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Hi! I'm Luke Skeen. My wife Katie and I bought the house at 1273 Farmdale Ave this past April. It's a beautiful, quaint home and we love the neighborhood! Although we've only gotten to meet a few of you, we're thankful for the generations of people that have made this area a great place to live.

During our time in Louisville, we've gotten involved in a hospitality platform called Airbnb. When guests come to Louisville, instead of staying in a hotel, they choose to stay in a house, to experience more of a local feel and often at a more affordable price. Through this journey, we've been able to help showcase our great city and feel like we've been able to bless many families and guests. These stories include families coming so that their children can compete in a robotics competition, horse show, and national biking competition. We've also hosted guests for weddings, business trips, and weekend get-a-ways. So far, it's been a fun way to meet people, introduce them to our great city, and make some extra money for our family.

I'm telling you all of this because the city of Louisville has recently introduced an ordinance to regulate Airbnb and collect taxes. They want to make sure hosts are using their homes in a responsible and safe manner. In order to continue to use our house with Airbnb, we've been asked to fill out a Conditional Use Permit through Louisville Metro and hold a neighborhood meeting. This meeting is a chance for us to share with you what we are doing and answer any questions you may have about us or our use of our house for Airbnb. We look forward to meeting those of you we haven't met already and are excited to tell you about the positive experiences we've had in being Airbnb hosts and showcasing our great city. Later, as part of the process, there will be a public hearing and the board of zoning adjustment will vote whether or not they will allow us to continue to host guests in our home.

Please join us at our house (1273 Farddale Ave) on Monday, June 5th, at 7:30pm. If you have any questions in the mean time, I invite you to check out our Airbnb listing at <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/17711980> or email me at luke.skeen@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you soon and will provide some light snacks for our gathering.

Have a great week!



Luke & Katie Skeen

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1273 Farmdale Ave Louisville, KY 40213
Neighborhood Meeting Summary

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We held our neighborhood meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:30pm. A letter giving notice of this meeting was sent two weeks prior. The meeting was held in our house at 1273 Farmdale Ave. James Evans and his wife showed up for the meeting to talk and express a few suggestions / concerns. They were kind and gracious in our suggestions and I had already spoken to them previously, inviting their feedback. They said that had not had a back experience yet and were pleasantly surprised by the type of guests that were rented the housing. Having said that, they listed three suggestions for being a better neighbor:

1. Trim the bushes in the back yard that are our backyard to keep them from going into their back yard.
2. Change the check in time to not be up to 2am. Their bedroom window is near the driveway and it wakes them up when guests arrive late and converse outside.
3. Communicate in a clearer manner that the cement parking pad is not free to park on.

All three concerns have been addressed by the following means:

1. The bushes have been trimmed.
2. We've changed the check-in time to 10pm.
3. We've changed our check-in instructions to include a sentence about not parking on their cement pad.

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