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## **ADD ANNUAL MEETING & RECOGNITION SET**

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Bluegrass ADD will be held on Friday, April 21, 2006, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Newtown Pike, in Lexington. A special feature of this year's meeting will be a program recognizing the past Executive Director, Jas Sekhon. (As noted in the previous issue of this newsletter, he stepped down in November after thirty-four years of service.) This event is by invitation only. For further information, please contact Wanda Underwood at the ADD office.

## **HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS**

The Homeland Security Grant Program is now open for the year of 2006. Any local unit of government is eligible to apply, including: city or county governments, state agencies, Area Development Districts, merged units of government, universities, etc. Subdivisions of local government may not apply (i.e., local police and fire departments); however, a unit of local government may apply on behalf of a subdivision of government. This is a 100% Federally-funded grant. Funds awarded will not be announced until June 1, 2006, but applications must be submitted to the state by **May 1, 2006**.

Each project funded by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security under the Homeland Security Grant Program must contain an evaluation component. Quarterly reports containing programmatic and financial information will also be required. If a project is funded, the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security will conduct periodic site visits to review grant compliance, assess management controls, assess the applicable activities and provide technical assistance. In addition, the sub grantee agrees to provide any data or information needed for the purposes of monitoring and program evaluation. The eligible (or allowable) costs of this grant program are: planning costs, equipment categories, training costs, exercise related costs, and management and administrative costs.

For questions about the Homeland Security Grant Program, please contact Travis Weber at the Bluegrass Area Development District.

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## **RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANTS AVAILABLE**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application window opens March 1<sup>st</sup>. Under the Federal Highway Administration, the RTP fund provides assistance for motorized and non-motorized trails. This includes construction of new trails, development of trailhead and trailside facilities, and other trail related activities. Eligible applicants include state and federal agencies, city and county governments, and non-profit corporations.

The funding minimum for RTP projects is \$2,500 with a maximum fundability of \$50,000. Applicants must provide a 50% match of total project costs. The match can be cash, in-kind, or donations. Applications are due to the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) by **May 1, 2006**. Interested parties can go to [www.gold.ky.gov](http://www.gold.ky.gov) for an application. For questions about the program, please contact Lora B. Littleton at the ADD.

## **WIA CAREER TRACK SERVES OLDER YOUTH (19-21)**

The start of the New Year has been good for our leaders of tomorrow. In January there were had four new students at Spencerian College and eleven at Eastern Kentucky University. Degrees offered range from Graphic Design, to Criminal Justice, to Fire Protection Administration, and many more. The students are eager to make their mark in the workforce once they graduate and start their careers. They have started community service projects. One student, whose degree field is physical education, is providing physical fitness programs that help the elderly and persons with disabilities find fitness programs that fit their needs. Another student is working with a local childcare agency providing day care during her free time. Each student has been tasked with projects they are to complete prior to the Steps to Success program (May 2006), and is currently working toward completing their goals by late April.

ADD staff have been working with Goodyear regarding the possibility of hiring a young man to participate in the new (OJT) On-The-Job-Training program. This program would enable this participant to use existing skills and become a better mechanic while providing training costs to the business during the train-up phase.

The Career Track program is expanding by working with the employment services at Spencerian College to identify those students who graduate between now and June 2006. ADD staff plan to assist in providing job placement for those students who need an extra hand in finding employment after graduation. It is hoped that this will be a great success story, and this program can be utilized by other universities. The goal is to recruit at least twenty participants in the next thirty to sixty days.

For more information on Career Track, contact Tony Mattingly at (859) 622-6893.

## **HARRODSBURG WATER PROJECT ENDS CONSTRUCTION**

The City of Harrodsburg, which began construction in late September of 2004 its Water System Improvements Program, has completed the construction phase and is preparing to formally close out the project. The City's Water System Improvement Project was composed of three primary components:

- The erection of a 1.0 million-gallon elevated water storage tank on the city's southeast side,
- The construction of over nine miles of water lines ranging in size from 6 inches to 20 inches in diameter, and
- Replacements and additions at the municipal water treatment plant

The project was funded, in part, by a \$1.0 million HUD Community Development Block Grant. Other funding sources for this \$5.5 million project include a Kentucky Infrastructure Authority grant of \$1.0 million, a \$2.5 million loan from Rural Development (RD) and a \$1.0 million RD grant.

