

12SOUTH

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

A neighborhood association serving the 12South Neighborhood between Wedgewood Avenue and Gale Lane

⇒ *Newsletter* ⇐

September 2007

News from the Neighborhood

By David Thompson

EXERCISE THE FRANCHISE. Please remember to vote on Sept. 11 for the Metro run-off elections. **SANDRA MOORE** and **FRANK STEVENSON** are vying to represent District 17 in the Metro Council. The mayor's race and the four at-large Metro Council seats are also up for grabs. All candidates and their supporters are encouraged to remove their yard signs and dispose of them properly after the election.

SEPTEMBER GATHERING/FESTIVAL/COOKOUT. Montrose in May was not held this year given the preference by 12South members to push the neighborhood festival to the fall—farther away from the Home Tour. The proposed date for the gathering /festival/cookout at Sevier Park is Saturday, Sept. 29. Please contact **DAVID THOMPSON** to volunteer or provide ideas.

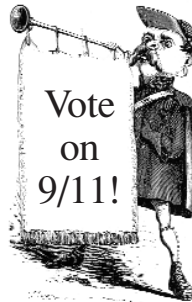
FAIRGROUNDS RACETRACK. On July 17, neighbors had an opportunity to voice their opinion directly to the State Fairgrounds Board concerning the Music City Motorplex's request for a 20-year lease extension. Neighbors pointed out the excessive noise that comes from the racetrack both day and night. The State Fairgrounds Board has indicated that it will hire a consultant to advise as to the best possible use for the property. A proposal is expected by the end of the year. The current Motorplex lease expires Oct. 2, 2008.

GALE PARK. Metro Council unanimously approved plans for the Gale Park subdivision Aug. 21. The development, to be located at the corner of Gale and Vaultx lanes, will contain 33 attached townhomes, five flats over retail, 58 detached single family townhomes, and 4,200 square feet of retail and restaurant uses.

12SOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN. The Metro Planning Commission sponsored neighborhood meetings in order to prepare a Detailed Neighborhood Design Plan to address zoning in the 12South Corridor—business, residential and multi-use. Look for a report of the Planning Commission's findings soon.

\$2,100 DONATED FOR TRAFFIC ISLAND. The association has received \$2,100 in donations to landscape the traffic island housing our neighborhood sign on 12th Ave. S.

1221 PARTNERS LLC donated \$1,000 Aug. 20 in memory of (Continued on page 2)



IMPROV CLUB BRINGS LAUGHS TO 12SOUTH

By Melanie Moran

“I went to that comedy club in your neighborhood last weekend,” a friend told me a few months ago. “What comedy club?” I asked. “The one above **LAS PALETAS**,” she said. I live about a three-minute walk from Las Paletas and had no idea there was a comedy club there, but my East Nashville-dwelling friend and scores of others in-the-know have been yukking it up since 2005 with Nashville's own improv troupe, **IMPROV NASHVILLE**. The troupe holds many of its 90-minute shows upstairs from Las Paletas at 2907 12th Ave. S. Upcoming showtimes are 8 p.m. Sept. 14, 21 and 28. Tickets are \$10. To buy tickets, read troupe bios, get (Continued on page 3)

12SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING The September meeting will take place Tuesday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the **THOMPSON** residence, 917 Gilmore Ave. *Please join us!* ★ ★ ★

(con'd from p.1, "News") **CHARLES W. HAWKINS, III**, founder of the **CHAS. HAWKINS COMPANY** and an early pioneer of Nashville's urban preservation. The partners noted in their letter accompanying their donation, "We highly commend the 12SNA for its ongoing work. 12South has become a more desirable, livable, safer and sustainable neighborhood and community from your efforts. We thank you!" Additional donations came from **THE VILLAGE FUND**, **ALLIANCE CONSTRUCTION**, **VIRIGINA F. DEGERBERG** and **ALESSANDRO RUSTIONI**. The association warmly thanks these businesses and individuals for their generosity and their commitment to our community.

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September Calendar

- SEPT. 3** Labor Day
SEPT. 11 Patriot Day
SEPT. 11 12South Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting, 7 p.m. 917 Gilmore
SEPT. 13 Rosh Hashanah, Ramadan
SEPT. 22 Yom Kippur
SEPT. 29 Proposed Date for 12South Neighborhood Cookout, Sevier Park

Writers Wanted

Do you have a story about our neighborhood you would like to share? Tips for homeowners? Neighborhood history? Consider contributing to your neighborhood newsletter. Please e-mail your stories or ideas to Melanie Moran, Melanie.moran@vanderbilt.edu.

Native Plants Help Your Garden Beat the Heat

By Chris Moran

I'm writing this during the second week of August, with temperatures reaching close to or over 100 degrees every day this week. We've not had measurable rain since June. Most of the plants (except cactus!) in my yard look pretty sad, but some are tolerating the heat and drought better than others.

If you are planning to plant a new garden or add some new plants to an existing garden this fall, you may want to consider planting some drought-tolerant native plants in order to reduce the amount of time you'll have to stand and water or move the sprinkler around next summer. Native plants (those that are indigenous to the area) often have advantages in the garden over plants from other parts of the world. They are adapted to the local climate and soils and tend to require less maintenance in terms of fertilizers, other soil amendments and watering. Unlike some "imported" species, natives generally are not invasive/nuisance plants. Natives provide food and habitat for native animal species, especially birds and insects (including butterflies).

