

# STONEWALL INFO

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## RECOGNITION OF LONG-TERM RESIDENTS

Past President Leah Atkinson-Brand is coordinating an event to recognize long-term Stonewall residents. We are searching for people who have lived in the Stonewall neighborhood continuously since 1971 (current residents who have lived here for 45 years or more). In trying to identify them we have searched the records of the Fayette County Property Evaluation Administrator and the 2016 *R. L. Polk Directory*, and we have drawn up a tentative list. We have mailed to almost 90 homes a letter and questionnaire to confirm their status. If you feel that you qualify and you have not received our letter, we hope you will contact Leah at [maryleah09@gmail.com](mailto:maryleah09@gmail.com) or 223-7304 to allow us to correct any mistakes.

Although planning of the event has not been completed, we expect to have a recognition ceremony with cake and refreshments at the Stonewall School. We have tentatively set the date as Sunday September 18. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

We see this as a first step in developing a history of Stonewall. If you have photos or newspaper articles that you think would be useful in creating a Stonewall history, please plan to share them with Leah. And she would love to have volunteers to work on reconstructing our neighborhood's history from the first settlement in the late 1950s to the present.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Stonewall Community Association's July 4 parade to celebrate our country's independence will launch at 10 a.m. at Stonewall Elementary School. Plan to organize at 9:45 in the school parking lot. Prizes will be given for the best patriotic costume and decorations, and refreshments will be served to participating kids. To escort us, a fire truck, police patrol, and our faithful bagpiper will lead the way. Come join us for the fun and bring your (sociable) dogs and bicycles for the trek around the neighborhood (Cornwall to Cindy Blair to Roxburg to Cumberland to the school again). If you live along the route, please cheer the parade on!

We are looking for volunteers to keep it all going. If your kids participate, would you consider helping with serving snacks, cleaning up, and other tasks? Please call Janet at 276-1243 to express your interest.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL, AUGUST 7

Our Association has scheduled its annual ice cream social from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday August 7, with a rain date of Sunday August 8. Again the location will be the front of Stonewall Elementary School. We will be serving ice cream and toppings, and there will be music and games for everyone and inflatables for the kiddies. Bring your Boxtops for Education and leave them in the box to produce money for the school. Come out with the whole family and enjoy.

We can always use help in serving and setting up for the social. If you have a little bit of time to volunteer, contact coordinator Sheila Carmack at 223-0763.

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## TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

Action continues on the 6.9 acres of 1580 Higbee Mill Road. This currently wooded area has been purchased by a developer, who has subdivided the address into two parcels and put one up for sale. That parcel has had underbrush cut in a developable part along South Elkhorn Creek. You can see the effect as you cruise Man-O-War at Clays Mill Road.

The other parcel has been tentatively approved by LFUCG for the building of 20 townhouses on its 1.33 developable acres above the flood plain. Final approval of the new development is contingent upon FEMA approval for the developer to add fill material to a portion of the land so that none of the 20 new homes are in the flood plain. Once FEMA allows the developer to start fill, earth-moving machines will add fill material to the southeast corner of the 1.33 acres. The resulting raised portion must then be approved as acceptable to allow building as planned without danger of the new homes experiencing flooding, as well as having no effect on existing homes near 1580, along Longwood, Juliann Circle, and Higbee Mill Road. State and local signoffs from the Kentucky Division of Water and LUFUG's water management team are also required before the final development plan is certified by LFUCG and building can start.

Public comment maybe made on the fill request at this time. People who wish to comment on the appropriateness of the fill permit may write to:

FEMA/Federal Insurance & Mitigation Office  
400 C Street SW, Suite 313  
Washington, DC 20472  
202-646-2500 -- ask for the Insurance and Mitigation Office.

We advise that these letters should be technically oriented toward specific effects of fill being allowed at 1580. Please review [fema.org](http://fema.org) for information before writing, to gather more information.

### CLAYS MILL ROAD IS EVEN BETTER NOW!

The city has completed the final paving and striping (a very nice job), and we continue to laud the dedicated right turn lane eastbound on Wellington Way and the extra Clays Mill lanes from New Circle Road to Wellington Way, which push traffic through much more efficiently. And this has definitely improved access to the Stonewall Shopping Center. The shopping center's businesses were hit hard by the construction activity over the last year, with access extremely limited. If you can, give them your business so they can begin to recuperate their losses.

## STONEWALL PARK UPDATE

Have you seen the Stonewall Park butterfly garden we planted last year? If you look as you drive by on Cornwall Drive, you will see how it has grown and prospered, thanks to Liz Pattengill and her committee of dedicated workers. They deserve a rousing cheer. They also could use some reinforcements to help keep the garden watered during the summer. If you can help, call Liz at 223-4362.

