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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our neighborhood general assembly on **Thursday, June 21 at 7 pm** at McWherter Sr. Center, 1355 Estate Dr. Our guest speakers will be Lt. Colonel Jeff Tow who is currently assigned as a Commander of Administrative Services, and, Mike Spencer, who is the new Emergency Communications Administrator (911) with MPD. Come hear how they are successfully answering 95% of their calls in 20 seconds or less! Colonel Joe Oakley and the crew from Mt. Moriah Precinct will be there to update us on neighborhood crime, and the new Sentinel Cameras. We will also be honoring one of our neighbors, Dana Beech, who was recently nominated and won the title "Mom of the Year" from the Tennessee Justice Center. Please come out and join us for some of Anie Kent's delicious snacks, meet some neighbors and celebrate what is great about our neighborhood. Hope to see you there!

SENTINEL CAMERA PROJECT

Last summer I heard about a camera project involving the City Council called Sentinel Camera Project. Basically, each council district would get 10 cameras a year to put up in one location in their district. The location is determined by crime statistics from the previous year. While our neighbors had done a wonderful job being proactive by purchasing cameras for their homes, and, being vigilant on our Facebook page reporting suspicious activity, I felt like there needed to be more. I contacted Councilman Worth Morgan for more information about this project. Councilman Morgan made me aware that an area in our neighborhood qualified for this project. We ran in to some bumps this spring, but I'm happy to report we are back on track and the cameras are in place! The boundaries for these cameras are: East - Estate / West - Mt Moriah / North - Sea Isle / South - Helene. Thank you to Mayor Jim Strickland, Councilman Worth Morgan, Councilman Frank Colvett, Deputy Chief Don Crowe and Colonel Joe Oakley for your support.

SKY COP CAMERA AT SEA ISLE ELEMENTARY

A big THANK YOU to County Commissioner Steve Basar for the grant in the amount of \$6,000 we received from his office. This grant will allow us to purchase a SkyCop Camera for the parking lot at Sea Isle Elementary. The parking lot at the school will be used by neighbors visiting our new dog park. We were awarded the grant on May 30th. Thank you to Lanna Byrd for writing the grant and to John Behnke for representing SIPNA at the County Commissioner's meeting.

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Molly Laster
President

WHAT'S UP WITH EASTGATE SHOPPING CENTER?

As you may be aware, a portion of the shopping center on the west end has been torn down and a new building is rising. This will be the new Burlington and is expected to open in a year or little bit longer. The old Burlington space will house 3-4 different stores. **Tuesday Morning** will open next month in the old Hunan/Frame Shop space. Can't wait! The shopping center from Eastgate Cleaners to Ricki's Cookies will be getting a facelift. As each phase undergoes this upgrade, signs will come down and temporary banners will be put up. Also, be prepared for different entrances to be closed at various times during this construction period. Each phase is expected to take 6 weeks with it all being completed by the end of October.

Keep shopping as none of the stores will be closed during this time.

Sandi Rogers



In 2005 Victoria Outlaw-Coone opened Outlaw's Furniture and Mattress in Atoka, TN. For the past 13 years she has devoted her life to creating relationships with thousands of happy customers in Tipton County and the surrounding areas.

Victoria, a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, is sincere in her efforts to treat every customer with respect and making sure they leave the store with a smile. There is a reason they were voted #1 Furniture Store and Best Furniture Store in Millington and Tipton County numerous times.

Dedication from Victoria, her sales team, and delivery drivers make sure their customers are happy. She has personally put her touch on many homes in the area, and with continued loyalty from her customers, she will continue to do so.

Delving into a new venture, Victoria has opened her second location on December 15, 2017, Victoria's Furniture Gallery located at 5131 Quince Rd. (or as it's known locally "the old Hancock's building"), to bring her services to the Memphis area!

When the idea came to open this new location, she was determined to find a suitable space in this neighborhood. She lived here a few years ago and fell in love with this East Memphis area and its people. The neighborhood and its people left such an impression on her that nothing else would do but to open her second store here!

"One of the most endearing attributes of Sea Isle Neighborhood is the way you share information and look out for each other. That sense of neighborhood, family and caring has truly been shown to us since we opened this location, and for that, we are very thankful. We want to be a part of this community and appreciate your support."

Since the Grand Opening in mid-December she has met many Sea Isle neighbors and extends an open invitation for you to just drop by and say hi! "We want to be YOUR neighborhood

furniture and mattress store, a place where you can be confident in every purchase." Convinced yet?



Bonus:
FREE local delivery and set up, free layaway, and financing for everyone.

