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REGISTER FOR THE YARD SALE NOW

Stonewall Community Association's annual yard sale is scheduled for Saturday June 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Again this year we will advertise the event in the *Lexington Herald-Leader* and on Craig's List, and we will compile a map showing the locations of homes participating in the sale and listing their addresses. These maps are posted at the Stonewall island and at Stonewall Elementary School for pickup by shoppers. If you want to register your sale for inclusion on the map and list, email dstarsinic@aol.com or call 224-8017 by May 31. Newcomers to Stonewall should know that this sale is a popular one for the community. Lots of traffic, lots of shoppers, and lots of sales can be expected.

JULY 4 PARADE

Looking for a good activity on the Independence Day? Please consider attending the July 4 parade, held (when else?) on Wednesday July 4. assembling at 9:45 a.m. and marching at 10:00 a.m. It's led by a fire engine, a police escort, and a bagpiper in kilts. The parade travels slowly around 6 blocks near the school, the same blocks traversed regularly by classes from Stonewall Elementary.

Assembly is in front of Stonewall Elementary School. Costumes are encouraged – we especially love to see Red, White, and Blue on kids, adults, friendly dogs, and all manner of nonmotorized vehicles (bikes, wagons, wheelchairs, soap box derby carts, etc.). Small prizes are awarded, and refreshments will be provided afterward for the kids. If you can't take part in the parade, view the parade at a neighbor's house along the route and cheer the marchers on. It's great fun and a Stonewall tradition. Want to assist in the parade? Please contact Caryl Pfeiffer (223-4453).

REPORT ON THE SCA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Stonewall Community Association annual business meeting was held on March 26 with Association President Caryl Pfeiffer conducting the meeting in the library of the Stonewall Elementary School. The meeting was well attended, with about 75-80 residents, bringing favorable comments from several of the speakers.

Councilwoman Jennifer Mossotti reported the following road resurfacing in her district for 2018: Beth Lane, Buckingham Way, Keithshire Way, and Wellington Way. Road funds are divided each year among the councilpersons. Each of them then determines where the funds should be spent in their district. Jennifer also mentioned the new cable company, Metronet, which is installing cable lines by sector to provide service to Lexington as an alternative to Spectrum.

We met new Police Chief Weathers, who greeted us and recommended that the best way to cut down vandalism in the community was to greet strangers we see walking or acting suspiciously in our area. He feels strongly that persons who plan mischief don't want to be noticed, and greeting them discourages further action.

Parks representative Michelle Kosieniak reviewed some modifications in Wellington Park, including the installation of a fancy port-a-potty. Victoria Meyer followed this by announcing the installation of the Katsina statue in the park's Women's Garden with a gala celebration on Mother's Day May 13.

David O'Neill, Property Valuation Administrator, alerted us to the revaluation of Stonewall this year and the likely increases in property taxes as a result. He described the appeals process and encouraged home owners to take advantage of it if they feel their assessment is unfair. They have 13 days to appeal. After that the assessment is locked in.

In the absence of the expected speaker, Caryl Pfeiffer reported that Real ID KY drivers licenses meeting the Federal requirements for use in airline travel would be issued in 2018.

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STONEWALL MAIL AND EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE

As many of you have noticed, we did not fully update our mailing address files during 2017. We routinely update the list as persons move into Stonewall, but this change occurs when we welcome them to the neighborhood. With our temporary failure to make contact with all newcomers in 2017, the list became dated. Now that we are nearly current in contacting them, we hope that the mailing list has been adequately updated. If the name on the address label in this mailing is still not correct, please notify Don Starsinic at (224-8017) or dstarsinic@aol.com.

To keep in touch with Stonewall residents for Safety Watch purposes and other important notices, we maintain an email address list for those residents who want to be part of the program. If your email address is not registered and you want to receive these notices, please send your email address to stonewallweb@gmail.com and we will add you to the list. **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.

Annual Meeting (continued)

Members elected to the Association's executive board included incumbents Trish Henson and Wayne Starnes as well as new members George Alspaugh and John Taormina. Retiring board members Mary Kay Gumberts and Don Starsinic were thanked for their service over many years.

