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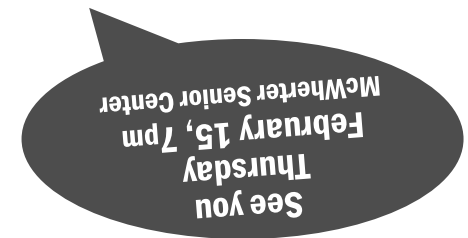


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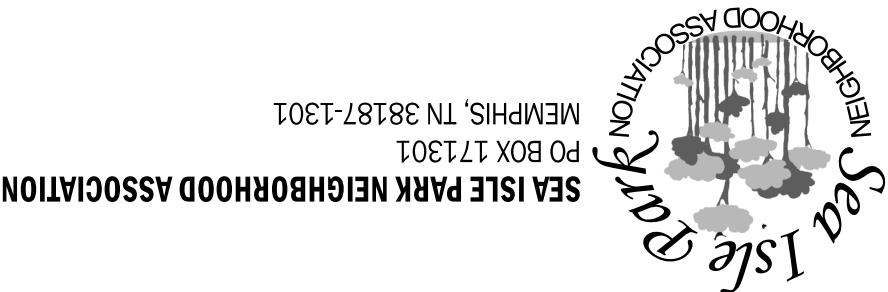
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our next Neighborhood General Assembly will be held **Thursday, February 15 at 7 pm.** The meeting will be at McWherter Sr Center. Hulett George, who owns Yorkshire Square retail center, will be our guest speaker. He will update us on his property development. Colonel Oakley and Officer Walcott from Mt Moriah precinct will drop by to update us on neighborhood crime. Vickie Brooks, head of the Neighborhood Watch Program, will also be in attendance. I've asked Lt. Colonel Jeff Tow to make an appearance, although it will depend on his schedule as to whether or not he will be able to attend. Aine Kent will have some fabulous food. So, drop by to hear from Mr. Gregory, have a bite to eat, and visit with your neighbors.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Hulet Gregory is the president/owner of Marathon Management which is a full service property management company. Professionally, he spent 12 years in banking with Wells Fargo throughout Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. In 2004 he started investing in real estate in the Memphis market. Currently he has 7 real estate related companies that he owns and operates. A Memphis transplant since 2000, Hulet was educated at U N Alabama graduating in 1992 with a BS in Finance and Economics. He and his wife, Jackie, have been married for 25 years. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. We welcome Hulet to our meeting and look forward to hearing what he has to say!

OUR BOUNDARIES

If you receive this newsletter, you are part of our neighborhood association! Our boundaries are the railroad tracks on the north, the interstate on the east, the interstate on the south and Mt Moriah on the west. If you live within our boundaries, we welcome you to participate in anything we put on: whether it's a general assembly, a sponsored event, our email messages or even our closed Facebook page!

For questions and more information, check out our website: www.sipna.org or email us at sipna@sipna.org

Look forward to seeing you!
Molly Laster, *President*

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General Assembly February 15th Thursday, 7pm
McWherter Sr. Center ■ 1355 Estate @ Sea Isle





A YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 was a great year for SIPNA. In early February 2017 in response to an incident at Billy Hardwick Bowling Alley, we held a neighborhood bowling party! Our 2nd VP, Sandi Rogers, came up with the idea. It fleshed out to be a wonderful event! Several hundred people from our neighborhood came. So many people and churches contributed to the success of the party by bringing food. Our own Geoff Calkins came out and did an article on the event. This event has turned into a regular Tuesday night bowling league for our neighborhood. It's a league built for fun only. Come join them on Tuesday nights! In May we wrote our first Neighborhood Watch Grant for \$2,500.00 and got it! Thanks goes to Lanna Byrd who headed this committee up. We are currently writing another grant from Memphis City Beautiful worth \$500.00. In late April we held our 2nd Annual Family Fun Walk/Run.

We had good weather and a healthy turnout for this new event. Our 2nd annual Cop Stop was held in early June. This was a lot of fun! It rained that day, so we moved the event indoors at McWherter Sr Center. Concerned that the rain would discourage people from coming, boy were we wrong! We had a great turnout of neighbors, fire and police. Once again many neighbors brought their "specialty" dish. Elwood's Shack donated barbeque. Vernon Gipson, director at McWherter Sr Center, was our DJ. Fun! Fun! Fun! We finished the year celebrating our neighborhood with our annual neighborhood festival, SIPFEST. The day started out raining and cold. By festival time the rain stopped, clouds parted, and the sun came out. Churches brought food, games and blow ups. Vendors set up tables. Special forces from police and fire came by. The band, Doc Fangaz, outdid themselves this year! Thank you to everyone that comes together to make this an outstanding neighborhood to live and volunteer in!

