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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The 2017 Stonewall Community Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Saturday August 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the grounds of Stonewall Elementary School on Cornwall Drive. This is the weekend before public schools resume. Rain date is Sunday August 13 at the same time. Coordinator Sheila Carmack would love for you and your family to show up and enjoy yourselves mixing with other Stonewall residents. There will be inflatables and face painting for the children, a disk jockey to play music for the adults, and games for all, and of course free ice cream. Plan to join us. Bring a chair and bring your neighbors. And Sheila would love to have some of you serve ice cream and help in other ways on the social with her. Contact Sheila at scarmack23@gmail.com if you can help.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Jennie Hayes, our new coordinator for the July 4 parade, reports that the steady rain during this year's parade didn't discourage the participants, and the parade went off as scheduled with approximately 150 involved some way or other. Spectators along the route cheered on the participants. Many of the marchers walked with their umbrellas for protection. Our favorite bagpiper led the parade, accompanied by a fire truck and police escort, one of them sporting a McGruff the Crime Dog costume.

Our thanks to Principal Gatliff for opening Stonewall School and permitting us to shelter under the canopy at the front door and to serve popsicles and watermelon to participants in the cafeteria. We also want to thank Eric Green, who brought his sound system and music talents for our use, and Leah and Ed Brand and Janet Cabaniss and Damon Snyder, who were great judging for prizes. Volunteer kids from Stonewall Elementary, "directed" by Mr. Gatliff, performed marvelously by leading all in the singing of the *Star Spangled Banner*. Jennifer Mossotti and the Fowlers served the popsicles and watermelon. Prize winners were Everett Brown (best boy patriotic costume), Livia Burberry (best girl patriotic costume), Jack and Bram Miller (best decorated bike), Caroline and Elizabeth Dieruf (best decorated wagon, which was really a model of a battleship complete with bubbles coming out of the smokestack), and Pancake Quackenbush (best decorated pet).



ANNUAL YARD SALE

We had beautiful weather for our June 3 yard sale (predicted storms failed to materialize). Some 58 homes registered for the sale. We advertised in the Lexington *Herald-Leader* and on craigslist.com and placed maps and lists of participating addresses at Stonewall Elementary School and at the entrance sign on Cindy Blair Way. Sixty maps were picked up, but far more people than this went door to door browsing the merchandise. Most participants reported that their items moved well. We hope that everyone enjoyed the day and had successful sales.

SALUTING OUR NEIGHBOR -- CARL PETER

Some of you may remember Councilmember Jennifer Mossotti's bow to Stonewall resident Carl Peter as the first good neighbor recognized in her newsletter about two years ago. Carl and his wife Vivian came to Lexington from the University of Nebraska in 1951. He taught in UK's Community Health Program. They bought a home on Tudor Drive and raised their three

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MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2017

Have you paid your membership dues for 2017?. Your \$25 pays for our operating costs, events (the annual ice cream social, the July 4 parade), and other expenses. Please send \$25 for your household to Treasurer Fred Brandon, 731 Cindy Blair Way, Lexington, KY 40503. Make your check to Stonewall Community Association. Questions ? Please contact Fred at 260-1005.

STONEWALL EMAIL UPDATE

We have updated our email address file to keep in touch with Stonewall residents for Safety Watch purposes and other important Stonewall notices. If you are using a new email address and we have the old one, please send both addresses to us so that we know which to delete and which to add. If you are not on the list and want to be, please send us a request with your name and street address, plus a request to add your email address. We are stonewallweb@gmail.com. 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.

SALUTING OUR NEIGHBOR -- CARL PETER (continued)

children there. In 1983 he moved on, teaching health at Western Illinois University, where he retired as chairman of the Department of Health Sciences. They moved back to Lexington in 1994, returning to their Tudor Drive home which their son David had occupied in their absence.