Work on cutting out the invasives in Stonewall Park continues. On May 28 Robert Blankenship and four volunteers worked to spread at least half of a huge pile of mulch along the recently discovered farm road that lies halfway down the hill in the park's woods. The result is the first step at civilizing the new trail and making a walkable loop into the back of the park. Work will continue through the summer on Thursdays by other volunteers, both cutting invasives and spreading mulch. If you would like to join Robert's regular group of lopper-loppers call him at 859-619-0255 (email [shipb2149@gmail.com](mailto:shipb2149@gmail.com)). He'd appreciate the help.

Councilperson Jennifer Mossotti honored Liz and Robert for their work on the park by designating them Neighbors of the Month in her June District 9 Newsletter. Call 311 and ask Jennifer's office to put you on their list to receive a copy of her article.

## WOMEN'S GARDEN REPORT

Victoria Meyer reports that Wellington Park and the Lexington Women's Garden were the site for the "Donut Dash" on June 3. Three hundred people ran to raise money for Nourishing Neighborhoods, a charity that offers gift cards to children in our community that are experiencing hunger. She asks that we keep in mind the opportunity to honor our loved ones by purchasing an engraved memorial brick. Proceeds support the upkeep of the garden. Contact Victoria at [vmeyer53@gmail.com](mailto:vmeyer53@gmail.com).

## PROGRESS ON TAORMINA MEMORIAL

We obtained a marker for the Delores Taormina memorial in the Women's Garden at Wellington Park after SCA board member Trish Henson drove to Cincinnati to purchase the stone and bring it back to Lexington. The memorial still has to be anchored in place and an inscription prepared for attachment to the stone. It's been a long haul to honor the founder of our association, but the end is in sight. There will be a dedication ceremony later this year. Details will be announced.

## YARD SALE REPORT

Some 37 brave souls signed up for this year's community yard sale June 4, and everyone held their breath that the threatening rain would hold off. And it did until 2 p.m., the end of the sale period. We hope that all the participants had a good sale day.

## NEWS BRIEFS

There have been no further developments at this point in the zoning application for a mulching facility at **1400 Higbee Mill Road**.

**Fayette County Schools** are out for the summer. They will resume August 10.

The Stonewall Community Association Board of Directors has supported a **grant proposal to address storm water runoff issues** on behalf of neighbors on Bayswater, Cornwall, and Cindy Blair.

Take advantage of all the FREE and entertaining offerings this summer at nearby **Moondance Amphitheater** in Beaumont Circle. The **Bluegrass Jamboree** plays Monday nights through September 5, and the **Big Band and Jazz series** plays Tuesday nights through June.

## CLUB NEWS

The **Stonewall Garden Club** usually meets the second Monday of each month, but there are no meetings in July and August. Contact **Jean Abner** (223-9330) for details about future meetings and club activities.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2016

If you haven't yet paid your dues for our Community Association for 2016, please do so as soon as possible. Your \$25 annual dues make possible an array of neighborhood services, including this newsletter. Dues cover the operating costs of organized community events such as the annual ice cream social, the garage sale, and the Independence Day parade as well as meeting expenses and facilities rental. They also support the maintenance and lighting of the entrance island on Cindy Blair and holiday decorations in public areas throughout the neighborhood.

Just send your payment to our treasurer Fred Brandon, 731 Cindy Blair Way, Lexington, KY 40503. If you have questions about whether you have paid your dues for 2016, contact Fred at 260-1005.

## NEW NEIGHBORS

Since our February newsletter our Hospitality Committee has delivered welcome baskets to 3 new Stonewall families: **Nathan and Megan Potter**, Bravington Way; **Mark, Rita, Andrew, and Kristin Dieruf**, Cindy Blair Way; and **Justin and Lee Ann Mullins**, Clays Mill Road. We want to extend them a warm welcome to Stonewall. Several other properties in the neighborhood have sold and are under renovation.

Our list of local merchants who fill these baskets includes **Bluegrass Baking Company**, **J. J. McBrewster's**, **Larry Mac's Beer Cheese**, **North Lime Coffee & Donuts**, and **Peoples Exchange Bank** (Stonewall Shopping Center); **Central Bank** (Palomar Centre); **The Jewelry Centre** (Garden Springs Shopping Center), **Central Baptist HealthwoRx Fitness & Wellness Center** (Lexington Green), and **Pieratts Appliances**. Show appreciation for their generosity by patronizing their businesses.

## STONEWALL EMAIL UPDATE

SCA sends email from [stonewallweb@gmail.com](mailto:stonewallweb@gmail.com) for Safety Watch purposes and other important notices affecting the neighborhood. The current list has over 700 names.

Participation is voluntary, but we welcome you to send corrections if you change your email address, are not receiving notices currently, or otherwise think something may be wrong with our list! Remember that we need both your old and new address to make a change; a list with lots of inactive addresses just wastes mailing time and gets us nowhere, so we want to delete the old address. We can add you to the list if you let us know. Please supply your name, address, and appropriate information about your old/new email address(es). We generally want only **one email address per family**.

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**Wishes you and your family  
a most pleasant  
summer 2016!**