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The Historic Old Hickory Home Tour Shapes Up To Be An Interesting Collection of Homes ***By Allison Baird***

Spring is in full swing and with that comes another tradition in Old Hickory Village— The Historic Old Hickory Village Home Tour. The tour will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 10am to 5pm.

Although Old Hickory Village is known for its historic homes, there are also some newer interesting homes in The Village. This year's tour will feature not only historic homes, but some of the newer and recently remodeled ones as well, including a couple of lakefront homes.

Among the homes on this year's tour you will find The Village's resident 2600 pound water buffalo, a putting green, a "bottle tree" to keep away evil spirits and a bidet. Bidets are more popular in Europe than the United States, but for whatever reason one has found its way to The Village. Another home has recently been increased by 2600 square feet—more than many homes in The Village and includes a 300 square foot bathroom.

Art will also be featured on this year's tour. One home features stained glass made by a Village artisan and paintings from the Ukraine.

More home spun art will be available at the newly renovated Old Hickory Art Center (OHAC). In addition to the OHAC being one of the stops on the tour, the center will host an art sale featuring artists who use the space. These works include water color, oil and acrylic, large and small of innumerable subjects. Proceeds from the sale will provide for supplies and other needs for the center.

For the first time, discounted pre-sale tickets will be available April 20 through May 15 at Maisie's and will cost \$10. Tickets are \$12 the day of the tour and will be available at 10am at the Old Hickory Library located at 1010 Jones Street.

The Home Tour Committee is still seeking volunteers to help with the event. We are also seeking financial support from our friends and business owners in the community.

If you would like to volunteer, sponsor a home or advertise in the home tour booklet you may contact us through the website at www.OldHickory.org or call Don Swartz at 207-0977 or Terry Swartz at 847-8255.

Booth space is still available for the Antique Sale. The Antique Sale will be held the same day as the home tour at the ball field at Hayes Park. If you are an antique dealer and are interested in booth space please contact Rick McClintock at 305-9103 or rick@ohpm.biz.

Old Hickory Village Neighborhood Association Changes Its Name ***By Bernie Sheahan.***

Historic Old Hickory Village? Huh? What happened to OHVNA, the Old Hickory Village Neighborhood Association? Nothing much. So what's the deal?

I'm Bernie Sheahan, and I've served on the (former) OHVNA board since I moved to the Village in 1999. I've also represented OHVNA in the Nashville Neighborhood Alliance for the past five years; and serve on NNA's executive board. With more than 250 member associations, our mission is to help enhance the quality of life in Nashville's neighborhoods, (OHVNA was a founding member of the NNA.)

At citywide meetings, I often hear, "Where's Old Hickory Village?" "Is that in Brentwood?" Hard to believe, but some people still don't know who or where we are.

So, several years ago, I started saying I was from "HISTORIC OLD HICKORY VILLAGE" and writing it on my conference nametags. Recently, back in the Village, I suggested to our board that we re-name our association. I wasn't the only one who'd been thinking about that, so the board voted, unanimously, to make the change.

And I'm happy to say that Mr. Verner "Red" Dean—an early board member and all-around Village treasure--was at that meeting and approved.

"I'm all for it," says Jane Rains, one of OHVNA's founders. "It gives us the subtle designation like the other historic neighborhoods."

We've got an energetic new bunch of folks on the board, from all over the village—Bryan Street to Jones Circle to Birdsall, led by Dupont HS alum Rick McClintock. But it's not just the board—it's everyone who gets involved, like maybe *you*.

I asked Jane Rains why she, Joe McCauley, Sandra and others started OHVNA in the first place. "We did it to build up community pride and to make people aware of what a treasure we have."

Some things never change.

2006 HOHV Board Members

Historic Old Hickory Village (HOHV) held its last meeting Monday, April 3, 2006 at the Old Hickory Community Center. The following is a list of 2006 officers and board members:

Rick McClintock, President

Shelly Cargill, Vice-President

Aron Riley, Secretary

James Waller, Treasurer

Jim Bradford, Board Member

Allison Baird, Board Member

Terry Swartz, Board Member

Terry Torre, Board Member

Jennifer White, Board Member

Bob Yates, Board Member

Jill Ziegler, Board Member

There are two vacancies remaining on the board. We have also changed our name to Historic Old Hickory Village. HOHV meets the first Monday of the month at the Old Hickory Community Center at 6:30 P.M. Residents in the Old Hickory Village are invited to attend and get involved in making the village a better place to live.



Residents Revive Neighborhood Watch

Residents of Old Hickory Village have revived the Neighborhood Watch Program. Five people have volunteered to report suspicious activity in our neighborhood and more are needed.

The program works by citizens gathering information which is logged into a data base. By collecting information Metro Police may more easily identify trends and may be able to solve crimes. The information may also be used to request police to take certain action like for instance investigating a potential drug house.

