

## Don't Miss the East Row Block Party on June 16

BY PAT BUDD

Preparations are being made for the 15th anniversary of the East Row Block Party to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018.

In its 15-year history (16th annual), the ERBP has grown from a few dozen to literally hundreds of neighbors, all gathering to enjoy an ever-increasing array of great food, musical performances, and kid games and activities. All of this fun is made possible by our residents donating their time and talents, and by a generous grant from the East Row Historic Foundation.

As always, the event is BYOB! Prepare a dish to share, and bring your lawn chairs and coolers to the 600 block of Monroe Street from 5 pm to midnight! 🐓



## East Row Yard Sale Set for July 14

BY PAULA BRANDON

The annual East Row neighborhood yard sale is always a bonanza — for both buyers and sellers. It's an eagerly anticipated, one-day event that attracts carloads of shoppers from all over Greater Cincinnati. More than 70 of your neighbors participated last year!

This year's yard sale will be Saturday, July 14, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Residents participate at no cost, since the East Row Historic Foundation pays all fees and advertising. We post signs, place ads, and distribute a map of participants. All you need to do is sign up in

advance and get your items ready to sell.

Last year's sale featured just about everything imaginable: vintage collectibles, furniture, guitars, record albums, clothing, household items, motorcycle equipment, yard tools, toys, homemade soap, and of course, hardware unique to our historical homes. It's a great reason to clean out your closets, de-clutter the basement and purge those items that no longer meet your needs – or bring you joy.

To participate, just send your name and address to Paula Brandon at [pabrand1@yahoo.com](mailto:pabrand1@yahoo.com). See you at the yard sale! 🐓

# 2018 Newport Festivals

## **27th Annual Newport Italianfest:**

Thursday through Sunday, June 7 to 10 (presented by Jake Sweeney Fiat)

## **Bacon, Bourbon and Brew Festival\*:**

Thursday through Sunday, July 12 to 15

## **Glier's Goettafest\*:**

Thursday through Sunday, August 2 to 5

## **Great Inland Seafood Festival in Newport\*:**

Thursday through Sunday, August 9 to 13

## **Riverfest:**

Sunday, September 2

## **Newport Oktoberfest\*:**

Friday through Sunday, September 28 to 30

\*Denotes events for which the City of Newport provides logistical support, but does not manage the event.

For details on each event, please visit: <http://www.newportky.gov/Blogs/Events/Archives/2018/01/2018-Festivals-in-Newport.aspx>

# NBA June Meeting

BY BEV HOLIDAY, NBA VICE PRESIDENT

The Newport Business Association (NBA) will be presenting "ReNewport Update: 1-Year Review" and "Duke Energy Updates" on Wednesday, June 27, at 8:00 am at the City Building (998 Monmouth St.) in the Multi-

Purpose Room. The meeting is free to attend and open to the public. 🍷



# 2018 River Cities Excellence in Preservation Awards

BY SCOTT CLARK, HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

The 2018 River Cities Excellence in Preservation Awards were presented on Thursday, May 24, at the Headquarters Historic Event Center. This annual awards ceremony acknowledges outstanding preservation projects and the efforts of citizens working to rehabilitate and restore our historic buildings. During National Preservation Month, the Ohio River cities of Newport, Covington, Bellevue and Ludlow come together and celebrate our local historic preservation achievements.

Please join us in honoring the following Newport winners:

## **Rehabilitation Residential:**

730 Maple Ave., Duane Cronin, Diversified Capital Management

## **Preservation Legacy:**

Southgate Street School, Robert Ingguls, Newport Grand Lodge 120

## **Historic Rehabilitation:**

501 East 6th St., Mark Ramler, Mansion Hill Properties

## **Historic Commercial Restoration:**

Headquarters Event Center, Mike Smith, Eighty Twenty Design Group

## **Preservation Hero:**

Catherine McElwain, Buena Vista Historic District

## **Preservation Craftsman:**

Mike Kolb

# New Book Focuses on History Lost

BY BOB SCHRAGE

Dave Schroeder and I recently released our new book, *Lost Northern Kentucky*. This summer, we will do a presentation and book signing to benefit the Newport Museum (date to be announced).

