

# NewsLetter

WINTER 2012

## From the Desk of the Editor

By Barbara Sysak

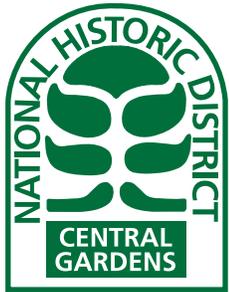
**A**s a new resident to the neighborhood in June 2010, I only knew basic facts about Central Gardens and the community association. Facts, such as:

Central Gardens, a community of approximately 2,100 residents, enjoys an excellent reputation characterized by its listing on the Registry of Historic Places, home of the state's only level 3 residential arboretum, the city's largest annual Home and Garden Tour, and an Annual Fourth of July Parade. Central Gardens Association (CGA), established over 45 years ago, is a well-organized community organization with a membership of approximately one quarter of the total number of residents. The board consists of approximately 28 members representing three geographic districts of the neighborhood. The organization has a number of well-established communication vehicles: a quarterly newsletter reaching 2,500 community stakeholders, an e-newsletter reaching 900 residents, website plus a Facebook page. An annual meeting is held in May that attracts 75-100 members.

What I have learned is that there is something magical here in these beautiful old homes — there is a culture of amazing volunteerism. For decades, the board has acted as a catalyst to organize hard-working individuals who in addition to having homes, families, jobs and civic and community interests, are also willing to work towards the common goal of making our neighborhood a better place to live.

This issue is dedicated to ALL of our neighbors who have volunteered (either by election or spontaneously) to protect and enhance what is, in most cases, their single largest investment — their home. Working together, we can continue to see that Central Gardens remains and continues to be a safe, secure and beautiful neighborhood. All those that are members of the association are congratulated as well for their financial support which is critical to our overall success.

Read inside for just a few examples of this incredible volunteerism that is our culture in Central Gardens.



*“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”*

— Unknown

To sign up for E-News and receive monthly emails about what's happening in our neighborhood, go to [www.centralgardens.org](http://www.centralgardens.org)

## “All Sold Out!”

This is what **LaUna Brubaker** heard from every store in town in October when she was trying to replace some of the worn holiday wreaths for the neighborhood. LaUna, a volunteer, is chair of the Beautification Committee of the CGA and responsible for coordinating hanging and then taking down all of the wreaths that decorate our neighborhood during the holiday. This is tradition at its best in Central Gardens. Many thanks go out to **Michael and Elise Frick** who have stored the wreaths in their back house garage in the off-season since 2000!

Magic happened on a warm November morning when about 30 volunteers brought their trucks and SUVs to the Frick’s alley, loaded them with 260 wreaths and plastic ties. Two hours later, the neighborhood was ready for the holidays. As if by magic again in January, on a much colder day, all of the wreaths came down. If your street missed a wreath or two this year, don’t worry, it’s on our calendar to shop for new wreaths in July! Thank you to La for organizing the magic and thank you to the volunteer wreath hangers for making the magic happen. 🐾



Richard Vining,  
a veteran volunteer.



Elise and Mike Frick with  
Elizabeth Byrd

## Holiday Support for Union Station Officers

This Christmas, there was a spontaneous outpouring of giving to those that protect us everyday, our local police. I received an email as part of a chain, wondering who was taking up the responsibility of providing our local precinct with food for the holidays. Within days, over 50 people had organized to provide copious amounts of holiday goodies to be delivered to the Union Station precinct. Please take a look at the shining faces of the officers as they receive some of the donations. Special recognition goes out to **Nancy Thompson, Mary Mulherin, Christy Abney** and **Melanie White** for leading this effort’



Officer T. Winters and Officer C. Cox.

*And in the response to this effort, read Colonel Russell G. Houston’s thank you:*

“...On behalf of our officers, please convey our sincere THANKS to everyone that donated the goodies over the weekend. We love our job, but working the holidays can sometimes be a drag. Having something to snack on makes it go much easier. We are indeed very fortunate to have citizens like you, and the other residents of Union Station, who think of us during the holidays. We look forward to serving each of you during the New Year. Thank you, again.”

— **Colonel Russell G. Houston**  
**Memphis Police Department**  
**Union Station Commander, 1925 Union Avenue**

If you are new to the neighborhood, you need to know about another volunteer that works tirelessly to help keep our neighborhood safe. **Peggy Williamson**, chair of the Midtown Security Committee, is a long-time CG resident. Her work started in 2008 to coalesce neighborhood groups to work together with the local precinct to help reduce crime. To learn more about the Midtown Security Committee and Peggy’s blog go to:  
<http://midtownsecurity.blogspot.com/>

## Tutoring Idlewild Students One Student at a Time

**M**cLean Boulevard resident **Ruth Callicott** has been volunteering since 2005 at Idlewild Elementary School. “After caring for my husband with Alzheimer’s disease for many years and then enduring his loss, Idlewild Presbyterian Church recruited me to join their tutoring program at their adopted school, Idlewild Elementary,” she said. In the beginning Ruth swore she would never return to the classroom, but now looks forward to her one day a week one-on-one sessions with first graders. She loves the school and is very impressed with the principal, Mrs. Natalie Catchings, and remarked, “I am sure she knows every single child’s name.”