The project addressed significant problems that had developed over time. The problems were associated with the water treatment plant, deficient elevated water storage, and water transmission/water distribution. Benefits of the project have accrued to retail customers of the Harrodsburg municipal water system as well as to the customers of the three water utilities to which Harrodsburg supplies potable water.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

## **LANCASTER PRESSES ON WITH WATER PROJECT**

The City's Water System Improvement Project continues to move forward and has entered the fourth month of construction. The \$1.56 million water system project seeks to deal with age-related deficiencies within the municipal water distribution system.

Construction is underway on the installation of almost seven miles of 6- and 8-inch diameter water lines, 53 new water line valves, and 34 flush fire hydrant assemblies. The project involves system improvements that were recommenced as a part of a 2002 engineering study.

Funding for the project comes from a HUD Community Development Block grant of \$595,000. Other funds include a \$100,000 grant from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and a grant/loan from USDA's Rural Development. The Rural Development funding comes from a \$420,000 low interest loan and a grant of \$245,000. Additional funding of \$170,000 comes from a KIA-financed Tobacco Development Grant for \$170,000, and local funding of \$30,000.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

### **LANCASTER'S CONNS LANE PROJECT OPENS BIDS**

The City of Lancaster opened bids in early March for construction of its Conns Lane Water Extension Project that will provide first time water service to 19 unserved households. The project consists of the construction of 4,000 linear feet of 6-inch waterline and 4,200 linear feet of 3-inch water lines.

Eleven bids were received for the project with the apparent low bid coming in at \$70,275—well below the \$102,500 budgeted for project construction. The project is being funded by a KIA Tobacco Development Fund grant of \$125,000.

For additional information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

### **NORTH JESSAMINE SEWER PROJECT MOVES FORWARD**

Jessamine County and the Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District are pushing forward with the \$3.29 million sewer project to serve 388 building sites in northeastern Jessamine County. The county is currently pursuing completion of the environmental assessment and preparation of grant agreement documentation required by the Governor's Office for Local Development.

Of the 388 building lots to be provided service, 348 are occupied by dwellings, two are businesses, and 25 are vacant dwelling units. In addition, there are 13 vacant lots. The building lots are sited in or near Bates Creek Estates Subdivision located just south of the intersection of Ashgrove Pike and Bates Creek Road. The project will connect to Lexington's West Hickman Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant which is very near the project area.

Project construction will include installing 5.2 miles of gravity sewer, 1.5 miles of service laterals, 2.3 miles of 10-inch force main, 127 man holes, and a 535-gpm sewage station. Funding for the project comes from a US Environmental Protection Agency grant of nearly \$1.6 million, a Rural Development (RD) grant of \$321,239, an RD loan of \$407,706, and a HUD Community Development Block Grant for \$1.0 million.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

### **WALL ALLEY PROJECT MOVING CLOSER TO BID**

Winchester's Wall Alley Renovation project has moved closer to advertising for bids having completed acquisition of easements. Final plan review is needed from the Department of Transportation for the Transportation Enhancement project prior to bidding.

The development project, budgeted at \$526,060, includes improvements along the length of Wall Alley and adjacent to it. Specifically, the project includes relocation of utilities, landscaping and streetscape enhancements. A number of utilities servicing the area, including electric, water, natural gas, telephone, cable, and sewer will be the target of construction. Further, a total of nine utility poles currently

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serving the area, located on the east side of the alley, are connected to commercial buildings. The lines will be buried or the poles relocated to a position further east of the alley to decrease or completely eliminate the effect of the unappealing aspect of the alley. Sewer and gas lines will also be moved as needed.

The effort is financed by a Transportation Enhancement Grant of \$420,848, with the City of Winchester contributing required matching funds of \$105,212. It is anticipated that the project will advertise for bids in early spring.

For additional information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

#### **LAWRENCEBURG'S STRINGTOWN PROJECT GATHERS EASEMENTS**

Following the initial grant agreement meeting between the Governor's Office for Local Development and Lawrenceburg's local officials in mid-November, the city has continued to press forward with the Stringtown Sewer Project. Recent progress has included obtaining some of the easements required to construct the project. The city has also completed preparation of the Environmental Assessment and prepared and submitted the documentation necessary to receive Release of Funds from the Governor's Office for Local Development.

The HUD Community Development Block Grant award of a \$759,000 is being applied toward a \$1,628,000 project that will provide sewer service to an urbanized unincorporated area (Stringtown) south of Lawrenceburg's corporate limits in Anderson County. The project is expected to serve 146 residential customers and three non-residential users.

