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JOIN US FOR AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON AUGUST 11th

Plan on joining your neighbors on Saturday August 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. for Stonewall Community Association's (SCA) annual Ice Cream Social. Bring a chair, the kids, a few neighbors, and your sweet tooth. The event will be held in the front of Stonewall Elementary School. The SCA will provide the ice cream and its toppings, along with inflatables, and this year we will have live entertainment from The Blue Dawg Group. The group is scheduled to bring four musicians and will replace our disc jockey that we have had for previous socials. They have played this summer at numerous local venues including Half Price Books and at Windy Corner and Wallace Station restaurants.

If it rains Saturday, the event will be postponed until August 12 also from 6 to 8 p.m. If you are interested in getting involved in the planning or hosting of the event, please contact Sheila Carmack at 859-552-6921 or Sheila.carmack23@gmail.com. As always, we welcome any help you want to give. And if you have a gift for face painting, we could really use your skills.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

This year our neighborhood parade was treated to a sunny, hot morning – much improved over last year's near-rainout. There was a record turnout despite the heat. We had a great time marching and then enjoying music, popsicles, and fellowship.

Prizes were awarded to Harrison Hawthorn, who was our Most Patriotic Boy, Elery Broon who was our Most Patriotic Girl, Michael Dingrando for Best Decorated Bike, and the McCarthys and Bottoms for Best Decorated Wagon/Stroller. And last, but not least, was Greta, chosen Most Patriotic Pet. Congratulations to all of our winners. Thank you to our amazing judges Leah Atkinson Brand, Ed Brand, and Gordon Henson.

We send a special thanks to our Police motorcycle escort and Ladder Company Number 4 for keeping us safe, to Keith Murphy for the marching tunes from his bagpipe, to Mr. Gatliff for the fun popsicles and use of the school, to Eric Green for his remarkable sound system and mad technology skills, and to Merritt Fowler, Kristen Green, and Caryl Pfeiffer for their help in setting up the popsicle and water stations, getting kids (and dogs) signed in and registered, and distributing popsicles. And we could not have done it without Jennie Hayes, our Parade Coordinator. Her organization and advertising of our annual Independence Day Parade made it a huge success.

YARD SALE

Thirty-four homes signed up for the annual neighborhood yard sale in June, and some additional homes participated when the weather turned to our advantage. We thank all the participants and we hope they were satisfied with the turnout of shoppers. The weather had been horribly rainy throughout the week, but that Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day. We lucked out!

WOMEN'S RECOGNITION GARDEN, WELLINGTON PARK

Victoria Meyer, coordinator of the Women's Garden in Wellington Park, reports that the Katsina statue honoring all women was unveiled at a Mother's Day celebration. About 120 to 130 people attended the unveiling with a number of Urban County Councilmembers attending. District 9 Councilperson Jennifer Mossotti and Vice Mayor Steve Kay spoke. Penny Ebel and Michelle Koseniak represented Parks and Recreation. In honor of Mother's Day, the mothers of the sculptor and bronze foundry artists unveiled the statue. TV coverage appeared on two of Lexington's commercial channels and Lex TV (government cable TV channel 185). A silent auction and children's activities along with refreshments were part of the afternoon. Victoria extends her thanks to everyone who contributed their time and money to achieve this goal.

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STONEWALL MAIL AND EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE

To keep in touch with Stonewall residents for Safety Watch purposes and other important notices, SCA maintains 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 Janet Cabaniss at jcabaniss@gmail.com and we will add you to the list. (We are currently having difficulty with the official stonewallweb address and the mailmaster is using her personal account to transmit crucial email messages. Sorry for the inconvenience.) **If you have more than one email address, please give us the ONE your family prefers.**

One thing that is working excellently is our web site, stonewallneighborhood.org. There, you can find all manner of Stonewall matters covered. Newsletters are put there when they are sent to the printer. We will also archive previous newsletters at that site.

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

Wellington Park update (continued)

Other Women's Garden news: Two new sculptures have been installed at the entrances to the Sensory Garden, the Ferns at one end and the Bluebells at the other. A Kentucky Author Book Bench has been installed in Wellington Park. The year's first Monarch butterfly was seen on the button bush in the Lexington Women's Recognition garden on July 8.

