

The Strathmoor Village Voice

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† Town Crier †

† Annual Strathmoor Village Picnic †

On October 11th, we will have our annual picnic at the **Strathmoor Blvd. Island** from **3-6PM**. There will be no need to bring food, as it is being provided. However, if you are interested, bring a plant or two and we will have a neighborhood plant swap. We will not be collaborating with Kingsley this year.

† City Council Meetings †

City Council Meetings take place at 6:30 on the second Monday of every month at First Capital Bank, which is located on the Corner of Gladstone Ave. and Bardstown Rd. If you are interested in speaking, please contact City Clerk Sheila Kaelin.

† Volunteer Teen Council †

The Strathmoor Commission is coordinating a Middle School and High School volunteer program. We realize many of our children require service hours in their school-based organizations. Middle School Students should contact Mark Klein:

shermklein@insightbb.com

High School Students should contact Vicki Bell:

strathmoormayor@insightbb.com

From Mayor Vicki Bell

Dear Residents. Your Board of Commissioners continue to progress in streamlining operations and moving forward on some large projects. In 8 months, money saving, new accounting procedures have been put in place, a city-owned website established, islands have been updated and are abloom, lighting has been analyzed, and several roads have been assessed for paving in the near future. These are just a few of the many municipal issues handled at the monthly meetings. Your hard-working new board is an asset. I am continuing to compile a resident email list. We have approximately 35% of our residents on it. It serves to notify you quickly of any issues/notices involving our city, and saves time, money and trees. If you are not on it, please send your name, home address and email to me at strathmoormayor@insightbb.com. As always, feel free to call with any inquiries or concerns. Have a wonderful fall and I hope to see you at our annual picnic.

Vicki Bell (502)458-2806

From Chief Joe Renzi

School is back in session, which means a lot more traffic on the roadways. Children will be walking to school and to the bus stops, and parents will be caught up in traffic jams, trying to get their kids to school before driving to work. New early morning routines take a little adjustment time, so be sure to give yourself some extra traveling time during this period. Police will be monitoring traffic at various locations during peak driving times to ensure that you are traveling the speed limit and stopping at the stop signs. Ensure that your children understand how to safely walk on the roadways. Use the sidewalks instead of the roadways when walking to and from school, or stay as close to the edge of the road as possible on the left side of the roadway (facing traffic) if necessary. Step off the roadway onto the easement when traffic approaches. Cyclists should travel on the right side of the roadway, in the same direction as vehicular traffic. Make sure they know to look left, then right, then left again when crossing the street. Taking a few precautions such as these can help ensure everyone's safety while school is in session.

From Tim Haertel

Welcome to the second edition of the new newsletter. We are working on some format changes to make it more informative and readable. Please send any comments and information you would like included to me at kentuckyaudio@gmail.com. Anyone wanting to advertise in the newsletter please contact me. All proceeds will help pay for the newsletter and website. Improvements are also under way on the website. We have included all meeting minutes since the new commission came into office. We will also post the ordinances and correct the formatting. Anyone wanting a hard copy of the ordinance booklets please contact me via email or call me at (502)552-8894. Remember, the OFFICIAL website, cityofstrathmoorvillage.com, is published under the approval of the Mayor and Commission. The old website is not run by your elected officials and correspondence sent to it may not be forwarded to us.

From Bob Baker

Streets: I have been working to put together bid specifications for repaving roads in S.V. Depending on costs, we are looking to pave 4 streets: Lowell (from Bardstown Rd. to Emerson), Whittier, Emerson (2300 Block) and Tennyson. S.V. advertised in the Courier-Journal on Sunday 8-23. Bids will be accepted until Wednesday 9-2. My hope is to award a contract early in September, and complete work prior to the S.V. Picnic (Sunday, October 11th).

Drainage (MSD) Projects:

Capital Project: MSD has informed me there is a "Capital Project" to improve storm water drainage in the 2300 block of Gladstone. Work is to be completed in May of 2010.

Maintenance Projects: Rains this year have caused sinkholes in some areas associated with storm water drains in easements. I have been in contact with MSD and there is an internal "Maintenance Work Order" to fix several holes in the 2200 block of Lowell and one on Tennyson. Work is scheduled for August, but I suspect that major storms have put MSD behind schedule. If you know of any additional MSD maintenance issues, please let me know.

Sidewalks: This fall, (after roads projects are complete), I will be compiling a list of sidewalks that are in need of repair. Hopefully, repairs can be scheduled this fall and will not need to wait until spring.

Other: It has been a pleasure meeting more of my neighbors in S.V. (since becoming a commissioner 8 months ago). Your City commission is happy to work for you to make S.V. a better neighborhood. E-Mail is the best way for me to keep track of things I need to work on.

That being said:

- Some people do not use e-mail so feel free to call
- If you send an e-mail, please include your address and phone # (some things can best be handled with a phone call or face-to-face)
- Many of the issues we are asked to look at are more "neighbor issues" than "city issues". While we are happy to get involved, please talk with your neighbor.

From Peggy Preston

Are you enjoying the colorful change taking place in our neighborhood? Four of the five islands have been revived. Many thanks go to the Marty Hollenback, Betty and Tom Manek, Karin and Mark Young, Anna Bell, Patrick Haertel, Spencer Preston, Mark Klein and Carolyn Browning. Over 100 hours has been dedicated to spruce up the neighborhood. Damaged trees and bushes have been removed. New plants have been purchased. Plants have been transplanted from personal gardens or other islands. The focus was on perennials with color, texture, low maintenance, and draught resistance. The major overhaul work is almost done. This fall there are plans to divide some hostas and plant spring bulbs. There is need for volunteers to work a couple of hours on the weekends or evenings. Call Peggy Preston (502)291-7986 and volunteer to help or adopt the entire island.

From Jay Bowman

If you notice any lights that are out on your street, please notify me and I will have LGE come out and replace the bulb. Street lights can be an important deterrent to criminals who are looking for easy pickings. Despite what they may have done in the past, Waste Management does not pick up construction debris. You will need to have someone haul it away or take it to the dump. In the recycle bins, Waste Management will take newspaper, cardboard, magazines, catalogues, phone books, office paper, junk mail, tin cans, plastics #1-7, plastic bottles and clear, brown and green glass. Despite one person's adamant objections, I regret to inform the citizens of Strathmoor Village that lettuce is not a recyclable. Some of you have inquired about large rolling trash cans as well. 96 gallon rolling residential bins for basic trash FREE through Waste Management. These bins must be rolled to the corner for pick up along with your recyclable and yard waste. If you are interested in these trash bins, please call Waste Management's customer service line at (800)607-9509. If Waste Management forgets to pick up certain trash from your home, please feel free to call them at (502) 266-0117. Politely tell them what has been missed and they will send a truck back out as soon as possible to pick it up. Finally, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at anytime at (502)641-9169.