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## ANNUAL YARD SALE SATURDAY JUNE 3

Time to get out all those things you don't want to manage around the house any more and prepare for our annual Stonewall yard sale Saturday June 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Every year we have about 50 homes participate. The rules are the same this year. Notify the Starsinics at 224-8017 or [dstarsinic@aol.com](mailto:dstarsinic@aol.com) that you want to participate and give them your name, address, and how to reach you. They will advertise the community sale in the *Herald-Leader* newspaper and online on Craig's List. They will also prepare copies of the list of participating addresses with a map of Stonewall showing their locations and distribute them at the neighborhood entrance on Cindy Blair Way and at the driveway entrance to Stonewall Elementary School. The large number of participants guarantees that we will get a good turnout of bargain hunters every year, so won't you join us again this year and encourage your neighbors to do so?

## WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT

At the March annual business meeting we elected Caryl Pfeiffer as our association president for the next two years. Caryl, who lives on Witthuhn Way, has served as a board member for several years and most recently as vice-president. She is an executive with Kentucky Utilities, and her husband Bob is a Lexington attorney. She replaces Janet Cabaniss, who did such an outstanding job of community leadership over the last four years. Janet will remain involved in the community as a member of the board.

## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Summer's Here!!! Mark your calendars for our Fourth of July parade. This year Leah Atkinson-Brand, who has been coordinating the event for the last several years, is working on the parade with Sharessa Crovo. They would love to have help in the planning of this year's event to make it as much fun as possible for Stonewall's families and children. If you would like to help plan and add some ideas of your own to make it better than ever, contact them at [maryleah09@gmail.com](mailto:maryleah09@gmail.com).



We expect the parade to start as usual at 10 a.m. on Tuesday July 4 at Stonewall Elementary School. Bring the kids, the dogs, the grandparents, the neighbors, and the parents, all clad suitably for July 4 festivities. Come on out!

## DELORES TAORMINA MEMORIAL

If you go to the Women's Garden in Wellington Park now, you can finally see in place the directional wayfinding memorial for association founder Delores Taormina. The marker pays tribute to the fact that without the concerted efforts of three women and a dedicated group of neighbors in Stonewall and other neighborhoods, the Clays Mill Road/Wellington Way junction might very well have been mostly retail and apartments, very crowded and unpleasant! The granite base and brass recognition plate have been added to the stone through the efforts of Robert Blankenship. They finish its appearance for its place of honor in the garden. The photo following is an attempt to show it.

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### ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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### STONEWALLINFO NEWSLETTER

All home addresses in stonewall receive a mailing of the newsletter Stonewallinfo quarterly, each time it is published.

### STONEWALL EMAIL UPDATE

We have updated our email address file to keep in touch with Stonewall residents for Safety Watch purposes and other important notices. If you are not on this list, please send your email address to [stonewallweb@gmail.com](mailto:stonewallweb@gmail.com) and we will add you. **If you have more than one email address, give us the ONE your family uses most.**

**If corrections need to be made to your mailing label, please notify Don Starsinic at 224-8017 or [DStarsinic@aol.com](mailto:DStarsinic@aol.com).**

## DELORES TAORMINA MEMORIAL (continued)

We are very grateful to all who have helped to get the memorial to its rightful place in Wellington Park Garden. We start first with the Taormina family, Vince and his children and grandchildren. Some cold and gray days were spent combing various alternatives within the Lexington area after Delores's passing, searching for exactly the right object to memorialize her appropriately.

At last we found it, and then of course had a very difficult time obtaining one! This granite memorial indicated directions, and we feel that Delores played a large role in setting the direction of the entire south part of Lexington in the area of the Reynolds Road property. She was not alone in her effort, of course, but most likely would have worn out were it not for her faithful friends Joanne Bell (memorialized in the circle just to the south of the wayfinding marker), and Jennifer Mossotti, who represents our district today in the Lexington Fayette County Urban Government Council.

Finally board member Trish Henson agreed to take somewhat of a personal risk and import the memorial from way up in Ohio back to Lexington. Then she and an able-bodied weight lifter found a way to remove the memorial and place it properly, directionally, in the ground in the Women's Garden! Then months later, Robert found a craftsman who was able to install in the proper manner at the proper place, and for the proper price! Thanks to all who helped, with funding, choosing, moving, and working to get this done. Please do visit it at the Women's Garden and tell their directors thanks so much for agreeing to house the marker!



## STONEWALL PARK ACTIVITIES

Liz Pattengill reports that watering the Stonewall community butterfly garden in Stonewall Park will become much easier now thanks to the installation of water faucets near the entrance to the park. We are very grateful to Council member Jennifer Mossotti and to the Division of Parks and Recreation for their efforts in achieving this. The faucets will provide water for thirsty walkers and joggers as well as for the plants in the butterfly garden. Liz has restocked the swamp milkweed (for monarchs) and the beebalm. She also planted tithonia, the annual Mexican sunflower that is a butterfly magnet, and some red zinnia. Plan to visit the garden in bloom this summer.

## GARDEN TOUR

The Lexington Council Garden Clubs Garden Tour is scheduled for June 3 and 4, 2017. Yes, it is the same day, June 3, as the famous Stonewall Community Association annual yard sale that we all know, love, and benefit from. But AFTER the garage sale is the time of the Garden Tour on Saturday! Gardens will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. This biennial event showcases gardens in the Bluegrass. This year there will be eight gardens featured, from large to small, diverse in nature and themes. Proceeds provide money for scholarships and grants and fund the annual flower show and biennial "Lexington in Bloom" contest. Tickets are \$15 and available at independent area garden centers or at each site on the days of the tour. Go to [www.lexgardenclubs.org](http://www.lexgardenclubs.org) for information.