"Our products are of the absolute highest quality at the price points we offer. We only use suppliers and vendors who are willing to stand behind the products with warranties at no additional costs to our customers. For example, after trying many different lines of mattresses over the years, we now offer Symbol. Symbol is an American made, American sourced product with 100% replacement warranty. This means hassle free and fast defect returns should the need arise... which has only been a very rare instance during my 7 year relationship with Symbol Mattress. Clearly they have proven to be the best choice."

Victoria's Furniture Gallery offers a wonderful



line of living room, bedroom, dining room furniture, rugs, lamps, accessories. Many of which can be customized to suit you and your style. They have hundreds of fabrics to choose from. So, whether you want to design a sofa, loveseat and accent chair or just update your pillows and refresh your current look, Victoria can help you do just that!

Stop in and introduce yourself and meet Victoria and her team. Check out their website at VictoriasFurnitureGallery.com or Facebook page and help spread the word that true style can be found in Sea Isle! Victoria wants to be your "go to spot" for all your furniture, mattress and home décor. "We value your business *and* friendship!"

Victoria's Furniture Gallery

5131 Quince Rd. Memphis, TN 38117 901-305-6313

and

Outlaw's Furniture & Mattress

14336 US-51
Atoka, TN
38004
901-837-8393



THE SEA ISLE DOG PARK

Dogs in East Memphis will soon have a better option for stretching their legs, galloping like the horses and leaping like lizards over a network of intersecting berms 3.5 feet tall and approximately 90 feet in length and they are going to love it.

Members of the Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association (SIPNA) worked with the City of Memphis, the Department of Parks and Neighborhoods, and Hollywood Feed to convert a seldom used baseball field into a fenced, 2.5-acre playground for man's best friend. Large and small dogs will have their own respective entrances/exits by utilizing the opposing fenced dugouts of the ball diamond! Additionally, Hollywood Feed is planning on holding a minimum of 4 events per year at the Dog Park, further exposing our village to multitudes of pet lovers. I wouldn't be surprised if a canine event might be televised one day from the Dog Park - A canine agility contest or an annual Weiner Dog derby; sounds like a fun day to me!

I actually got the idea for the Dog Park many years ago when I was the owner of a very proud, noble, and fearless Weimaraner named Ceaser. He lived to the very old age of 14.5 years which is crazy old for his breed. We walked the trail at the Park every day and were even at the Park when Hurricane Elvis hit in 2003. We often looked at the baseball diamond and noticed that it was rarely, if not underused. Maybe a dog park could go there one day. Well, that day is now, and it will soon be a reality. Many thanks to John Behnke, who possesses a superlative business acumen and finalized a plan to bring it to fruition, and Molly Laster who exudes a positive influence to make everything a possibility.

Sea Isle Dog Park will be the Rainbow Bridge for living pooches. They will run and leap over the berms, chase their newfound dog pals and tire themselves so much

that they will go home and dream about all the fun they had at the dog park! You know how tired dogs dream - they twitch their legs as if they are running, whimper and snort as they run after imaginary squirrels and friends and wake up ready to do it all over again! This is a Dog Park that will be a SIPNA destination and for all Memphians who are at one with their canine family members.

Hal B. Lovett



*New Park
Entrance or
"The Way In"*

In the words of an infomercial, "But wait folks there's more!" might be the new mantra for SIPNA. Plans are underway for yet another new capital improvement to Sea Isle Park. With the anticipated influx of neighbors visiting the new dog park, people will need to park in the parking lot beside Sea Isle Elementary to off load their precious pups. From there, as it stands, to enter the park one walks over a rusty cable limply attached to equally rusty posts, then trods over the "grass" eventually passing by the kiosk to the track. Cable-hop while there's still time because a draft site plan has been put together to build an actual, formal entrance to the park that is wel-

coming to all who visit our park for their leisure. The Parks Commission has given preliminary approval to add a paved walk-

way and landscaping to this area so that it is welcoming to all visitors. Funding will be sourced from your SIPNA treasury - annual dues, the various fundraising events and additional grant money. The Board has solicited assistance from the UT Agricultural Extension who will provide volunteer Master Gardner's to advise us on the landscape design. We anticipate this project to be completed later this summer.

Johnny Behnke
1st Vice President





JUNE 23
Saturday
1-4pm

Come show your support for our neighborhood first responders!



FIRST RESPONDERS

Thank you



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Free Food & Fun!

COPSTOP 2018

We are changing venues for our 3rd Annual Cop Stop.

