



# NOTES



## 40th Annual Fine Art and Craft Festival

Saturday, May 10 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 11 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

4936 Brownsboro Road (US Hwy 22)

*Sponsored by Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church • NELBA • Febley Real Estate • AT&T*



### Live Stage

Saturday, May 10

10:30 am

Poetry Out Loud

11:30 am -12:30 pm

Rich Machin, Pianist/Vocalist

1:45 pm - 3:30 pm

Caribbean Conspiracy

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Pendulum Orchestra

Sunday, May 11

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Dulcimer Society

1:15 pm – 5:00 pm

A Special Kentucky Homefront Show – Live from the Front Porch at Art in the Arbor with John Gage; Mike Schroeder and Steve Cooley; My Darling Asleep

### We thank our Artist Award Sponsors:

- TJ Unitarian Church: Marcia Lamb “Best of Show”
- L & N Federal Credit Union: Alice Marion “Award of Distinction”
- Commonwealth Bank & Trust (Springhurst ): Best Booth
- Commonwealth Bank & Trust: Robert Dorzback “Best New Artist” (Glenridge):
- New York Life: Award of Merit
- The Trail Store: Award of Merit
- Décor & You: Award of Merit
- American Founders Bank: Award of Merit
- Bee Hive Homes of Lyndon: Award of Merit

Visit the NELBA Hospitality Booth- Win a \$300 Gift Certificate to The Summit!

NELBA members, plan now to donate discount coupons, promotional giveaways, etc to get your company the attention you want! to the NELBA hospitality booth to give potential customers a positive connection to your business. Donations and display containers may be dropped off at the church office the week of May 5th. (All giveaway items must have an accompanying basket or box in which to display your

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## Join a NELBA committee today!

NELBA is strictly a volunteer organization. Our Board of Directors and committee volunteers provide their time and enthusiasm both as a chosen civic contribution and an enjoyable way to network with other business people throughout the year. Working on a committee can be both rewarding and fun. The time you contribute will be rewarded with new business contacts as well as new friends!

Whether you'd like to serve in an ongoing capacity or just work on specific tasks and events, there's a perfect place for you!

We invite you to be a part of NELBA's success by volunteering to be on one or more of

### Hospitality booth

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items.) For further information, please call, Charlotte Buster, 245-0081. We still need some volunteers to staff the booth in two-hour shifts. Please check your calendar and tell Charlotte when you can help.

Pair up with a coworker, or join a fellow NELBA member for a turn at promoting NELBA and your company! It's easy, but important that you support NELBA at the festival!

these committees. Check out NELBA's last issue on our website, [www.nelba.com](http://www.nelba.com), for more details about each committee.

Contact [info@nelba.com](mailto:info@nelba.com) to learn more and/or sign up. Ellen Wade will be glad to answer any of your questions. Looking forward to hearing from you!

- Membership Committee (recruitment, welcoming and retention)
- Programs (speaker topics, locations, catering)
- Special Events (NELBA Hospitality Booth-Art in the Arbor Festival, Annual Scholarship Golf Scramble, NELBA Holiday Taste of East Louisville)
- Marketing (publicity to promote NELBA events; NELBA bi-monthly newsletter publication; marketing promotions/ advertising)



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Submit newsletter information to Ellen Wade at [bigole@aol.com](mailto:bigole@aol.com).

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## NELBA Membership Directory has arrived!

NELBA members and friends have just received their copy of this year's exclusive NELBA membership directory. Current NELBA members are listed alphabetically and by category. Newcomers and residents in the NELBA area will look first to these businesses when selecting a reputable company for products or services.

Thanks for your patience in working out a difficult situation with our former publishing company. We thank Cardinal Printing and Elaine Wood, Business Mastery, for the outstanding printing and design of this project. Special thanks to our advertisers who helped defray the production costs.

Two thousand copies were printed, so our NELBA neighborhoods may receive extra copies at various high-traffic businesses, including banks, real estate and various retail stores. Businesses are encouraged to pick up extra copies for your customers or new residents in the area. Call American Founders Bank, 1200 Forest Bridge Road, (mile north of Shelbyville Road off North Hurstbourne Lane) 638-4750 for pickup times.

## NELBA Calendar of Events

### May

March 10/11

10:00 am - 6:00 pm Sat.

10:00 am - 5:00pm Sun

Art in the Arbor

Festival - NELBA Hospitality Booth

Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, Hwy. 22

May 13

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Networking Social

Captain's Quarters

5700 Captain's Quarters Rd. (off River Road)

Cost: \$5 Light refreshments/cash bar.