When asked what she liked best about Central Gardens, Ruth said, “When we moved to Central Gardens back in the 1980s, the neighborhood was just beginning to come back. What I love about this neighborhood is how our neighbors look out for each other without being intrusive. There is a lot of volunteerism in Central Gardens — I can remember when we had porta-potties in our driveway to help out the Home Tour! I am very fond of my Girl Scout cookie salesperson, **Maya Yelle**.” Maya lives down the street and has had an early start volunteering with projects for the Girl Scouts. 🍪

## Cathedral Parishioners Helping Families

By Aileen Palmer

**J**udy Gray, Central Gardens (CG) resident and Cathedral parishioner, was one of 12 recipients within the Catholic Diocese of Memphis of the Martyrs of Memphis Awards presented in January at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Among her many ministries, she has shown a faithful love for the poor and the homeless. Together with **Sr. Maureen Griner**, O.S.U. (Cathedral Music Director and one of the *Commercial Appeal*’s 16 Memphians Who Make A Difference in Memphis 2011), Judy co-founded the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality in 2006. The House, located in Midtown, provides temporary housing and support services for homeless families. The belief of the Dorothy Day House is that families who are able to remain together while homeless have a much better chance of rebuilding their lives after the trauma of losing their home.

The Dorothy Day House depends entirely on monetary and in-kind donations from private donors and charitable organizations. While independently run, the House is a major ministry of the Cathedral and parishioners and students are a major source of support through financial contributions, time and talents. Many of these volunteers are CG residents. Examples include meals, visits and tutoring by students, handiwork, counseling and legal work. There are too many CG residents to mention who help with the Dorothy Day House to list, but they include: **Denise Wheeler**, **Debra Bartelli** and Judy’s husband **Paul**, who puts in many miles helping to get the adult residents to and from work among other things. Coming up is the **Memphis Rotary and Dorothy Day Family Fun Rides** on April 21st at Overton Park. It includes a long ride (40 miles) and a family ride (1.5 mile). Visit <http://www.dorothydaymemphis.org/> to learn more about the Dorothy Day House and the Fun Ride or contact Board Chair **Mike Synk** (also a long time CG resident and 4th of July parade emcee). For more info contact Mike at [msynk@in-synk.com](mailto:msynk@in-synk.com). 🍪

# Opportunities for Giving Back

If you are looking for ways to give back to the local community in a financial way, here are two opportunities that will leave a lasting imprint.

## Memphis Police Fallen Officer Memorial

Phelps Security is working with several local business leaders to erect a Memphis Police Fallen Officer Memorial for officers killed in the line of duty. The memorial will be placed at Oak Court. The original monument will stand about ten feet tall and will list the fallen officers' names. As of January 2012, there have been 62 officers killed in the line of duty. This is your opportunity to pay tribute to these heroes and to say thanks to those who risk their lives everyday protecting our families and city from harm's way. The project is estimated to cost \$1 million to build. The memorial will be 100 percent paid for through private donations from businesses and citizens. Contributors will be listed near the memorial to show they care and support our fallen heroes. If you wish to make a contribution and forever ensure your place in Memphis history, here is your chance. For more information on how you can contribute, please go to [www.MemphisPoliceFoundation.org](http://www.MemphisPoliceFoundation.org).

## Restoration of the East End Trolley Stand

Preservation Memphis has discovered another Memphis landmark in need of restoration. The East End Trolley Stand built in the early 1900s, located on the south side of Poplar Avenue at Lick Creek just west of the intersection of Poplar and Cooper Avenue is truly a hidden jewel of Memphis history — hardly visible from Poplar Avenue. Preservation Memphis plans to move the trolley stand from the south side of Poplar to the north side, then repair the rotten wood, paint it and replace the roof. The trolley stand will then become a functional MATA bus stop. The trolley stand will be visible to thousands of motorists and pedestrians daily. Once renovated, this Memphis landmark will be appreciated daily by Memphians for years to come. With your help Preservation Memphis can continue to revitalize small Memphis landmarks that make a big difference in our city! To contribute, contact Kenny Jabbour at [kenny@jabbourcotton.com](mailto:kenny@jabbourcotton.com) or Alex Turley at [alex.turley@cbre.com](mailto:alex.turley@cbre.com).