See you Feb. 15th!

Molly Laster
President

REAL ESTATE



The following is a home sales report for the last quarter of 2017 in the SIPNA neighborhood. There were 61 homes sold. The lowest sales price was \$67K while the highest sales price was \$525K, with an average sales price of \$163,200. Average price per square foot was \$103 and average days on the market was 31. The number of comparable sales (settled) and the absorption rate remained stable while the number of active listings declined.

~Eleanore Kelly Maynard



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Neighborhood Bowling
Tuesdays 6:30-8:30p
No obligation - just for fun!
\$10 includes shoe rental



Run SIPNA!

Hello neighbors of SIPNA! My name is Kelly Bowers, and my husband Keith and I are director and co-director of the 2018 SIPNA Family Fun 5K Run/Walk (SIPNA5K.org) held on April 28 at 9AM in front of the McWherter Senior Center. Prior to moving to Memphis in the summer of 2016, I was Volunteer Coordinator on the Board of Directors of the Lake Run Club in Bloomington, Illinois. We have been participating and volunteering in races and programs for new runners since we began running in 2015. We are very excited to be tackling this great event for our community!

I want to draw your attention to some important SIPNA 5K registration deadlines.

REGISTRATION!

- \$20 Early Bird! — March 18** (cutoff)
- \$25 March 19 — April 23**
- \$30 11th Hour! — April 24 - 8:30AM Race Day 4/28** (shirt not guaranteed)

A Family Plan is available to help everyone enjoy this event. Participation is unlimited — families will only be charged a maximum of two entry fees. Each entry fee includes a shirt if registered by April 23. Additional shirts for children will be available for purchase at a reduced rate. After the 23rd shirts cannot be guaranteed.

Many of you have generously volunteered in the past to help make this event successful, and I hope you will consider doing so again. If anyone would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Michelle Bingham at michelle@befitandtrain.com. I would also like to send a friendly reminder that **we cannot bring pets to this event**, per Memphis Police.

Running is such a great way to connect with people in our community! I recently started our neighborhood running group, Sea Isle Park Runners. We now have nearly 90 members and it is growing continuously. We welcome you to join our Facebook page. Our group runs with neighbors on Mondays at 5:30PM and Thursdays at 6PM, meeting in the parking lot in front of McWherter Senior Center (same location as the 5K).

I hope you will consider joining us!
See you on race day!

Kelly Bowers, SIPNA 5K Director

SIPNA Meeting: FEB. 15th, Thurs. 7p ★ DUES Due!



Cold Weather Feeders

Yes, there is spring light at the end of this winter tunnel, believe it or not. The winters during the last few years have seemed mild in comparison with this harsh-starting season. Our avian friends, though equipped to endure tough winter months, could use some human help to get through it unscathed. I see a good variety of bird feeders around the SIPNA neighborhood, from seed tubes to finch feeders to suet baskets, and if you put these up, the birds will come. I have all of the above set up and just a few casual bird-watching sessions from the kitchen window has resulted in sightings of at least nineteen different species of birds! If I had all day to watch the feeders, that number would probably rise.

Sighted on the feeders in the past few days have been Goldfinches (some just beginning to get their beautiful plumage), House Finches, White-breasted Nuthatches, Tufted Titmice, Carolina Wrens, Mockingbirds, and Blue Jays. Others on the feeders included Chickadees, Cardinals, Downey Woodpeckers, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, and a Grackle. Underneath those same feeders, eating spilled seed, have been Robins, Towhees, White-throated Sparrows, Brown Thrashers, Mourning Doves, Juncos, but something seemed to be missing. For the last few years, we have had seasonal winter visits from the most tiny, delicate of birds. I waited a full day to write this and my patience was rewarded with the sighting this morning of a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, the little bitty acrobat of the feeding areas. I am still waiting for the Catbirds and Fox Sparrows that usually attend these sessions.