The project will consist of the construction of:

- 2.2 miles of 8-inch sanitary sewer line
- 1.9 miles of 4-inch sanitary service line
- 3.0 miles of 2- and 4-inch force main
- 60 manholes
- 150 service connections
- 16 Simplex grinder pumping station
- 4 Duplex grinder pumping stations
- 1 150 GPM sewage pumping station
- and, other related appurtenances.

Funding for the project, beyond the Community Development Block Grant, will come from a state appropriation of \$830,000 in the form of a Tobacco Development Fund Grant and local funding of \$39,000 coming from tap on fees.

For additional information contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

## CEGG AWARDS ANNOUNCED

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Governor's Office announced the Community Economic Growth Grant (CEGG) award recipients. Nine entities within the Bluegrass ADD received awards from the total of 57 statewide that were announced. The funds awarded to Bluegrass area projects total \$1,968,000. With \$10 million available statewide, this results in approximately 20% of the program's funding being allocated to projects within the Bluegrass ADD. Considering that many projects were considered and there are 15 ADDs across the state, Bluegrass ADD did well to come away with approximately 1/5 of the funds. The nine projects funded within the Bluegrass ADD are:

- **Anderson County Fiscal Court** (\$167,000)  
*Anderson County Aquatic Center*—Design, engineering, and site survey for the proposed Anderson County Aquatic Center
- **Clark County Fiscal Court** (\$250,000)  
*Fire Truck Purchase*—Purchase of one fire truck
- **Garrard County Fiscal Court** (\$250,000)  
*Grand Theater Regional Cultural & Arts Center*—Restoration and renovation of the Lancaster Grand Theater
- **Nicholasville City Commission** (\$450,000)  
*Nicholasville Speculative Building*—Land and speculative building
- **Lincoln County Fiscal Court** (\$155,000)  
*First Southern Veteran's Memorial Park*—Construction of the Veteran's Memorial and visitor's information/convention center
- **City of Richmond** (\$175,000)  
*Industrial Property Expansion*—Purchase of property for industrial park expansion
- **Madison County Fiscal Court** (\$175,000)  
*Safety City and Terrill Area Infrastructure*—Funding toward a wastewater collection system in the Terrill area
- **City of Burgin** (\$96,000)  
*Technology, Communication, and Development*—Purchase of computer equipment to upgrade the city's technology system
- **Bluegrass Water Supply Commission**—regional project (\$250,000)  
*Property Acquisition for Phase I Potable Water Transmission Line*—Land acquisition of property where the Bluegrass Water Supply Commission will install 17 miles of water transmission lines from Franklin County to Fayette County

## HURRICANE REINTEGRATION EFFORTS CONTINUE

The Reintegration Counselor, working out of the ADD office, continues to conduct information sessions and meet with hurricane evacuees in the Bluegrass and Louisville areas of the state. The Bluegrass Area Development District and the Central Kentucky Job Centers hosted

a Hurricane Recovery JobFest for the evacuees, and in the Louisville area a Hurricane Recovery Resource Center has been opened in downtown. The center provides information and resources available for evacuees in the area and is also staffed by evacuees. By the end of this month, other areas will include the Northern Kentucky, Cumberlands, and Eastern Kentucky regions of the state.

The Reintegration Counselor also met with the Human Services Advisory Committee of the Bluegrass Area Development District and presented information to the committee about the Hurricane Recovery Services program and ways in which they could make referrals for the services. For more information about Hurricane Recovery Services, please contact Paula England at the ADD.

### **MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES URGED TO BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR PHONE SCAMS**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) warns seniors and people with disabilities to be aware of a scheme that asks Medicare beneficiaries for money and checking account information to help them enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

This scheme is called the "\$299 Ring" for the typical amount of money Medicare beneficiaries are talked into withdrawing from their checking accounts to pay for a non-existent prescription drug plan. Consumers can report these cases to their local law enforcement agencies or 1-877-7SAFERX (1-877-772-3379).

Medicare has received complaints from Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Georgia. Complaints have been made against a number of different companies, but authorities believe that the companies are the same and are typically based outside the U. S. As soon as CMS receives these complaints, they are investigated and referred to federal law enforcement authorities.

No Medicare drug plan can ask a person with Medicare for bank account or other personal information over the telephone. No beneficiary should ever provide that kind of information to a caller. They should contact their local police department if they believe someone is trying to take money or information from them illegally.