May 20

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Open House

Ink and Toner USA

12911 Shelbyville Road, behind Applebees's

May 22

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Speaker Breakfast Program

SCORE - Tom Scattoloni

American Founders Bank

1200 Forest Bridge Rd.

Cost: \$5.00 Dooley's breakfast

RSVP by May 20

### June

June 10

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

NELBA Networking Social

Captain's Quarters

5700 Captain's Quarters Rd. (off River Road)

Cost: \$5 Light refreshments/cash bar.

June 26

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Speaker Luncheon

Mayor Jerry Abramson

Standard Country Club

Highway 22

Cost: \$12.00

RSVP by June 23

June 30

8:00 am Registration

NELBA Annual Golf Scramble

Glen Oakes Golf and Country Club

(Glen Oakes Subdivision off Hwy. 22)

# Property Management and Business Updates

## Remarkable Interiors Now Open at Westport Village

Remarkable Interiors is now open M-T-W-F 10:00 am -5:00 pm and Thursdays from 10:00 am-7:00 pm. Sherry "O" Oexman is the managing partner and can be reached at 425-8881. "Remarkable Interiors is a terrific addition to Westport Village. The new store offers shoppers a wide variety of home furnishings, fun, unique gifts, and interior design services." - Colin Underhill, Westport Village leasing agent.

Coming soon: hiko-A-mon Sushi Bar, Monocottura Tile, Napa River Grill, Pretty Nails Salon & Spa, The Glassworks, The Pink Zebra and Westport Whiskey and Wine. Visit [www.westportvillage.com](http://www.westportvillage.com) for more info.

## NELBA Welcomes our neighborhood farmers' market

Suburban Christian Church, 7515 Westport Road, will kick off their season on Thursday, May 8 from 4:00 -8:00 pm. They plan to be open every Thursday from May thru October. Please support this very worthwhile community event! Questions? Call 425-2266.

**Episcopal Church Home breaks ground for chapel**  
The home on Westport Road at Lyndon Lane has outgrown the smaller chapel for Sunday Service. The new building will be specially designed to meet the needs of residents who use walkers and other equipment, and also will be geared to serve family members, staff and their families and people from the

community. The groundbreaking event was held at the end of March. (CJ-4-2-08)

**Curves' Owners relocate in Westport Village**  
Former Address: 1208 Lyndon Lane New Address: 1311 Herr Lane , Suite 214- Westport Village, Owners: Brenda Hunt/Sara Elliott

## Want to show off your business and attract new customers?

**NELBA is accepting reservations for 2008 monthly Open Houses beginning June 2008.**

Contact Phyllis Onachilla to schedule yours:  
[Phyllis@BestLouisvilleRealtor.com](mailto:Phyllis@BestLouisvilleRealtor.com)

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# NELBA scrapbook



Happy NELBA members at the CQ networking event.



Great business contacts are made at NELBA's monthly Captain's Quarters networking events



Vickie Spencer, Vacations By V, Lisa Monntgomery, Mary Kay, enjoyed the February program held at the Episcopal Church Home.

Program speakers Pete Buhl, Help-You-Sell Metro Realty, (left) and Matt McClure presented a door prize at the March meeting.



## Our member experts: Legal tips for business owners and operators

### Business Structure

A typical mistake of a small start-up business is not availing itself of a business structure that may shelter the business owner from personal liability. Corporations and Limited Liability Companies may afford such protection.

### Written Contracts

Putting your agreements in writing is essential for avoiding misunderstandings that could lead to litigation or not obtaining the item that was subject to the contract. Oral agreements, some of which may not be enforceable, are fraught with inconsistencies in the minds of the contracting parties. A written agreement helps to circumvent problems that occur more readily with oral contracts.

### Employment Matters

Hiring, managing and firing practices are essential to a strong business foundation. Understanding the laws that apply to employees may protect you from undesirable situations.

Hire your employees carefully. Look for people that you can trust and rely upon. Adopt and enforce strong employment policies and clearly communicate them to employees. Maintain good records on employee mistakes and your employment decisions.

Shareholder/Operating/Partnership Agreements Owners of entities with more than one owner should prepare an agreement between themselves to be used as a road map for many company and ownership issues. Items and triggering events that should be addressed include capitalization, distributions, voluntary and involuntary transfers of ownership interest, death, disability, and ownership buy-out. Litigation may ensue without a written understanding of how to handle certain events.