If you are interested in feeding the birds, I would suggest a visit to Wild Birds at 704 S. Mendenhall - they can help you with all your birding needs.

Coming up soon: The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), February 16-19, 2018. This is a fun, beneficial way to help the Audubon Society and Cornell Lab gage the numbers and changes of bird populations worldwide. Powered by eBird, and it's free! gbbc.birdcount.org

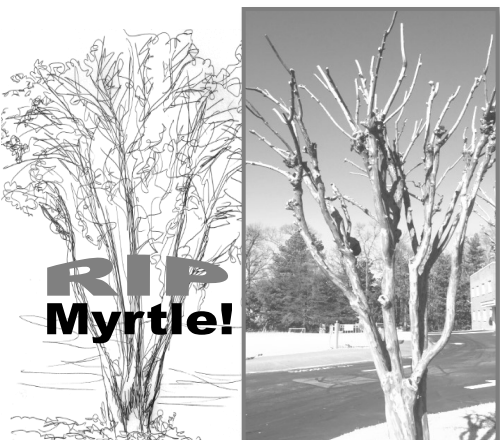
Andy Prewitt





One of my favorite calendars is the one sold by the Memphis Area Master Gardeners. This is a group of trained volunteers who have studied horticulture and do volunteer work in the community. I took this course several years ago, learned a lot and did my share of volunteering throughout the city. The calendar is filled with information that pertains to gardening in Memphis...what grows best...when to plant and chores to do each month. (There are some calendars still available at the Wild Birds Store on Mt. Moriah.) Yes, I know it's winter and there is really nothing to do outside for a while, but come February there will be. The February "To Do" list includes planting, moving, and dividing perennials, applying preemergent weed control when forsythia is in bloom, and cutting back monkey grass and ivy. One item on the February "To Do" list I want to focus on is pruning crepe myrtles. Note I said PRUNING. The crepe myrtle is actually a shrub and the official flower of Memphis. You want to create a canopy, so air can circulate, and all branches receive sunlight. **But, are you a crepe murderer?** Do you remove all the branches thus disfiguring and damaging the shrub leaving it susceptible to disease and insects? If so, you are a **crepe murderer!** Yes, the branches may grow back, and the blooms may be larger, but the branches will be thinner and weaker and thus droop and break especially after a hard rain. Just because you see commercial

landscape companies "murder" these plants doesn't make it right. I drove around East Memphis looking for examples and found some...and yet just next door some beautiful natural ones. Look at the difference!



The Yard of the Month committee will be back touring the 'hood later this spring...we'll give you time to get things spruced up after the winter. Hopefully no late frosts, prolonged rainy seasons or wind storms...just beautiful daffodils, azaleas, tulips and more. Our neighborhood is looking better and better every year and we already have our eye on some potential Yards of the Month for 2018.

~ **Susie Hudson**

Let's talk about Facebook...

We all know the type... jerks on the internet. (*I have been guilty myself in my younger days, being quick to judge, hiding behind a keyboard pontificating about how I was right.*) Minds are not enlightened from a cyber pedestal, and there's no FB award for cruel wittiness!

Our Facebook page is such a wonderful tool for our community! Sandi Rogers and I have the honor of being administrators of the group which, trust me, is a full-time job.

Occasionally posts on our page may seem rude, unnecessary, or even worrisome. The good news is, if you disagree with a post, just keep on scrolling! If you deem it necessary to comment in objection, let's all keep it civil. We strive to maintain a safe, informative and friendly online environment by curtailing drama and unpleasanties before it gets unruly, often times before many people even read it! *Whew!*

Our Facebook group is growing every day and tons of altruistic acts of kindness and good will, fun events, referrals, and incredible info sharing come out of it DAILY. So, the new, updated golden rule? "TYPE UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM TYPE UNTO YOU!" (*Just not in all caps... ha!*) Let's utilize FB to continue progress and growth in our special little place in the city, encouraging unity in the community! Support neighbors in the virtual world as well as our beautiful tree-lined streets.

Happy posting!
James Reed

If you are not a member of our FB group, you are missing out! Pertinent information to life here in our 'mini-Mayberry!'

Your privacy is important- this is a closed group, only for Sea Isle residents. You will need to verify your address to join.

