

# Woman, German-Paristown group

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The German-Paristown Neighborhood Association and Renee Butterworth, of the Valley Village subdivision, are first-place winners in The Louisville Times' third Neighborhood Awards Contest.

Two other groups, the Irish Hill Neighborhood Association and the West Down Town Neighborhood Newspaper Committee, will receive honorable-mention awards at a luncheon March 31 at Stouffer's Louisville Inn, 120 W. Broadway.

The awards are given to groups and individuals who work to improve "the quality of life" in metropolitan Louisville. A \$500 cash prize goes with each first-place award, and \$200 is given to honorable-mention winners.

Renee Butterworth stays busy with civic and clown work. The German-Paristown Neighborhood Association specializes in facing reality. Stories, Page B2.

## MRS. BUTTERWORTH

Mrs. Butterworth, of 13500 Horncastle Way, has been active in Valley Village projects since moving there in 1972. The subdivision is in far southwest Jefferson County.

She is treasurer of the Valley Village trustees and chairman of the executive board at Frost Community School, 13700

Sandray Blvd. As a trustee, she was instrumental in getting a \$724,000 federal grant awarded to the subdivision in 1976 for drainage ditch repairs.

Another activity that has brought Mrs. Butterworth considerable recognition in the subdivision and throughout the community is the Valley Village Clown Brigade, which she organized in 1975. It consists of about 20 youngsters, aged 5 to 14, to whom Mrs. Butterworth teaches the arts of clowning — from applying make-up to faking a fall.

The brigade has performed for numerous civic groups and in several area parades, including the Pegasus Parade and the Harvest Homecoming Parade in New Albany.

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# Group win neighborhood awards

## GERMAN-PARISTOWN

The German-Paristown Neighborhood Association is being recognized for several activities and projects it sponsored last year. They include working with city officials to develop the quarter-acre Gnadinger Park, the area's first, and working with churches and the Metropolitan Park and Recreation Board to create a recreation program for youths.

The program serves about 250 youths, ages 5 to the early 20s, and includes gym and arts and crafts activities.

The association also was instrumental in getting residents of the 1100 blocks of Rammers and Fischer avenues to clean an alley between the streets. The group then persuaded the city to pave it.

Steve Magre, of 1122 Rammers Ave., is the association's president.

## IRISH HILL

The Irish Hill Neighborhood Association, working in a neighborhood bordered roughly by Baxter Avenue, Beargrass Creek, Lexington Road and Eastern Cemetery, has worked to create pride and to combat crime through a variety of programs. They include establishing "block watch" programs, in which residents keep an eye out for neighbors' homes, and "Operation Identification," which entails registering personal belongings with police.

By meeting with local officials, the group also was instrumental in getting a flashing school-crossing light placed at Payne and Cooper streets and in getting city officials to pick up stray dogs.

Michael J. Thomas, of 1128 Rogers St., is the group's president.

## NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE

This nonprofit volunteer group has helped remove apathy and indifference to the west downtown area through a community newspaper known as West Down Town. The area is bounded roughly by Eighth, 13th and Market streets and Broadway.

The committee has published several issues of the newspaper, which has a circulation of about 3,000, since last March. It has worked to involve residents of all ages in the newspaper, writing articles, proofreading and laying out pages.

It also has sponsored an open house and a special program recognizing outstanding neighborhood volunteers.