Billy Hardwick's All Star Bowling Lanes
Quince and White Station

**Saturday
June 23 @ 1-4pm**

We will be serving up hamburgers & hotdogs.
You can bowl for \$5 per person!

Come join us and show our appreciation to the officers from Mt. Moriah Police Station and all 3 Memphis Fire Stations that service our neighborhood.

You can donate towards the food and drinks by clicking on the police icon on our website sipna.org.

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SIPNA Meeting
JUNE 21st
Thursday 7p

Ridgeway Sensitive Basin

Storm water runoff is familiar to many neighbors in the Sea Isle Park Neighborhood who have struggled to maintain lawns, gardens, homes, and sheds from damage during heavy rains. It's not just a concern for those of us who live here. The City of Memphis is investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in a two year study of the Ridgeway Sensitive Drainage Basin, an area the City has identified as being at high risk for flooding.

Sea Isle Park Neighborhood sits squarely in the basin, roughly bounded by Poplar Avenue/Poplar Pike Avenue to the north, South White Station Road to the west, I-240/Bill Morris Parkway to the south.

The two year project, contracted to HDR, Inc, and Allworld Project Management, is funded through MLGW storm water fees. Four steps will identify potential solutions for flooding and drainage issues: surveying and mapping, collecting public comments, creating a computer generated model, and analyzing data. Two public meetings were held in April and May to explain the project, but as importantly, to engage public involvement.

Engineers clarified at the last meeting that mapping and modeling is based on the lay of the land as it exists today. In other words, it takes into account the structures that are already in place, not the effect of new builds. As older homes are torn down and lots are subdivided, larger homes are being built closer together and replaced by more, larger homes. These new infill development projects will potentially worsen the storm water runoff issues if the appropriate rain water retention and dispersion concerns are not included in the plans that are being approved by the City of Memphis Office Planning and Development.

The City of Memphis engineers are highly concerned about addressing storm water issues before they become a larger problem. They strongly recommend that citizens report drainage concerns at <http://www.ridgewaybasinstudy.com/community-input.html>. The citizens' input not only helps the engineers maintain failing infrastructure, they will help the study identify areas needing the most attention. Visit www.ridgewaybasinstudy.com for more information.

~ Cindy Hazen



Bloom Where You Are Planted

I am very blessed to live in such a wonderful neighborhood! I lived in this neighborhood most of my life (shhhhh.....don't tell anyone my age.) Besides living in such a magnificent community with all the beauty around us, we are also surrounded by extraordinary people! People who care, who will help you out and, lookout for you and your best interest.

I often tell people in surrounding neighborhoods about the tight knit group we have and, our excellent SIPNA Facebook page. I'll explain to them how we look out for each other. Such as... Has anyone lost their dog? Watch out for that pothole at Woodston and Flamingo!, Does anyone else have brown water?, Curb alert (free items), Does anyone have a _____ I could borrow?, Does anyone house/pet sit?, and the most delightful: new baby announcements! Or, all the wonderful groups created - bowling, running groups, races. And, look at all the times money has been raised for people in need, gift cards for the police, etc.

The way we watch out for each other is amazing! And, it's a good thing. When I tell people all these wonderful things about SIPNA their response is always "WOW!" I wish we had that care and concern in our neighborhood. These are just some of many reasons this neighborhood is growing constantly. In my opinion we have the greatest neighborhood in all of Shelby County. Remember, nothing in life is perfect but our little corner of the world is a close contender!

Let's continue to help each other out and remember the Golden Rule! I would like to give a huge shout out to all the special people who keep this neighborhood on its toes and truly care about SIPNA!!

Jenny Weatherall



If you are not a member of our FaceBook 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**



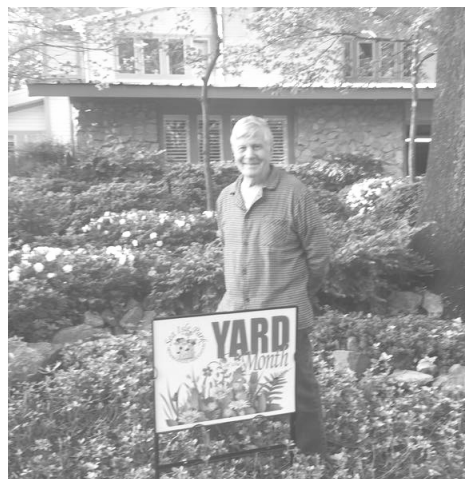
SIPNA Meeting: JUNE 21st, Thurs. 7p ★ DUES Due!



Let's face it Mother Nature has not cooperated with us this spring. It has not been easy trying to clean and spruce up our yards to show off our dogwoods, azaleas, tulips and other blooming spring plants which make our neighborhood so beautiful.