OPENINGS FOR STONEWALL BOARD MEMBERS

The Stonewall Community Association has openings on its board of directors, including two board members and the association's vice-president. Membership on the board includes four officers serving two-year terms plus a maximum of 15 resident members, each elected for a three-year term. The board meets 6 times a year to deal with issues related to our neighborhood. If you would consider serving on the board or on other service opportunities, call our president Caryl Pfeiffer (223-4453).

WE NEED HELP ON OUR NEWSLETTER

With the retirement of Don Starsinic from the Stonewall Board after 21 years of service we need someone to replace him on the newsletter team. Don has agreed to continue on the team through the end of 2018, and he can train a replacement during the period. As it now stands, there are three contributors on the team. When it's time to prepare the next newsletter, Don draws up a list of possible topics for articles and circulates it to Janet Cabaniss and President Caryl Pfeiffer, asking them to choose their topics to write articles or to suggest additional topics and agree on a timetable for completion of the newsletter. When articles are written by the three of them and merged, Janet edits and formats the articles to fit the space of the newsletter, we review it, make any corrections necessary, and send it to the printer.

The printed copies are taken to a mailing company, where they are labeled and sent to the post office bulk mail center for distribution. The whole operation takes about a week. The newsletter, which is issued four times a year, has been circulated to Stonewall residents since 2000. We do not want to lose it. If you feel you can spare a few hours of your time to collect information of interest to Stonewall residents and write brief articles, here's your chance. Just call Caryl at 223-4453.

ELECTION TIME

In case you haven't noticed, we are in the middle of hotly contested primary election races for mayor and for the 6th congressional district seat. Election date is Tuesday May 22 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you have not registered or have moved since the 2016 elections, visit the Fayette County Clerk's office, Main Street downtown now and register at your current address. If you were registered on December 31 of last year as a Democrat or Republican, you can vote for any candidates in the party. All registered voters can vote for nonpartisan elections such as mayor or any contested county council seat serving their area.

In local nonpartisan elections, Stonewall voters can vote for one candidate for mayor and 3 candidates for at-large council members. To get further details on what you can vote on this election, go to Fayettecountyclerk.com, click on Elections and ask to see My Registration Information/Sample Ballot.

Some voting precincts for Stonewall have changed since the last election. Persons who voted in the Bayswater and Keithshire Precincts have been shifted to the Wellington Elementary School. Don Blevins, Fayette County Clerk, has details

LEXINGTON IN BLOOM, 2018

The 2018 Lexington in Bloom contest entries will be accepted through June 1, 2018. To qualify, gardens or displays of distinction must be in Fayette County and visible to the public from the street. Homes, businesses, municipal facilities, schools, churches, and non-profits may enter. Copies of the entry form are available at branches of the Lexington Public Library and at independent garden nurseries. Entries and information are also available online at www.lexgardenclubs.org. Additional information, at Lexingtoninbloom@gmail.com or call 859-223-4362 and leave a message.

1400 HIGBEE MILL ROAD MULCH CENTER

You may have noticed some activity on this site. The developer had been issued a permit for the placement of fill (less than one acre) within the 100-year floodplain of South Elkhorn Creek. Neighbors in Higbee Woods started an investigation of the "fill" area and involved Stonewall residents in the activity. It was determined that the developer had filled an area greater than one acre (1.3 acres) and that they had filled in the floodway (a portion of the floodplain in which no fill can be placed). These results were presented to the LFUCG and they asked the developer to re-survey the fill area and they found that indeed the developer was in violation of the conditions of their original fill permit. The LFUCG gave the developer a one-time permission to remove the fill from the floodway. Before any additional activity can take place at the site, the developer must apply for a new permit based on a final development plan.

STONEWALL PARK UPDATE

Liz Pattengill reports that the Stonewall butterfly garden was hit by the extreme cold earlier this year, and some plants were lost. The garden has been weeded and watered. Parsley, mal-low, and larkspur have been added. The butterfly weed and swamp milk weed for monarchs are poking through the ground. Next is direct sowing of zinnias and coleus. Mulch will be put down about the end of May. Robert Blankenship indicates that removal of invasive plants will continue this spring. Call him if you can help (619-0115).

