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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE BOTANY HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Show Your Neighborhood Pride!

Hello Neighbors!

First let me thank you for your support of the neighborhood. In the seven years I have lived here I've noticed marked improvements, good neighbors moving in, new development and numerous houses being rehabbed.

To further strengthen our neighborhood we've created a Botany Hills Neighborhood sticker. This sticker is designed to be placed on your automobile or front door. This emblem is a symbol of your pride and

support for Botany Hills and our future.

The sticker is included with your Botany Hills membership fee of \$5.00. Individual stickers may be purchased for \$3.00 at any Botany Hills meeting or by calling me at

859-261-4053. They will also be available at the Yard and Plant Sale on July 17th.

Ray Kingsbury,
BHNA President



Yard and Plant Sale Rescheduled for July 17th

It rained! It poured! So we've rescheduled the Botany Hills Yard and Plant Sale for Saturday, July 17th.

There's still time to turn those unwanted items into a little cash this year.

The sale will be held on Saturday, July 17th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. at 1226 Highway Ave. Anyone can reserve table space for \$10 (BHNA members pay \$5). You are responsible for bringing

your tables.

A Botany Hills table will be available if you only have a few things to sell. All sales from this table go to the neighborhood association.

We'd like to thank Patty Brown, Mary Ann Courtoy, Deb Henning and the 3rd and Crescent traffic islands for their donation of plants for the sale. Also, thanks to Ray Kingsbury for helping to dig the plants and George Dirkes for donating the pots.

To reserve table space please contact Connie Kingsbury at 261-4053 or cschmitt@fuse.net.



Coming Events

- **BHNA YARD/ PLANT SALE**
SATURDAY, JULY 17TH,
9AM -2PM 1226 HIGHWAY AVE. TO RESERVE TABLE SPACE CONTACT CONNIE KINGSBURY AT 261-4053.
- **BOTANY HILLS REUNION AND POOL PARTY IN AUGUST AT GUS SHEEHAN POOL**
- **DECK CRAWL IN SEPTEMBER**

Mark Your Calendar

BHNA Meeting
Thursday, July 15th
7:00 pm
St. John's Church
1235 Highway Ave

Guest Speaker:
Jim Eggemeier will
give an update on
the Covington
Gateway Project

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Grant Funds Second Traffic Island Project



The Botany Hills Neighborhood Association received a mini-grant that will assist with the efforts to landscape the traffic island at the intersection of 4th and Crescent Streets.

The Place Matters grant of \$2000, funded by the United Way and The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, will be used to purchase plants and landscape boulders for the island.

A previous project, the traffic islands at 3rd and Crescent Streets, was awarded a Covington Beautification Award last year. A Place Matters grant was instrumental in the success of this project as well.

Planting will begin once the curbs on the traffic island have been rebuilt. If you would like to help with this project please contact Deb Henning at 292-8439.

“...IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE FIREHOUSE IN BOTANY HILLS.”

Extension Granted to Find Firehouse Location

The City of Covington has received an extension to locate the perfect site to move the Company 2 firehouse.

City Manager Larry Klein was notified by State officials that the deadline for using funds to purchase property has been extended to December 2011.

The criteria for the new location includes the ability to house an ambulance in addition to the pumper truck and to have pull through access for the vehicles.

Both the City Manager and the Commissioners have stated that it is important to keep the firehouse in Botany Hills.

Please share your thoughts and concerns with the Mayor and Commissioners: by emailing them at:

scarran@covingtonky.gov
smasters@covingtonky.gov
mrains@covingtonky.gov
jstricker@covingtonky.gov
mayor@covingtonky.gov

“Covington 200” Seeks Volunteers

Two of our Botany Hills neighbors are charter members of **Covington 200**, Covington’s Bicentennial Committee.

Chuck Eilerman joins Chairman Ron Einhaus on the committee that will plan and guide the celebration of Covington’s 200th anniversary in 2015. “While we have 5 years to plan the events and celebrations, many plans take time to

complete” Ron explains. “We are looking for citizens interested in helping with these plans and ideas of events you would like to see happen.”

You can check them out on Facebook (“**Covington 200**”) or contact the committee at: covington200@fuse.net. Together, we can plan a yearlong celebration of our past, present and the future of Covington.

The goal of the Covington Bicentennial Committee is to engage the citizens of our city in a celebration of arts, architecture, culture, community pride, history and heritage during a yearlong series of displays, events and programs. Under the guidance of this committee, everyone will experience Covington for its rich past, its present and realize its future.

All Health is Breaking Loose in Botany Hills!

With soaring health care costs due to child and adult obesity Botany Hills is joining the City of Covington in adopting the Healthy Monday Initiative as a platform toward a healthier community.

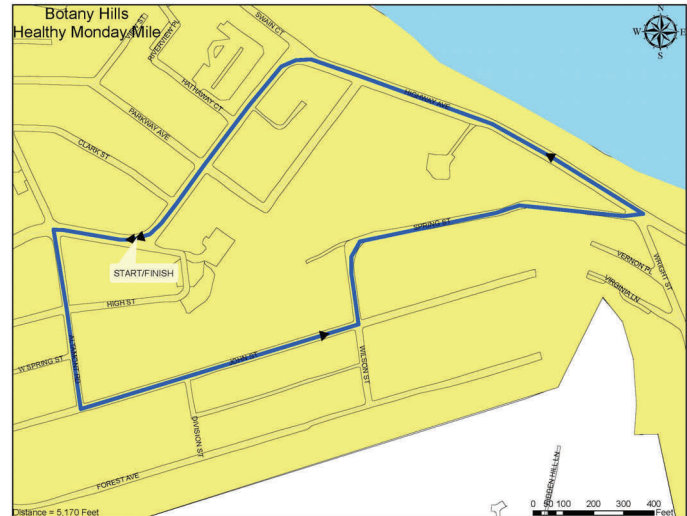
Healthy Mondays was started by three major Public Health Universities: Johns Hopkins University, Columbia University and Syracuse University. Research from these universities states, if you start a healthy behavior on Monday, you are more likely to continue that behavior throughout the week.

