

# MASTERTON STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## *Neighborhood Association Meeting* *Will be held in Decemeber, 1999. Look for signs on the way in & out of the S/D as to date & time in December*

### Association Meeting

The current Association Officers have consented to serve another year term (as per the Association By-laws), but would like to have at least a Vice-President elected at the December meeting. If you are interested in holding a Board office, please contact a current Board member and let them know and you will be placed on the ballot.

**The Greenway** - Please read the reverse side for information about the Greenway issue, which will be voted on by the Urban County Council on Nov. 4, 1999.

**Electrician** - if anyone knows an electrician that can get our entrance lights working again (the cable was cut when the street light went in), please call Ashby Jackson 255-5395 or Jim Baker at 223-2949

### **Association Meeting Minutes Summary September 11, 1999**

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance of \$5200. 25 people who have been here since 1-1-99 still haven't paid their dues for this year.

**Safety Watch Report:** 23 calls to the police were made in Aug/Sept. 1999 (minor incidents). The speed limit has been changed to 25 mph. Speeding is occurring particularly at corner of Masterson Station Dr & Gateway Park Ln. because of the hill. A 4-way stop is being worked on for this corner.

Discussion of the **Greenway Trail** - Bill Carmen was present and reported on the grant that was written. The proposed synopsis of both sides of the issue for residents to consider is on the back of this newsletter.

**Playground** - Mark Bukowski had sign-up sheets for those that would like to help with the playground construction (See Playground report & dates)

A permanent sign for announcements at the entrance will be purchased.

Residents of the Greathouse property have requested membership in our association. The Board will be considering their request.

At the 7-20-99 Zoning Meeting of the Urban County Council, the Assoc Officers convinced the Zoning Board not to allow the Greathouse developers to use our S/D roads for their construction vehicles to use

The Newsletter Committee appreciates the input of residents and their suggestions for the newsletter

### Landscape Committee

Thanks to those on the Landscape Committee that put in new flowers & bulbs at the entrance on Oct 16, 1999. It looks very good and it is much appreciated. Anyone interesting in helping out next time, call Jeff at 252-5497.

### Playground Structure at the Park November 6 & 7, 1999

40 people are needed on each day of this November weekend to complete the Playground. Work will start at 7:30 a.m. & go until dark. People are needed to put together the equipment, provide food, and help watch children. Some tools will be provided, but everyone should bring rakes, hoes, brooms, tape measures, levels, buckets, & ratchets. Lawn chairs & tables would also be useful. If interested in helping out, call Mark at 255-3043 to sign up or get more information.

### Social Committee

If you are interested in any of the proposed clubs, call Rick or Kendra Brannam at 254-0984 or email to RKBEND@aol.com:

**\*\*Book Club** — Name, address, phone #, & 3 favorite authors & types of books you prefer.

**\*\*Cooking Club** — Name, address, phone #, your specialty & what you would like to learn how to cook.

**\*\*Jogging or Walking Club** — Name, address, phone #, jogging or walking, numbers of miles a week, time of day you exercise.

—Once we receive a minimum of 5 participants, we will provide a phone list of others in the club. We require your permission to give your name & phone number to other residents. We will verify the addresses.



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## **Masterson Station Neighborhood Association Board Members**

<b>President:</b> Ashby Jackson	255-5395
<b>Treasurer:</b> Kendria Bellou	225-1473
<b>Secretary:</b> Grant Bolt	258-9250
<b>Landscape Comm:</b> Jeff Crabb	252-5497
<b>Newsletter Comm:</b>	
<b>Park Comm:</b> Mark Bukowski	255-3043
<b>Social Comm:</b> Kendra Brannam	254-0984
<b>Welcoming Comm:</b> Janice Annunziato	389-8188
<b>Safety Watch:</b> Heidi Conn	252-7034

### Committees

\*\*Welcome to Kendra & Rich Brannam as the new chairpersons of the Social Committee.

\*\*The Safety Watch, Newsletter, and Welcoming Committees are looking for new Chairpersons.

\*\*I have enjoyed typing the Newsletter since its inception, but will be moving out of state and the Newsletter Committee needs a typist to take this job over. (Carol Wirth)

\*\* If you are interested in any of these positions, please call Ashby Jackson at 255-5395.

### Letter from the President

Just a few words from me to all our new neighbors - welcome to the neighborhood. I hope all of you (old and new) read the Sunday newspaper on Oct. 9th. The article on deed restrictions was very interesting & worth reading. It would make everything very ease if everyone would read our deed restrictions and live by them.

I have noticed that many cars are going much faster than the posted 25 mph. Many people have noticed these cars are driven by residents, not construction workers. Many people are not stopping at stop signs. STOP means STOP.

The playground will be ready to be erected Nov 6 & 7th. Please be there to help and have fun.

You may have noticed that the swimming pool is near completion and the club house has been started. They both should be ready by next summer.

We are in the process of buying a bulletin board sign to be placed in the island as you leave the S/D. This will be where notices of meetings, etc. will be posted.