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# NELBA New Member Business Highlights

## La Vida Java Coffee Company

La Vida Java Coffee Company's mission is to provide top-quality, excellent freshly roasted coffee that our customers will enjoy and to be the ultimate coffee-drinking experience. In carrying out our day-to-day business goals, we will strive to uphold three important aspects: Our Customers: Our customers are #1 and if we don't take care of them, someone else will. We pledge to serve our customers to the best of our ability and not just sell them another cup of coffee, as another product or service. Our customers are the reason for our business. They will bring us exciting opportunities to serve them quality handcrafted beverages. We believe our first responsibility is to our customers. Our Employees: Treat our employees with the utmost respect. We want to eagerly approach new challenges and give our employees an opportunity to grow with La Vida Java. Our Community: Be considered as a respectable, honest business in our community. We will operate in the way that we will integrate honesty and integrity in the products that we sell. We will operate in a way that will make our community proud of us. We make no compromises on standards & quality and strive to become the best in the city!

## La Vida Java Coffee Company

David Sierra, owner

Westport Village, 1301 Herr Lane, suite 110,  
Louisville, KY 40222

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 6:30 am - 9:00 pm;

Fri-Sat: 6:30 am-11:00 pm Sun: 8:00 am-8:00 pm

## E. P. Tom Sawyer Park

New NELBA member to host the 2008 Holiday Taste of East Louisville!

E. P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park is named after Erbon Powers "Tom" Sawyer, who spent his life serving the public. He was a Naval Officer in World War II; a University of Louisville Law School graduate; and Jefferson County Judge Executive. He died tragically in an automobile accident on September 23, 1969. He is survived by his two daughters, Linda and Diane (co-anchor of ABC's Good Morning America), and his wife, Jean.

E. P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park is a continually evolving facility that includes:

- The Activities Center houses a gymnasium with seating for 600, indoor courts for basketball and badminton, locker and shower facilities, game area, meeting room, and offices. Leagues and clinics offered throughout the year. Open year-round. Gymnasium rental available. Fee for leagues & clinics.
- Shelter Rental - Open year-round, fee for shelter rental. The park has three picnic shelters available for rent accommodating up to 150 people. Shelters can be rented up to a year to the month in advance. Please call the Business Office at 502-429-3280 for shelter pricing and availability.
- BMX Track - considered one of the best in the country and hosts the National BMX Grand Championships every Labor Day Weekend. . Visit [www.derbycitybmx.org](http://www.derbycitybmx.org).
- The Olympic-size pool is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Pool Hours: Sunday-Friday 12:00-6:30PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM-6:30PM Cost: Ages 6 and up: \$4.00, Ages 3-5: \$3.00, Ages 2 and under: Free Season passes are also available. Passes are good through September 1, 2008.
- 12 new state of the art tennis courts are open 7 a.m. to dusk daily
- 14 soccer fields, 5 lacrosse fields, 3 lighted

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## *NELBA New Member Business Highlights, continued*

softball fields, 1 rugby field, and 3 community athletic fields. Leagues and clinics are offered for various ages and levels of competition.

- The 1-mile fitness trail has 10 exercise stations. The 1.25-mile Goose Creek nature trail meanders through open meadow habitat to a semi-wooded area along Goose Creek. The loop trail is an easy grade, and wheelchair accessible with assistance. Year-round.

- **Model Airplane Airfield**

The runway (400 feet long, 35 feet wide) may be used by all pilot members of the Tom Sawyer Model Aircraft Association. Open 10:00 am-dusk daily, except dates reserved for contests.

- Archery range boasts six new targets, a safety fence, and bow holders with target distances of 10, 20, 30, and 40 yards and 10 and 15 meters. Free and open to the public. Contact the Recreation Department at 502-429-7270 for more information.

- Birthday Parties -- Available Memorial Day through Labor Day. Please contact the Recreation Office at 502-429-7270 for more information, pricing, and availability.

Pool Party - Includes two-hour pool patio party, food, drink, and swimming.

Basketball Birthday - Includes two hours of gym time, food, and drink.

Funtastic Birthday - Includes two hours of organized game play, food, and drink.

- Dog Park -In association with the Louisville Dog Run Association, E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park is proud to be the first and only official dog park in Louisville. The dog park spans across four acres and is divided into two two-acre areas: one for small dogs (dogs under 30 pounds) and one for all dogs.

