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Neighborhood News

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2005 Association Calendar

September

13th—Board Meeting
20th—Association Annual
Meeting

October

1st—Neighborhood Yard
Sale
18th—Board Meeting

November

15th—Board Meeting

December

13th—Board Meeting
20th—Holiday Party

Stu Silberman to Attend MSNA Meeting

There are many school related issues that affect our neighborhood. They include being re-districted to Bryan Station High School, that school's remodeling and the construction of an elementary school inside our neighborhood to replace Linlee Elementary. If these issues interest you, please mark your calendar to attend the **September 20th** meeting at the clubhouse at 7pm.

We will have guests at this meeting from the school board and high school to speak with and answer

questions from those in attendance. The guests include Stu Silberman, Fayette County School Superintendent, Kathy Lousignont, school board chair, Larry Conner, school board vice-chair and our board representative, and from Bryan Station High School, Gladys Peoples, Principal and John Barnes, Associate Principal.

It would be wonderful if we could have a large turnout for this meeting and show the school officials that there is concern in this neighborhood for the schools that serve it.

Street Trees



Has your street tree(s) seen better days? Dead or dying? The fall is the time of year to replace trees. Street trees are the responsibility of the homeowner. The city regulates street trees as far as type, size and placement. A list of approved street trees can be found at:

<ftp://ftp.lfucg.com/PubWorks/StreetsRoads/StreetTreeBrochure.pdf>, or by calling 258-3451. A replacement tree needs to be comparable in size to the one it is replacing when possible. LFUCG requires homeowners to obtain a free permit before removing or planting a street tree. Contact the Urban Forestry Program at the number above. Also, make sure you call 1-800-752-6007 at least two days before you dig to get your underground utili-

ties marked.

For homeowners who are in the newest areas of the neighborhood, and if the developers originally planted your street tree, there is another option. The developers have been known to replace a dead tree, if it was planted for less than a year. You will need to contact the developers directly if your new tree needs to be replaced. For those new homeowners who haven't yet had a street tree planted, the developers usually do this planting during the fall.

It is always important to make sure that your trees get plenty of water regardless how long they have been planted. Adding a layer of mulch, spread out to the tree's drip line, will aid in moisture retention. The recommended mulching depth is 2 to 4 inches. Avoid piling mulch directly against the trunk, which may lead to insect and disease problems.

MOPEDS

Because of an increase in two-wheeled traffic in our neighborhood, we thought it might be helpful to define a moped and give you information regarding them.

A moped can be defined as either a motorized bicycle whose frame design may include one or more crossbars supporting a fuel tank and has pedals, or a motorized bicycle with a step through frame that may or may not have pedals. It has a cylinder capacity not exceeding fifty (50) cc. The top speed will be thirty miles per hour and will be run with an automatic transmission. Anything larger would be considered a motorcycle and anything less a scooter or go-cart, neither of which are street legal.

To operate a moped, you need to be appropriately licensed. The moped needs to have a headlight and a taillight,

along with turn signals and a horn or bell. You don't need to have a registration plate, a brake light or carry insurance. Since a moped is considered a vehicle, they must be driven on the streets, and NOT on sidewalks or in parks.

In the event of violations, parents of children under the legal age of sixteen may be cited to court and face fines of up to \$500 and one year in jail. Licensed juveniles can also be cited to court and face fines of up to \$100.

If you'd like further information about mopeds, call the Lexington Division of Police at 258-3636 and request the brochure "MOPED Rules and Regulations", or go to:

<http://www.lexingtonpolice.lfucg.com/Moped.asp>

Picnic Tables

For those of you who haven't seen them yet, picnic tables have now been installed adjacent to the parking lot at the clubhouse. The picnic tables are the result of a matching grant that was awarded to our neighborhood from the city last fall. The neighborhood purchased both of the tables and will be reimbursed by the city for one of them.

The tables have been placed on concrete slabs. The slabs were donated by Ball Homes and approved by Mike Ball and their area supervisor, Don Waldroop. Without the generosity of Ball Homes in this project, the expense to the neighborhood would have been much greater.

Thanks Ball Homes!

FALL TRIP IDEAS

If you're looking for a day trip idea, think Louisville! (or just across the river in Clarksville, IN) Start with the Falls of the Ohio State Park.

The park is located on the banks of the Ohio River in Clarksville, Indiana at I-65, exit 0. The months of August through October provide the best accessibility to the 220 acres of fossil beds, as the river is at it's lowest level during this period.