If you drive on Estate between Park and Quince you have seen Bill Vopel's yard. It is the corner house at Dee and Estate (1129 Estate Dr.) and is our **April** Yard of the Month... what a special yard to display our new colorful sign. Bill and his wife have lived there

Congratulations to Sandra and Wayne Davidson at 5053 Sea Isle (corner of Sea Isle and Woodston) as winners of District 67-2 **May** Yard of the Month. They are SIPNA members who have lived here for 24 years; originally planning to live there a few years and then



since 1972. Bill is an architect whose office is on the top floor of the house and gives him a beautiful view of his garden. What started as a "normal yard" with grass and the usual plants was transformed into the garden you now see. A visit in 1985 to Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC gave him some ideas. He has defined the beds with the grey stones and gravel paths. The azaleas are varied colors, bloom at different times, and slope down

from the house to the sidewalk. He has very few annuals, there are some pansies in a bed facing Estate, otherwise it's just perennials. Bill has done most of the work himself, but after some health issues now has a helper. Slow down or stop next time you drive past and just admire his handiwork.



move on but fell in love with the neighborhood and stayed. Their yard has been on our radar in this district for a while. We like its neatness, the defined beds and how the side yard facing Woodston is as appealing and inviting as the front. As you drive by slow down and enjoy.

**District 67-3...
you are next!**

SIPNA *Lost* a wonderful neighbor on April 17th when Mrs. Lois Massey passed away following a stroke. Many in the neighborhood knew her from her June "garden shows" where she invited everyone to tour her lovely yard. She and her husband, Randy, were recipients of the SIPNA Yard of the Month last year, which pleased her so much. Those of us who live on Whiteway Drive consider ourselves lucky to have been able to see and visit with her daily as she gardened – tirelessly doing what she loved. I will miss forever, the sweet smile and wave I received most every morning as I left for work. Many of us have "Lois plants" in our yards, which she was always eager to share. At the time of her death, the workshop that had been destroyed by a fallen tree last summer was getting its finishing touches after having been rebuilt. She was so excited about the tea table and rose chandelier that would be installed by a window overlooking her koi pond and fountain where neighbors would be able to sit with her and sip coffee and visit. She was adored by all who knew her, and she will be greatly missed. A rain tree, a species that Lois had been looking for, has been purchased and will soon be planted in our arboretum in the park with a plaque in memory of our dear friend and neighbor.

Shelby Hartman



Sea Isle Park is one of the most sought after neighborhoods in Memphis!

SIPNA FAMILY FUN 5K MEMPHIS 4.28.2018

The third annual SIPNA Family Fun 5K Walk/Run was held on April 28, and attendance was up 58% from last year! The weather was perfect, the music was on point, the food was delicious, and fun was had by all. This was the first race I directed, and race day came and went. In the blink of an eye it was all over. My runners high lasted all day. Johnny Behnke, my race directing mentor, told me I was going to be the one to have the most fun on race day, and man was he right! This race is about community and family fun. My favorite part was seeing all of the kids cross the finish line with huge smiles on their faces and cheering on the participants as they rounded the final corner towards the finish line. Running is my passion, and I got started thanks to my parents who constantly told me to run around the outside of our house to burn off some energy when I was a kid. They've called me "Skeeter" for as long as I can remember because I am always on the run and full of energy. You don't have to be fast to enjoy the company of other runners and walkers. I've always said that runners make the best friends. How many of you chatted with someone you've never met at the 5K? The energy is amazing!

I'd like to give major shout outs to Sandi Rogers for bringing in the majority of our sponsors, Johnny Behnke for his guidance and support during the four-month planning process, Michelle Bingham for race day logistics and organizing ALL of the volunteers(!), Molly Laster for her support and encouragement, and my husband Keith for being by my side through it all as co-director. Thank you! Thank you volunteers for lending a helping hand and ensuring participants' safety and hydration. Thank you, neighbors, sponsors, participants, and spectators, for the support we received. We couldn't have a successful race without you.

I hope you all had as much fun as I did, and we hope to see you again next year!

Kelly Bowers,
SIPNA 5K Director



1. Starting Line
2. They're Off!
3. Volunteer Cheers!
4. SIP Running Group

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SIPNA RESULTS

FAMILY FUN 5K

Run? Really?