<http://parks.ky.gov/findparks/recparks/ep/>  
Contact Information: 3000 Freys Hill Road  
Louisville, KY 40241-2132 Business Office:  
502-429-3280 Recreation: 502-429-7270. Park  
Manager: Chris Head.

### **Sign-A-Rama, East Louisville**

Amy Johannemann and her husband own Sign-A-Rama, which is located on Hurstbourne Parkway. Because she enjoys helping people meet their business and marketing objectives this is a perfect fit. Her goal when working with clients is to provide a total marketing solution that will aid that person in achieving their goals.

Working with a creative staff and as part of the Sign-A-Rama family of franchises, she is able to offer unique and effective solutions for any customer need or application no matter how specialized!

Amy is also the Cubmaster of Pack 237, Boy Scouts of America, When her oldest son decided he wanted to become a Cub Scout, it was evident the Pack needed a den leader for the new "Tiger Scouts." Amy volunteered for the job and had a great time helping the boys in her den attain the rank of Tiger Cub. When the need for a new Cubmaster arose the following year, it seemed only logical that she would step into that role. Amy's favorite part of being the Cubmaster is spending time with her sons and the other boys, and helping them attain their goals.

Contact Amy at 429-9300;

Email: [amy@signaramaeast.com](mailto:amy@signaramaeast.com)

107 S. Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222

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## NELBA New Member Business Highlights, continued

### New York Life - Chad Douglas

New York Life is a mutual insurance company that is not publicly traded. Therefore, it has no stock to be bought and sold and no shareholders. Instead, policyholders share in the ownership of the company. For this reason, unlike publicly traded companies that manage their business for the short-term benefit of shareholders, New York Life is guided by the longer-term needs and expectations of our policyholders. This makes New York Life, essentially, a partner in your long-term planning.

Chad Douglas is originally from Frankfort, Indiana. He fell in love with Louisville seven years ago while opening up both of the Best Buy stores here in Kentucky. He has lived here for the past 5 years but spent most of his time in the air, traveling across the country every week training and coaching retail stores. At the end

of last year, Chad decided to enjoy his house he had built in January of 2003 in Prospect. He searched for another career and found it with New York Life, which has given him the opportunity to be able to help others create, preserve and distribute their wealth.

Chad's office is located on the corner of Shelbyville Rd and Hurstbourne in what a lot of people refer to as the "flash-cube" building. He does a lot of work from his home when not in the office. Chad has the capability of meeting anytime or anywhere a person has the need. Please contact him for help in planning your financial future: ccdouglas@ft.newyork-life.com; or 472-8875.

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NELBA welcomes our other new members: **Citizen's Union Bank, Greg Austin's Town Planner Kentuckiana, and United Bank Card.**

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## Plan now for the 2nd Annual NELBA Scholarship Golf Scramble\*

June 30, 2008

**Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club, Glen Oaks Subdivision**

**8:00-9:00 am Registration 9:30 am Shotgun Start**

### Entry Fee:

- \$75 per Player (Includes cart and dinner)
- \$20 per non-players for dinner only. (Great opportunity for networking!!)

### Entry Deadline:

May 15th: All forms and fees must be received by this date!

### Format:

Four-person best ball scramble.

Form your own team or we can place you on one.

### Club Rules:

- Players must be dressed properly - shirts worn at all times, no denim. Soft spikes only.

### Awards:

- Cash prizes
- Closest to the hole for men
- Closest to the hole for women



*Pete Buhl, 2007 Golf Scramble Chairman, presented the 2007 NELBA Scholarship winner Jamie Deibel with a \$1000.00 scholarship check.*

- Longest drive for men
- Longest drive for women
- Hole-In-One Contest
- Putting Contest (For players and non-players)

### Prizes:

Not yet determined. PGA card holders not eligible for prizes.

\*Portion of the proceeds benefits the NELBA College Scholarship Program

We also need SPONSORS, beginning at the \$250 level.

**For more information or to register, contact:**

**Pete Buhl,  
Help-U-Sell Metro  
9441 Westport Road  
Louisville, Ky. 40241  
502-326-9009**



## **Louisville Residents Urged to Dump Their Expired Drugs**

For Immediate Release

Contact: Sue Johnson 266-5571

(Louisville, KY) AARP Kentucky, Catholic Charities, Community Action Partnership, KIPDA (Kentucky Indiana Planning & Development Agency), Louisville Metro Police, Louisville Metro Solid Waste, Senior Pharmacy Solutions and TRIAD are teaming up to provide opportunities for Louisville residents to safely dispose of their expired pharmaceutical products.

