

SUMMER 2023

ORIGINAL

# HIGHLANDS

*The Original Highlands Neighborhood Association Newsletter - By Neighbors for Neighbors*



## The Highlands are Booming

If you're like me, one of the reasons you live here in the Original Highlands is because there is just so much that you can walk to, whether it's shopping, dining or entertainment, we have it all. And this past year has seen an explosion of new places to explore. Below are just a few new great spots that are an easy stroll from where every you live the in the Original Highlands.

Looking for something warm? Try **Haraz Coffee House** at the corner of Baxter and Highland, serving coffee, tea, desserts and light snacks

If your on the run, **The Capsule** specializes in sneakers, designer streetwear, vintage clothing, young men's clothing, sneaker restoration, and more

What's poppin' on Barret ave? Well, for starters, **Froggy's Popcorn** at 974 Barrett serving small-batch, gourmet, large-kernel popcorn and assorted confections.



If you're trying to eat healthy, check out **Muscle Monkey Grill**. They opened in January on Barrett Avenue specializing in fresh smoothies, wraps and more. Do your body a favor and try one of their many health options.

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**Sis Got Tea** is one of the newest arrivals to Barret Avenue. They are serving a unique, eclectic variety of teas brewed in-house. We all know if you're looking for vinyl **Better Days Records** is the place to go, but did you know they recently acquired additional space on Barrett that includes posters, t-shirts and movies.

If you haven't been to **Derby City Market** yet, you have to check it out. It has a unique mix of Mid century and Vintage goods. **Epiphany Barrel House** located at 1525 Highland is a cocktail bar, brewery and spirits house and also has fresh produce.

Craving a shawarma or perhaps some baklava, then **Kebab House** has got you covered, serving authentic Mediterranean food (next to Wicks pizza).

Atlanta-based **WNB Factory** is opening a location at 1019 Bardstown Road. WNB serves signature craft burgers, 24 flavors of wings plus combo meals, chicken sandwiches, chicken tenders, cheesesteaks, fried rice, salads, sides and shakes.

As you can see, we have a lot of exploring to do this summer, I suggest you get started today!



## Neighborhood & Community Events

**June 7th- July 26, Beginning Tai Chi Classes**, 1:00 pm. Highlands Community Campus 1228 E. Breckinridge St., Louisville, KY. \$40. Details at <https://hcmloouisville.org/events/>

**June 15th, Comedy Night at Gravely**, 7:30pm, monthly standup comedy showcase at Gravely Brewing Co., features Keith McGill, Adam Minnick of Cincinnati and Annam Choudhry. Free

**June 17th, Paristown Flea**, 10am-5pm, 731 Brent Street

**June 20th: OHNA Community Townhall, 6:30pm.** Discussion on late night issues on the Baxter/Bardstown Corridor. LMPD Major Grissom and ABC Director Brad Silveria will be in attendance. Highland Community Ministries, 1228 E. Breckinridge Street. (Tentative time/date - Please check Facebook for more details and information!)

**July 2nd, Highland Parent Group (HOP)** meet-up at 4pm. Want to join Highlands Original Parents? email [highlandsoriginalparents@gmail.com](mailto:highlandsoriginalparents@gmail.com) to receive info on meet-ups and other events.

**July 9th, Summer Sampler "Stained Glass Window" Tours** 1 of 2, 2-4 pm. Free. Highlands Community Campus 1228 E. Breckinridge St., Louisville, KY. \$40. Details at <https://hcmloouisville.org/events/>

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# LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

by Elizabeth Jones Brown

The Original Highlands is home to what very well might be the only "little library" specifically designated for German language materials in the country, according to its founder, Bridget Klein. Ms. Klein established the Louisville German Little Free Library in front of the Gralehaus at 1001 Baxter Avenue in November of 2020. Having been given a collection of German books but without the ability to meet in-person with interested fellow German speakers during the height of Covid, she came up with this idea in order to share the collection with others.

After unsuccessfully approaching a few other locations with the idea, Ms. Klein thought of the Holy Grale and Gralehaus, and the owners of the Grales were happy to offer her space (recommending that she use the Baxter Avenue side of their property).