1	Kyle	Connelly	56	Allison	Buchanon
2	Zack	Behnke	57	Whitney	Miller
3	Scott	Sneed	58	Tyler	Adair
4	Colin	Chapell	59	Lisa	Pratt
5	Keith	Bowers	60	Justin	Zagel
6	Alex	Mueller	61	Lily	Brewer
7	Nick	Keeling	63	Steven M.	Ballar, Jr.
8	Jonathan	Morrow	64	Adam	Ramsey
9	Jake	Behnke	65	Jennifer	Mandel
10	Cali	Boyette	66	Brett	Wages
11	Peter	Hart	67	Lauren	Rogers
12	Clara	Hart	68	Tonya	Skaggs
13	Kelly	Bowers	69	Mary Beth	Connor
14	Johnny	Behnke	70	Bruce	Zagel
15	Janice	Babcock	71	Ronda	McCain
16	Kescia	Muhamma	72	Nicole	Brewer
17	Brad	Turney	73	Alexandra	Gardner
18	Nate	Babcock	74	Jeff	McLeod
19	Jackson	Haynes	75	Laura	McLeod
20	Bob	Cremerius	76	Mallory	Gatlin
21	Marti	Summers	77	Andrea	Holt
22	Aaron	Michael	78	Kathryn	Miskell
23	Judd	Cannon	79	Hudson	Haynes
24	Charles	Neugebauer	80	Mason	Kaltreider
25	Faith	Keeling	81	Ellen	Mitchell
26	Melissa	Elsholz	82	Jennifer	Rich
27	Stephen C.	Smith	83	Ashley	Holloway
28	David	Cremerius	84	Chelsea	Connor
29	Jeff	Fowles	85	Ava	Kaltreider
30	Katie	Connor	86	Jennifer	Kaltreider
31	Megan	Michael	87	Reagan	Gillen
32	Kristofer	Roof	88	Brynne	?
33	Luke	Miller	89	Jamie	Young
34	Neal	Palmer	90	Dana	Beech
35	Angela	Ross	91	Ian	Loy
36	James	Reed	92	Lauren	Loy
37	Lindsey	Sater	93	Tim	Burleson
38	Jessica	Moorhead	94	Kalee Elije	Burleson
39	Kim	Welch	95	Kinley	Burleson
40	Richard	Boyette	96	Kim	Burleson
41	Jazmin	Turney	97	Shannon	Haynes
42	Chris	Mullins	98	Jason	Haynes
43	Gretchen	Smith	99	Shawn	Kilkenny
44	Katie	Robinson	100	Christine	Lemon
45	Mary	Means	101	Catherine	Green
46	Isabelle	Hornsby	102	Jeremy	Greer
47	Bruce	Nix	103	Peggy	Meador
48	Madelyn	Havard	104	Dallas	Meador
49	Steve	Havard	105	Sean	Meador
50	Jonathan	Schrack			
51	Emory	Miller			
52	Chris	Miller			
54	Sean	Hord			
55	Tara	Lewis			

Results are by best times.
Full results including
age/times are available
at sipna5k.org

Since graduating high school and no longer playing sports I have been the type that would tell you, "I'll run when I am chased". So when my wife told me the Sea Isle Neighborhood Association was having a 5K I was noticeably less than enthused. I only agreed to go in order to support our neighbors Keith and Kelly Bowers who on top of being phenomenal people that we have grown very fond of, are also avid runners and founders of the Sea Isle running group.

My children Ava and Mason awoke that Saturday morning as usual, bursting with energy and off the walls to try something new. I squeezed myself into the provided shirt and readied myself for a morning of shooting pains in unexpected places accompanied by gasping and wheezing.

We arrived at McWherter Senior Center to see a substantial crowd enjoying some music, warming up for the run, and generally having a good time. I thought "At least there is some atmosphere to keep the kids entertained." Soon everyone lined up at the starting line and the run was on. I huffed and puffed at a slow jog and then began to walk the track around the park as my wife and children slowly faded into the distance.

After making my way around the park (No way was I going 5K) I waited for everyone to return expecting my little group to come strolling in together toward the end having had a nice walk. To my surprise I saw my 8-year-old son come running in shortly behind most of the adult group.

I was shocked and proud that he pushed himself harder than I had ever seen to run all 5K in 44 minutes. He came in fourth in his age group and he was not having that at all! He moped all day and nothing we said could cheer him up, so we called Kelly Bowers to come talk to him. After explaining that he had to train hard if he wanted to win she suggested we bring him to the next run of the Sea Isle running group.