Vivian died in 1996, and Carl looked for some volunteer work to keep him busy. He began ushering later that year at the Lexington Opera House, taking advantage of opportunities to see Broadway shows and opera (few other ushers wanted to work operas, so he got his pick). Gradually he branched out to usher at the UK Singletary Center beginning in 1998, and later for the Studio Players and Woodford Theater. He continued ushering until 2014. He had heart bypass surgery in 2005, and as an outgrowth became a volunteer in the Mended Hearts program. He became involved in Stonewall issues in the 1990s (SCA organizer Delores Taormina was good at locating workers) and served on the Stonewall Community Association's board of directors for several years. He volunteered as a Safety Watch block captain. He also was active in the Stonewall Garden Club for many years. Carl, who will be 92 this month, is finally taking a bit of rest from all his accomplishments. He deserves it!

1580 HIGBEE MILL ROAD DAY CARE CENTER

Status of the construction of a day care center on lot 2B at 1580 Higbee Mill Road is that the final development plan for the center is moving through the LFUCG Planning Commission. The 15 or so provisions that have been discussed for many months and which were approved by the Planning Commission are still in place. They are stringent – a new bridge across South Elkhorn Creek must comply with emergency standards during a flood, and other constraints must be observed. You can see the provisions at Planning's web site. (Look for PLN-MJDP-17-00062: WYNDALE SUBDIVISION, LOT 2B (9/3/17)* on Page 7 of <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0aBvWAKyfxadGhGRXpGU25acGM/view>). First to come is the requirement to obtain approval of the engineering plan through a CLOMER, a Conditional Letter of Map Revision, a commonly used term in floodplain management through application to FEMA (see <https://www.fema.gov/conditional-letter-map-revision> for explanation). The developer works with the federal requirements and demonstrates the results to the local planning department, which requires not only that the CLOMER be obtained but also that the other agreed upon provisions must be met before any final development plan can be undertaken at 1580.

As you know traffic safety along Higbee Mill Road associated with the addition of the day care and the townhouses proposed by the developer, as well as the probability of flooding of Higbee Mill Road resulting from a heavy rain, were the substance of Stonewall Community Association's objections to the zone change at the Planning Commission hearing. The developer has depicted on the final development plan (as well as his statements as memorialized in the Planning Commission's meeting minutes of the zone change request at the Planning Commission hearing) that they will improve Higbee Mill Road by expanding the road and providing sidewalks along their property frontage. The issue that remains is whether or not the developer will have to add gutters and associated storm water drainage and control for that portion of Higbee Mill Road along their property frontage. SCA presented pictures of the flood of the area on June 23, 2017 (see article below) at the Technical Committee meeting on the final development plan and this documented that there is not only a probability but also a reality of flooding of Higbee Mill Road resulting from a heavy rain. The need to resolve the flooding issue has been reflected in the following two constraints added by the Planning Commission to the final development plan: "Urban County Engineer's acceptance of drainage, and storm and sanitary sewers and floodplain information" and "resolve improvements to Higbee Mill Road per the approved record plat."

1400 HIGBEE MILL ROAD

To our knowledge, there is no news to report about any changes or proposals at this address, which is adjacent to 1580 Higbee Mill Road.

THE FLOOD

June 23, 2017 Lexington recorded an official 3.16 inches of rainfall. Stonewall and Lexington were inundated during and after this downpour, which occurred in the afternoon and included the area around Higbee Mill Road as well as Longwood Road where it parallels Higbee Mill, near Higbee Mill Park. These streets are known to border recognized FEMA floodplains. Residents reported not being able to get to their homes on Longwood due to over a foot of water that stood on Longwood. Higbee Mill Road was flooded as well from Clays Mill Road to the corner where it becomes Cornwall Drive. This is the very type of an event about which SCA warned the Planning Commission when SCA objected to the zone change to accommodate a day care center at 1580 Higbee Mill Road. Had there been a day care center in existence there, the

THE FLOOD (continued)

children would certainly have been compromised. We do feel that if development takes place on Higbee Mill at 1580, improvements are needed to raise the road out of the flood area as well as to put in curbs, gutters, and sidewalks and increase lane width. This should be done **before** development, not after.