WOMEN'S RECOGNITION GARDEN, WELLINGTON PARK

The *Lexington Herald-Leader* featured a recent article showing the casting of the Katsina statue honoring the accomplishments of women. The statue, first in Kentucky, is being installed in the Women's Garden in Wellington Park, and Victoria Meyer invited everyone to the statue's unveiling ceremony on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. The event was to include music, speakers, and refreshments. If this reaches you too late to attend the celebration, use this an excuse to visit Wellington Park and the women's recognition garden throughout the summer, when the garden shows its best.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome Director Kimberly Justus reports that welcome packets have been delivered to another 12 new neighbors who moved in during late 2017 and early 2018, and we are now caught up with our delivery backlog. From this point we will be contacting new Stonewall residents every two to three months as needed.

We welcome the following neighbors who moved into Stonewall during late 2017 and early this year: MARY GOODE, Buckingham Lane; MICHAEL and SHARI MULLEN and JOY ROBERTS, Chatham Drive; KAREN DRAKE and STELLA ROSE STALEY, Cindy Blair Way; CHARLES TYE, Clays Mill Road; ANDREW and LINDSAY SLAUGHTER, Cornwall Drive; BRYAN and CINDY WIMPY, Grasmere Drive; BENJAMIN and JULIE JOINER, Gray Court; ARMEN and ALISSA BAGDASSARIAN, Juliann Circle; JOSEPH and JACQUELINE WILLIAMS, Surrey Lane; and KENNETH and LAURIE NUSBACHER, Witthuhn Way.

Corrections from the March newsletter: GEORGE and LOUANN ROGERS, Bravington Way (not Grasmere Drive); JACOB and AUTUMN GLANCY (not GLACY), Longwood Road; and GREGORY and TERESA STAHR, Cornwall Drive (not Longwood Road).

Our list of local merchants who have contributed to our welcome packages include Bluegrass Baking Company, Bella Blooms, Best Brains, Your Name Here Bowtique, Domino's Pizza, Lyle's Barbeque, North Lime Coffee & Donuts, and Peoples Exchange Bank, all in the Stonewall Shopping Center. We plan to add to this list through the year. We ask that you support them by patronizing their businesses.

SHOPPING CENTER NEWS

In the Stonewall Shopping Center, the Mexican restaurant La Marquesa has now opened. Ole!

NEWS BRIEFS

Stonewall Elementary and Jessie Clark Middle School terms will end May 31. Graduation ceremonies will be May 31 and June 1. The next school year begins Wednesday August 15.

This year's ice cream social is scheduled for Saturday August 11 at 6 p.m. at Stonewall Elementary; rain date is August 12. Mark your calendar.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The city's FREE collection schedule for various recyclables and waste items for upcoming months is as follows:

Bulk trash collection will occur on July 14 and October 13. Fayette County residents free trash disposal days for non-hazardous household waste are held from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bluegrass Regional Transfer Station, 1505 Old Frankfort Pike. One pick-up truck load of household waste including bulky items, such as mattresses, furniture, and up to four tires off the rim, will be accepted at this event.

Free paper shredding is available on May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring up to five boxes or bags of dry paper items to be shredded on the spot to 1631 Old Frankfort Pike. Safely dispose of sensitive materials in an environmentally friendly way. Provided by Shred-it, a division of Stericycle. Participants are also invited to bring non-perishable food for donation to God's Pantry.

All dates above are Saturdays. Call 311 or go to the web site www.lexingtonky.gov for more details.

If you have large quantities of nonhazardous wastes to be disposed of, consider LFUCG's Loan-a-Box program. You can have a container delivered to and hauled away from your residence. Box dimensions are 10' L x 6' W x 4' H. The Loan-a-Box program runs year-round and is scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Fayette County residents and nonprofits with city waste collection service are charged a \$75 fee; non-city-collection residents pay \$180. Call LexCall at 311 or for more information or to reserve a box.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2018

If you haven't yet paid your membership dues for the Stonewall Community Association for 2018, they are due now. 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 and the upkeep of the Stonewall entry island. Dues are for a home and its residents. Please send payment of \$25 for your household, payable to the Stonewall Community Association, to our treasurer Fred Brandon, 731 Cindy Blair Way, Lexington, KY.40503. If you have questions about membership dues, contact Fred at 260-1005.