We decided we should all do something to be more active, so we went as a family. After the second run and some great tips and encouragement from the adults he cut 10 minutes off his 5K time. I have never seen him so pleased with himself and the confidence lasted on through the week. The adults are very encouraging and full of tips for all of us. They give me encouragement as they pass me on the right. We try our best to make the runs every week between sports and school activities. You should come too! Don't worry about how in or out of shape you are. I promise I won't pass you. We run Mondays at 5:30 PM and Thursdays at 6PM. Check us out on Facebook at Sea Isle Park Runners.



Mason



Phillip Kaltreider

Birds of a Feather

flock together

For millennia, humans have, in some way or another, been marking birds using a form of band around their legs. This reportedly began as a way to send messages over 2000 years ago, and hundreds of years later would be used to mark ownership of individual birds. In the early 1800s, the use of bands to identify individuals was undertaken by the field of ornithology – the scientific study of birds. Using leg bands, John James Audubon discovered that migratory birds would return to where he banded them on their breeding grounds, years after having been marked.

A lot has changed since Audubon banded those birds. However, I regularly enjoy the simple reminders that, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Although the tools we use to conduct scientific research today might differ, the essence remains. Pictured below at right is a bird many of you have likely seen or heard, especially along the Wolf River Greenway. This is a female **prothonotary warbler**, a species named for papal clerks of the Roman Catholic Church, known as prothonotaries,

who wear vibrant yellow robes. Note the silver band on her right leg. Bands like this are now issued by the US Geological Survey (permits required), which distributes approximately a million bands each year in the US and Canada. Each one is unique, with its own 9-digit number, not unlike the use of unique 9-digit numbers to identify all American citizens. I began studying this species last summer at Shelby Forest, and this is the first bird I caught this spring. She was banded last summer and has returned from her wintering grounds in southern Mexico/Guatemala/Yucatan Peninsula to breed in *exactly* the same



nest site she used last year. Dozens more have now followed suit. Each year my students and I use hundreds, soon thousands, of bands to mark these individuals. The abundance of prothonotary warblers has declined significantly over the past 5 decades,

the causes of which are not yet known. With the information we collect on these birds, we can piece together different components of how they live their lives to understand and help conserve the spectacular diversity of life we see on earth and here in West Tennessee.



Another bird we are studying is the **Carolina wren** (at left), a species with which many of you will be quite familiar. This loquacious bird is found very commonly in our backyards, and will frequently visit feeders, especially in winter (they prefer shelled peanuts!). If you have awoken to a very loud song sounding like “Tea-kettle! Tea-kettle!

Tea-kettle!” then this is likely the culprit. They usually nest in cavities, including nestboxes, and will even build nests in terra cotta pots when turned on edge. You could attract them to your yard with shelled peanuts or peanut-based suet. They are tolerant of human activity, and, although they are wild birds, will occasionally let people pet them. Just be sure to record any band numbers if you see them!

Keith Bowers



UNSUNG HERO

I have been Facebook friends with this amazing woman for quite a few years but only knew about her life through FB posts and pictures. I kept getting these feelings that I needed to interview her but I kept saying, "Why," to myself. That answer will become clear in the last paragraph.

Dana Beech was the daughter of a traveling salesman and lived all over the south until moving to Memphis in 1981. She was in the 11th grade and graduated from Craigmont. She moved to Conway, AR and got her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Vocational Rehabilitation. She came back to Memphis in 1997 and went to the University of Memphis and got her Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation. She met Renee Beech that same year and they have been together ever since. She also had a son, Parker, who was in the 3rd grade and they all lived at Hacks Cross and Winchester until moving to Sea Isle Park eleven years ago.

Dana went to work for Youth Villages after getting her Master's Degree. Then, Chase was born in 2001 and, because of his special needs, she stayed home to take care of him. Chase was born with a brain injury at birth and had cerebral palsy which was mild.

Then in 2005, he got sick and went into septic shock from a bacterial infection and got a second brain injury. He was able to walk before that but is now in a wheelchair. He has a feeding tube that goes straight into his heart, which is their biggest struggle. With all that entails, she also does volunteer work and is a strong advocate for kids with special needs. With

her educational background and knowing how the system works, she started getting referrals from doctors and meeting parents in therapy that didn't understand when insurance companies say, "no," that doesn't necessarily mean no. She has tons of resources that she's willing to share.

LeBonheur has been their lifeline with all of Chase's needs. They give back to LeBonheur every year with donations of super hero capes. "We know how frightening it is for kids and their parents. We want these kids to feel like the heroes they truly are," said Dana, "because we truly understand what they are going through."