As we say in the introduction, “One of the great pleasures of history is to uncover something long lost to time. Northern Kentucky is filled with such history that defines who we are today. Unfortunately, much of this history that stood right in front of our ancestors’ eyes is gone. It is either a distant memory to those who witnessed it or, to others, an introduction to its existence and impact on the region. In Northern Kentucky, so much lies in ruins or in the dustbin of history.”

The great city of Newport is featured in the book including stories about the Wiedemann Brewery, Newport Barracks, and the Mount St. Martin (Jones Mansion).

The Wiedemann Brewery structure became one of the most iconic and popular buildings in Northern Kentucky history. This was in part due to its magnificent size for a brewery of its time, the fame of the Wiedemann name, the popularity of the beer and its place in Northern Kentucky lore and the popularity of the old beer garden in the twentieth century. The brewery was five stories tall and included a stable that could house 150 horses. In 1893, the famous Samuel Hannaford and Sons architectural firm designed the beautiful and ornate Wiedemann offices. The brewery consisted of many iconic components, such as the curved corner, boiler and engine rooms, storage cellars, racking and wash house, main office, bottling shop, storage and garage complex, tower, stacks, and brew house.

In 1803, on approximately four acres, the Newport Barracks was established. The land was bought for one dollar from the Taylor family, but an additional two acres



were purchased in 1806, because the original purchase proved to be too small. This time the acres were bought for forty-seven dollars each, and people questioned why such a high price was paid. In 1848, the City of Newport gave additional land to the government. General Taylor was chosen to oversee construction and was charged with constructing three buildings: a two-story arsenal, barracks and a circular brick powder magazine. The first group of soldiers to occupy the barracks as a permanent garrison did so in July 1806.

In 1977, one of the most beautiful mansions in the region was demolished. Located on a hillside east of Thirteenth and Monmouth Streets, the Italian villa was highly visible to residents and visitors alike. Since 1889, this architectural gem had been known as Mount St. Martin as a result of the Sisters of Divine Providence occupying the mansion. Before 1889, it was known as the Jones Mansion or Castle. It was a twenty-two-room mansion of gray brick with twin towers. Construction began in 1851, and the family moved in two years later.

Many profiles are covered in the book, and these three pieces are excellent examples of Newport’s place in our region excellent history. 🏡

# Newport Independent School's Home Visit Program Honored with PEAK Award

BY KELLY GRAYSON

The Kentucky School Board Association (KSBA) recently presented Newport Independent Schools with its Public Education Achievers in Kentucky (PEAK) Award. The PEAK Award is given twice a year to outstanding school districts that enhance student-learning skills and promote the positive impact of public elementary and secondary education in Kentucky.

The district received this award for its innovative Home Visit Program. "To enhance the relationships between teacher and their students and parents, Newport began its Home Visit Program in 2012," explained School Superintendent Kelly Middleton. Administrators, teachers and staff take to the streets of Newport in early August each year to visit the homes of every student in the district. The program has helped the district build relationships and make connections within the community. An increase in parent and community involvement and fewer discipline referrals are proud, positive results of the Home Visit Program.

Home Visit Day is like the first day of school for our teachers and staff. It's the day when many relationships begin. Getting to know the students and their families enables teachers to learn and be able to meet the needs

of their students. If a student or the parents are not at home on Home Visit Day, teachers do one follow-up visit at a different time. "We believe this program puts us way ahead because we already know so much about each child. It also makes the students more comfortable on the first day of school entering a classroom and seeing a familiar face," Middleton said.

The district's effort to build relationships goes beyond the Home Visit Program. A couple of days before the end of each school year, students participate in Move Up Day, where they spend the day in the classroom they will be in during the next school year.

Newport Independent administrators, teachers, and staff take great pride in building quality relationships with students, parents, and the community of Newport. 🌸

## Before You Renovate...

Before making changes to the exterior of your home, it's important to consult the city's Historic Preservation Officer, Scott Clark (859-655-6347, [sclark@newportky.gov](mailto:sclark@newportky.gov)), to ensure the work conforms to the historic guidelines. It is also necessary to display a permit that shows the work has been approved.

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