS MONTH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Don't forget! Neighborhood yard sale scheduled for Friday August 12th and Saturday August 13th. The event will include any neighbor who wants to participate within the Pensacola Park District. PPNA will post yard signs at the start of the streets the week of the event. We will post on Craigslist and Facebook as well. Individual homeowners are in charge of promoting their own yard sale details, including timing and addresses. Excited to see all of the neighborhood wares!

HISTORY CORNER: *The Little School that Wasn't* by Rebecca C. Glasscock

In 1931, with the Great Depression bearing down, further development of Pensacola Park would be on hold for a few years, but the neighborhood was already more than half developed. Nicholasville Road, Penmoken, Rosemont, and Suburban were basically fully developed. Goodrich had 21 homes that were occupied and seven others that were vacant. On Lackawanna and Wabash, the lots closest to Nicholasville Road had houses on them: eight on Lackawanna and ten on Wabash.

That year the *Comprehensive Plan of Lexington and Environs* was published. In the section on schools, recommendations included abandoning the Constitution, Johnson, Lincoln, and Russell schools (among others). Others were to be razed and rebuilt. In addition, the plan recommended that a few new schools be built. One of those schools was the James Lane Allen Elementary, which was recommended for construction no later than 1940, to accommodate the anticipated growth south and east of Picadome and Jefferson Davis Schools. That school was to be constructed where today Wabash Drive and Pensacola Drive intersect! The planners acknowledged that the site wasn't ideal because of the railroad, but the proximity to growth areas was the overriding factor.

At the time, Pensacola Park was in the county and the Fayette County School Board had other ideas. Obviously the school was never built. Instead, in May of 1957, \$526,000 was allocated to construct the James Lane Allen Elementary in the Gardenside area. Today, nearly 450 children from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade attend this school.

We all know Lane Allen Road and are probably familiar with the eponymous school as well, but just who James Lane Allen was is perhaps not as well known. He was born in 1849 (died 1925) at 1020 Lane Allen Road. He is often described as Kentucky's first important novelist, his best known works being *A Kentucky Cardinal* and *The Choir Invisible*. His commitment to education included establishing, in 1882, a school for boys in the Masonic Building at the corner of Short and Walnut. After his death, a fountain dedicated to the children of Lexington was erected in his honor. His childhood home, known as Scarlet Gate, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The Lexington School purchased this home, built in 1795, and its acreage in 2011.

We didn't get our school in 1940, but we did get a lovely, cohesive neighborhood completed at the end of that decade.

Time of the Zucchini by Barbara Szubinska

When life (or a friend) gives you a zucchini, do not despair. Zucchini recipes abound, from zucchini bread, to cream of zucchini soup, to zoodles. Below, is a basic recipe, but you can serve zoodles with meatballs, or chicken, or shrimp. Just make sure to prepare those first and keep them warm because zoodles cook very quickly. How to make zoodles:

- Two large zucchini peeled if the peel is tough
- Olive Oil
- Garlic
- Onion
- ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
- Chopped basil or dry Italian seasoning
- Salt and Pepper.

Cut zucchini into thin strips, best done with a spiralizer. Discard seeds if any. Heat olive oil in a large skillet, add onion and sauté on medium heat for 2 minutes. Add zucchini, garlic, salt and pepper. Sauté for 5 minutes, tossing and stirring the noodles so that they sauté evenly. Add herbs and parmesan cheese.



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Market Gardens

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CANDIDATE Q&A:

Every election Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association reaches out to the candidates to ask them a series of questions generated from the neighborhood. This year is no different. We will post in the upcoming newsletters responses from the candidates who sought to engage with our neighborhood efforts. If you do not see a candidate below, they have not responded to our request to meet our neighborhood nor answered our questionnaire. If you see a “no response” followed by a date, they did not respond to the questionnaire but have scheduled a time to meet with our neighborhood. The full Q&A can be found on our website (www.pensacolapark.org) under the 2022 LFUCG Candidate Q&A tab along with the scheduled date and time for the candidates who are coming to meet the neighborhood in person.