"We love our neighborhood and we have tons of support. There are events in the neighborhood that Chase can attend like Cop Stop and SIPFEST. The police will bring the dogs over to Chase and the firemen will lift him up and let him sit in the fire truck. This is huge for us and him." Dana has also gotten motivated, due to Chase getting bigger and she puts herself through a strenuous workout every day and has started eating healthy, so she can continue to be strong and take care of Chase. She even ran the SIPNA 5k and won a prize in her age category. She promptly took her pint glass to Neil's and he filled it up for her.

Recently, through the Tennessee Justice Center, Dana was nominated Mom of the Year.



This is a title she richly deserves. This is an organization based in Nashville, made up of attorneys, who help people get what they need from TennCare or

any insurance issues to help them survive. She also wants parents with special needs children to be aware of the Tennessee Justice Center...it's free and they are a great resource. Helping people being denied services they need is Dana's passion.



Now, this is the why I was sent to interview Dana. She started talking about wheelchair accessibility (the lack of) at the playground area of the park. "There are no wheelchair cuts to get a wheelchair into the playground area." Then, she said, "Our park doesn't have a swing for a wheelchair or a large adult. The one we do have is made for a child that you can pick up and place in the sling or a small adult. They aren't that expensive. We have special needs kids in our neighborhood and it would be wonderful if we could have one."

Ok!!! We have a new project, Folks! We both got excited and decided to make this happen. A double swing, which allows a wheelchair to be rolled into a ramp on one side and a hammock like sling where a child can be placed in the sling or a large handicap person can sit on the other side, would only cost \$3,000 plus install. It doesn't take up much room and nothing special needs to be placed underneath it. What a better way to make our neighborhood inclusive for everyone. No child should have to sit in a wheelchair and watch other kids swing. Stay tuned for more to come. We are going to talk to the Park Department, legal and look for grants. If you want to get involved or need resource help from Dana, please contact her at sipna@sipna.org and put Dana Beech in the subject line.

"We are giving the dogs a special place, let's do the same for our special needs kids."

Thank you, Dana, I totally agree.
Sandi Rogers



Keeping Kids Reading During the Summer

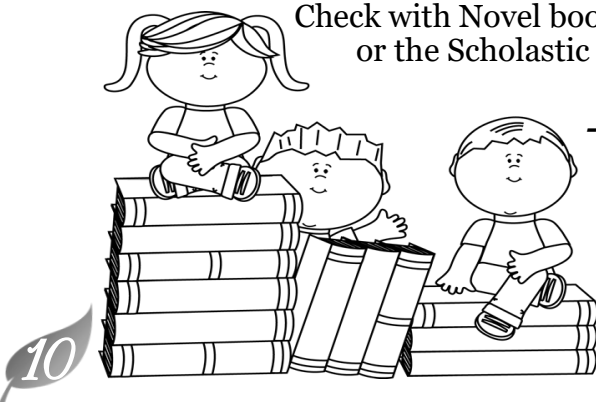
Oh summertime! While reading may not be at the top of the to-do list once the final bell rings, the break in the school year offers a great time for kids to read in meaningful ways. Research shows us that summer reading helps prevent "summer slide" so that students can enter the next academic year ready to continue work from the previous spring.

Here are a few tips for keeping your children engaged in summer reading:

1. Recognize that silly books still count! The *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series is hilarious--and not only will these books make a child laugh out loud, they will also promote a sense of ownership and accomplishment in reading. Reading doesn't have to be serious all the time. Summer is a great time to read some titles that may not be found on lists during the school year.
2. Pick a book in a series! Younger children (elementary) may enjoy the ever-popular *Babymouse* series, the *Hampster Princess* series or the *Secret Coder* series. Older students (middle and high school) might enjoy series books by Rick Riordan or Jenny Han. By finding a book in a series that they enjoy, children are already excited about the next book to read, and they can avoid the dreaded "What do I read now?" dilemma.
3. Read with your child! Seeing adults read shows children that reading happens in real life, not just at school. Model that for them, and they'll be less hesitant to read themselves. Also, reading the same book as your child can be a great way to have a conversation about the book in a way that relates to characters, plot, and empathy. Start by asking some "What would you do?" questions. Generally, the older children get, the less they want to talk to parents. Reading the same book is a great way to start an open, natural conversation. Give teen books a try--you may be surprised at how much you like them!
4. Make a mini-field trip out of it! Perhaps your child is reading a book about a boy who lives in the wilderness, such as *Hatchet*, and you can take the opportunity to go to Shelby Farms and learn a bit about the land. *The One and Only Ivan* could warrant a trip to the zoo to see if the animals really embody the characters in the plot (How do the gorillas at the zoo compare to those in the book?). Rewarding reading with small trips related to the book can be fun for the whole family. By showing children that reading connects to everyday life, reading becomes more meaningful for them.