To help you get started, a Healthy Mile has been

mapped out in Botany Hills. The mile begins at St John's Congregational Church on Highway and winds through Altamont, John, Wilson and Spring Streets before it re-connects with Highway Ave. (see map at right).

We're planning a Healthy Monday moment to kick off healthier lifestyles in Botany Hills. To be part of this event which is open to all Botany Hills residents, please call Connie Kingsbury at 261-4053.

Other ways to support the Healthy Monday initiative are to encourage your neighbors to get out and walk the Health Monday



Mile, be a healthy role model for the youth of Covington or display Healthy Monday signage in your home and/or in your yard.



Meet Your Neighbor Austin J. Becker

town feeling with friendly down-to-earth neighbors; and of course the value factor of "more house for the money".

What is something you wouldn't have expected about your neighborhood?

I was surprised to find the wide range of home styles, price points, and the unseen diversity of Botany Hills residents. Our residents support a variety of industries, career paths, and lifestyles, as well as stages in life.

What do you love, hate about Botany Hills?

I love my neighbors, most of whom I know by first name. Having bought an older home, I find home remodeling and maintenance a challenge. Although, I have found some good craftsmen to assist me in rehabbing the house.

How long have you lived in Botany Hills, where else did you look for a house and why did you choose to move here?

I have lived in Botany Hills since November 2009, about 8 months. Before buying my house, I looked in Bellevue and Newport, Kentucky. Having now moved to Botany Hills, I really enjoy the easy access to Downtown Cincinnati, Main Strasse Village, major freeways and the TANK bus system. Botany Hills has a small

What would your neighbors be surprised to learn about you?

I have lived in a wide variety of places such as; Nebraska, New England, Cincinnati in 1994, Albuquerque, Chicago, Indianapolis, New York, and Charlotte, NC. By far, I enjoyed Charlotte the most. Proximity to the ocean, the weather and the southern hospitality was fun.

What makes for a healthy community?

A healthy community is one where people have an equal opportunity to thrive. Good neighbors, safe environment, robust economy, a progressive school system and local government, all lend themselves to a strong sense of community.

BOTANY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Ray Kingsbury, President
Deb Henning, Vice President
CJ Jacobs, Treasurer
Melissa Einhaus, Secretary
Dick Burg, Member at Large
Austin Becker, Member at Large

Celebrate Beauty In Our City - 2010 Beautification Awards

The Friends of Covington, in conjunction with the Covington Neighborhood Collaborative and the City of Covington, are accepting nominations for the 2010 Beautification Awards.

Nominations can include homes, businesses, gardens, community projects or parks that are located in Covington. What a great way to recognize the efforts of your friends and neighbors!

Nomination forms are available at the Center for Great Neighborhoods or they can be printed from the Friends of Covington website: www.friendsofcovington.com. Nominations must be submitted no later than August 31, 2010.

Beautification Award banners are presented to the winners at a reception in October.

The Grapevine is a quarterly publication of the Botany Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA). The BHNA meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at St. John's Congregational Church at 1235 Highway Ave. Yearly dues are \$5 per household and \$20 per business. Checks made payable to the Botany Hills Neighborhood Association may be mailed to: Treasurer—BHNA, P.O. Box 0484, Covington, KY 41012-0484. You may also visit on Facebook or our web site at www.botanyhills.org.

Container Barge Terminal To Be Built Across From Botany Hills

Kim Satzger, of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority will appear before Covington City Commission on July 20 at 7pm, to discuss the proposed Container Barge Terminal that is likely to be built on land across the Ohio River from Botany Hills. Both the State of Ohio and The City of Cincinnati are poised to commit funds to the project. This large development is destined to have a serious impact on neighborhoods like Botany Hills and Kenton Hills adjacent to the River.

Specialized soybean producer [Bluegrass Farms of Ohio, Inc.](#) is working

with short-line railroad operator [Rail America](#) to build a \$26 million, 31-acre container-to-barge port called [Queensgate Terminals](#) along the Ohio River.

On the site, containers of grain traveling by rail from the company's [Jeffersonville](#)

facility would be transferred to barges for shipment to deep water ports, and empty containers would be accepted for a return trip.

Please attend the City Commission meeting on July 20 to learn more about this project.



Join the Botany Hills Neighborhood Association

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

___ \$5 per household ___ \$20 per business

Please make all checks payable to Botany Hills Neighborhood Association.
Bring this form to a meeting or mail it to:
Treasurer-BHNA,
P.O. Box 0484,
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Special Thanks!

To the Botany Hills residents (you know who you are) and the Covington Clean and Green Project for picking up trash and keeping the traffic islands looking great!

The Botany Hills Neighborhood Association values inclusion to reflect our diversity. We encourage and welcome everyone to participate in our meetings and events.