



# COTTONTOWN

— BELLEVUE HISTORIC DISTRICT —

# NEWSLETTER

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## A Note from the Cottontown Board

by Will Thrift, President

The Cottontown Neighborhood Association Board would like to thank the Good Samaritan who took the initiative to maintain the fountain traffic diverter at Marion and Franklin Streets earlier this summer. Our traffic diverters help to beautify our neighborhood but also help to keep us safe by reducing the flow and speed of cut-through traffic near our homes. Our traffic diverters are maintained on a volunteer basis. [The Board is in need of a chair for the Beautification Committee. Please contact a board member if you are interested.](#)

Cottontown has seen several nearby developments initiated recently, the closest being 2222 Main – a luxury apartment complex at the former Jim Moore Cadillac site. The Cottontown Board is working with the developer to mitigate traffic, parking, and design aspects of this project which will have a direct impact on our residents and businesses.

The Board will have several positions open in 2022, so if you'd like to serve to improve your neighborhood, please let a board member know. The 2022 Board election will be held at our fall meeting this November (details TBA).

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## Join Your Neighborhood Association

Owner or renter, you can join the  
Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District Neighborhood Association

Dues are per calendar year. Resident: \$10.00 per person, or \$15.00 per household.

Business: \$50.00 without an ad in the newsletter, or \$125.00 with an ad (4x/yr) in the newsletter.

Checks may be made payable to "Cottontown." For PayPal payments contact [lee@bagappraisals.com](mailto:lee@bagappraisals.com)

Business members interested in newsletter ads, please contact [Will Thrift](#) to discuss options.

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# The Coalition of Downtown Neighborhoods Hosts Columbia Mayoral Candidate Forum

by Will Thrift

On Tuesday, August 24, the Coalition of Downtown Neighborhoods, along with facility host NoMa Warehouse, held a mayoral candidate forum. The candidates in attendance were: Tameika Devine, Daniel Rickenmann, Sam Johnson, and Moe Baddourah. Area neighborhood leaders convened over the prior months to collate area concerns and present the candidates with questions including their plan for attracting business to the Main Street commercial corridor, addressing the prevalence of homeless assistance entities in our area (as opposed to other areas of the city), and their vision for the beautification of Elmwood Avenue - the de facto entrance to the city. There were also questions from the floor. There were over 90 people in attendance. The event was live-streamed on YouTube by ATA Productions and emceed by Elmwood Park resident, Andy Burns.

Voting is November 2, 2021

[scvotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov)



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**Voting Location: Logan Elementary School**  
**815 Elmwood Ave**

