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LONG-TIME STONEWALL RESIDENTS CELEBRATION

Have you lived in Stonewall for 45 years or more? The Stonewall Community Association wants to honor you on Sunday September 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Stonewall Elementary School. Past President Leah Atkinson-Brand and her committee have been coordinating this event to recognize 45-year residents. In June we mailed a letter and questionnaire to eligible residents we had tentatively identified. If you did not receive our letter and you feel that you have lived in Stonewall long enough to qualify, **please contact Leah at maryleah09@gmail.com or 223-7304 as soon as possible.**

Because of budget constraints, attendance at the event will be limited to the persons who have 45 years or more residence here and their children who were raised in Stonewall. There will be a recognition ceremony with cake and refreshments. A commemorative list of long-time residents will be included with the event program. The cafeteria will be decorated with photos, maps, and newspaper articles about the evolution of Stonewall as a community. As well there will be speakers telling about the early development of Stonewall and memories of the early years. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime event. Don't miss it!

Getting long-time residents together is a first step in trying to develop a history of Stonewall. Although this event is for 45-year-or-more residents only, we need *all* long-time residents' stories as well as photos or newspaper articles that would be useful in creating a Stonewall history. Please plan to send anything of interest along these lines to Leah. And if you want to work with her on this event, she would love to have volunteers to work on reconstructing our neighborhood's history from that first settlement in the late 1950s to the present.

DELORES TAORMINA MEMORIAL DEDICATION SEPT. 20

Please join us to dedicate a memorial marker to our Stonewall Association founder Delores Taormina in **Wellington Park on Tuesday September 20 at 10 a.m.** She was a principal role player in shaping the development of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco property, which stretched along Reynolds Road from Clays Mill Road east to the railroad tracks. In behalf of the nearby neighborhoods, Delores, Joanne Bell (her neighbor, good friend, and fellow community leader), and Councilperson Jennifer Mossotti fought and won the battle to reduce the intense development proposed and approved for the Reynolds property. Their efforts also won Wellington Park for us.

The recognition on the 20th also will celebrate the successful completion of the Clays Mill Road widening outside New Circle Road and the placement of the Bridge to Nowhere that has set unconnected in Wellington Park for years.

Mayor Jim Gray will be with us, and Councilperson Mossotti will make the presentation. Plan to attend if you can. You will hear some interesting stories and enjoy the speakers' recall of what happened to make our part of Lexington what it is today. Parking is available in the lot off Wellington Way.

MULCH CENTER PROGRESS/TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

The owners of 1400 Higbee Mill Road, Central Kentucky Mulch Company, requested in July from the Kentucky Division of Water a fill permit to raise the level of land (by adding fill material) between Higbee Mill Road and South Elkhorn Creek near Man-O-War. This fill permit has been granted, and the owners can now proceed specify their exact plan for the fill. Overall, the idea of permitting is to have the owners prove that their plan will not cause increased flooding of neighboring properties.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER?

If you haven't yet paid your dues for Stonewall Community Association for 2016, please do so as soon as possible.

Your \$25 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 and the Independence Day parade as well as meeting expenses and facilities rental. Just send your payment to our treasurer

Fred Brandon,
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If you have questions about whether you have paid your dues for 2016, contact Fred at 260-1005.

If corrections need to be made to your mailing label, please notify Don Starsinic at 224-8017 or DStarsinic@aol.com.

Mulch operation (continued)

You will recall that in early 2015, the owners proposed to open a retail garden center and mulch operation at 1400, but it was halted by LFUCG because much of the land in 1400 lies in a flood plain. Filling in the flood plain is apparently the owners' method of eliminating that problem so that they may develop the land. If the owners propose again to establish a retail garden center and mulch operation, there will be a public hearing of the Board of Adjustment at which neighbors can comment. Garden center is a conditional use in the AU zoning in which 1400 lies.

We will try to keep you informed as these developments progress.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Our annual July 4 parade took place at Stonewall Elementary School, with probably the largest crowd of participants ever. The parade of costumed kids and adults, decked-out dogs, and decorated bicycles was led by a police motorcycle patrol, our faithful bagpiper, and two parade monitors waving Old Glory. A fire truck followed to be sure the crowd had protection from behind. Back at the school, after the parade, judging took place and prizes were awarded.

Winners were hard to choose! 1st place vehicle went to the Dieruf family. Honorable mentions for vehicles and costumes were shared by the Fowler family, Bottoms family, and Crovo family. The first-ever prize for an adult costume went to the Taylor family, who dressed as a firecracker and the Statue of Liberty. After the prize awards, parade participants enjoyed a cold July 4 Popsicle (well, at least the modern equivalent).

Start planning your entry for next summer. We think there need to be more prizes, and we will see what we can do to make it happen. Thanks to all for participating!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL — YUM!

Stonewall Community Association's ice cream social August 8 was well attended. The event was moved from Saturday to its Sunday rain date, which resulted in temperatures and humidity levels that were bearable and even pleasant (and no rain to dampen our spirits and deflate the inflatables). Everyone enjoyed David Goodpaster's disc jockey skills and the corny jokes that were told by anyone under 14 who would brave speaking into the microphone.

Our hard-working ice cream scoopers, including 9th District Council Member Jennifer Mossotti and other happy Stonewall residents, served **300 bowls** of frozen goodness, plus numerous and multiple toppings, to happy residents. The face painting, inflatables, pop-a shot basketball game, and corn hole kept everyone entertained. Great thanks to Nancy Boland, who took photos of the event. They are currently posted on the Stonewall Neighbors group site on Facebook. Coming together and meeting neighbors at the ice cream social is a great part of the Stonewall tradition. Our thanks to Sheila Carmack for organizing the social again this year. We look forward to next year.

