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the Stonewall Scoop



Rising Stonewall Home Prices

If you saw the July [Southsider Magazine](#) issue, you probably noticed the article on recent rising home sale prices in Lexington and Stonewall was one of the areas singled out where this was happening. Using sales for the area the Fayette County PVA defines as Stonewall (not nearly as large as the area we consider Stonewall) home sale prices rose 20 percent over the last year. One of the reasons given for the upswing (which has not happened in many upscale areas of the city) is the confinement that builders face when wanting to build but not being able to obtain permits outside the urban service area, where land is filling up. Home construction has fallen off sharply in the city as a consequence and home prices rise with the demand. But home prices in our neighborhood have been relatively modest and stable until recently, making Stonewall one of the best values in Lexington for some years. Not anymore. Homes that could have been bought for \$250,000 just a handful of years ago now are selling for \$300,000-\$350,000.



Ice Cream Social

Join us for Summer Fun!

Saturday, August 10th 5:30pm-8:30pm

This year's annual Stonewall Ice Cream Social will add an extra hour and a pizza option for purchase. This year the event will begin at 5:30 and end at 8:30 at Stonewall Elementary. Domino's Pizza will be serving pizza - \$2 per slice (cash only please). The association will provide the ice cream with all the toppings, inflatables and music from the Blue Dawg Band. Bring your chairs or blankets for a good time meeting new neighbors and seeing old friends. In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed until Sunday the 11th of August from 5:30pm-8:30pm.

What a Yard Sale!

Our 13th Annual Stonewall Community yard sale on Saturday, June 1st was probably the most popular sale we have had. Participation was high with 51 homes signing up to be advertised and more joining in at the last moment. The day turned out to be beautiful. After a slow start, shoppers streamed into Stonewall. It was the first sale in memory when shoppers complained about traffic jams as they traveled around the neighborhood. We should have more days like that. Thanks to all the families who participated in the sale. We hope they all did well.

A special thanks goes to Don Starsinic for coordinating the garage sale maps!

July 4th Festivities >>>

Stonewall Annual Fourth of July Parade



We enjoyed a great turnout this year for the annual Fourth of July parade, with several hundred neighbors gathering at Stonewall Elementary for the festivities!



Coordinator, Jennie Hayes, arranged for a police motorcycle escort, an enthusiastic group of firefighters complete with a fire truck, and our favorite bagpiper to lead the charge. Neighbors along the route cheered to support the marching crowd, which included plenty of walkers, bikers, strollers, wagons, and pets.

Thirty-nine residents registered to compete for the awards in the parade, leaving our judges with a tough job. Prizes were announced by Leah & Ed Brand. Popsicles and water were enjoyed by everyone at the end of the hot summer morning.

Prize winners

Best Costume –

Adriana Pennington, Old South Court

Best Wagon –

Edmund & Ruby Vanhooose, Chelsea Drive

Best 4-Wheeler –

Noah Roy, Old South Court

Best Pet Costume –

Greta Kelley, Grasmere Drive

Many thanks to all who participated, volunteered, and signed thank you cards for the police and firefighters. A very special thanks again to Mr. Gatliff for opening Stonewall School for the event!



Butterfly Garden

The Stonewall Park garden has withstood the stress of the recent hot, dry spell well. One good watering in the first week of July carried the plants through to the rain a week later. The monardas (beebalm) and the butterfly weed (good monarch butterfly and pollinator plants) have had their moment of glory. Self-seeding larkspur, verbena bonariensis and perennials like poppy mallow, yellow coneflower, and tickseeds have put on a colorful display. Right now, orange cosmos and tithonia are attention getters.

Planning & Zoning >>>



Higbee Mill Road Update

Construction of the daycare building on the first parcel of 1580 Higbee Mill is almost complete and a temporary construction entrance exists to Man o'War Blvd. Meanwhile, construction of the reinforcement requirements for the bridge across South Elkhorn Creek has begun. Metal beams and equipment near the driveway of 1400 Higbee Mill Road are part of this bridge reinforcement project. Once the bridge has been constructed to city requirements, the temporary entrance on Man o'War will be permanently closed and the existing driveway to Higbee Mill will be the entrance and exit for the daycare.

Back to School!

As we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, here are a few things to remember:

- Stonewall Elementary will be hosting their Back to School Bash the evening of Thursday, August 8th – prepare for a lot of cars to be parked on neighboring streets.
- School starts for Fayette County on Wednesday, August 14th.
- There are new lines striped on Cornwall in front of Stonewall Elementary to help with school traffic.
- With the abundance of children out and about with school starting, please remember to respect the speed limit and be aware of your surroundings.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

We have welcomed SEVEN new families to Stonewall!



We welcome the following new neighbors who have moved in recently and have been greeted with welcome packet:

Jared & Emily Hisle,
Burnham Court

Sean & Amy Doane,
Chelsea Drive

Edward & Kelly Vanhooose,
Chelsea Drive

Larry & Rachel Laudan,
Grasmere Drive

Everette & Elizabeth Wilson,
Juliann Circle

**Francoise Bibonde &
Benito Kabemba Konde,**
Keithshire Way

Andrew & Ashley Pennington,
Old South Court

Our list of local merchants who have contributed to our welcome packages include Bluegrass Baking Company, Bella Blooms, Best Brains, Domino's Pizza, North Lime Coffee & Donuts, and Peoples Exchange Bank, all in Stonewall Commons. We ask that you support them by patronizing their businesses. We are sorry to report that since the last newsletter, the center has lost one of our contributors, Your Name Here Bowtique.

Community Calendar >>>

Moondance Amphitheater

- [Southland Jamboree](#): Thursdays, May 30 – Aug. 29
- [Summer Nights in Suburbia](#): Fridays, June 7 – August 30
- [Freaky Friday Flicks](#): Fridays, Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11

Farmers Market

- [Southland Drive](#): Sundays, April 7 – Oct. 27 10am-2pm

Lakeside Live

- [Lexington Green](#): Fridays & Saturdays, May – Sept. 7pm-10pm

Save the Date...



Please join us for our 2nd Annual neighborhood Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, October 18th, 2019 from 6:45-8pm. All kids are invited to dress up in costume and friendly pets are welcome to come dressed up as well. Trunk-or-Treating will take place at Stonewall Elementary in the parking area and bus loop located to the left of the school. Attendees please park in the main school parking lot. Please remember this is a family-friendly event.

We Need Your Help!

It will take many volunteers to help with this event. Are you willing to decorate your car trunk and provide treats (individually wrapped and store bought please)? We will need a commitment to have at least fifteen trunks this year in order to have the event and will need cars to arrive by 6:15pm to get set up. Please respond by 10/1/2019 if you are willing to have your trunk open. We also need some donations of additional bags of candy as well so we can help the trunks re-stock if needed. If you would like to help with this event in any way or have any questions please contact Kelly Hawthorne [859-229-0978](tel:859-229-0978) or kjdawk2@gmail.com.



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Over the years, the Stonewall Community Association has collected email addresses to provide updates to residents regarding neighborhood happenings. We are working to revamp this service and will start sending updates again soon. If you would like to be added to our communications list, send your name, street address, and email address to stonewallneighborhood@gmail.com.

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



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