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JOIN US FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Bring your friends and family and join your neighbors on Saturday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m. as we circle around the decorated blue spruce tree at the main Stonewall entrance on Cindy Blair Way to sing Christmas carols. This is an informal occasion that is in the open air, so please be prepared for the weather and bring a flashlight for safety, so that you can be seen. This year, we will even furnish The Words to Christmas carols! As in the past, the area on Cindy Blair will be blocked by police from Clays Mill Road to Keithshire Way.

New: If you would like to receive carolers at your front door on that evening and you live on Cindy Blair between Clays Mill Road and Cornwall Drive or live on Keithshire Way between Clays Mill and Bayswater Way, please email Sheila Carmack at Sheila.carmack23@gmail.com to request a visit at your home. This is a new option this year, because in the past some have voiced that they want to carol at people's homes.

At the end of the caroling, make plans to join others across the street at The Original Brooklyn Pizza, 3330 Partner Place for good pizza and good conversation with neighbors and the Stonewall Board of Directors. If you plan on going to Brooklyn, you can also contact Sheila at her email so we can give Brooklyn an estimate of the number of people coming.

TRUNK OR TREAT—A NEW STONEWALL EVENT?

On Friday October 19, as the rain began to fall, car trunks decorated for Halloween were opened and children from throughout the neighborhood came to get candy and meet new friends at Stonewall Elementary School. The event was planned by resident Kelly Hawthorne in cooperation with the Stonewall Community Association and was held in the school parking lot's "bus" lane. Despite the slight rain, the event was a smashing success. Thanks to all the volunteers, from the "trunk" providers, to the people who donated extra candy, to the neighbors that came out to participate in this very fun event. Thanks especially to Kelly, who had an idea and planned the whole thing. If you have an idea for an event or gathering, please bring it to the attention of a Stonewall board member. Our goal is to have a community that is connected and engaged.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Stonewall Community Association's annual Ice Cream Social in August was dogged again by pop-up thunderstorms. Although the day was beautiful and sunny, by the middle of the event a strong line of storms pounded their way through the neighborhood, causing the last of the attendees to listen to the Blue Dawg Band play under the awning at Stonewall School. During the sunny part of the social, many neighbors were having a great time socializing, watching their kids run through the inflatable obstacle course and slide down the giant slide, and eating ice cream with all the toppings provided by the association and served by the best ice cream scoopers around. The music this year was provided by a quartet of musicians who play Bluegrass music and call themselves the Blue Dawg Band. Thank you to all who came out. We hope for better weather next year!

ELECTION RESULTS

Our congratulations to Councilwoman Jennifer Mossotti on her victory in the November 6 election to represent the 9th Council District. It was gratifying to see the long lines of voters at the precincts where Stonewall residents vote. Our neighborhood can be counted on to turn out to vote at every election; indeed, 80 percent of registered voters usually vote – making Stonewall's precincts some of the most likely to vote in the entire Commonwealth. This election, the wait to vote for some of us was around 90 minutes, and even more at some times of the day. We thank all voters as well as the election personnel for their patience and good spirits during a really big election.

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STONEWALL MAIL AND EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE

We maintain an email address list for residents who want to receive late-breaking news of Stonewall. If your email address is not registered with us 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. Also, if you want this type of mail to go to a different address from the one you currently use on this list, please send the NEW address and the OLD address (for deletion). **Our life is easiest and the mail list most manageable if you give us just one address.**

Because we continue to have difficulty with the [stonewallweb](http://stonewallweb.org) address, the mailmaster is using a personal account to transmit crucial email messages. We regret this inconvenience and plan to find time to work on the problem soon.

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

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

HIGBEE MILL ROAD BUILDING ACTIVITY

No work is being conducted at 1400 Higbee Mill Road, and the owner of the property has yet to apply to the Board of Adjustment for any conditional use permit. Such a permit, or a development plan filed with the city's Planning Division, is required before the contractor has permission to restart any work there.

