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# Kingsley Courier

Spring 2012

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Your Elected City Officials	Kingsley Calendar
<p><b>Mayor:</b> Rebecca Beld .....452-6478</p> <p><b>Commissioners:</b></p> <p>Chris McCoy (Trash collection, lights) .....456-2705</p> <p>Jayne Schneider (Special events, street signs) .....459-2358</p> <p>Paul Stratman (Streets, sidewalks, e-mail) .....459-6045</p> <p>Beryl Ward Brown (Facebook) .....552-2555</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other Contacts</b></p> <p><b>City Clerk:</b> Marilyn Whisler .....458-7398</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Tom Schlindwein .....548-1834</p> <p><b>Tree Board:</b> Phyl Breuer .....452-2515  Susan Melcher.....459-0802</p> <p><b>Police:</b> Chief Joe Renzi ..... (office)456-1168  On-duty non-emergency cell phone.....432-8900</p>	<p>All City Council &amp; Tree Board meetings are held in the First Capital Bank of Kentucky, 2732 Bardstown Road, unless noted otherwise.</p> <p>June 2 City Yard Sale, 8am—??</p> <p>June 7 City meeting, 7:00pm</p> <p>Tree Board meets at 6:30</p> <p>July 5 City meeting, 7:00pm</p> <p>Tree Board meets at 6:30</p> <p>August 2 City meeting, 7:00pm</p> <p>Tree Board meets at 6:30</p> <p>September 6 City meeting, 7:00pm</p> <p>Tree Board meets at 6:30</p> <p>September 9 City Picnic 3-6pm</p>

## Police Services

Due to recent increases in police expenditures for the next fiscal year (a 9.47% increase), careful consideration is being given to changing police providers (currently Strathmoor Village Police Department) or increasing property taxes. Police protection for Kingsley, in addition to the police protection that comes from Louisville Metro Police Department, will continue; however other service providers are being evaluated and considered for patrols within the City of Kingsley.

Due to the impact this has on all of our daily lives, your input on the subject is greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend, please contact one of the commissioners or the mayor to have your voice heard.



## Egg Hunt

Our annual Spring Egg Hunt was held April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in Kingsley Green. We were very fortunate to have a beautiful day for the event. Lots of little ones came out to collect eggs and to meet the bunny. We also enjoyed seeing their families and other residents. Special thanks to Valerie Andres, Ronald Peron, Jennifer Stratman and Mary Beth Quinker for filling eggs and getting in touch with the bunny! Thanks to the many others who showed up to help the bunny hide eggs before the event, and the Tree Board for sprucing up the park just before the event as well. See our web site for more pictures at [www.cityofkingsley.org](http://www.cityofkingsley.org)

## Spring Cleanup

The annual Spring Cleanup sponsored by Operation Brightside and Mayor Fischer's Give a Day program was held on Saturday, April 14 at 9 a.m. Despite the rain, several volunteers came out to participate. They were Becky Beld, Chris McCoy, Susan Melcher, Jayne Schneider, Paul and Andrew Stratman, and Marilyn Whistler. All supplies are provided by Operation Brightside and volunteers also received t-shirts. Thanks to all who braved the rain and helped make Kingsley a cleaner place.

## Yard Sale

It's almost time for the annual yard sale. Mark your calendars for June 2, and start cleaning out your garages and basements for the sale. Please be aware of parking restrictions, including no parking in the fire lanes, and please be respectful of our police officers if they request that you move your car.

## Special Acknowledgement

Nan Schlindwein has been an integral part of this neighborhood for a number of years. She has served as Treasurer since November of 2006. She has done a fantastic job balancing our books and performing the sometimes difficult job of collecting property taxes. She has also taken an active role coordinating food and drinks for our annual picnic.

It was with regret that we accepted her resignation as Treasurer effective March 1, 2012.

There is little doubt that she will continue to remain involved in the city, as her husband, Tom, has agreed to fill the role of Kingsley's treasurer.

## eKingsley

Have you checked out our website lately ([www.cityofkingsley.org](http://www.cityofkingsley.org))? It provides access to permits, information regarding services and events, city ordinances, contact information, and minutes to the City of Kingsley's monthly meetings.

What about our Facebook page? You can find it as "City of Kingsley, KY".

In an effort to eliminate unwanted mailbox clutter, if you are interested in receiving updates only via e-mail, please send a note to Commissioner Paul Stratman ([paulstratman@gmail.com](mailto:paulstratman@gmail.com)). Unless we have a legal obligation to notify homeowners of an issue via first class mail (as all ordinances require), we will make an effort to only send electronic communications with those residents.

If you have any ideas about features you'd like to see added to any of these electronic communications, please let us know.