KUDOS TO MR. GATLIFF

We want to salute Stonewall Elementary School Principal Bill Gatliff, who, over the years, has repeatedly gone way out of his way to accommodate our Stonewall Community Association in our use of the school for meetings and events. In addition to his willingness to make the school available any time we ask with minimal charge, he has always donated his own time to open the school for these events, even when scheduled on weekends like the ice cream social and the long-time residents recognition. Our neighborhood has a great asset in Mr. Gatliff, and we are always happy that he is so available, accommodating, and easy to work with. We greatly appreciate his generosity and helpfulness and view him as a fine citizen of Stonewall! Our organization would be much different without his help.

SCA PERSONNEL CHANGES

Jennifer Heersche, the formatter and reporter for our newsletter since 2009, has ceased to work on StonewallInfo because she has a new and different exciting full-time job. We thank her immensely for her quality contributions over the years and wish her well. Jennifer served faithfully and patiently while we made up our minds about text, placement, and timing for these many years.

Almost coincidentally, StonewallInfo editors have recruited the help of two additional well-qualified Stonewall residents, Karen Brinkerhoff and Kay Woods. Their credentials include professional work in teaching and writing in the Department of English at the University of Kentucky. We appreciate their willingness to plunge into this endeavor.

Wayne Starnes has been selected by the Stonewall board of directors to fill a vacant membership on the board. Wayne's expertise helped us gain success at last spring's well attended Planning Commission hearing at which SCA defeated a zone change that would allow apartments to be built at 1580 Higbee Mill Road.

STONEWALL PARK ACTIVITIES

Stonewall Park, along the creek to the side of Stonewall Elementary School, is more like an arborist's garden that got neglected than most of the parks in Lexington. If you have not yet walked along the creek to the end of the asphalt path, you should. And take your grandchild or your grandparent. You might see some ducks, you might see a squirrel, a rabbit, a groundhog, a spider, a mouse, a skunk, or a crow. If you would like to take your dog for a walk in the woods without the bugs, try the natural pathway along the old roadbed that lies newly mulched about 20 feet up on the hill, above the asphalt pathway. With a little help from a few more volunteers to keep check on the invasives, we could reclaim another 25 yards of tamed territory to the south, to include the bridge. If you would like to help, call Robert Blankenship at [859-619-0155](tel:859-619-0155).

Our butterfly garden is winding down after a pretty good summer, with watering required only twice! Liz Patten-gill reports that the yellow tickseed and scented goldenrod have been carrying the bloom with annuals orange zinnia and yellow cosmos. Now it's the turn of blue New England aster, pink Joe Pye weed, and goldenrod "fireworks." As those wonders fade out, watch for the pink muhly grass and salmon-colored Sheffield single chrysanthemums to take over in September until frost. Liz is delighted to report that milkweed is in bloom in the "natural" area farther along the path.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fayette County Public Schools are closed October 6-7, November 8 (election day), November 25-28 for Thanksgiving, and December 19-30 for winter break.

Please remember that November 8 is a presidential election day. We hope you will not sit this one out and let others choose our next president. Your vote counts! Let's keep up Stonewall's sterling voting record. Our precincts typically are among the most active precincts in the county.

Lexington has scheduled October 15 6 a.m. - 1 p.m. for collection of bagged household waste (including dried paint) at 1505 Old Frankfort Pike. Shredding of paper records is scheduled for November 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1632 Old Frankfort Pike.

CLUB NEWS

The **Stonewall Garden Club** usually meets the second Monday of each month. September's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 13th, when the group will travel to Wilson's Nursery in Frankfort, then lunch at the Sage Garden Cafe. The October meeting topic is to be announced. In November the club plans its events for 2017. Contact **Jean Abner** (223-9330) for details.

CONDOLENCES TO OUR NEIGHBORS

On Sunday August 28 fire destroyed the home of Tom and Patty Del Bello on Bravington Way. The fire broke out in the wee hours of the morning. The family escaped unharmed, but one of their great danes was not so lucky. They have lost everything. They do plan to rebuild on the site. Stonewall's Facebook page and the Next-Door application have information and ways neighbors can help.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Home sales in Stonewall have been brisk this year. Since our June newsletter our Hospitality Committee has delivered welcome baskets to 14 new Stonewall families: **Ryan and Natalie Clark, Luke and Karen Hinkle, and Daniel and Kacie Miller**, Beth Lane; **Alexander Patricio and Alfred and Anna Byrd**, Bravington Way; **Bruce and Deborah Bowdy and Guy and Amanda Simmons**, Chatham Drive; **Tyson and Rebecca Brass**, Cindy Blair Way; **Carson and Joanna Kerr**, Clays Mill Road; **David and Wendi Griffith**, Cornwall Drive; **Julie Lee Hudson and Tom and Ann Wright**, Grasmere Drive; **Todd and Stephanie Phillips**, Gray Court; **Richard and Susan Sherrod**, Keithshire Way; and **David and Mitzie Potter**, Roxburg Drive. We want to extend them all a warm welcome to Stonewall. So far we have delivered welcome baskets to 27 homes in 2016, and another 10 sold homes are in renovation before occupancy.

One byproduct of our busy delivery schedule is our need for additional Hospitality Committee volunteers. If you have a little time Saturday mornings once a month to deliver one or two welcome baskets to new neighbors, contact Sheila Carmack at sheila.carmack23@gmail.com. You'll get to meet newcomers under the best of circumstances.

Our list of local merchants who fill these baskets includes **Bluegrass Baking Company, Brown Dog Trading 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.

Important Date

September 18 —

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