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November 2019

A Quarterly Insight into the Stonewall Community

# *the Stonewall Scoop*



## *Accessory Dwelling Units Update*

One of the most contentious issues facing neighborhoods is that of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). For months, LFUCG Planning Staff have worked to put forward for Urban County Council approval the idea that, as a part of creative infill and redevelopment, residential property owners should be able to construct, within their home or in the back yard of their residential property, a separate and independent housing unit. Notice to neighbors would not be required when a smaller secondary independent housekeeping establishment on the same lot as a principal dwelling gets constructed and occupied. Stonewall is a prime target for such building.

At an October 21 hearing, the first step of approving ADUs was accomplished when the Planning Commission approved allowing any and all of us to construct an ADU on our property. The ADU is favored by some as a solution to accommodating anticipated population growth, and having rental income from an ADU would ease the financial burden of owning a Stonewall home. ADUs are one small aspect of accommodating aging in place by seniors. BUT many neighborhoods across town object to allowing ADU construction, particularly without notice or regulation. Concerns include ADUs becoming student housing and short-term rentals, lack of ability by LFUCG to enforce standards for rental units, and decrease of property values with single-family zoning being turned into two-family accommodations.

This issue is much too complicated to be covered in its entirety in a newsletter article. In future months, the ADU controversy will be extensively vetted before final approval is sought to put it into ordinance. The LFUCG Council's Planning and Public Safety Committee will offer many opportunities to receive input, both for and against, from citizens through public meetings. We urge you to be aware of these opportunities to make your voice heard.

## *Great Things Happen When Community Comes Together*

### *Shillito Park Playground is OPEN!*

800 Volunteers. Five days. 3,600 work hours. After the 20+ year old wooden structure was torn down, neighbors wondered when the new playground would make its appearance. Thanks to United Way of the Bluegrass, wrangling volunteers and tools donated by Lowe's, the new handicap-accessible playground will be enjoyed by all for years to come. "Lexington is the kind of place where hundreds of people will show up to build a playground. I love that about our city," said Mayor Linda Gorton in a statement. "People who grew up playing on that playground got to bring their own kids to help build the next chapter."



## Summer Festivities >>>

# Stonewall Annual Ice Cream Social

We enjoyed a great turnout this year for the annual Ice Cream Social, with several neighbors gathering at Stonewall Elementary for the festivities!



What a beautiful day we had for the annual Ice Cream social. Blue Dawg Band, Lighter Than Air Inflatables, Domino's and many volunteer "scoopers" helped make the evening a delicious, entertaining and exhilarating event. The Domino's pizza at Stonewall shoppes has been owned by Carey & Terry Bouvin for nearly 30 years. Terry and a coworker served large slices for \$2. Joe Gierlach of the Blue Dawg band brought five of his band members and played wonderful Bluegrass music for the event.

A big thank you goes to Stonewall Elementary principal Bill Gatliff for opening the school to us. Also, thanks to all who helped with the event.



## Stonewall Beautification

The Stonewall Beautification Committee formed in June 2019. The focus has been on the neighborhood entrances (all of them: Cindy Blair, Higbee Mill, Chelsea and Hyde Park Drives) and the two parks: Stonewall and Higbee Mill. There are currently seven members meeting approximately every other month to exchange ideas for making Stonewall an even more attractive area. Ideas and discussion topics are reported to the SCA Board.

If anyone is interested in joining and adding to the discussion, please contact Liz Pattengill at [e.pattengill@gmail.com](mailto:e.pattengill@gmail.com).

## Upcoming News >>>

# 2020 Census Coming Soon

This Spring you will receive communication from the Government requesting your participation in the 2020 Census. Every household will have the option to complete the questionnaire by mail, by phone, or online. Census data is used for a multitude of reasons from forecasting future transportation and housing needs, delegating funds for schools and hospitals and designing public safety strategies. Please take part in your civic duty and respond to this essential study of our population.

## No Tricks Just Treats!

Our 2nd annual trunk or treat was again a success. We had fantastic weather this year making for a lovely evening for the event. There were 12 trunks this year and many more Stonewall families in attendance to enjoy the fun. We also had a cookie decorating table as well which was loved by all the kids. We hope to have even more trunks next year and want to thank everyone for their participation this year.



# Welcome to the Neighborhood

*We have welcomed EIGHT newcomers to Stonewall!*



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

**Robert & Carrie Moore,**  
Cindy Blair Way

**Nicholas & Lucy Nelson,**  
Clays Mill Road

**Steven & Karen Ford,**  
Haverhill Drive

**Paul Menzel,**  
Hyde Park Drive

**Stephen & Kirsten Sizemore,**  
Keithshire Way

**Greeba London,**  
Saxon Drive

**Jeff & Andrea Blanton,**  
Tudor Drive

**Christopher & Nicole Wiseman,**  
Witthuhn Way

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.

## Community Calendar >>>

**The last Night Market of 2019:** Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m.-10 p.m., 700 Block of Bryan Avenue

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Lights:** November 15<sup>th</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 p.m. -10 p.m., Kentucky Horse Park. Mon-Thur \$17/car; Fri-Sun \$27/car

**Lexington Christmas Parade:** Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11a.m. to 12 p.m., Main Street

**Ice skating at Triangle Park:** November 10<sup>th</sup>-January 21<sup>st</sup>, open most days, hours vary

## Save the Date...



Please join us for our Annual neighborhood Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 pm. We will meet by the blue spruce tree at the Cindy Blair neighborhood entrance and music will be provided. All residents are encouraged to come!

## Neighborhood Notes

\*Please pay attention to speed limits in and around the neighborhood. As the days get shorter, visibility of pedestrians, pets, and other vehicles will be reduced. The SCA board is researching awareness options for speed-prone stretches in the neighborhood.

\*The longer nights and holiday shopping season also bring with them an increase in vehicle thefts and burglaries. Be sure to keep valuables out of sight in your vehicles and to keep them locked. Make locking your car doors part of your nightly routine.

\*If you are interested in serving the Stonewall Community, we are interested in having you join our Association, or you could volunteer to join one of our new committees! Send us an email or ask an officer!



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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](mailto:stonewallneighborhood@gmail.com).

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## *In The Next Issue*

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Committee Introductions & Goals  
And much more!!*