Search for the GROUP:
Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association



Mysteries & Memories

When the realtor first showed me the house, I knew it was home. I had looked at countless other houses in surrounding neighborhoods. But when this house came available, near an awesome park nestled beside a school and senior center, and in a neighborhood with an active association to boot, I was sold.

There were some things I wanted to change about the house itself. A few decades of redecoration needed to be done! Blue kitchen countertops clashed with mustard yellow paneling. Lime green bedroom walls were blinding. And there were some little quirks to be expected with a 50+ year old house. A mystery light switch that turned on nothing I could figure out. Learning the exact angle to jiggle the key in order to open the storm door. But there were also some things I couldn't bear to change about the home. It just felt wrong to paint over a growth chart etched on the side of the pantry door. I had never met the little girls named Maddie and Olivia whose names appear next to marks with their heights, recorded through the years. But I feel a strange connection to them, having lived in the same home. After seven years of living here, we still haven't painted over it. There is something a bit sacred about living in a home with a history, while also making a history of your own.

I'm thankful for the way this neighborhood is contributing to our little family's history. We got married here (at the Park Avenue Church of Christ), and we brought home our first baby and will soon be bringing home our second here. Frequent walks in the park have allowed for opportunities to meet neighbors. I love how it is almost impossible to walk past someone without at least a smile and a "hello". I feel a connection to each person because of our choice to make this neighborhood home. Some of those funny little quirks of our house have also provided great memories for our family, like the story of that mystery light switch. I was putting up our first Christmas tree and plugged the lights into an outlet that we hadn't used yet. The outlet didn't seem to work, so I went to the store to buy a new fuse (yes, our house still uses fuses).

Changing the fuse didn't help. I concluded, that in addition to a mystery switch, we also had a mystery outlet. A few nights later I happened to flip on the mystery switch. Lo and behold the Christmas tree lit up in all its glory! From then on, we have referred to that light switch as "the Christmas tree switch".

So, as we continue to make memories in this sweet neighborhood, we are learning to embrace those little quirks that give our home character. The lime green walls are gone, but the blue countertops remain. Maybe one day I'll get around to changing them out.

Or, who knows, maybe I will end up embracing them after all.

~ **Mary Ellen Legg**



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SANDI ON THE SCENE



Who Ya Gonna Call?

We have so many interesting people living in our neighborhood that it's hard to pick who to spotlight. Because I follow his Facebook page, I knew Raymond Chiozza had a story. He's the Executive Director for Shelby County 911 Communications District, a photographer, avid gardener, and born and raised Memphian.

Just a couple of months out of high school at 18 years old, Raymond went to work for the Memphis Fire Department in communications. He was one of the youngest people ever hired. He retired in 2000 as Chief of Fire Communications

with 26-1/2 years. He retired so he could accept the job of Executive Director for Shelby County 911.

He now has 43 years of experience in public safety communications and still going strong.

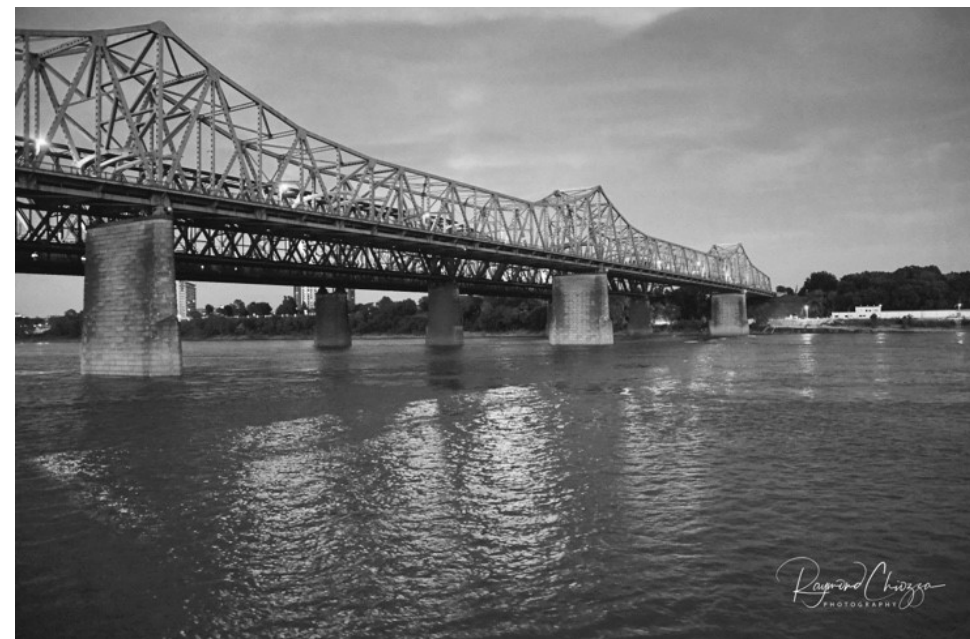
When he first started out, the fire dispatch had 2 of the old time plug in switchboards to transfer calls. In 1975, the first in the country computerized dispatch system went live in Memphis. "One of my most memorable experiences was August 16, 1977, when we dispatched an ambulance to Graceland. Our shift started at 2:25pm and the call came in at 2:33pm," Chiozza recalls. In a very short time, the phone lines were all lit up from radio stations all over the world, sending us scrambling to transfer them out so we could take the emergency calls.