The park played host to the national America in Bloom (AIB) judges during the last week of June. Lexington's prominence in the AIB organization is shown by the fact that its national 2018 Symposium and Awards Celebration will be held here September 27 through 29. See the extensive program at americainbloom.org/Symposium/Registration.aspx and click on Download a PDF of the brochure to see details.

A SALUTE TO JOE SPARKS

We belatedly learned of the death of Joe Sparks in May 2018. Joe, a retired teacher, had volunteered as block captain for Lannette Lane when we formed our Safety Watch Program in 2007, and he set an example of how concerned neighbors could help those near them in times of ice storms and other emergencies. He also made a point of meeting new neighbors and working with them as they dealt with problems. He was a very good neighbor.

HOUSE NUMBERS ARE REQUIRED

The District 9 July newsletter reminded us that LFUCG ordinances require homes to display a house number visible from the street for the city's emergency equipment. Many Stonewall homes have no visible house number. The street address can be on the curb, the mail box, or the house (but not in script). If you need to comply, call LexCall 311 for specifics.

STORM WATER MATCHING GRANT

On June 15, Lee and Victoria Meyer shared with neighbors the results of a Storm Water Matching Grant project on Bayswater, Cornwall, Cindy Blair, and Keithshire streets in Stonewall. About 60 people came to see and hear about the drainage project built by the E. C. Matthews Co. and the rain garden designed by landscaper Beate Popkin, both located in a beautiful open area behind the Meyers' home. Consensus of the participating neighbors was that the project did not solve 100 percent of the flooding issues experienced in this part of the neighborhood, but it has certainly improved conditions. Stormwater infiltration into the sanitary sewer system has been eliminated. The rain garden is lovely and fulfilling its purpose of using storm water runoff that used to be concentrated in the area, and a neighborhood mosquito habitat has been eliminated. Brochures for children and adults from the LFUCG Water Quality Office were distributed. Zella Barsotti provided beverages, and Jack Wilson and Janet Cabaniss had maps and information about NUSEC, the South Elkhorn Creek neighborhood watershed watch group.

The matching grant that partly financed this useful project to improve a portion of our neighborhood came from local money collected by LFUCG to allow homeowners and neighborhoods with water problems (like the persistent flooding, storm sewer/sanitary sewer contamination, and mosquito problems of this one) to obtain relief. The grant signee was actually the Stonewall Community Association, but it was initiated and overseen by the group of homeowners in the area surrounding the problem. Grant money for such projects is available each year to any and all residents whose situation meets the requirements of the grants. Call LexCall 311 for more information about such grants.

STONEWALL PARK UPDATE

Liz Pattengill is very grateful to Parks and Recreation and to Councilwoman Jennifer Mossotti for the water faucet installed in the park last year and to Linda Corridoni for working in the butterfly garden during May and June, when Liz was working on the Lexington in Bloom contest. The garden in the park located on Cornwall Drive below Stonewall Elementary School is thriving, but the trees surrounding it are in need of trimming to allow more light on the garden. Robert Blankenship indicates that removal of invasive plants that have thrived with the plentiful rain experienced earlier this summer will continue. Call him if you are able to help (619-0115).

CORRECTION ON VOTING LOCATIONS

In our May article on voting in this year's election for public offices, there was an error in the changes listed in the voting precincts for Stonewall residents. Persons who formerly voted in the Bayswater and Robinwood Precincts have been shifted to the Wellington Elementary School. The Keithshire Precinct's voting has been shifted to Stonewall Elementary School and the Tudor Precinct has been merged into the Stonewall Precinct voting at Stonewall Elementary School. Prior to the election, a correction notice was sent out on line to all Stonewall residents whose email addresses were known to us. We are sorry for any confusion caused by the error.

WE STILL NEED HELP ON OUR NEWSLETTER

Come on, Stonewall residents, surely there is someone willing to work on our modest neighborhood newsletter four times a year to help keep everyone informed on events and issues of interest to Stonewall. It takes very little time for anyone with the skills to write a few short articles and work with a team to assemble the news. We are asking for writers, not executive editors, and we will train newcomers. SCA President Caryl Pfeiffer is sitting by her phone waiting to hear from writers wanting to learn more (223-4453). Please don't disappoint her!