They even donated the paint so that the library, constructed by Ken Tench, matches the paint of the Gralehaus. Mr. Tench built the library as a miniature version of the Gralehaus, complete with a miniature porch which, unfortunately, was a victim of accident or weather and is now in safekeeping with Ms. Klein. The library is dedicated to Irma Ford and Christa Steinbrenner, two women from Germany who were active in the Louisville German community, sharing their knowledge of the language and culture with others, and who passed away as Ms. Klein was putting together the idea for the library.

Ms. Klein reports that the library has been well-used.

She has even received donations from people from other states.



Materials have included German novels, magazines, newspapers, cookbooks, and Bibles, as well as coffee table books about Germany. She said that she has seen some make their way back to the library, as people take them and bring them back after reading them to share them with others. If anyone has German books or materials to share, please feel free to place them in the library or reach out to Ms. Klein at

GermanLittleFreeLibrary@gmail.com.



## OHNA Architectural Spotlight

Back in 1893 the lot for this property was purchased, and construction was completed for a total cost of \$14,000 in 1895. Today that wouldn't cover the cost of one of the many beautiful stain glass windows. The architect was Chas. D Meyer, a prominent nineteenth century architect who designed many local landmark buildings.

This is a Gothic Revival church with an imposing tower. The gothic windows on the facade have brick voussoirs and stone surrounds. The use of brick corbeling is the major decorative technique. Trinity Lutheran was completed in 1895, making it one of the oldest, if not the oldest church in the Highland Neighborhood.

Today it is no longer used as a church. It was been renovated over the past years and is now used as a video production company and home.



## PG&J'S DOG PARK BAR

A conversation with our feature business owner, Gina Nobles

by Tess Collins

Tess: Tell us a brief history about PG&J's Dog Park Bar?

Gina: PG&J stands for our three rescue dogs: Paco, Ginnie and J Roddy. While living in Austin, TX my husband, Ben, and I belonged to a dog park bar. We loved watching our three dogs run and play while we enjoyed a cold beer or a nice cup of coffee. It was the best combination and entertainment for pups and humans. When we found

out we were moving back home to Kentucky, we knew we had to bring this concept back to the pet compassion city of Louisville.

Tess: What is unique about PG&J's Dog Park Bar?

Gina: What makes the dog park bar unique is that it combines an indoor and outdoor space where dogs and their owners can spend time together safely. Most individuals do not enjoy taking their beloved pups to public dog parks mainly for safety reasons. At PG&J's Dog Park Bar, every pup must be spayed/neutered, four months or older, friendly and show up to date vaccinations. We also have Bark Rangers that monitor the park to ensure everyone is playing safely. But what makes the dog park bar so special is the community we have built over the last two years.

Tess: Why did you select the Original Highlands for your location?

Gina: As a Louisville native and UofL alum, I was familiar with the eclectic neighborhood of the Highlands. I remember thinking, anything this innovative would only be successful in the Highlands. The Highlands neighborhood is known to be quirky but inviting. The revitalization of the neighborhoods and downtown close to the Highlands was appealing as well. The Highlands is the densest neighborhood in the city and nearly everyone has dogs! We were proud to contribute to the community by injecting life back into a beautiful but neglected space in the heart of this neighborhood.

Tess: Can you tell us a little about your efforts to raise money for organizations that help dogs in need?

Gina: From the beginning, we wanted to make sure we gave back to our community not only in providing a safe space for all to enjoy but by helping to save lives and make an impact in the animal rescue community. We support five local rescue organizations by donating a portion of our sales each month. We host a variety of events with local rescue groups to raise money for their cause. We also accept in kind donations at the bar or through our website at [www.pgjdogbar.com](http://www.pgjdogbar.com). Since we opened in January of 2021, we have donated over \$37,000.00. Our goal is to reach \$50,000.00 this year. We like to tell people at PG&J's Dog Park Bar, you are literally drinking for a cause.

Tess: Anything else you would like for neighbors to know?

Gina: We would like to thank the Highlands neighborhood for their support of our business. We would not be as successful if the people of the Highlands were not as welcoming and supportive of us when we started.