## PLANNING FOR THE 2017 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The 2017 Stonewall Community Ice Cream Social is now being planned for Saturday August 12, the weekend before schools resume. Coordinator Sheila Carmack would love to have you involved in its planning. If you believe you know how to throw a party and you would like to suggest ways to make it fun and lively, give us your input to make this get-together even better than in the past. Recruit your neighbors to contribute and to join in the fun, and plan to contact Sheila Carmack at [scarmack23@gmail.com](mailto:scarmack23@gmail.com) as soon as you can.

## 1580 HIGBEE MILL ROAD DAY CARE CENTER

1580 Higbee Mill Road has been subdivided into two lots. The first lot is named 2A, on which clearing of woods and underbrush has started to accommodate construction of 20+ planned town homes. These townhomes have an approved development plan. They were proposed and approved shortly after the neighborhood and the LFUCG Planning Commission rejected a request for apartments on that land during spring 2016.

## 1580 HIGBEE MILL ROAD DAY CARE CENTER (continued)

After a valiant effort by some members of the Stonewall Community Association Board of Directors to prevent a zone change to R3 with conditions in lot 2B of the long-discussed development plans of 1580 Higbee Mill Road, on April 13, 2017, the LFUCG Planning Commission approved the developer's request to change the zone to R3 with the conditions that no multi-family apartments would be built there, and it will soon be affirmed by the LFUCG Council by law unless someone or some unit objects.

The objection to the proposed zone change was that the safety of the children in a day care center could not really be assured in any LFUCG normal way because Higbee Mill Road was never designed to accommodate all the traffic being put on it by the two developments at 1580 Higbee Mill, consisting of both the 27 new town homes with their daily traffic on lot 2A and right next to it the new child care center on lot 2B, which was slated to accommodate daily 100 children and around 20 staff across a reinforced bridge that must be built to emergency safety standards (this to come also) and Higbee Mill's already fairly heavy usage of the traffic resulting from Stonewall ingress and egress each day of the week. HMR is a small, country road, not a thoroughfare!

Acknowledgement was made by the Planning Commissioners that they felt our pain at the suggestion, but that this proposal was just about as good as we were going to get for this land. Apparently, infill land like 1580 will be filled by something, regardless of safety compromises.

The recent history of lot 2B can be seen on the new Stonewall web site at [stonewallneighborhood.org/news](http://stonewallneighborhood.org/news).

## 1400 HIGBEE MILL ROAD MULCH CENTER

1400 Higbee Mill Road (HMR for short), the next door lot to 1580 Higbee Mill Road, still is inhabited by its new owners, who applied for and received a Frankfort fill permit to pile acceptable materials over specific portions of their land. As you may have watched over the past few months, large quantities of gravel have been spread inside the LFUCG erected plastic boundary close to the banks of South Elkhorn Creek, which runs through the lot at 1400 HMR. There was a lot of activity of some large trucks putting in large pipelines right before the fill appeared, but after that was finished, the gravel came in.

Everyone (i.e., most neighbors) anticipates that 1400 HMR, currently zoned AU (=Agricultural Urban) is likely to be suggested for some use by its new owners, but nothing has been suggested officially, so no comments can be made on any strategy with regard to any neighborhood reaction about 1400 proposals.

We will keep you informed as we are informed.

## HOUSE BILL 72

In the 2017 Regular Session of the KY General Assembly, House Bill 72 was introduced in the House on January 3. It is an Act relating to planning and zoning and would set requirements for filing an appeal bond for appeals of Circuit Court decisions before the case is transferred to the KY Court of Appeals. The bill worked through the Committee system and moved over to the Senate and was ultimately assigned to a Conference Committee, members of which were appointed by the House and Senate. On March 30, 2017, the Conference Committee report was filed in the House and the Senate and the bill passed both chambers that day. Governor Bevin signed the bill into law on April 11, 2017.

House Bill 72 will let judges set bonds of \$100,000 to \$250,000 for neighborhood associations or other parties appealing a zoning lawsuit from Circuit Court. The amount of the bond will be set after a hearing before the Circuit Court to determine if the appeal is "presumptively" frivolous or not. If the appeal is determined by the Circuit Court to be frivolous, then the bond amount can be set up to \$250,000. If the appeal is determined by the Circuit Court NOT to be frivolous, then the bond amount can be set up to \$100,000. The bond amount is to cover the costs of delay to the land developer, during the pending appeal. The bond monies would be released to the appellee (i.e., the developer) if the zoning decision being appealed to the KY Court of Appeals, by the appellant (i.e., the neighborhood association), was not successful.

Supporters have stated this will protect economic development projects from frivolous litigation. On the other hand, opponents have said it will create an impossible barrier for citizens who want to challenge developers in their communities. How will this affect our ability to challenge changes we believe will be detrimental to our neighborhood?

## WOMEN'S GARDEN

Victoria Meyer reports that the women's garden in Wellington Park was mulched earlier this month. She thanks the volunteers who helped to spread the mulch on the garden. Plan to visit the garden and enjoy the flowers in bloom. Victoria also would like to get opinions on fundraising for the Katsina sculpture.

## YARD SALE!

**June 3, 2017**

**Throughout Stonewall  
Organize your stuff!!!!**