

# STONEWALL NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2007

**ENTRANCE DEDICATION OCTOBER 20.** We will be dedicating the revamped Stonewall entrance area on Cindy Blair Way on SATURDAY OCTOBER 20 at 11 AM and we will place a plaque in memory of GILBERT T. WEBSTER, who faithfully and lovingly cared for our entrance for many years. The children who grew up in Stonewall remember Mr. Webster watering and planting each season. Mrs. Webster will be there to help celebrate this occasion. We invite everyone to come to the dedication.

In other efforts to spruce up the entrances to Stonewall, HAROLD O'DONNELL and BOB DURBIN are cleaning up and repairing the stone pillars at the north end of Hyde Park Drive and Chelsea Drive and at the south end of Cornwall Drive.

**ELECTION PRECINCT CHANGE NOVEMBER 6.** Our general election for governor and other statewide offices is scheduled for TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6, and by now you should be used to the new voting machines. The ballot is short-no long waiting period this time. We vote at our same precinct locations as in the spring EXCEPT FOR THE TUDOR PRECINCT, which has been shifted to the STONEWALL SCHOOL. Changes have been made in the precincts voting at Jessie Clark Middle School, but the BAYSWATER and ROBINWOOD precincts are still located in the JESSIE CLARK gym. KEITHSHIRE Precinct voters now vote in the South Elkhorn Christian Church on Harrodsburg Road south of Man o'War Blvd.

**HAIL, HAIL, THE ROOFER'S HERE.** That destructive hail storm that did so much damage to homes in Stonewall on June 5 has spawned a flurry of roof replacements. If you weren't aware that insurance companies are paying to replace our damaged roofs, it is to your interest to contact your insurance company to have an adjuster inspect your roof. Many if not most of our roofs sustained enough hail damage to merit replacement. We are making a huge amount of work for both local and out-of-town roofers. Your adjuster should tell you if your roof needs replacement and how much your insurance company will pay, and then it is up to you to contact roofers for bids. If you haven't taken any action yet, by all means get your roof checked out. You can save yourself a lot of money and possibly a major mess if your old roof starts to leak.

**SAFETY WATCH PROGRESS.** We are still trying to get closure on an Association Safety Watch program to monitor and report suspicious activity in the Stonewall neighborhood. Residents who sign up for the program are asked to provide a telephone number and an e-mail address so that they can be alerted quickly when any safety problems emerge in the neighborhood. Twenty of 31 block captains have submitted their lists, but several areas are still being worked on, and some that were originally assigned have been vacated with no one to collect the information.

We need volunteers to cover the 600 and 700 blocks of WELLINGTON WAY, and BUCKINGHAM WAY. If you have a little time to collect this information for these areas, please contact DON STARSINIC (224-8017). If you live on any other street in Stonewall and have not yet been contacted to enroll in the program, call Don and he will tell you how to contact your block captain.

**CLAYS MILL ROAD WIDENING .** The utility installation along Clays Mill Road has been extended north of Keithshire Way, and it will continue to create traffic backups on Clays Mill Road and rerouting around construction areas for some time to come. Road widening will come later. Be patient.

**SHOPPING CENTER CHANGES.** Announcements have been made about changes in occupancy in the PALOMAR SHOPPING CENTER that will occur soon. The WALMART grocery store which originally expected to open in September has been delayed, probably till January, because of unexpected structural repairs. The space vacated by Nadine's and Blockbuster will eventually be filled by MALONE'S and HARRY'S later next year.

In KEITHSHIRE PLACE the BROOKLYN PIZZA has been renamed JUNIE'S PIZZA (no change in ownership).

**CONGRATULATIONS, DELORES.** In its September issue Southsider Magazine recognized another Stonewall resident as a Notable Neighbor. DELORES TAORMINA received a well-deserved kudo for her reviving the Stonewall Community Association in the 1980s and making it the vital organization that it is today. She is still involved in the Association and now is the Stonewall representative to the Fayette County Neighborhood Council. She also has many other community involvements. Delores, what would we do without you?

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER.** As fall arrives, our yards and trees have suffered through the long hot summer, and most have survived. Mature trees are a treasure. I have a 50-year old Norway maple in my back yard showing the stress of ice storm, drought, and old age. As I think about its replacement, I celebrate the joy it has brought our family through the years. I'm planning how my back yard will look when it has to be cut down. I hope you will join me in carefully planning for the future of our tree canopy. The LFUCG arborist will provide a list of trees that we recommend for the area.

All of us enjoy our beautiful entrance to Stonewall. Plan to attend our dedication ceremony on October 20.

You are receiving this newsletter as a neighbor in this wonderful Stonewall community. Whether or not you have paid your dues to this Association is not a factor in receiving it. I hope that each household will want to pay the small \$25 dues to keep our Association strong.

Young families, couples, retirees, and single folks live in Stonewall. It's a wonderful mix of ages. You will be hearing more in the future about "aging in place." We want to make this area one that is friendly to our older neighbors so that they can stay in their beloved home but will still have transportation and other amenities that retirement communities offer. Be looking for the ways LFUCG will be addressing this need. We are excited about the possibilities.