They are sponsoring six DRUG TOSS events in Louisville Metro from May 20 to May 22.

Pharmaceutical products should never be flushed down the toilet or drain, burned in the open or thrown in the trash because:

- They can contaminate the environment if they get into the drinking and ground water.
- They may kill bacteria or produce drug resistance bacteria in sewage treatment plants and septic systems if flushed down the drain.
- Burning can release toxic pollutants into the air.
- They can be scavenged from your trash receptacles to be illegally used or sold.
- They can be taken mistakenly and cause serious health problems.

Here are some of the items Drug Toss organizers are encouraging residents to bring in:

- All expired prescription drugs
- All unsealed cough syrups, eye drops or nose sprays
- All prescription medications that should have been kept cold but were not
- All bulk or loose pills and capsules
- All unsealed tubes of creams, ointments, etc.

Representatives from Louisville Metro Police and Louisville Metro Solid Waste will be on hand to make sure the products will be disposed of safely. They urge residents to black out all personal information on the pharmaceutical containers.

Here are the dates and locations for the six Drug Toss events:

- Tuesday, May 20  
St. Denis Church  
9:30 am to 11:30 am  
4205 Cane Run Road
- Tuesday, May 20  
Franciscan Health Care Center  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
3625 Fern Valley Road
- Wednesday, May 21  
Christopher East  
9:30 am to 11:30 am  
4200 Browns Lane
- Wednesday, May 21  
Brookside Senior Living  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
200 Brookside Drive (Off Shelbyville Road across from Douglass Hills)
- Thursday, May 22  
Christian Care Communities  
9:30 am to 11:30 am  
960 South 4th Street
- Thursday, May 22  
Sun Valley Community Center  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
6505 Bethany Lane

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## NELBA Member profiles

Out of ink or toner?

Sounds logical... horse farm and training to Ink & Toner USA. When Susan Harris and her husband, Stan, were offered a great deal to sell their horse farm in Shelby County, they both decided it was time to try something new. After researching business ideas and franchises for a year, they chose Ink & Toner USA. "We love saving people money - both individuals and businesses," Susan stated. Their business will be open one year on June 18, and they are quite pleased so far.



We can save our customers up to 70% by offering new original, remanufactured, compatible and refilling ink jet and laser toner cartridges, as well as FAX and point-of-sale cartridges. She explained that not all cartridges can be refilled, but

there is still significant money to be saved with remanufactured and compatibles.

When Susan and Stan aren't at the store, they love to spend time outdoors with their five-year-old son. She says the word VACATION sounds very good.

Susan also has owned a hair and nail salon, Finger-Waves, on Moser Road, for 19 years.

Be sure to attend the Ink & Toner USA open house on May 20.

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Okay, baby boomers, get ready!

For those of us who are part of the baby boomer generation, Richard Schnur could be a very important resource. Richard is an agent with Long-Term Care Resources, insurance specialists in the area of long-term care insurance and Medicare Supplements. "My job is to help families prepare for the unexpected so they can remain financially viable," he noted. He has specialized in these areas for eight years.

Long-term care is more than nursing home care for our grandparents. Suppose you or your spouse required long-term nursing care from the effects of injury or an illness. As baby boomers age, the likelihood of such an occurrence increases.



Richard noted that it's much less expensive to purchase this coverage when you're in your early 50s. Richard works to design the right plan for each person and his or her family.

He represents Prudential, John Hancock and MetLife in long-term care products and Humana and Mutual of Omaha in Medicare supplement policies.

When he's not working Richard is an avid fan of the RiverCity Bats, the Cincinnati Reds and the University of Western Kentucky (his alma mater) football team. He also works out at the Louisville Athletic Club three times a week.

Though Richard is from Louisville, he lived in Florida for 20 years and Arizona for 10 before moving back here in 2005. (After this winter here, he's probably wishing he was still there.) Richard and his wife, Denise, have three children and nine grandchildren.

So, if you had more than 50 candles on your last cake, you might want to call Richard - soon.