**THE DETAILS**  
**PG&J'S DOG PARK BAR**  
**502.385.8147**  
[pgjdogbar.com](http://pgjdogbar.com)  
800 Baxter Avenue  
Tuesday-Friday: 12pm - 10pm  
Saturday: 12pm - 10pm  
Sunday: 12pm - 9pm



Ben, Gina, Paco, Ginnie, JRoddy and Austin





Lieutenant Robert King

# Meet Lieutenant Robert King

Officer Robert King has been a member of the LMPD going on 17 years and has been working the 5th Division (that includes the Original Highlands) since 2019. He loves getting to know our neighbors and having a positive impact on our neighborhoods safety. If you have been to many of our Neighborhood Association meetings, you probably have seen the Lieutenant. He is active with our board and works hand in hand to keep this community safe.

Recently, Lt. King has implemented walking patrols on the weekends (when staffing is available) so that they can have a presence in the neighborhood and be proactive and not just reactive. By getting himself and his officers out in our community, being friendly and approachable, his ultimate goal is to strengthen

bonds, and to continually build trust with this community.

He says we can do our part as well by doing some of the basics like, "keep your cars and homes locked, keep your home exteriors well lit, and most importantly, if you see something, say something, even if it may not seem significant, call us so we can get it on record"

"I'm looking forward to this summer and doing our part to make it a safe one, and that everyone can enjoy the Highlands for the eclectic neighborhood that it is".

So if you see Lieutenant King, please go up and introduce yourself and thank him for his commitment to our community.

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## Trivia FUN FACTS YOU DIDN'T KNOW BOUT THE ORIGINAL HIGHLANDS

The sculpture of turrets represent the unique architecture found throughout the Original Highlands.

The Highland Island Landmark was dedicated in 1990.

The sculpture on the island stands 23 feet tall.



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## The Dog Days of Summer

by Greg Fleck

Meet LeeLoo, a 2 year old Great Dane living on Breckinridge St. Her parents, Michelle and Scott Benson, have lived there since 2014.



Not only does LeeLoo love the Morton Dog Park, she also enjoys river boating and even has her own floating dingy. LeeLoo enjoys taking long walks through the neighborhood, and encourages all dog walkers to pick up after their dogs so everyone can enjoy a clean neighborhood. Say Hi to LeeLoo when you see her!



# OHNA President's Message

Dear Original Highland's Neighbors,

Now that Derby has passed and we look forward to the summer and our beautiful tree lined streets, the Neighborhood Association Board would like to invite any and all folks with fundraising backgrounds or ideas to help us continue our work in making the Original Highlands a wonderful place to live, work, and play. After all, some of the most beloved aspects of our neighborhood are the fruits of hours of dedication and contributions of our member's and volunteers on projects like tree planting, stump removal, maintenance of our iconic banners, the Highland Island at Baxter and Winter, and the block parties we host.



**Ralph Melbourne,**  
*Presidentt,  
OHNA Board*

So if you attend or pass by one of our planned events this summer and see a donation box, we would appreciate if you would consider a contribution. Similarly, if there are events from the past you have enjoyed, such as a home and garden tour, or new ideas like history tours, porch party nights, or yard sale days, we have a fundraising and events committee and would welcome any time or efforts your willing to commit. Happy Summer and we look forward to seeing you out and about in the neighborhood!

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## Original Highlands Neighborhood Boundaries



## Come join the Highlands Original Parents (HOP)

HOP is a social group for parents in the Original Highlands! We meet once a month for children to play and parents to mingle. HOP also occasionally meets for kid-free social time at local establishments. If you are a parent with young children, and would like to meet other parents that live in the neighborhood, please email Tess at [highlandsoriginalparents@gmail.com](mailto:highlandsoriginalparents@gmail.com)





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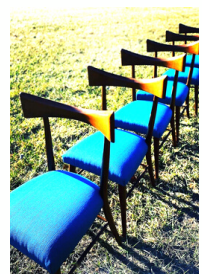
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Derby City Market is a wonderfully curated collection of goods and items from our past. As you enter the door, you are instantly transported to another time. It is pure nostalgia and they have done an excellent job of creating a warm and inviting space. The furniture is "Mad Men" cool, the art is beautiful, and everywhere you look there is something unique. With three different rooms on the first floor and more upstairs, there is literally something for everyone, and they even have a Tiki Room! Do yourself a favor, go visit them Thursday-Sunday at 978 Barret Avenue. Or check them out on Instagram/Facebook @DerbyCityMarket



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