The 386-million-year-old fossil beds are among the largest naturally exposed Devonian fossil beds in the world.

The park features a spectacular interpretive center overlooking the fossil beds, and includes a video presentation and exhibit gallery. You can fish, hike, view the fossils, watch birds or picnic on the grounds.

350 million years ago, an ocean and coral reef existed in what is now Clark

county. The coral reef as we see it today, stretches from Louisville north to Indianapolis. The fossilized reef lies exposed only at the park, and at a few limestone quarries around Indiana.

If you'd like more information about the park, you can call them at (812) 280-9970 or find them on the internet at www.fallsoftheohio.org.

If you've got time left over after checking out the park, you could also visit the Louisville Slugger Museum. It's located on the corner of 8th Street and Main Street in the heart of downtown Louisville's historic West Main district. You can't miss them - just look for the world's tallest bat!

A city owned parking garage is located behind the museum on 8th Street and some street parking (free on the weekends!) is available as well. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, with 5 and under getting in free.

It takes a special place to craft the

Official Bat of Major League Baseball. Since 1884, Louisville Slugger has put prime lumber in the hands of the greatest players of the game. A visit to the museum shows you how the sport has changed a bit between then and now, but the "crack of the bat" remains one of the sporting world's most thrilling moments.

If you'd like more information on the Slugger Museum, call them at 1-877-7-SLUGGER (775-8443), or visit their website at www.sluggermuseum.org.

If your or your kids don't enjoy baseball, try the Louisville Science Center on West Main Street. You can reach them at (502) 561-6100 or visit them on the web at www.louisvillescience.org. It's Kentucky's largest hands-on science center and has a 4-story IMAX theatre.

If a trip to Louisville is desired and these destinations don't fit, visit <http://gotolouisville.com> for other entertainment options, as well as food and lodging.



Neighborhood Fall Sale

This year's Neighborhood Fall Sale will be held Saturday October 1st, beginning at 8 AM. There will be an ad in the newspaper and a banner at the front of the neighborhood. This date is rain or shine.



Check us out on the Web

Your neighborhood association is on the web at www.mastersonstation.org. There is a wide variety of information available on the site. You will find contact information, frequently asked questions, news, past newsletters, copies of the Deed of Restrictions, a map of the neighborhood and classifieds.

E-Mail List

Join our neighborhood e-mail list by e-mailing webmaster@mastersonstation.org. You will get a reply requesting your name and street address. This is a restricted list open only to our neighbors. The e-mail list enables notification of meetings and quicker distribution of news.

GARAGING

No, this isn't the sport associated with getting a good deal at a garage sale. This is a topic that we have discussed many times before. This is opportunistic criminal activity associated with residents leaving an open garage door unattended. As many times as we have heard this happening in our neighborhood, it must be the most popular crime activity that we are subject to. If a person is caught, usually that person isn't hit with much punishment. The courts aren't looking at this as a break-

ing and entering crime. Since the garage door is being left open, the resident is considered somewhat responsible for the crime.



The easiest way to fight this is to simply close your garage door when you aren't able to directly supervise it. These crimes can happen at night, but mostly occur in broad daylight. Don't wait until this happens to you.

Town Branch Trail

A ceremony for the opening of the first part of the Town Branch Trail will be held on Saturday October 8th, 2005 from 10 AM until noon on Long Branch Lane, in McConnell's Trace neighborhood, at the end of the road nearest Leestown Road.

Mayor Teresa Isaac will lead the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 AM. Attendees then will be released to explore the half-mile paved path and participate in the many family-friendly activities along the way including chalk drawing, bike decorating, an envi-

ronmental trivia contest and more. Entertainment will be provided by Billy Blues.

The northern end of Long Branch Lane will be blocked for the event, from just past the Town Branch intersection (the intersection will remain open), and there will be extra traffic and cars parked along McConnell's Trace streets as trail supporters from throughout the community join the celebration. For those able to walk or bike over, they would appreciate it if you can help them minimize the car traffic into McConnell's Trace neighborhood.

Townley Center

The new commercial development on Leestown Road @ New Circle Road has made public additional businesses that will be joining Applebee's, Shell and Community Trust Bank. They include Wendys, Walgreen's, State Farm Insurance, Newport Cleaners, Edward Jones, Taco Bell, Fazoli's & Beef O'Brady's. (From <http://www.myhomeky.com/dare/townley.html>)

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