

Covington Today

Newsletter of the **Friends of Covington**

September 2011

2011 COVINGTON BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Although Summer temperatures have dropped into a seemingly early season change, the Friends of Covington still finds ample reason to celebrate the events of a challenging Spring and Summer.

On Thursday, October 20th, we will recognize the 2011 Covington Beautification Award recipients. The free, public, non-ticketed event will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 326 Madison Avenue in the May Room.

Please come and celebrate the beautification efforts of the following recipients with us:

Steven McCann, 301 View Place

Harry & Phyllis Nolan, 1129 Panorama

Sheri Fuqua, 1312 Hermes Avenue



Ronald Adams, 1305 Holman Street

Ginger Dawson, 527 Russell Street

Eric & Stacey Soper, 220 Garrard Street

John & Margaret Cavin, 124 West Robbins Street

Allison & Jim Donaldson, 121 Sterrett Ave

Martina Smiley, 29 East 26TH Street

Lori & Terry Bolton, 215 East 36th Street

David & Laura Batson, 1380 Hands Pike

Providence Pavilion (the former St. E's North), 401 East 20th Street

Carnegie Visual & Performing Arts Center, 1040 Scott Boulevard

2011 Covington Award Recipient Ralph Drees Raises \$10,000 for ACUE

On May 10th in Devou Park's Drees Pavilion, there was no shortage of congratulatory words, hearty handshakes, and celebratory smiles as hundreds gathered to congratulate Mr. Ralph Drees as he was honored with the 2011 Covington Award.

On an evening that moved too quickly, *The Drees Pavilion* welcomed a gathering of nearly 300 guests. Through the combined efforts of the Pavilion staff and the resident caterers (*Jeff Thomas Catering, Elegant Fare, and McHale's Events and Catering*), a memorable evening recognizing Mr. Drees (and his family as he would have you know it) ensued.

With an Invocation offered by Monsignor William Neuhaus, Master of Ceremonies Dick Murgatroyd moved the program along expeditiously. Chuck Eilerman, past-President of the Friends of Covington, began the evening with words in tribute to our departed Friend, Mr. Ron Einhaus, past-Vice-President and Director of the FOC. Chuck presented Devou's Behringer-Crawford Museum with a commemorative photograph taken by Ron to be added to their permanent collection.



On behalf of the Pavilion staff, the caterers, and all those who have found the Devou Pavilion to be a welcoming venue (tens of thousands as suggested), Jeff Thomas expressed sincere words of gratitude for Mr. Drees' foresight and generosity. Mark Guilfoyle who serves with Mr. Drees at ACUE (Alliance for Catholic Urban Education), offered light-hearted humor and sincere praise that was characteristic of the evening. 'Mr. Northern Kentucky' Ken Lucas shared stories of fond remembrances that sealed the friendship of a lifetime. With laughter and the tears of joy, Barbara Drees offered her family's congratulations to their father.

Further remarks were offered by Covington's Vice-Mayor Sherry Carran, joined by Commissioners Steve Frank and Steve Casper. Additionally, Steve Arlinghaus, who followed Mr. Drees as Kenton County Judge-Executive, and State Representative Arnold Simpson offered their official Recognitions to the evening.

Through the generosity of our guests, caterers, staff, donors, and sponsors, \$10,000 was raised to benefit the charity of Mr. Drees' choice, ACUE. The Friends of Covington personally extends its gratitude to all those who made the evening a success, and especially to Mr. Drees and his family for being enthusiastic supporters of Covington.

The Sponsors and Donors for the event included: Joseph J. Schott Foundation-Thomas Hiltz, President, Timberlake Family Limited Partnership, First Equity Mortgage, Inc., Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, David C. Herriman, Timothy B. & Mary Anne Anderson, Peggy Lee, Ray & Carole Erpenbeck, Ed & Maureen Bessler, Chuck Scheper & Julie Geisen-Scheper, Rhineland Foundation, Joyce Cooney, Steve Frank, Jim & Bert Huff, Mike Mangeot, Clyde & Mary Middleton, The Schwalbachs-Brian, Garry, and Greg, US Bank Private Client Reserve, Paul Michels, Mary Hemmer, Sr., Donald Saelinger MD, Carole Sprinkle, Dr. Gordon & Dorothy Air, Jim & Nancy Viox, III

Director's Corner

Neighborhood Gardens

Over the past several years neighborhood gardens have been sprouting in our community. Currently there are at least six neighborhood gardens.