STONEWALL PARK ACTIVITIES

Liz Pattengill, who is largely responsible for the beauty of Stonewall Park's butterfly garden, reports that she is grateful for the water faucet now available in the park so that she doesn't have to tote water from her home to the garden in gallon containers any more.

You will recall that funding for the faucet was provided by a money from LFUCG via District 9 Councilmember Mossotti. Two years ago, the Mayor Jim Gray distributed excess funds to all 15 councilmembers for projects in their districts. Stonewall Community Association requested that the faucet be installed, and the project was completed this summer. And what an addition it is: it includes not only a faucet for watering plants but also a fountain for humans and a water bowl for pets!

Plan to visit the park and enjoy the monarch way station in bloom this summer. Larkspur, black-eyed Susans, liatris, and Joe Pye weed, even some asters, are waiting for you to enjoy.

HAVE YOU NOTICED OUR NEW WEB SITE?

The new Stonewall web site is up and running at stone-wallneighborhood.org. Check it out when you have a chance. Webmaster Andrew Franklin plans to update information monthly and remove old entries. Recent newsletters will be posted as issued.

NEWS BRIEFS

City news: Several city collections of various recyclables will be scheduled for this fall. No schedules have yet been released. Check 311 or visit lexingtonky.gov's Division of Waste Management at <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/departments/waste-management> for the schedule.

The web site reminds us that all Fayette County citizens can dispose of two pickup truck loads of yard waste at the [Haley Pike Waste Management Facility](http://HaleyPikeWasteManagementFacility.com) each month at no charge. Fayette County residents can also compost at home, turning yard waste and kitchen scraps into a soil nutrient. You can also call 367-4948 for info on a free Grubby household waste container for the kitchen.

You might want to remember also that LFUCG Cable Channel 3 is being moved to channel 185 beginning July 25, 2017. The public schools channel 13 will become channel 197 at that time also.

School news: Stonewall Elementary and Jessie Clark Middle schools will be back in full swing for the 2017-18 school year on Wednesday August 16.

NEW NEIGHBORS

House sales in Stonewall have been brisk so far this year. We are aware of 23 homes that have sold through mid-July, to be added to the 8 homes sold last year that had not yet been occupied by their new owners at the beginning of 2017. Many of the homes sold recently may not be occupied for months, sometimes more than a year, as the new owners renovate or restructure their property to suit their needs.

These 31 homes are scattered throughout Stonewall, with some turnover on 19 streets. Four homes were sold in the 700 block of Bravington Way; three on Chatham Drive, Cornwall Drive, and Roxburg Drive; and two on Cindy Blair Way, Grasmere Drive, Longwood Road, and Tudor Drive. As the new owners move in, we heartily welcome them to our neighborhood.

SHOPPING CENTER NEWS

Rite Aid: We were dismayed to find that the Rite Aid Pharmacy in the Stonewall Shopping Center was closing. Their lease expired at the end of July and it was not renewed. The store has been a fixture there for well over 20 years. How many of you remember their small store that used to occupy only about a third of the space of the current facility until the Great Harvest Bakery moved to the Palomar Centre and the drugstore expanded into their space? Now what will replace the pharmacy?

Prescriptions at the Stonewall branch have been transferred to the Rite Aid on the corner of Boston Road and Man o' War Boulevard (3813 Dylan Place, Lexington 40514, 859-219-0102). Palomar Centre also has a Rite Aid branch to which prescriptions can alternatively be transferred (3736 Palomar Centre Drive, Lexington 40513, 859-223-0701).

Filling station: Recently placed signage at the corner of Clays Mill and Wellington Way hint that construction will start on the replacement service station and convenience store approved months ago by the LFUCG Planning Commission. It seems that it will be similar to the Speedway that was razed a few years ago.