## Did You Know...

- When your property has a curb, which adjoins the easement, the property owner is responsible for clearing weeds, leaves and debris from this area. If you do have a curb in front of your home, please take just a minute when mowing your lawn to run the weed eater across the front of the curb and/or treat with a weed control chemical.
- When cutting your lawn, remember to trim/edge along the public sidewalk. It is also the homeowner's responsibility to maintain and care for the sidewalk. The walk way needs to be cleared of debris, weeds growing in cracks, fallen acorns, leaves, mud, snow and ice, low hanging branches all of which may be a hazard for pedestrians.
- When your property adjoins a Public Alley the homeowner is responsible for clearing / trimming back shrubs that protrude into the alley or that interfere with a pedestrians ability to see traffic in the alley.
- When doing a home improvement project , it is your responsibility to apply for a construction/ home improvement permit with the Kingsley board before starting the project.
- When you take your pet for a walk remember you are their "pooper scooper".
- When you receive your insurance bills, check to see if the insurance company has designated the City of Kingsley for receipt of the Kentucky Municipal Tax Fee. The Kentucky Municipal Tax Fee is a source of revenue for Kingsley.
- Yard waste must be in cans marked "Yard Waste" or in the paper bags, which are purchased specifically for yard waste. Limbs must be cut into four-foot lengths, bundled and tied. It is to be placed in the easement at the curb. Waste management will not pick up yard waste, which has not been prepared according to the previous specifications.

As a small urban neighborhood we live very close to one another and the closeness means we need to be aware of how to be the best possible neighbor.

## Signs

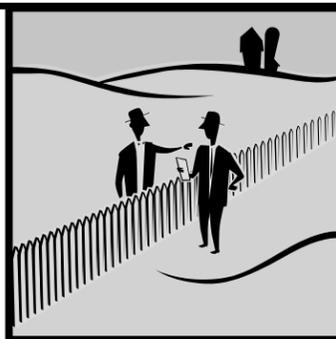
As you travel through Kingsley you will notice the attractive street signs, stop signs, traffic signs and Welcome to Kingsley signs. Unfortunately we have periodically had some damage to these signs and a few of them were completely missing. The special reflective surface, which is required by Federal law, can be damaged when someone applies tape to hold up a notice for a yard sale or missing pet. Repairing the damage or replacing the signs is an expense that comes out of the City budget – your tax dollars.



## Public Hearing, City of Kingsley

The ad valorem tax rate of **0.33 per \$100.00** assessed value will be the same for the upcoming fiscal year as **passed** under **Ordinance No. X, Series 2012**. The second reading of the general budget for fiscal year 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013 will occur during the city board meeting on June 7, 2012 at the First Capitol Bank (7PM, 2732 Bardstown Rd, Louisville, KY). Residents comments regarding the budget, including the municipal road aid (MRA) fund for fiscal year 2012 - 2013 are requested.

It is anticipated that unexpended MRA funds from 2012-2013 will be **\$36,300**, with **\$8,000** to be received. At present we have allocated a limited amount for snow / ice removal, sign repairs and minor street repairs with the balance going to reserves for future road replacements.



## Bowman Field Update

As many of you may already be aware, Bowman Field is required to adhere to some new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, and as a result, may need to remove or trim trees in Kingsley. No trees will be trimmed, topped or removed until the FAA's final decision on whether trees identified in a formal inventory of obstructions are hazardous to aircraft, a decision which may not occur until the summer of 2013. The LRAA has also agreed to have a certified arborist on staff to insure proper trimming and removal practices. As of the printing of this newsletter, no contract has been awarded to provide survey or arborist services to the LRAA for this project.



Other manmade structures are also subject to the new regulations (utility poles, billboards, buildings, etc.), but to date the LRAA has not released any specifics about what mitigation efforts would be required to meet the new FAA requirements. We do not believe that there are any such structures within the City of Kingsley, other than the utility poles on Taylorsville Road. The LRAA survey will also identify any of these structures.

The LRAA, in several public meetings since December, has stated that any trees removed would be replaced, free of charge, with two smaller trees, whose expected mature height would remain under the new maximum height for your property (in Kingsley that height varies from approximately 35-feet to 80-feet, depending on the location of the tree in relation to the end of the runway). There would also be an additional \$2,500 allowance for landscaping of your yard. Tree trimming and new tree replacements would be warrantied for a period of 2-years, landscaping would be warrantied for 1-year. Any issues after that timeframe would be the responsibility of the property owner to address (i.e. dying trees). Because of this relatively short warranty period and the well documented history of tree topping, Kingsley discourages the topping of trees so the homeowner can avoid costly removal of a tree that has died after the warranty period is over.

Before any work can be performed on your property, the LRAA will have to purchase an avigation easement from you. The City of Kingsley strongly encourages you to have a professional review any easement language before making your decision to award such an easement to the LRAA. Past easements acquired by the LRAA have language that may limit your right to make claims of air and noise pollution against the airport.

It is currently our understanding, that if you do not have any trees or other obstructions penetrating the minimum altitude requirements for airport operations, no easement will be needed. Should a tree in your yard grow above the lower limit allowable under FAA regulations, the LRAA would have to acquire an avigation easement from you at that time before trimming or removing the tree.

Despite repeated requests, the LRAA has yet to make any easement language associated with this project available to the general public. If you are unwilling to sign an easement, the LRAA has stated they are willing to obtain such an easement through eminent domain and condemnation, if necessary. The LRAA cannot take these steps until after an environmental impact study has been completed and approved by the FAA.

If you would like more information, there are several sources:

- "Plea for the Trees" – is a Facebook page with information available from local concerned citizens.
- flylouisville.com – follow the link in the upper right hand corner "Bowman Safety Program" for information directly from the LRAA on this issue.

If you cannot find information, please don't hesitate to contact any of the commissioners, and we will work to find the answers.