East End Trolley Stand

## CG Youngster's Pop Tab Project Aids Ronald McDonald House

Nine-year-old Louise Stilwell turned in our neighborhood's pop tab collection at this year's Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Palooza. Louise remarked, "With thanks to all who participated we turned in over 18 pounds of pop tabs." (Pop or pull tabs have a higher aluminum content than other parts of canned goods and are easily collected for recycling. They can come from canned fruits, tennis ball containers, canned drinks and the like.)

Please continue to collect and support the important mission of The Ronald McDonald House. Contact Louise through her mom, Millicent at [mstilwell70@hotmail.com](mailto:mstilwell70@hotmail.com).

## Summer Fest 2012 at GSL

Need a fun place for your children to spend the summer? Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School is the place! GSL weekly day camps run for eight weeks (June 4-29 and July 9-August 3) for boys and girls ages 4-13 (rising JK through 8th grade).

Campers can enjoy everything from sports, academics and theater to cooking, gardening and hip hop. For more



Campers show off scarves they made in knitting camp at Grace-St. Luke's!

information on all of our camps, visit [www.gslschool.org](http://www.gslschool.org) in mid-March to download summer camp information and register online. We look forward to seeing you this summer at GSL!

# CGA Membership: First Step to Being a Volunteer

Since the founding of the Central Gardens Association in 1967, there have been thousands of our residents who have participated in the success of our association and the preservation of our neighborhood. All of these residents have one thing in common: they all were volunteers!

The current board and association members thank our neighbors who have gone before us to help create the wonderful Central Gardens neighborhood.

Since membership in our association is optional for our residents, being a member is the first step to being a volunteer for our neighborhood. Below you will find a chart that illustrates all the rewards you receive for joining our association. Perhaps the most important is the *Pride in the Neighborhood* that you receive by supporting your neighbors. Yes, the intangible of having pride in your neighborhood should motivate us all to make the very small annual

financial contribution to be a member of the Central Gardens Association.

Included in this issue is our 2011 list of members as of January 15, 2012. All current memberships will expire on April 30. Our fiscal year is May 1- April 30.

Just a reminder of some of the projects and events that your financial gift helps to support during the year:

- Beautification projects such as seasonal plantings in the medians, alley and street clean up, and the holiday wreath hanging.
- Tree replacement program to ensure the beautiful and natural canopy continues for generations to come. New trees are planted to take the place of those that die of old age, disease or weather. (Note: CGA members are eligible to participate at no additional cost.)
- Level 3 Arboretum status brings statewide recognition for our neighborhood as ours is one of only two at this level in Tennessee and the only one that is neighborhood-based.

- Architectural integrity and value is maintained through historic design guidelines and coordination with Memphis Landmarks Commission.
- Neighborhood communication through the CGA Newsletter, our website, a Facebook page and security updates and alerts from the CGA security committee.
- Community events such as Springfest, the 4th of July Parade and the Annual Home Tour.

You can still show your financial support to Central Gardens by joining now for 2011. Special offer: Any new memberships received now through April 30th will automatically make you a member through our fiscal 2012 year (expires April 30, 2013). Simply go to [www.centralgardens.org](http://www.centralgardens.org) and download the membership form or join on-line.

Please feel free to call Keith Cole at (901) 481-8465 or via email at [keithc4915@aol.com](mailto:keithc4915@aol.com) with any questions regarding your Central Gardens Association membership.

Membership/ Contribution Level (per household)	Pride in Neighborhood	Vote at Annual Meeting	Newsletter and Website Recognition	Tree Replacement Program (\$50 Value)	Home Tour Tickets (Two) (\$25 Value)	Tickets for Home Tour Party (Priceless)
RETIRED: \$10	X	X	X	X		
GENERAL: \$25	X	X	X	X		
SPONSOR: \$50	X	X	X	X		
LEADER: \$100	X	X	X	X		
PATRON: \$175	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Thanks to these neighbors  
for financially supporting our  
neighborhood with  
their 2011 Central Gardens  
Association Membership.**