Historians believe one of the nation's first community gardens was established in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in 1759.

Neighborhood gardens can mean different things to different people but all provide common benefits. One obvious benefit is to bring people together to create a space of beauty and practicality in their neighborhood. Gardens also provide an outlet for stress reduction, nutrition education and other viable activity. They provide the opportunity to grow and share produce without the use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. They can be used to demonstrate and teach environmental responsibility concerning soil and water conservation as well as land stewardship.

Gardening helps children get the physical exercise they need and teaches them healthy eating habits so important in this age where childhood obesity and diabetes have become a serious problem. Gardening is also a great pastime for seniors when gardens are designed to meet their needs, for example by making raised beds.

If any of the benefits discussed appeal to you, why not get your hands dirty and join your neighborhood group. If your neighborhood does not currently have a garden, form a group of like-minded individuals and develop your own gem in the sun. For more information on specific neighborhood gardens in our community or how to go about forming one, contact The Center for Great Neighborhoods (859.491.2220) or Covington's Ombudsman/Community Relations Coordinator, Suzann Gettys (859.292.2141).

Contributed by John Mieling, Director, FOC

Discovering Covington

2007 was a year of momentous change for me that happily landed me in my new home in Covington.

After the loss of my beloved husband of 25 years, I sold our condo in Glendale, OH. As natives of the northern suburbs, we had always planned to relocate to the river—the 'Ohio' side. My heart was set on Mt. Adams. I love the Arts and the thought of having the Art Museum and the Playhouse in my Backyard=Perfect! After exhausting several realtors and wearing out several pairs of shoes climbing Mt. Adams, nothing was working out.

Our friends have kept a 'weekend' place at Governors Point on 2nd. Street and took me to lunch and a tour. I will be honest, my **first thought** was Covington? KY ? No Way! But it really was love at First Sight, and my **second thought** was WOW! This is Covington??

I thought the best way to learn my new 'home' was to volunteer. I soon found a new outlet for my love of the Arts at the Carnegie Center and Baker Hunt. Recently, my new friend, fellow Rotarian, and FOC Director, Julie Boudousquie, invited me to be a board member of the Friends of Covington.

After moving in during a snowy February, I soon discovered Covington is a wonderful welcoming, diverse, inclusive and warm city (We live here Right?). Our views from the rooftop deck at Governors Point ARE Million \$!

If you are new to Covington, the Friends of Covington is a great way to meet and make some new Friends. Or if you know someone who is new to our city, please extend them an invitation to join. A membership makes a great house warming gift or a unique holiday present. (they'll be here before we know it!). Just tuck them inside your holiday cards!

Why not be a 'tourist' this weekend in your city and visit somewhere new? Chances are you will meet a "Friend". Enjoy!

Contributed by Amy M. Gregory, Director, FOC

MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Memberships run per calendar year and can be pro-rated)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phones (home) _____ (work) _____

(cells) _____ (fax) _____

Email(s) _____

Type of Membership: NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

_____ \$15 Individual _____ \$25 Family _____ \$50 Business

_____ \$150 Individual Lifetime _____ \$250 Family Lifetime _____ \$500 Business Lifetime

Additional donation \$ _____

Mail to: Friends of Covington, PO Box 1243, Covington, KY 41012

Restaurants of Covington: Zola Pub & Grill

626 Main Street, Covington
in Mainstrasse Village

Zola Pub & Grill is another jewel in the variety that Mainstrasse Village offers its businesses, residents, and visitors. With its Prussian blue walls accented with mauve and white detailing, Zola speaks the settings and scenery surrounding the humanistic naturalism present in the works of its namesake, French author Emile Zola.

Originally opened by Ezra Castle, the current proprietor Matt Heringer has operated Zola since its reopening in January of 2006. Mr. Heringer employs ten in total, including Frank Bechtold of the late *Coach & Four*. With the numerous other requirements of operating a small business, Mr. Heringer manages to keep a hands-on approach to his establishment acting as its head chef.



Zola offers its patrons a pub-food service menu with a range of appetizers and burgers as its specialty. Wednesdays are hopping at Zola because it's *Burger Mania Day (and Night)* with all burgers priced at a generous \$6 (usual pricing up to \$8.75).