1400 HIGBEE MILL ROAD (HMR) PROPOSED MULCH CENTER

There has been no additional official activity at the site since our last update. The next step in the process will occur when the developer files an application with the Board of Adjustment to get a conditional use approved for the site.

1580 HIGBEE MILL ROAD DAY CARE

The developer of the day care (Taylormade Real Estate) has filed an Application for Permit to Construct Across or Along a Stream and/or Water Quality Certification with the Kentucky Division of Water. The application is for construction of a replacement of the existing bridge with an 80-foot bridge span over South Elkhorn Creek and the associated utilities to extend the sanitary sewer lines, water lines, and electrical service to the proposed building (to accommodate a day care center to be constructed). The developer's application was signed by the local floodplain coordinator, public notice of the application occurred, and the application was received in Frankfort by the Division of Water on June 4, 2018.

One concern raised by engineers in Higbee Mill Woods and Stonewall Community subdivisions is whether the culverts shown on the plans have sufficient capacity to handle likely floods, especially given that the floodplain of the adjacent property at 1400 Higbee Mill has been raised and is no longer available to handle flood overflows. These concerns have been shared with the LFUCG Division of Water Quality, which is responsible for local review of the application.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Kim Justus, SCA's welcome director, reports that since the last newsletter we have delivered welcome packets to three new neighbors. We welcome DUSTIN and BETHANY LAYMAN, Chelsea Drive; TOM and LISA BALKO, Keithshire Way, and DAVID DURBIN, Lannette Lane.

The 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 hope to add to this list through the year. We ask that you support them by patronizing their businesses.

LEXINGTON IN BLOOM, 2018

Award winners in the 2018 Lexington in Bloom contest included LFUCG in the Municipal category for their landscaping of the medians at the Clays Mill Road/Wellington Way intersection and the Clays Mill Veterinary Clinic on Delzan Place in the Small Business category. Local resident Liz Pattengill was an important organizer of the event as a part of the Lexington Council Garden Clubs, and Victoria Meyer and Linda Corridoni were judges for the contest. We are sorry to learn that the last Stonewall residential winners Don and Sharron Wright (who won frequently for the beauty of the plantings around their home) are moving to Owensboro after decades here in the Stonewall neighborhood. We will miss them and the care they always took of their property.

BOOK BENCHES

Once there were horses, now we have book benches scattered through Lexington. Councilperson Jennifer Mossotti's June newsletters shows former SCA President Lee Meyer lounging on one the new book benches which are the current rage of the city. This one is in the Women's Recognition Garden in Wellington Park. The benches seem to be designed with function following form. Come and see; judge for yourself how it could possibly be comfortable for you or anyone to sit on!

NEWS BRIEFS

Stonewall Elementary School and Jessie Clark Middle School begin classes Wednesday August 15 for the 2018-19 school year. Thanksgiving break will be November 21-23.

LFUCG Bulk trash collection will occur on Saturday Oct. 13.

LFUCG free paper shredding schedule for the remainder of 2018 has not yet been announced.

Loan-a-Box CHANGES: Do you have large quantities of non-hazardous wastes to be disposed of? LFUCG's Loan-a-Box program allows Fayette County residents living inside the Urban Services Boundary (that's us) to have a 10 cubic foot container for a minimum of 24 hours delivered to and hauled away from their residence and dumped in the public landfill. The price has changed to a straight \$90 (that's half the price it used to be for Stonewall residents who do not receive LFUCG trash collection!). The reservation process of late is also much easier. See lexingtonky.gov/loan-a-box-program for more information. LexCall 311 will send your call to Waste Management to reserve a box.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2018

Membership in the Stonewall Community Association is \$25 a calendar year, and you can still send your household's 2018 dues to SCA Treasurer Fred Brandon, 731 Cindy Blair Way, 40503. Questions? Contact Fred at 260-1005. If you don't know whether or not you have already paid your dues for this year, please feel free to contact Fred.