**PATRON**

Rex & Johnnie Amonette  
Bob & Anita Beachum  
James M. & Ann Beaty  
Ted & Carol Bishop  
Bill Breen & Danny O'Toole  
Reggi & Sharon Burch  
Chris & Ai Byrne  
Eric Callan  
Marty & Candice Carr  
Michael Carroll  
Mr. & Mrs. George Cates  
Patrick Chipman & Amanda Baker  
Gayle Christensen  
Keith and Katie Cole  
Theresa & David Cook  
Chris Cooley  
J.D. & Susan DeHart  
Berzin Devlaliwalla  
Bill Falvey & Emily Woodside  
Michael & Elise Frick  
Rende Ginn  
Stephany Goodnight  
Alan & Renee Graves  
Sherry Bryan & Michael Hagge  
Miriam & Charles Handorf  
Anne N. Hannegan  
Jane Hayden  
Marsha & Ja Hayes  
Matt & Judy Heiter  
Catherine Crill &  
Clarence Herrington  
Lee & Dorsey Hopson  
Stephen R. King  
Brad & Jana Larson  
LaVerne & Peggy Lovell  
James E. McGehee III  
Simone T. Meeks  
Sam & Janet Meredith  
Evelyn Paster  
Ham & Katherine Smythe  
Gracey & Clay Smythe  
Patrick & Amanda Tamburrino  
Tracy Wiswall  
Bill & Anni Walker  
Lee & Mary Linda Wardlaw  
James & Ann Warner  
Robbie & Michael Weinberg  
Robbie J. Weinberg  
Tracy Wiswall

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Wendy Ansbro  
John & Lacy Apperson  
Philip & Denise Bollheimer  
Mark & Courtney Brown

Dabney & Ginger Collier  
Bill and Margaret Craddock  
Henry and Beverly Doggrell  
Joey & Amy Dudek  
Gayle Evans  
Russ & Molly Fleming  
Nancy S. Graesser  
Mitch & Kelly Jo Graves  
Edward Hanna & Ken Cummins  
Jim Hartley  
Shawn Hayden  
Glenn & Martha Hays  
John & Amy Huber  
Eddie Hutchison  
E. Glenn & Charlotte Irelan  
Dan & Paula Keen  
Rita Koeppen  
Mark & Kelley Lee  
David P. Lewis  
Rodney & Nancy Maddox  
Kenneth Okpor  
Allison Parker  
Ruth & Kurt Patton  
Bob & Patsy Pollard  
Ted & Stephanie Poplos  
Lasley B. & Sara Savell  
Robert & Silvia Schwarz  
Barbara & Gary Sysak  
Greg and Carla Toulaiatos  
Benton & Denise Wheeler  
Elizabeth Wilkinson  
Jessie K. Williams  
Nancy C. Willis  
Nicol B. Wright

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Kerriann G. Axt  
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Pat Brown  
Lila Beth Burke  
John & Ann Buxton  
Robert & Maria Chin  
Brian & Ashley Chiozza  
Chip Clay  
Richard & Ellen Dixon  
Donald & Amy Dunn  
David E. Edwards  
James K. English  
Becky & Wally Fields  
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Harvey & Paula Gardner  
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Joseph & Paula Higdon  
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Fred Terry & Happy Jones  
Eugene & Carol Smith Katz  
Larry & Virginia Keenan  
Steven King  
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Michael & Shirley Lupfer  
Lawrence & Yvonne Madlock  
Edith Marshall  
Eric S. Mayse  
Jeanie Mercer & Breen Bland  
Thomas & Anita Mills  
Patrick & Susan Morgan  
Mark Nowell  
Michael & Susan O'Connor  
Bradley & Karen Peacock  
Mack Polk  
John and Patricia Pontius  
Libby & Howard Pritchard  
Rubert & Dorothy Pugh  
Carl & Sue Ellen Rainey III  
Ken & Kathy Reardon  
Rodger W. Reeder  
Daniel Reid  
Douglas & Melanie Schrank  
Thomas Shipmon & Tracy Sigmon  
Jim & Mary Simon  
Maria Solecki  
Rick & Alex Stoecklein  
Ray & Louise Terry  
Kevin & Tanja Thompson  
Beverly Trojan  
David & Marcia Van Alstine  
Jennifer Steen Van Deveer  
Jacob A. Vargo  
Kay D. Veazey  
Lonnie E. White  
Frank & Melanie White  
Lisa & Bill Whitman  
Michael & Leah Wiederspahn  
Ed & Patty Wiley  
Susan Rush & Norman Wilkes  
Patricia Williams  
Linda Williams  
Kent D. Wills  
Betsy & Preston Wilson  
Bruce Wilson  
Chris Wood  
Rick & Nancy Wood

**GENERAL**

Tracy Adkisson & Brad Terhune  
Tim Armor  
Carl & Pan Awsumb  
Gary Backaus &  
Margot McNeeley  
Richard & Toni Baer  
James & Sharon Bailey  
Marc Baretz  
Toni Sabella Barnes  
Matt and Jodi Barron  
Anne Emmerth & Mike Barta  
John Basek