While typical of the style of buildings in Mainstrasse, Zola has a surprisingly generous inside seating capacity of 78, including the second floor which can be reserved for private parties of up to 35. Weather permitting, five outside tables can accommodate another 14 patrons. As should any good pub-style eatery, patrons can stay abreast of the news, soaps, or sports with video throughout. Zola also features live music Tuesday (NKY Bluegrass Band), Wednesday (Kyle Knapp), Thursday (The Turkeys), and also both Friday and Saturday.

Look up Zola at www.ZolaPubandGrill.com, dial them up at 859-261-7510, or just stop in anytime after 11 AM Monday through Friday, and after 12 Noon Saturday and Sunday. Parking is available on the streets and behind the building.

Opportunity Knocking

Do you stay abreast of the happenings in and around Covington? Do you enjoy meeting like-minded individuals that share your aspirations for more of the better things happening in Covington?

The Friends of Covington has opportunities for its members to become more actively involved in the organization.

Just as any organization, the Friends thrives through the input and participation of its members. While we are an active organization, we are not so busy as to require more than just a few hours per month from its volunteers and Directors.

While any help is appreciated, we are currently looking to add two new Directors to the Board. We also are looking for a helping hand in keeping our website up to date and active.

Let us know of your interest. Give a call to John Flesch, President, FOC at 859.547.9200.

Covington After Hours

Along with our partnering organizations (Latonia Business Association, Mainstrasse Village Association, and Center for Great Neighborhoods), we thank those who have hosted our recent monthly After Hours:

Providence Pavilion-September 14th—Join Us!

Marriott Rivercenter-August

Center for Great Neighborhoods-July

Cock & Bull English Pub-June

American Legion Hall, Latonia-May

Blinkers Tavern, April

Always the second Wednesday of each month.

FRIENDS IN THE BUSINESS

(forward updated weblinks to [FriendsofCov-](#)

- Ashland Inc: www.ashland.com
- Blanks Pharmacy: www.blankspharmacy.com
- Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption: www.covcathedral.com
- Center for Great neighborhoods: www.greatneighborhoods.org
- Chez Nora Restaurant & Rooftop Bar: www.cheznora.com
- City of Covington: www.covingtonky.com
- Cork-n-Bottle: www.corknbottle.com
- Corporex Companies, LLC: www.corporex.com
- Covington Business Council: www.cbcky.com
- DEP's Fine Wine & Spirits: www.depsfinewine.com
- Immanuel United Methodist Church: www.immanuelumc.org
- Ky Federal Savings & Loan: www.kentuckyfederal.com
- Keystone Bar & Grill: www.keystonebar.com
- KLH Engineers: www.klhengrs.com
- KW Mechanical, Inc.: www.kwmechanical.com
- MainStrasse Village Association: www.mainstrasse.org
- Mother of God Church: www.mother-of-god.org
- Remedy Technologies: www.remedytech.com
- Saint Elizabeth Medical Center: www.stelizabeth.com
- Twin Oaks Golf Club: www.golfattwinoaks.com
- Towne properties: www.towneprop.com
- Vision 2015: www.vision2015.org

Our Featured Business Member



When Casey and Suzanne Luttrull were looking for a place to raise a family and start a business, the Covington Arts and Technology Zone (CATZ) was a natural fit. Suzanne's background in art and Casey's experience in the IT world plus a love for urban revitalization instantly meshed with Covington's vision for Pike Street.

Their decision to purchase a mixed use property providing both an office for the business and a home for the family has proven fruitful. Casey founded Remedy Technologies at 210 West Pike Street in 2009 offering computer consulting and repair to businesses in the area. The office space has become home to not only Remedy Technologies but other entrepreneurs creating an environment that encourages growth.

To discover more about how Remedy Technologies can offer your business Peace of Mind IT support, Casey can be contacted at 859-757-0447 or via www.remedytech.com.

A Special Note: The Newsletter is off of its regular schedule due to a health-related issue encountered by our Editor, Mary Anne Anderson. We have struggled to fill her shoes, The good news is that we are published; the better news is that she is doing so very well. Godspeed Mary Anne.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of Friends of Covington is to bring together residents, workers, organizations and other enthusiastic supporters of Covington. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life in the community through communication, activities and projects designed to foster pride and encourage positive development.

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