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## Norton Commons appeals to NELBA community and businesses

(A message from Rod Henderson, Managing Director, Norton Commons)

Ladies and Gentlemen, I appreciate your interest in a subject that directly or indirectly affects all of us. I am one of the managing directors of Norton Commons, which has committed \$700,000 as a contribution to the Metro Works Department specifically to add to the money being spent by the state and county for improving the section of KY-22 from Chamberlain Lane to KY-1694. Our contribution was to help fund engineering and right of way costs. To date Norton Commons has paid Metro Works over \$450,000 of our original commitment. My understanding is that the original project was to improve KY-22 from I-265 (Snyder Freeway) to just beyond KY-1694 in two phases. The first phase was to improve the roadway from I-265 to Chamberlain Lane. The second phase was to improve the roadway from Chamberlain Lane to just east of KY-1694. The construction of the second phase was to begin shortly after the completion of the Chamberlain Lane improvements. Somewhere along the way a third phase was added to the project - the continuation of improvements east of Ky-1694 to Murphy Lane. This was cause for the first delay, in that additional right of way and engineering was to be concluded prior to work beginning on the original second phase. This change was made without any notification to those of us who have interests along KY-22. Since KY-22 is a state road the funding for this project was, for the most part,

coming from KDOT (KY Dept. of Transportation), while the management of the project was allocated to Metro Works.

The problem is the following. The original schedule called for the completion of the improvements to KY-22 from Chamberlain Ln to KY-1694 in 2008. I have been in constant touch with Chris Phillips, Metro Works, who is the project manager for the improvement project for about a year and a half. Due to Norton Commons' relationship with BTM Engineering on other KY-1694 and Chamberlain road improvements, which we have funded to the tune of an additional \$300,000, I became concerned with a delay in the KY-22 improvement project. BTM and Chris were indicating right of way acquisition problems and utility relocation issues that would be causing delays in the project. While these delays may have been acceptable, the announcement that the improvements may be delayed until 2012 is not acceptable.

Bottom line is this. All of us have invested or are planning to invest tens of millions of dollars in the KY-22 corridor over the next several years. As with all development projects, being able to obtain and have access to basic infrastructure is essential to the success of our projects. In my opinion this road improvement project has not received the attention and priority that it deserves. This is not simply a road improvement project designed to reduce congestion. This is an economic development project for not only Jefferson County but the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the past six months I have forwarded e-mails to our

elected officials and I have communicated with Chris Phillips and John Callahan with KDOT (502.210.5488). While Chris and John have been very responsive to my continual inquiries, I have no confidence that either one senses the urgency of this project and how a delay will affect all of us, especially a delay to 2012.

In my opinion we must become the squeaky wheel if we are to impress upon Metro Works and KDOT the importance of this project. In regards to attempts I have made, I have received no response from Mr. Downard's office and I have only received a return phone call from Mr. Stuckel's office from his administrative asst. telling me that they are aware of the problem. Since the major delay, as it appears now, is due to state funding, I would like to get a meeting with John Callahan to see what the current situation is. Any suggestions or help or support you can give for this effort would be appreciated. Do not hesitate to contact me. My cell phone is 386.6192. Thanks and I will communicate again soon.

**Are you an EXPERT in an area that could affect NELBA members, such as human resources, tax changes, insurance, construction/ remodeling or even operating efficiencies?**

**If so, would you consider writing a short article for our newsletter? See attorney member Rick Greenberg's article on page 5.**

**Send you article to Ellen Wade at bigole.aol. Be sure to include your contact information.**

# Mark your calendar!!!

## Thursday, May 22

Speaker Breakfast 7:30 am - 9:00 am

**Tom Scattoloni: *Spring Cleaning with S.C.O.R. E.***

For small and medium existing businesses - business advice at the right time

American Founders Bank, 1200 Forest Bridge Road  
(mile north of Shelbyville Road off N. Hurstbourne)

Catered by Dooley's Cost: \$5.00 members; \$7.00 guests RSVP online by Tuesday, May 20

***Meet your mayor!***

## Thursday, June 26

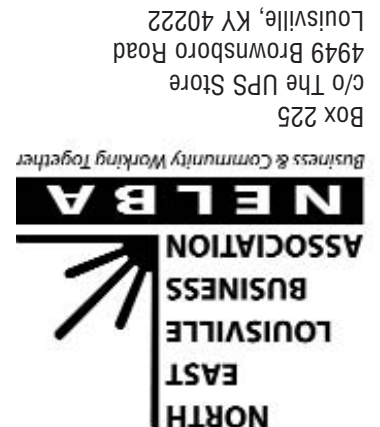
Speaker Luncheon 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Mayor Jerry Abramson**

### What's Happening in the NELBA Community?

Standard Country Club, Hwy. 22 (between Barbour Lane and Goose Creek Road)

Cost: \$12.00 members; \$14 guests RSVP online by Tuesday, June 24



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