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County Council 04

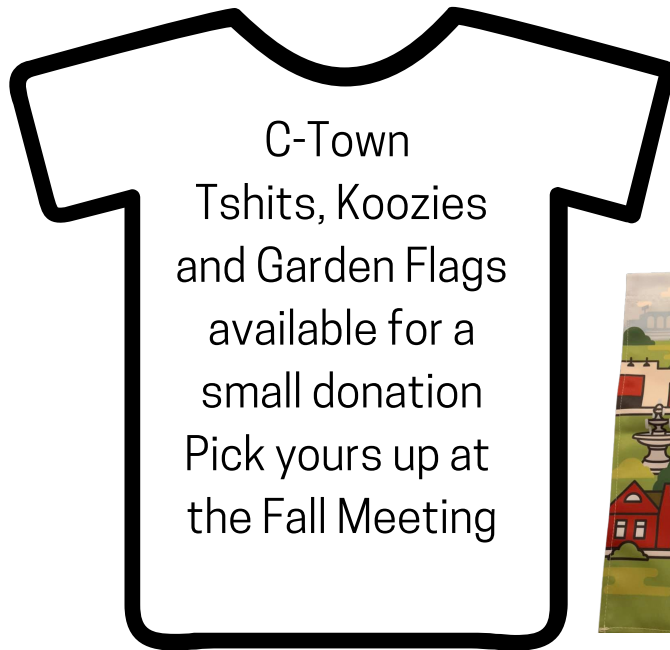
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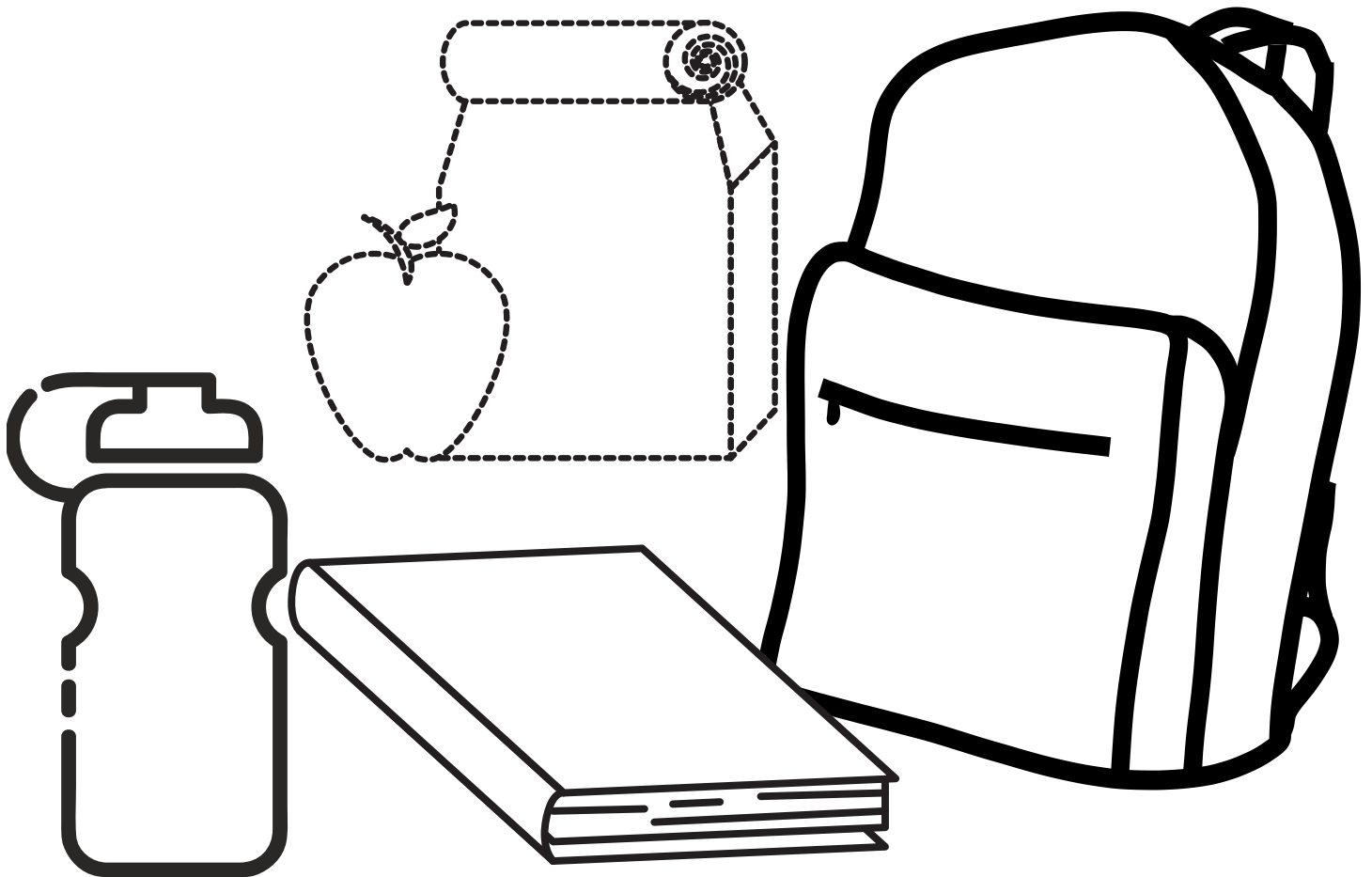
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## Kids Corner

Color this back to school theme and turn in at the next neighborhood meeting or drop it off at 2210 Wallace Street for a prize.





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## BOARD VACANCIES

Hey Cottontown, In case you haven't heard, we're in need of people to step up and volunteer to serve on the Neighborhood Association Board for the 2022 term. The board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 (either virtually or in-person) to discuss and address pertinent topics affecting the quality of life for all Cottontown residents and businesses. The board election will be held at our Fall Meeting in November. Upcoming board vacancies include: president, secretary, and at-large members. If you're interested, please contact a nominating committee member: [Paul Bouknight](#), [Ginger Smith Thrift](#), or [Denise Wellman](#), or any current board member. If you know of someone who may like to participate on the board, please forward this info.

## THANKS AND INFO

**Thank you** to the neighbors who help keep Sumter Street clean.

**Thank you** for keeping our yards trimmed and Cottontown looking good.

**Thank you** for supporting our businesses during these difficult times.

**Thank you** for keeping an eye out for our lost pets.

**Info:** [2021 Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Market Extravaganza](#) 9/18-9/19 Fairgrounds

**Info:** [Forest Wellness Program - Nature Journaling](#) 9/18 @10 am Congaree National Park

**Info:** IFPA Pinball Tournament 9/19 @ 5pm [Transmission Arcade](#)

**Info:** [Botany Walk](#) on Historic Horsehoe 9/21 @ 11 am.



## PORCH PARTIES

We have been trying to bring back porch parties to Cottontown. For our new residents, someone donates their porch, driveway, yard and we gather to meet new and old neighbors for a few hours. It's a BYOB and no food is shared. Summer is too hot to hold any. With the City's new mask mandate, we will have to wait until October. If anyone is willing to host, please email me. [RobinSpaniel@gmail.com](mailto:RobinSpaniel@gmail.com)