Mary Bedwell  
Robert & Mary Bell  
Richard & Pam Berry  
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Bob & Judy Bolton  
Ed Bradberry  
Bruce Brand & Gayle Beck  
Reginald & Deborah Brantley  
Jill & Dan Brookoff  
Mary L. Brubaker  
Eugene H. Buder  
George & Alice Burruss  
Ida S. Burson  
Helen Chole Byrd  
Elizabeth Byrd  
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Jack & Lois Chamblin  
Laura & Kenny Charbonnet  
Margaret Chesney  
Terry D. Clark  
Chris Claude  
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Stansill & Anne Covington  
Sam Crain & Lisa Krupicka  
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Heather Cubine  
Donita & James Cunningham  
Jim & Peggy Cunningham  
Billy & Julie Denman  
Matthew & Elizabeth Domas  
Lindsay Douglas  
Nancy Duckworth  
Adam & Haley Eagleston  
Hutton & Lolly Easley  
James Echols  
Jeff & Sherry Emerson  
Paulist Fathers  
Mr. & Mrs. Brooke Ferris  
Kristen McColough &  
Kristopher Fisher  
James R. Fleming  
& Karen R. Williams  
Deborah Flettrich  
Ann & Jim Forbis  
Mary Nell Ford  
Megan C. Ford  
Paige & Tal Frankfort  
Aashish & Hillery Gahlaut  
Dave & Adrienne Gallagher  
Claire Garat  
Leslie Garey  
David & Janice George  
Bill & Julia Gibbons  
Stan & Rosalie Gibson  
Mackie & Jane Gober  
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Steve & Leslie Goodwin  
Wakefield & Lia Gordon  
Robert Gordon

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Carolyn Grisanti  
Whitney Guigan  
Holly Hagan  
David & Kelley Hankins  
Michael Hanthorn  
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Hargrove  
Robin & Dan Hatzenbuehler  
Alice Havner  
Betty J. Headley  
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Anna & Tod Holtzclaw  
Dr. Edwin & Mary Horwitz  
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Jim Hughes  
Lee & Catherine Hutchison  
Ben Jabbour  
Susie Jabbour  
Amy & Steve James  
James M. Johnson  
Nolan & Jamie Johnson  
Kimberly Ovitt & Brian Johnson  
Alan Johnson & Leanne Logan  
Robert & Catherine Johnston  
JoAnn Jones  
Beau Karney  
Louise Keeler  
Will Keeler  
Lisa Kennedy  
William Kernodde  
Chuck & Tricia Kerwin  
Jennifer Kettler  
Leon Bedwell & Kim Huch  
Lauren King  
Alan & Arlene Kleiman  
Maureen Klose  
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Karen Lebovitz  
Rene Lee  
Moriah & Samuel Lee  
Patty & Stinson Liles  
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Jim & Mary Ann Lucas  
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 Steve & Patti Montgomery  
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 Bob & Karen Morris  
 Karen Morrison  
 Ray Phillips & Bryan Mulroy  
 Steven & Mary Murphy  
 Raphael Murray  
 Gail Murray & Joe Hawes  
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 Jerry & Sandra Palazolo  
 Elizabeth Park  
 Madonna & Marc Paul  
 Paula Pederson  
 Bill Pendergrass & Mimi Atkinson  
 Lucian T. Pera  
 Jay Perkins  
 Jim & Nancy Pettit  
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 Martha Pipkin  
 Janis Piwonka  
 Michael Pleasants  
 Eric & Amy Plumley  
 Robert & Suzanne Plyler  
 Anita & Ray Pohlman  
 Ann F. Pretzer  
 Dorothy Kay Price  
 Vicki Prince  
 Niel & Sarah Prosser  
 M. S. Ratliff  
 Steve & Marty Redding  
 Elizabeth Rehrig  
 Terry & Teresa Richardson  
 Stephanie Riggs  
 Walker Robbins  
 William Robilio & Dr. Mary Berk  
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 Stephen Ross  
 Mark & Debbie Rutkowski  
 Joe & Martha Saab  
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 Susan Sanford & Bill Reed  
 Rowlett Scott  
 Tara Seals  
 William King Self  
 Paula N. Seward & Anita Jones  
 Jutta Siebert  
 Billy & Ela Sights  
 Ben & Nancy Sissman  
 Mike & Gina Smith  
 Winton & Marilyn Smith  
 Skip and Harriett Sprott  
 Milner Stanton  
 McDavid & Millicent Stilwell  
 Howard & Baylor Stovall  
 Michael & Meg Synk

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 Patricia M. Towery  
 Calvin Turley  
 Jake & Christy Vargo  
 Thomas Vernon  
 John Viser  
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 Victoria C. Walk  
 Ray Ward & Carol Good  
 Peter Warren  
 Danny Washburn &  
 Mike Lauderdale  
 Agnes Webb  
 Jon C. Weber  
 Ellen Weirich  
 Richard & Cheryl Westlake  
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 Mike & Gay Williams  
 Kathleen Williams  
 Jan Willis  
 Robert L. Willis  
 R. Milton Winter  
 Reginald Wiseman &  
 Karen D. Webster  
 Kristina Woo  
 Richard & Pixie Woodall  
 Marci & Ken Woodmansee  
 Deedee & Robert Wyatt  
 William Young  
 Jason Young  
 Nicol B. Wright