Obviously, native plants have adapted to various habitats – from mountains, to glades, to wetlands – throughout our state and region. Below is a short list of some garden-worthy Tennessee-native plants. They'll do well in our Middle Tennessee clay, and will resist heat and drought. Those marked with a * prefer shade, those with a + prefer sun. Photos and more information can be found at <http://tenn.bio.utk.edu/vascular/vascular.html>.

TREES

- Hickories *Carya spp.*+
 Hackberry/Sugarberry *Celtis occidentalis/C. laevigata* + – (abundant seedlings from these trees can be a nuisance in garden beds)
 Red bud *Cercis canadensis* –
 Eastern red cedar *Juniperus virginiana* –
 Most oak species, including willow, chestnut, northern red, and black oak *Quercus spp.*+
 Eastern white pine *Pinus strobus*

SHRUBS

- Beauty berry *Callicarpa americana**
 New Jersey tea *Ceanothus americanus*



- White cedar cultivars *Thuja occidentalis* var.
 Yucca, Adam's needle *Yucca filamentosa*, *Y. flaccida*+

WILDFLOWERS

- Butterfly weed *Asclepias tuberosa*
 White wood aster *Aster divaricatus**
 Smooth blue aster *Aster laevis*
 Wild indigos *Baptisia spp.*
 Tennessee cone flower *Echinacea tennesseensis*
 Ox-eye sunflower *Heliopsis helianthoides*
 Tall blazing star *Liatris aspera*
 Prickly-pear cactus *Opuntia humifusa*
 Grey-headed coneflower *Ratibida columnifera* (Continued on page 3)

(continued from p.2, "Native Plants")

Biennial black-eyed Susan *Rudbeckia hirta*
Goldenrods *Solidago sp.*+
(depending on species)

GRASSES

Split beard bluestem *Andropogon ternarius*
Little bluestem *Schizachyrium scoparium*
Switchgrass *Panicum virgatum*

(con'd from p.1, "Comedy Club")
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By Alyssa Gilliam

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- 2016 12th Ave, \$175K, 1,120 sq.ft., 425-2168

- 2502 9th Ave. S, \$180K, 948 sq.ft., 383-3142

- 1005 Lawrence, \$214.9K, 1,420 sq.ft., 329-4909

- 1010 S. Douglas, \$224.9K, 1,273 sq.ft., 425-3600

- 2107 11th Ave, \$225K, 868 sq.ft., 333-7400

- 926 Benton, \$229K, 1,270 sq.ft., 221-8788

- 1823 10th Ave, \$229.9K, 816 sq.ft., 333-7400

- 911 Montrose, \$232.9K, 1,270 sq.ft., 383-2050

- 2402 9th Ave. S, \$249K, 1,916 sq.ft., 333-7400

- 911 Knox, \$272.9K, 1,842 sq.ft., 661-4400

- 2500 9th Ave. S, \$295K, 1,700 sq.ft., 333-7400

- 928 Benton, \$299K, 1,780 sq.ft., 383-7400

- 922 Montrose, \$394K, 2,307 sq.ft., 383-6964

- 1109 S. Douglas, \$395K, 4,416 sq.ft., 356-6000

- 932 Benton, \$399.9K, 2,300 sq.ft., 383-6964

- 911 Lawrence, \$409.9K, 2,160 sq.ft., 228-3723

- 907 Knox, \$419.9K, 2,690 sq.ft., 385-9010

- 924 S. Douglas, \$434.9K, 2,250 sq.ft., 383-6964

- 912 Benton, \$449.9K, 2,800 sq.ft., 385-9010

- 1001 Caruthers, \$449.9K, 3,479 sq.ft., 327-4800

- 1020 Gale, \$479.9K, 2,342 sq.ft., 373-2814

- 924 S. Douglas, \$484.9K, 2,510 sq.ft., 383-6964

- 917 Knox, \$499K, 2,849 sq.ft., 383-6964

- 913 Caruthers, \$499K, 2,449 sq.ft., 444-0909

- 828 Clayton, \$499.9K, 2,300 sq.ft., 383-7914

(More listings available on www.12South.org.)

12SOUTH YOGA

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- Police: Non-emergency.....862-8600
- Larry Cole, Metro's Vector Control (rodent problems).....340-5668
- Abandoned Cars (on street/private property).....862-6590
- Call-before-you-dig.....1-800-351-1111
- Animal Control.....862-7928
- Chipper Service.....862-8971



The **12SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** is a Tennessee non-profit membership corporation governed by a board of directors. The board holds neighborhood meetings each second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at locations published by newsletter and e-mail. Anyone living in or owning property or a business in the 12South Neighborhood (generally, areas adjacent to 12th Ave. South between Wedgewood Ave. and Gale Lane) may become a voting member of the Association by paying annual dues of \$10 per person or \$5 per person if 65 or older. The Association's meetings, events, and e-mail list are open to everyone in the 12South Neighborhood regardless of membership. Contact Bernadette Welch at bernadettewelch@yahoo.com for more information. Send neighborhood news to Melanie Moran at melanie.moran@12South.org or 297-8204.

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