Construction of the day care center at 1580 Higbee Mill Road has begun. The area for the townhouses has been partially cleared, but there are no immediate plans to start construction on that part of the site. The developer is supposed to clean up the area that has been cleared, but that has not occurred. Numerous complaints have been filed, numerous inspections have occurred, and numerous fines have been levied.

To address concerns raised by the neighbors directly impacted by these developments, Councilwoman Jennifer Mossotti held a special meeting in September in Stonewall Elementary's library. A large assembly of city officials from Code Enforcement, Planning, Engineering and Environmental Quality, and Public Works were in attendance, as were an interested group of Stonewall residents. The governmental officials provided a history of the site and detailed their interaction with the developer of the properties. They also answered questions from the audience.

WELLINGTON PARK

Victoria Meyer reports that the Women's Recognition Garden has added 1,500 bulbs to the daffodil drift, donated by Stonewall resident Bennett Clark in honor of America in Bloom 2018 Community Champion Marcia Farris. Marcia's legacy is the development of the University of Kentucky Arboretum. If you haven't been to the garden recently, Victoria urges you to come out before the winter cold sets in to see the new Katsina statue and the Kentucky Author book bench before it is auctioned off. Victoria is the LFUCG Parks Advisory Board member for the 9th District. Let her know if you have any concerns or questions about the garden and she will take them to the board (vmeyer53@gmail.com).

County Councilwoman Jennifer Mossotti has asked that users of the popular dog park behind the Women's Garden inform her of any enhancements or improvements to make the park even more user-friendly (jmossotti@LexingtonKY.gov).

A SALUTE TO JIM AND FRANCINE BETTS

The Bluegrass Baking Company in the Stonewall Shopping Center has been offering us fresh bread and pastry for the last twenty years. During that period the owners, Jim and Francine Betts, have been among our best neighbors. They are the **only** local merchants who have given merchandise to new Stonewall residents throughout the 18 years since the inception of our welcoming program in 2001. Jim never planned to be a baker when he went to college, but he found that this was the most congenial occupation he could fit into. They opened a bakery in the Gardenside shopping center for two years, then moved to the Stonewall shopping center about 1998. Their specialty is hard-crust European bread and French pastry, both of which are very good. Also, try the seven-grain bread. Actually, try everything they offer! It's all good!

The bakery has been written up several times in the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, most recently in a nearly full-page spread on October 22. Jim has sponsored several professional stage (theater) productions performed in Lexington, one in which his older son Jimmy was the star. The family business is continuing with their younger son Andrew, a recent UK graduate, who has begun working full-time at the bakery with an eye towards moving into management.

STONEWALL SHOPPING CENTER CHANGES

You may have noticed recent changes in the Stonewall shopping center. These changes are part of a significant landscaping and rebranding effort of the center. **The new name for the shopping center will be Stonewall Commons.** Several trees have been removed and 35 new ones planted as part of a landscaping upgrade. A stone wall will be erected on the Wellington Way side of the property. There will be an improved pavilion/seasonal market located in the breezeway between Bluegrass Baking Company and The Dollar Tree which will feature a pergola and seating. A grand opening is planned once the renovations are completed. Watch for it.

WE STILL NEED HELP ON OUR NEWSLETTER

Come on, Stonewall residents, let's try again to find someone willing to work with others on our modest neighborhood newsletter four times a year. It takes little time for anyone with the skills to write a few paragraphs. We will train newcomers until they feel proficient. Our president Caryl Pfeiffer is getting old and grey waiting by her phone to hear from volunteers (223-4453). Please don't disappoint her. And don't miss out—this can be both fun and challenging. A description of the process of producing the newsletter was published in the May newsletter and it also appears on our web site. Won't you help us out?

NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome Director Kimberly Justus reports that since the August newsletter we have delivered welcome packets to 19 new neighbors. We welcome the following residents: **THOMAS and VIRGINIA JONES**, Beth Lane; **NAM and MISTY NGUYEN, JOHNNY and CAITLIN NEAL**, and **JOHN TAORMINA**, Bravington Way; **CASEY and SHANNON MILLION**, Burnham Court; **PATRICK SCHMONSKY**, Chatham Drive; **DANNY KING, KAREN LINEHAM, JOHN and LISA FAENZA**, and **RYAN and KATHLEEN LANE**, Cornwall Drive; **JESSIE GAIL PIPPIN**, Grasmere Drive; **ANDY and MELANIE SPRINKLE** and **ROBERT and LINDSEY PAYTON**, Hyde Park Drive; **JOSEPH and WHITNEY THARP** and **JERRY and SHELLI MURRAY**, Keithshire Way; **RYAN and BETSY LASKI**, Longwood Road; **JERRY and NATALIE POPE**, Roxburg Drive; **WHITNEY EALEY**, Saxon Drive; and **ANDREW and TRACY PEDDICORD**, Tudor Drive.

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 ask that you support them by patronizing their businesses.

NEWS BRIEFS

Thanksgiving break for Stonewall Elementary and Jessie Clark Middle Schools will be November 21-23 (Wednesday through Friday). The Christmas break begins Thursday December 20 and runs through Wednesday January 2.

We checked the court records on the Bravington Way cul-de-sac litigation, and there has been no activity recorded since earlier this year.

We were dismayed to learn of the August death of Cameron Peck, long-time Stonewall resident, who lived on Clays Mill Road, and a knowledgeable and gentlemanly member of Stonewall Community Association's board of directors over many years of service.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

In addition to collecting trash, Lexington offers FREE collection of various recyclables and waste items to all residents. Careful waste collection and recycling are important in keeping the beauty of Lexington intact. Thus, we supply this information in an effort to help preserve Lexington's quality of life, its health, and the look of our community.

You can **check the schedule for all such city services** at <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/departments/waste-management>. Please note that the publication of this newsletter never seems to be in synch with scheduled collections. Thus, it is probably a good idea to check the web site individually to stay informed and get the most out of city waste management's offerings.

Did you display a **political yard sign** during the recent election? **Yard signs and stakes are not recyclable.** Residents should not put them in a recycling cart, as they can damage recycling equipment. Lexington's Division of Environmental Services is collecting the yard signs and stakes at 11 places before November 15, 2018. After that, individuals or groups can contact livegreen@lexingtonky.gov to arrange a drop-off at the downtown government center.

The wire frames will get a second life as stakes for "Slow Down!" signs, as part of the city's Safe Streets initiative. The sign portion will be reused by local businesses as part of an art project.

Citizens who would like a "Slow Down!" sign can pick one up from the security desk at the Government Center (200 East Main Street) during normal business hours.

Leaf disposal began on November 5 for single family homes with **full city pickup services**. Look for the schedule of this once-a-year service for your area at <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/leaves>. Residents with private collection services are advised to dispose of leaves by using the mulching attachment on their lawn mowers, or to compost and enjoy useful and rich humus!

LFUCG also offers free to all Lexington residents the **disposal of two free pickup loads of brush and yard waste each month**. Acceptable items include large tree trunks, branches and brush, tree bark, grass cuttings, and leaves. Waste must be transported to the landfill facility at Haley Pike at 4253 Hedger Lane most weekdays and on the first Saturday of each month. See the web site <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/leaves> for details (scroll down to the bottom to Year-Round options).

FIRST CALL FOR 2019 MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Stonewall Community Association costs \$25 a calendar year for you and your household. You can send your dues for 2019 at this time to our treasurer Fred Brandon, 731 Cindy Blair Way, Lexington, KY 40503. Your membership dues pay for this newsletter, meeting expenses, upkeep of our entrance area on Cindy Blair Way, and the several periodic events which the association holds each year. The association also welcomes additional voluntary contributions for the upkeep of the entrance, one of the more problematic expenses we bear. Make checks payable to Stonewall Community Association. For questions about membership, contact Fred at 859-260-1005.

THE WEB

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