## RETIRED

Robin Ambrosek  
 Mary P. Armstrong  
 Sandy Baker  
 Carolyn P. Bell  
 Mary Louis Bensieck  
 A.P. & Jerre Bridges  
 Milton & Anne Brown  
 John & Rhonda Bryant  
 Herbert & Quay Butts  
 Ruth R. Callicott  
 Bette Ray Callow  
 Tom Carlson  
 Al & Jeanne Cash  
 Carol Chisholm  
 Kathleen Acuff Cox  
 Alice M. Coyle  
 Robert and Martha Cummins  
 Walter Day  
 Margaret Dennen  
 Sheila & Buddy Dietz  
 Frances Dillard  
 Frances A. Dillard  
 Judy Drescher &  
 Dave Lindstrom  
 Martin Edwards  
 Jim & Margaret Ann Eikner  
 Lawrence & Beverly Evans

Aaron Foster  
 Nancy Gatlin  
 Thomas Gurry  
 Mrs. P. R. Hastings  
 Mary Helen Seale  
 Elouise H. Herron  
 Glenn Hodges  
 Prudence Howe  
 Jim Huddleston  
 Brenda Hudson  
 Louise Keeler  
 Daney Kepple  
 Robert Macleod  
 Beverly Marek  
 Virginia C. Mayer  
 Mike & Catherine  
 McAndrews  
 Katherine McCormick  
 Walker and Mary Mulherin  
 Helen Oellerich  
 Cristina Pinkham  
 Dr. Peter S. Quinn  
 Bob and Bonnie Rains  
 Eleanor Riss  
 Preston & Gayle Robb  
 John H. Roberts  
 Debra Robinson  
 Laura Robinson  
 Larrie A. Rodriguez  
 Carol Rowe  
 Vivian & Joe Saupe  
 Bruce M. Schuessler  
 Herschel Schwartz  
 Wynn & Gwin Scott  
 Margaret H. Sorrells  
 Myra S. Stiles  
 Philip H. Strubing  
 Phillip & Patricia Taylor  
 J. Robert Towery  
 Cherrigale Townsend  
 Becky Trimble  
 William & Margaret Warnack  
 David & Melissa White  
 Donald & Jean Wilder  
 Elizabeth Willis  
 Dr. & Mrs. Gordon L. Wills  
 Robert Wilson  
 Mr. & Mrs. William Wilson

## BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION SUPPORTERS OF CGA

Grace St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Patron  
 Huey's Restaurant, Leader  
 Kimbrough Wine & Spirits, Leader  
 University Club of Memphis, Leader

## Recent Board Actions

*By Steven King, Chair CGA*

### Unified School Board Presentation

In November, the board welcomed Chris Caldwell, a member of the new unified school board. Mr. Caldwell explained what would take place in the upcoming months as the Unified School Board works to combine two large school systems. As Mr. Caldwell explained, the work is challenging, but there are many dedicated individuals committed to success.

### Overton Park Conservancy

The board passed a resolution of support for the Overton Park Conservancy. Since then, the conservancy has passed the City Council, and it is beginning the work of restoring the crown jewel of Memphis.

### Union Avenue Fire Truck Service

The Board has been in contact with city leaders regarding the prospect that the ladder truck might move from the Union Avenue. Fire Station. The city leaders have assured us that there will be no decline in service. We have placed the maps depicting the ladder truck coverage on our website: [www.centralgardens.org](http://www.centralgardens.org).

## New Board Member

Ruth Henderson and her husband Dean, along with their two cats, live on Peabody where they have been residents for 17 years. She is a former teacher and school

counselor, most recently with Shelby County Schools. Speaking about how she spends her time, Ruth said, "Retirement has given me the opportunity to be more active in some of my interests such as belonging to a book club and a weekly Bible study group, serving on the



*Ruth Henderson*

Board of a women's political organization, working elections and doing volunteer work. Now I am excited to add to that by joining the CGA Board and will be working on the Membership and the Annual Meeting committees." The board is excited to have such a talented and committed member of the community on the CGA board.

# New Head at Grace St. Luke's Makes Central Gardens Home

By Marci Woodmansee, *GSL Director of Communications*



*Mike Boyer, , Head of Middle School, GSL*

**A**s the new Head of Middle School at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School, **Mike Boyer** is in charge of guiding GSL's fifth through eighth grade students through an extremely important phase of adolescence as they prepare themselves for high school. And those 166 individuals make every day very interesting!