4th Question Asked: *Neighborhoods currently feel under attack when it comes to developmentally driven projects that are pushed through by LFUCG, with little regard to how they engage with their surroundings. This is often a result of there being a lack of smart developmental design guidelines in zoning texts that would ultimately help integrate newer developments into existing urban fabric. The original Imagine Lexington comprehensive plan proposed city design guidelines that would address this issue, but this was nixed on a council level. If you are elected to this position, how do you propose addressing potential design guidelines with planning staff as they amend current zoning laws to help for better developmental integration into existing neighborhoods?*



Response by At-Large Candidate, Bill Farmer Jr.: Land management remains a huge opportunity for the LFUCG. Nestled by farms, Lexington needs to act wisely in land use planning. The planning staff and others pursue a policy of going up instead of out. As an At-Large Councilperson I will focus the resources of the council via the committee structure to get all of these parties in the same room and come up with resolutions. The best investment we can make is in staff. Lexington has an enviable planning history but just now we need leadership to improve neighborhoods across the urban service area.



Response by At-Large Candidate, Chuck Ellinger: No written response given. Verbal response was given at the June 2nd 7pm meeting at Hunter Presby.



Response by At-Large Candidate, James Brown: I know that neighborhood engagement is highly recommended and encouraged in the zone change process. We've seen the benefit of this effort and collaboration between developers and neighbors in regards to addressing concerns about the integration of newer developments and existing neighborhoods. Small Area Plans are another tool that can be used to establish and implement design guidelines and recommendations for future developments in specific areas. I believe we should continue to encourage and possibly incentivize collaboration in development, in addition to implementing small area plans in Lexington to better direct and coordinate smart development.



Response by At-Large Candidate, Richard Moloney: Imagine Lexington is the comprehensive plan of 2018, and in 2023 it will go through the 5-year renewal process. I look forward to this review to see what we learned using the new model of planning and how we can improve even more over the next 5 years. The Council's role in the comp plan process is to approve the goals and objectives, and the top goal was growing successful neighborhoods. I support the same emphasis in 2023.



Response by At-Large Candidate, Dan Wu: We must bring developers, communities & neighborhoods together to create a more collaborative process to create the kind of housing & development this city really needs and wants. This includes design standards that fit into the general essence of a neighborhood whenever possible. The Meadowthorpe Senior Apartments are a good example of this done right.



Response by District 10 Candidate, Dave Sevigny: I do tend to like thoughtful consistent design standards. I also like variety because it can do a lot to make a place interesting, but having a consistent feel like building heights, setbacks, design features and characteristics can create unity and a better sense of neighborhood. H1 overlays and their design guidelines are a typical example of that. Your neighborhood has opted to go that way and therefore you've done something that is going to create a look and feel that you want. When H1 overlays become too difficult for all people to live in a community though, with design standards that are too strict, they can push people out. Lexington should be a place for all. I will continue to support that with reasonable and thoughtful policy.



Response by Incumbent Mayor, Linda Gorton: I have a well-established record of supporting neighborhoods, which are the foundation and heart of our city. As our community looks to infill to protect against urban sprawl, it is more important than ever to take into account the impacts of these projects to ensure they do not degrade the character of our neighborhoods. While implementing design guidelines would require adoption by Council, I support policies to protect the character and context of neighborhoods, as well as historic structures and cultural assets. I support increased transparency and communication as well as creating a growth plan to identify infill and redevelopment areas and provides those protections to our neighborhoods and historic/cultural assets.



Response by Mayoral Candidate, David Kloiber: I believe that the Imagine Lexington plan has placed the planning staff into the unenviable position of trying to accommodate our annual growth almost exclusively through infill projects. No guidelines or zoning texts are going to be perfect for every situation, and while the planning staff has found wonderful ways to integrate new developments into existing neighborhoods, the issue comes from the sheer volume of necessary integrations in order to keep up with our consistently growing population. Inevitably conflict comes from having to use a specific set of rules for every different situation. As Mayor I believe that we need to look at more options to relieve these pressures on our neighborhoods, and make sure that planning has every tool at their disposal to ensure that our growth does not push our residents out of their established communities.

ABOUT PENSACOLA PARK PRESERVATION SOCIETY AND PENSACOLA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Pensacola Park Preservation Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 formed by Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association in order to bring together residents and businesses located in the Pensacola Park Nationally Registered Historic Boundary, for the common good of (1) preserving the historic integrity and resources of the area; (2) creating an environment that promotes sustainable and appropriate growth for the neighborhood; (3) providing historic education and assistance to those in the Pensacola Park Neighborhood for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic homes, structures, and landscapes; and (4) Unifying and being representative of all the original streets in the Pensacola Park Historic boundary. Also check us out online at www.pensacolapark.org, and follow us on Facebook @ Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association.

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