--LEAH ATKINSON--

**SUMMER FUN EVENTS.** Our Stonewall residents enjoyed two fun neighborhood activities over the summer. The third annual INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE was our largest turnout for the event, as residents biked, scootered, and walked along the parade route escorted by motorcycle police and a fire truck and cheered on by neighbors along the route. Afterward everyone enjoyed popsicles, lemonade, and each other's company. In August the neighborhood again turned out in full force for the ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Each family brought ice cream or toppings to share, which provided some welcome relief from the heat. The kids bounced away on the inflatables while the adults visited, and we all enjoyed the music provided by Phillip and Patricia Marcum. Thank you, SUSAN SCHAEFER, for organizing these events again this year.

Council member JAY McCHORD has asked us to consider participating in the Independence Day parade downtown next year. Would you prefer that to our local parade? Let us know through our website above or call Susan at 223-5425.

**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS.** Since the May newsletter our Hospitality Committee has delivered welcome baskets to 18 new Stonewall families--CRAIG GILLASPIE (Arrowhead Dr.), MIKE & MICKI RYAN (Beth Ln.), JACK & VICKY ROOKARD (Clays Mill Rd), SIMS & TIFFANY BARTELLA (Cindy Blair Way), JOSEPH & AMBER GREATHOUSE and BRUCE BALLINGER (Cornwall Dr.), CURT & MICHELLE GILLASPIE and ROBERT & PEYTON NUNLEY (Grasmere Dr.), RICHARD & MARTHA CASWELL (Keithshire Way), CHRISTIAN & ANDREA FISHER and ROBERT & JULIANNE GREER (Lannette Ln.), DAVID & LANA MARSHALL (Roxburg Dr.), BILL & PATTIE SHORT (Surrey Ln.), JOHN & CAROL MITCHELL (Trinity Rd.), DAVID & ALISHA PUGH (Tudor Dr.), BARBARA HOBBS, MIKE & JANE BARKLEY, and MICHAEL & LISA SMITH (Wellington Way), . Our welcome to all of them.

We have added the STONEWALL CLEANERS in the Stonewall Shopping Center to our list of donors to the welcome baskets. We want to thank our other basket contributors, BLUEGRASS BAKERY, STANLEY J's, STONEWALL CLEANERS, and INTEGRA BANK (Stonewall Shopping Center), NATURE'S SPLENDOR FLORIST, and GREAT HARVEST BAKERY (Palomar Center), and JUNIE'S PIZZA (Keithshire Place).

**CLUB NEWS.** The GARDEN CLUB meets the second Monday of each month. For information call JEAN ABNER at 223-9330. New members always welcome.... SHARON MACKEY is still interested in forming a neighborhood book club. If this sounds like fun to you, call her at 219-2218 or e-mail her at sharonmackey@gmail.com and help get this going.

**HELP OUR SCHOOLS.** You can help our neighborhood public schools by doing the following:

1. Save Box Tops for Education: Both Jessie Clark Middle School and Stonewall Elementary participate in this program. Just clip the 10 cent Box Top coupon from hundreds of your favorite products. They can be dropped off at either school during school hours at the front offices. For a list of all participating products, visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). This is an easy way to help fund our schools, and every dime adds up quickly.
2. Save Campbell's Labels: Jessie Clark Middle School collects Campbell's labels. These can be dropped at the school office during school hours.
3. Recycle empty Ink jet cartridges: Again both neighborhood public schools collect these and get paid for recycling them.
4. Purchase Kroger Cards: Stonewall Elementary PTA receives money back from Kroger when you use a Kroger Gift Card purchased from the PTA. You can put money on the card via a check, debit, credit, or cash when you are checking out, then use the card to actually purchase the groceries. The cards cost \$5.00 and are reusable. For every \$100, the school receives \$4.00.

If you would like a card or would like additional information, please contact Anna Wientjes at 252-0836 or e-mail at [awientjes@clayingels.com](mailto:awientjes@clayingels.com). Please consider joining the growing number of Stonewall families and friends who are earning money for our school by using their rechargeable Kroger gift cards to pay for their purchases. It's very easy and pays off in a big way!  
--Sheila Carmack--

**NEWS IN BRIEF.** The HIGBEE MILL PARK did not receive the Trailways grant to construct its trails, so the Parks and Recreation Department is looking at alternative funding to try to get trails laid before the end of the year.... Association President LEAH ATKINSON made the Travel section of the September 30 Lexington Herald-Leader in a picture showing members of the LEXINGTON SINGERS at the statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where they were presenting concerts. Leah, a member of the Singers for many years, described this as the trip of a lifetime.

**NEIGHBORLY REMINDER.** We know it isn't your favorite pastime, but please remember to pick up after your dog when you walk him. Your neighbors will really appreciate it. Also remember that the city has a law that requires your dog to be on a leash while out of your property. We've seen several dogs running loose in the area. They can get hit by cars or picked up by the city.

**WEBSITE.** Stonewall Association members who own a business or provide a service have the opportunity to advertise on our website. E-mail [webmaster@stonewallinfo.com](mailto:webmaster@stonewallinfo.com) and we will publish your information on the website free of charge. Please include your home address in your correspondence. For more information check out [www.stonewallinfo.com/services.htm](http://www.stonewallinfo.com/services.htm).