There are tons of great books out there!
Need help finding books?

Check with Novel bookstore, your child's school,
or the Scholastic Summer Reading website.



-Lauren Huddleston
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Tuesday Bowling



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SEA ISLE - A HOT SPOT TO CALL HOME

People want to buy homes and live in our village. Not only is this progress, but is proof positive of the power of neighborhood associations where there are no armchair warriors and where people take an active role in improving their community. I am proud to be part of such a great neighborhood. We are not a glum lot here... we like to have fun and work hard.



Additionally, SIPNA now boasts a running club which is hosted by Kelly and Emerson Keith Bowers; their motto is, "Every day is a good day when you run." Don't want to run? No worries, walkers are more than welcome.

If you are a morning person, there are plenty of walkers out and about to view the mist through the sunrise at our park. You might even get to watch a family of geese that might be there in the early morning hours but remember to leave them alone, especially if they are teaching their chicks how to fly.

Our yearly SIPFEST is growing, and this year we had DOUBLE the number of runners that ran in our annual 5K. Might we have concerts on the SIPNA park lawn in the future? Anything is possible!

Need a marine boot camp work out? There is a group of people in the McWherter parking lot at 5:30 AM doing assorted calisthenics which include laying on their backs doing leg lifts, ab crunches, jumping jacks, and running up and down the hill located in the parking lot. It looks like a good work out as everyone is soaking wet, almost as if they had gone swimming wearing their workout gear. I spoke with a few of the work out crew and it was suggested if we could

somehow build a running hill, as in a 90" tall berm? Anything is possible I say! I love bucket lists!

East Memphis Eats

One of the many benefits about living in Sea Isle Neighborhood is all the amazing food that is around us. I am going to talk about a few of my favorite snacks within a 5 minute drive from our neighborhood.

1. If you are a fan of wings and you have not been to the Wing Guru at 5699 Mt. Moriah Rd., then are you really a fan of wings? Seriously... this place has the best wings in Memphis and something for everyone. My personal recommendation is the Honey Hot Cajun wings. If you are feeling like spicing it up a bit, the Honey Suicide wings are nothing short of heavenly. Not a wing fan? Grab a burger, and you will not be disappointed. The owner Billy Richmond played basketball for the University of Memphis and loves to show off his Tiger Pride!
2. Do you love fresh seasoned burgers cooked hot on the griddle? Love buns made in-house daily? A fan of fresh cut fries? Then you have to visit the Sear Shack at 5101 Sanderlin! The Sear Shack has my favorite burger in the whole city. Their menu is simple, so they can perfect what they do serve; burgers and fries. Also, please grab a Nutella or Salted Caramel milkshake if you are not too stuffed after the burger. Wow!
3. Ask folks what their favorite Mexican spot is near us and most will tell you Las Delicias... well that may work for some, but for me the best spot around isn't really a "spot" at all. It's a truck! Chile Verde Taco truck at 1740 S. White Station is serving up authentic Mexican dishes for a low price. Their food speaks for itself. The burritos are huge, the tacos are tasty, their quesadillas are stuffed, and the vast selection of salsas can be intimidating (try the habanero one). You can't ever go wrong by stopping by the truck and grabbing some grub!

James Reed

Want to go bowling? Sandi Rogers will hook you up! SEA ISLE suddenly has the equivalent of a championship bowling league in the making! Want to help clean storm drains and prevent cars from stalling in flood waters and possibly save your home? Sandi can hook you up with that activity one fine Saturday morning if you are game.

Need a reference for a home project? Forget Arnold's list, or is that Angie's list...I forget. You can find someone from the neighborhood to remodel a kitchen, install flooring, build shelves, upgrade an electrical system, redo a complete central air conditioning system, landscape your lawn, walk your dogs or stay in your home with your pooches, unclog a drain, change out locks or fix your car? A SIPNA neighbor will be happy to help with those projects.

Check out the SIPNA Facebook page which boasts 1,761 members, making it one of the largest neighborhood associations in the City of Memphis, if not the largest! SIPNA is a village and one doesn't have to look hard for people to help out or activities to explore in our corner of the universe.

Hal B. Lovett

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REAL ESTATE



The following is a home sales report for the first four months of 2018 in the SIPNA neighborhood. There were 49 homes sold. The lowest sales price was \$76K while the highest sales price was \$375K, with an average sales price of \$168,700. Average price per square foot was \$106 and average days on the market were 27.

The number of comparable sales (settled), the absorption rate, and the number of active listings all declined.

~Eleanore Kelly Maynard

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