If you notice odd or suspicious behavior within the boundaries of the Village that could be related in some way to crime, please report it to your block captain, or you may enter it into the "Contact Us" section on the HOHV website at www.OldHickory.org.

Please be prepared to provide a description of the person(s) involved, vehicle descriptions if applicable (tag numbers are great!) or any other information. DO NOT confront anyone!

If you see an actual crime taking place, call 911 immediately. If you need a police officer for a non-emergency situation, call 862-8600. Otherwise, let your Neighborhood Watch group know.

Volunteer block captains are still needed. To find out more about joining Neighborhood Watch, come to our next Landlord Council meeting on May 4th at 6:30 PM at the Community Center.

Using the Law to Help Your Neighborhood

Recently residents of Old Hickory Village learned new ways to empower themselves and help improve our neighborhood through a workshop presented by the Neighborhoods Resource Center.

The workshop called "Using the Law to Help Your Neighborhood!" explained ways to address problems by using common processes.

Some of these problems include but are not limited to the following:

- Dilapidated houses—those with peeling paint, corrosion, holes in walls, rotting materials, cracked foundation walls and other structurally unsound elements.
- Blighted property— those that are vacant, unfit for human habitation, fire hazards and have an accumulation of trash and debris these could also be a haven for rodents and vermin
- Yard Area Violations—Structures in the yard, debris, weeds and abandoned cars.

These are some of the more popular Metro Code and Health violations. These type of violations may soon be reported to the Metro Codes Department through the NOTICE Program—Neighborhoods Organized To Initiate Code Enforcement. The program allows for neighbors to be direct participants in the inspection process that helps improve and maintain their neighborhood.

The objectives of the NOTICE Program are 1) Clean up of the exterior of residential or commercial buildings, grounds and vacant lots, 2) Instilling a sense of community pride and help stem further blight of the neighborhood and 3) Foster community involvement in the upkeep of our neighborhood and our city.

Should you receive a notice, you will have 10 days to fix the problem. If you are elderly, disabled or need other assistance please contact HOHV. Help may be available.

More resources are available at www.nashville.gov/codes or calling the Metro Codes Department at 862-6590.

Plaques Available For Historic Village Homes



Over 300 homes in the Village are within the National Register of Historic Places "Old Hickory Historic District." To find out if your home is listed on this honorary register and eligible for a plaque, please call 847-8255 or contact us through our website www.OldHickory.org.

Home and Yard of the Month

Congratulations to our two Home and Yard of the Month Winners for April!

909 Clarke Street
1013 Elliston Street

If you'd like to nominate a home contact us through the website or call Terry Torre at 847-4410.



Mama's Cooking By Susan Lamb

What family of six scrambling farm kids doesn't want dessert? And what mother of the family has time to make dessert?

My mother's answer to this dilemma was Skillet Cake. A simple one layer scratch cake recipe easy enough for each of use children to leave in turn with the gold-kissed crust from a cast iron skillet.

I service Skillet Cake with fresh fruit in season, but it's also yummy with homemade chocolate sauce or a burnt sugar caramel.

Skillet Cake

1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 cups flour
1 cup milk

Cream butter and sugar together, then cream eggs into mixture. Add in flour one cup at a time. Mix in milk, but don't over mix.

Bake at 325 degrees in a pre-heated cast iron skillet for about 25-30 minutes until the top is golden brown. Check with a toothpick. If it comes out clean, it's done.
(May also be baked in a regular cake pan)

Summer Happenings at the Old Hickory Library By Dorothy Ballinger

Spring and summer bring breezes, birds, blossoms and a bounty of work. When you're ready for a break, visit the Old Hickory Library where you'll find something for everyone.

In addition to what you'd expect—books, our community library has CDs, DVDs, VHSs, Internet and wireless access.

Story hours with lots of fun and learning utilize books, stories, finger-plays, songs, crafts and Prissy Krissy Koala, our favorite puppet friend. Preschoolers age 3 and up meet Mondays at 10:30 and Toddlers infant through 2 years old meet Wednesdays at 9:30.

Summer Reading is for everyone with programs designed especially for adults, young adults and children. Age appropriate rewards are for those who complete any of the three programs.



New Historic Old Hickory Village T-shirts Available Now

Along with our new name Historic Old Hickory Village has a new logo. It is featured on the front page of this newsletter and on our new T-shirts. The T-shirts are khaki with the logo in dark green. They available in sizes Small through 3XL are \$10. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt please you may contact us through our website at www.OldHickory.org. You may also place an order at Maisie's or purchase one at the home tour on Saturday, May 20th.

Volunteer Corner

Rachel's Walk is in need of some tender loving care. It's time to cut the pampas grass, rake the leaves and mulch. Volunteers will meet Saturday, April 22nd at 8AM to clean up the park. For info contact Terry Torre at 847-4410.

Or contact Terry Swartz 847-8255 to volunteer to help with the landscaping at the Hadley Avenue entrance.