"Middle school kids are filled with energy, to say the least!" Boyer says. "Quite honestly, on any given day my job might range from working with faculty on curriculum to helping a child whose locker is stuck. This is my first year at GSL, and I have to say that it is the first school I've been a

part of that really lives its mission. At GSL, that mission is to help kids become creative problem solvers, confident learners, and responsible citizens. I have been delighted to find that it is an incredibly nurturing environment. As a teacher, I see it, and as a parent, I know it. There is something special here that just doesn't exist everywhere else. It's a really welcoming place."

Boyer joined the administrative faculty of GSL in June, after a national search last spring for a new Head of Middle School to succeed Thor Kvande, who took the reins as GSL's new Head of School last year. Boyer was formerly the Middle School Dean of Students at Providence Day School in Charlotte, N.C. He and his wife Samantha and their three children (Zach, seventh grade; Michael, first grade; and Rylee, junior kindergarten) moved into Central Gardens last summer, and they have thoroughly enjoyed their new neighborhood.

"We love our block of Linden," Boyer says. "The woman who lives across the street from me has been there for 75 years. There were at least three block parties in the first

six months we were here, and we could tell there was a real sense of spirit. I love the front porches and the fact that people spend a majority of their time there, rather than in their backyards. I loved walking the neighborhood on Halloween and seeing students trick-or-treating, and it has been great to be able to walk to and from work, and come home to find my kids playing outside with friends in our neighbors' front yards. We were coming from more of a cookie-cutter neighborhood in Charlotte, and to us, Central Gardens seems like an oasis of everything that a parent could ever want. It's just a really cool place to live."

Boyer's vision for the future at GSL involves helping prepare students to have a positive impact on their communities that goes beyond just academics. "One question I'm always thinking about is, what does a GSL graduate look like? There are a lot of schools in Memphis where you can get a good education, but how many of them build character in the same way that we do? That's ultimately what middle school is all about!" 🍪

# New Safety Committee Chair

**M**et **Matt Domas**, new board member and new chair of the Safety Committee. He has been a CG resident for seven years and has served on the Safety Committee since August 2010. Prior to his service on the Safety Committee, he was heavily involved with the Carr Avenue Neighborhood Watch from 2006-08.

Matt has outlined three main goals for the Committee this year.

1. Expand enrollment in the Central Gardens Safety Patrol run by Phelps Security to assure a continued 24/7 service;
2. Enhance neighborhood preparedness;
3. Maintain quality relations with the Union Avenue Police Station



*Mathew Domas, new board member and chairperson Safety Committee.*

Emergency preparedness is a concern for all. In this regard the committee will be working with the city this spring to provide Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) to all interested residents of CG. This past fall, the committee met with Colonel Bullard of Union Station and plans to meet with the new commander, Colonel Houston, in the spring.

Matt welcomes any input you may have regarding the safety of our neighborhood. He can be reached by email at [gmdomas@gmail.com](mailto:gmdomas@gmail.com) or by cell at (901) 517-1627. Also, we are in need of active committee members. Thank you to Matt for his years of commitment to the safety committee and now to the board. 🐾

## Central Gardens Patrol Results in Fewer Crime Incidents

One of the benefits of living in one of Memphis' prime and most historic neighborhoods and one of the benefits of the Central Gardens Association is the CENTRAL GARDENS PATROL, operated by Phelps Security. This is a 24/7 safety patrol service that is offered via a subscription to all Central Garden residents.

## Subscribers Benefit Most

Since the Central Gardens Patrol began, the Phelps guards have worked successfully with the local police to reduce crime in Central Gardens by 34%. Subscribers to the Central Gardens Patrol have enjoyed an 82 percent lower rate of crime than non-subscribers.

The service is very personable and provides the following services:

- Emergency response to your alarm system. Central Gardens Patrol responds to your alarm immediately and will arrive before the police.
- Guard checks on your home during vacations with mail and package collection to assure that you feel safe about leaving your home.
- Babysitting checks to reassure you while you are away from your children.
- Personal escort from your car to your home whenever you ask.

## Protect Your Family and Your Home

We invite you to invest in your neighborhood and keep your family and home safe by subscribing to Central Gardens Patrol, operated by Phelps. Please contact Matt Domas, Safety Committee Chair at (901) 517-1627 or [gmdomas@gmail.com](mailto:gmdomas@gmail.com) or Jennifer at Phelps Security directly at (901) 365-9728. 🐾