Shelby County 911 Communications District is its own government entity. All revenue is funded by taxpayers through the 911 fee of \$1.16 on their phone bill.

All monies collected from Shelby County go to Raymond's office which in turn provides all the answering equipment, software and maintenance for MPD, MFD, Shelby County Sheriff, Germantown, Collierville, Bartlett and Millington dispatchers. Because MPD just needed to upgrade their systems, they had money left to totally renovate an existing space at 79 Flicker Street to add a \$9M, high tech, second location of dispatchers, giving Memphis the redundancy of always having dispatchers available. The grand opening of this location was held January 11, 2018.

In June of 2016, Raymond won SIPNA Yard of the Month. His love of gardening came from his mother, who was raised on a farm in Oklahoma, before moving to Memphis in the 1920's. He loves experimenting with different plants and always plants some vegetables in the spring. As with most gardeners, he says it's his therapy to work in the yard.

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~ Chiozza continued...

Along with gardening, Raymond is avid photographer. He started with family pictures as a child and learned more working in the fire department lab for a couple of years, shooting fires and developing pictures and slides. Today he takes pictures for fun and to try new ideas with his camera at all Tigers games, the bridges downtown and he's always on site at SIPNA events getting great pictures that he shares on the Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association Facebook page. The three photos within this article show his talent well!

When asked why he likes living in Sea Isle Park, after the usual answer of the convenient to everything and good neighbors, he added, "The way we watch after each other and help keep crime and thefts down." He recalled that in April of last year, his camera caught a man stealing his riding lawn mower from his yard.

Raymond posted all the information on our Facebook page and the same day, David McWhorter posted that he was off work and spotted the thief. David followed him, getting pictures of him, his vehicle and license plate. The thief actually went back to Raymond's house again! The police was given the information and caught the man in question behind the AutoZone at Jackson and Wells. He was behind the store going to spray his truck so it wouldn't be recognizable. They nabbed him. He was also a sexual predator and being in back of AutoZone, placed him too close to a school, so BAM!!!

Thanks, Raymond, for being such an integral part of our great neighborhood and keeping our first responder dispatchers supplied with the tools they need to help us in emergencies.

~ Sandi Rogers

Do the Dues

I fell asleep
the other night,
and while I had my snooze,
I dreamt each member stepped right up
and promptly paid his dues.
But when I found 'twas but a dream
I nearly threw a fit;
It's up to you to make it true
So won't you... "please remit?"

It's time! It's \$20! It's EASY! SIPNA (YOUR Neighborhood Association) is committed to ensuring that this East Memphis gem of a neighborhood that we reside in remains the safe, caring, fun place we all call home. All of the officers and committee members are volunteers with the same concerns and desires and goals as you have: safety, property values, appearance, and quality of life. Your dues help offset the expenses of your newsletter, website, CopStops, Sea Isle's Arboretum, SIPFest and many more. Paying your dues also gives you the opportunity to vote at General Assemblies. In 2018, our membership goal is to achieve 18% (or more!) dues paying members. Join or renew by either visiting SIPNA.ORG via PayPal/ Visa, or mail in the membership form located on the back of this newsletter, or at Assembly on Feb. 15. Thank you so much! *Tax deductible/501C3 non-profit.*



Have you seen them?
They are here!

Look for the blue lights
(some flashing, some not).

Thanks to all who gave their
time and talents to make
our neighborhood an even
safer place!