Hope to see you all at our next Assoc. meeting in December. If you have any questions, please call me at 255-5395 (Ashby Jackson, Neighborhood Assoc Pres)

**The Play Group** consists of about 15 families so far. We meet weekly (daytime) for play activities. Moms & Dads are welcome! The adults meet monthly for a night out too. Families rotate taking turns playing events for a month. New members are always welcome - to find out more, call Ann at 255-3043

## GREENWAY TRAIL DEBATE

As many of you are aware, there has been some controversy concerning the Greenway Proposal. The Neighborhood Assoc. Board would like your input, either way, concerning your feelings about having the Greenway Trail put through our neighborhood. The section on the left is directly from the Planning Office concerning the Greenway Proposal. The section on the right is from the concerned residents of our neighborhood about the Greenway. The Urban County Council has already had a first reading (Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>) & a second reading (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>). The final vote will occur on Nov. 4, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Urban County Council meeting (200 E. Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor), to decide to provide matching funding. Please attend the meeting if possible to express your opinion; but if you can't attend in person, you can call Ashby Jackson (Neighborhood Assoc. President) at 255-5395 to express your opinion & vote - please leave your name so your vote can be recorded.

In addition to calling Mr. Jackson and voting, you can also contact the following people to express your opinion: Robert Jefferson (our Council Member) 258-3200 or 252-1203 (home); Scott Crosby 268-9279 & Dr. David Stevens 269-8300 (Council Members at Large).

### MASTERSTON STATION GREENWAY PROPOSAL Division of Planning (Doug Greene) - Phase 1

**Location:** The Greenway is an adopted element of our community's Comprehensive Master Plan. This system (an amenity to the neighborhood) will offer a safe connection to the Park(s) & clubhouse/pool. The trail will be incorporated with the floodplains that drain through the area of Spurr Rd, Greendale Rd, Lesstown Rd, & the Bracktown Neighborhood. This project is not a rail trail & is not associated with the Rail Trail project on the eastside of Lexington. The first phase would go from Masterson Station Park (at the entrance road), go through LFUCG owned Greenway property, then cross Masterson Station Dr, continuing through the Greathouse Property & connect to the new Masterson Hills Neighborhood Park. This would be approx. 1-2 miles long. The Trail is proposed to be a 10' wide, multi-use, asphalt trail. Acceptable uses on the trail will be walking, jogging, biking, roller blading, baby strollers, & wheel chairs. Unacceptable uses will be motorized vehicles & skateboarding. Only city maintenance or emergency vehicles will be allowed on the trail. The overall trail location has not been fully determined, but during an on-site meeting with the adjacent neighbors, it was agreed that the trail would be located closer to the stream area next to the large trees & away from the houses on Trailside Drive. Government staff agreed to work with the adjacent property owners to provide adequate screening from the trail.

**Maintenance:** Division of Parks & Recreation will maintain the trail as well as the government owned property.

**Security:** Division of Police will assist on an as needed basis. There is a possibility of having the bike patrol unit visit on occasion. Other communities have trained & provided volunteer monitors that would help to monitor and educate trail users on proper behavior on the trail.

**Funding:** Phase 1 has received a Recreational Trails Grant of \$50,000. The Urban County Council will consider allocating approx. \$63,000 to provide the local matching funds. The adjacent property owners & Neighborhood Assoc. Board will be notified when the Council discusses the local matching funds.

**Long Range Plans:** Some neighbors have expressed concern about the trail being connected to other parts of the community & how that would bring in too many trail users who were not from the neighborhood. While it is difficult to project a time frame absolutely, this trail system will probably only connect to Citation Blvd. (link to Coldstream Park) in 3-4 yrs. Plans are being looked at for an additional trail across Leestown Rd (park entrance road) that would serve the new neighborhood (Marshall Property) & might be built in 2-3 yrs. A possible link to a downtown greenway will be unlikely for 5 or more years. The Greenway System is planned to be a public facility that will provide storm water management, safe recreation & enhancement of our natural

resources. The Greenway System will be developed in a balanced way around the city so no one part of the community will be pressured by too many visiting trail users.

### STATEMENT BY THE RESIDENTS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRAIL

You may have heard discussion of the proposed trail at recent neighborhood association meetings or on local TV news reports. The purpose of this document is to inform Masterson Station residents about that discussion.

The initial segment of the proposed trail will extend from Masterson Station Park through the Greenspace/flood plain to Masterson Station Drive. The second segment will extend from Masterson Station Drive to our new neighborhood park. Eventually the proposed trail is to link up with a system of trails throughout Fayette County.

Disagreements concerning the proposed trail first surfaced last winter when it was discovered that the proposed trail is not to be just a path for our community & that it is to be 12' wide and paved. The following information about the proposed trail is taken from the county government's application for state funding of the project: *"This project will be the first phase of a multi-use trail/greenway..." "... linking to downtown, Secretariat Blvd., & other areas of the community to the east." "... this greenway will be a safe linage system for more than 10,000 existing & future residents in the Leestown Rd area including: Masterson Station S/D, Masterson Hill Neighborhood, Meadowthorpe S/D, and even Downtown." "The 12 feet wide asphalt trail is intended for bicyclists, in-line skaters, day hikers, mountain bikers, strollers, wheel chairs, & joggers."*

Opponents of the proposed trail are concerned about the neighborhood's safety because of the large number of people from outside the neighborhood that the trail system will eventually bring into it. Their primary concerns are about safety, crime, noise, garbage, night time use of the trail, & unauthorized use of the trail by motorized vehicles.

Many residents are not opposed to a local walking path for use by our neighborhood's residents. However, many residents are opposed to a major, paved trail system being routed through our neighborhood. The main concern is the use of this type of trail by a large number of people who do not live in our neighborhood. Most worries relate to safety, crime, loss of our neighborhood's privacy, and potential nuisance problems.

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**Note:** Secretariat Blvd. will be called Citation Blvd.  
The Division of Planning has reduced the size of the trail from 12 feet to 10 feet.