# Holiday Expressions in the Gardens



## Central Gardens Home Sale Information

ADDRESS	SPECS	STYLE	AGE	SALE PRICE	\$ PER SF
<b>OCTOBER</b>	1744 Glenwood Pl.	5 BR, 3/2 BA, Traditional	c. 1920	\$426,000.00	\$114.00
	1875 Harbert	3 BR, 2 BA, English	c. 1926	\$265,000.00	\$78.00
	1488 Peabody	6 BR, 5 1/2 BA, English	c. 1928	\$265,000.00	\$52.00
	1989 Central	3 BR, 2 BA, Traditional	c. 1922	\$209,900.00	\$92.00
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	642 S. Willett	5 BR, 5/2 BA, English	c. 1923	\$1,280,000.00	\$147.00
	1742 Central Ave.	4 BR, 4 BA, Bungalow	c. 1901	\$435,000.00	\$118.00
	1958 Peabody	3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, Traditional	c. 1922	\$300,000.00	\$111.00
	1518 Carr	3 BR, 5 BA, Traditional	c. 1912	\$280,000.00	\$71.00
	692 S. Barksdale	3 BR, 3 BA, Bungalow	c. 1922	\$95,000.00	\$45.00
	246 S. Watkins	4 BR, 2 BA, Traditional	c. 1920	\$91,000.00	\$48.00
<b>DECEMBER</b>	1585 York	2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, Traditional	c. 1971	\$128,000.00	\$124.00
	1484 Vance	3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, Traditional	c. 1926	\$355,000.00	\$123.00
	1525 Vinton	4 BR, 2 BA, Traditional	c. 1920	\$317,000.00	\$114.00
	1871 Vinton	3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, Traditional	c. 1922	\$285,000.00	\$126.00
	605 Melrose	4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, Traditional	c. 1901	\$250,000.00	\$77.00
	1756 Eastmoreland	3 BR, 2 BA, Traditional	c. 1930	\$139,500.00	\$82.00
	761 Metcalf	4 BR, 2 BA, Traditional	c. 1912	\$141,000.00	\$74.00

Information deemed reliable but not warranted.

Leigh Martin, Central Gardens resident for six years, is a Life Member of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors Multi-Million Dollar Club. Leigh has also been a real estate agent with Sowell and Company for eleven years. If you need to contact Leigh, please call 901.351.3877 or email her at martlei@aol.com.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

- Springfest, our annual family fun fest, will be held on April 22 from 1-5 p.m. at GSL parking lot.
- Central Gardens Association Annual Meeting: May 14 at Grace St. Luke's.



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If you have a volunteer that you would like to recognize in the Central Gardens Newsletter, please contact Barbara Sysak at (901) 529-7635 or [barbsysak@gmail.com](mailto:barbsysak@gmail.com).

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**Tree Replacement Program in Full Swing 2011**

*By LaUna Brubaker*

**B**ecause we don't ever want to take for granted the beautiful canopy that our arboretum provides for us, the Beautification Committee helps to sustain and renew the most visible natural resource that gives our neighborhood its uniqueness — trees. The CGA is able to fund our tree replacement program through our major fundraising event, the CGA Home Tour and through membership fees. The 2011 recipients of commitments for replacement tree include:

- Holly Hagan, 592 S. McLean
- Brian Johnson, 1475 Harbert
- Darrell McGee, 669 Belvedere
- Julie Denman, 1426 Central (Mansfield Arms)
- Larry Keenan, 583 S McLean
- Jonathan Jones, 1497 Carr

**MEMORIAL TREES REPLACEMENTS:**

- Helen Byrd
- Plato Toulaitos (given by Craig Lenochoer of the Urban Forestry Council and CGA)

When Julie Denman's tree was planted she said, "We are so appreciative of CGA and so excited to have this tree! It doesn't look like much now, but come back and see the tree when it is grown." If you are a CGA member, you are eligible for the tree replacement program at no extra charge. All neighbors may contact me at (901) 272-5711 or [mlbru22@gmail.com](mailto:mlbru22@gmail.com) to inquire on the process. It's time to request your 2012 tree now! 🍁



*Anne Broadfoot and Julie Denman with newly planted red maple tree at 1426 Central Ave.*

# Volunteers Needed for 2012 SpringFest Celebration

By Tracy Wiswall

Help welcome spring to Central Gardens this year by being a volunteer for this annual event. Just by being in on the planning, you will start experiencing spring before blossoms even bloom. The event takes place on Sunday, April 22 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteering for this event is a great way to meet new neighbors. As part of the planning group, you can also help shape the festival to be just the kind of party that meets your family and your neighbors expectations. If you don't care to join in on the planning, we can really use your help on the day of the event.

The intent of the festival is to bring the people of Central Gardens together: young, old, single, married, all families and residents get to know one another and become a neighborhood community. SpringFest provides the perfect opportunity to promote a small town environment in the middle of the city.

Thanks go to Grace St. Luke for providing the perfect location for the event year after year. Without this central location, and their continuing support of our neighborhood association, we would not have the facilities for both the SpringFest and the Annual Meeting. Thank you!

To volunteer please contact Tracy Wiswall at (901) 248-7847 or [twiswall@aol.com](mailto:twiswall@aol.com)



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