People in the Medicare program should also remember that they should be on the lookout for anyone trying to take advantage of them and take steps to protect themselves by remembering:

- No one can come into your home uninvited.
- No one can ask you for personal information during their marketing activities.
- Always keep all personal information, such as your Medicare number, safe, just as you would a credit card or a bank account number.

- Whenever you have a question or concern about any activity regarding Medicare, call 1-800-MEDICARE.

In addition, legitimate Medicare drug plans will not ask for payment over the telephone or the Internet. They must bill the beneficiary for the monthly premium. Typically, that amount is set up as an automatic withdrawal from the beneficiary's monthly Social Security check. Beneficiaries may also opt to pay the monthly premiums in other ways such as writing a check or setting up automatic payments from their checking accounts.

### **"INDICATORS" OF GOOD CARE?**

The Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency is launching a new project called "*Indicators*." This project will serve to outline the indicators of poor care and good care in nursing homes, helping families to be able to effectively advocate for healthier living for their residents.

Family members must respond when residents are receiving or not receiving good care. They often just don't know how to respond to the information. In knowing the signs and some appropriate responses, families can promote healthier consequences for their residents.

The goals of this project are:

- Using existing research and NHOA field experience to identify the major indicators of both quality care and poor care
- To develop a tool to train consumers (i.e. indicators brochure)
- To implement a program to equip families and friends to be active, effective advocates; and
- To use the outcomes from the three previous activities to work with policy makers around the issue of the high cost of poor care.

For further information about his project or to request a brochure, please call (859) 277-9215.

### **DID YOU KNOW....**

Sherry Culp has been elected to the 2006 National Association of Local Long-term Care Ombudsmen (NALLTCO) Board. Ms. Culp is the Director of Programs and Services for the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass.

### **VERSATILE ADVOCATES**

(Nursing Home) Ombudsmen are advocates and this advocacy takes a variety of forms. Ombudsmen visit residents in their facilities and inform them of their rights. They support residents as they make their wishes and needs known; they speak on their behalf if asked to do so. Ombudsmen work with residents in Resident Council, teaching them their rights and helping them articulate their concerns to the administration and staff. They help families form Family Councils and

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provide them with support and information. Ombudsmen monitor the care and quality of life in each facility so that they can raise concerns as needed. Ombudsmen provide training for facility staff, sharing new ideas and resources along the way.

Our advocacy goes beyond this, however. We write newsletters; provide a monthly newspaper column for area papers to publish. We represent the needs and interests of residents when groups get together to plan for flu pandemics and other disasters. It's a constant challenge, but if we find out there is something going on that will involve residents, we wrangle an invitation. Who else will be there to speak up for them?

Further still, we work with state officials and with our senators and representatives in Frankfort. Most recently, we have been interested in proposed legislation regarding staffing, informing folks about sprinkler systems, background criminal checks for healthcare workers and similar issues. If we see an impact on residents, we investigate and try to make sure the policymakers are looking out for them. State officials are justifiably proud of the new Medicaid Waiver. Ombudsmen, along with the Legal Services folk are closely monitoring the roll-out of the waiver, alert to see that residents' rights will be upheld.

Additionally, Ombudsmen work with other groups which are advocating for the rights of the elderly. AARP, of course, and the Alzheimer's Association. The new Kentuckians for the Reform of Nursing Homes is a citizen advocacy group we work with. ARMS is another group concerned about the rights of residents who rely on Medicaid to pay for their care.

So, we are advocates, but we can't do it alone. We need to work together with residents, families, friends, dedicated facility staff, policymakers, and other advocates to get the job done. And until all 5,000 residents we serve receive the quality of care they deserve and experience the quality of life they want, we will have work to do.

*(This article was contributed by Kathy Gannoe, Executive Director of the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass. For more information please call (859) 277-9215 or (877) 787-0077 (toll free). Visit the website at [www.ombuddy.org](http://www.ombuddy.org))*

## **RECENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**

The following table illustrates the fact that in recent months Kentucky's unemployment rates have exceeded the national average, while those of the seven-county Lexington-Fayette Metro Area and the ADD as a whole are generally lower than the state average and more comparable to the national rates. This information was compiled from the Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet's website, [http://workforce.ky.gov/labor\\_info.htm](http://workforce.ky.gov/labor_info.htm). Additional labor market information is also available at that site.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (%) IN THE BLUEGRASS REGION

(not seasonably adjusted)

AREA	July 2005	August 2005	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005
Anderson Co.	4.6	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.8	5.0
Bourbon Co.	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.8	5.6	5.4
Boyle Co.	6.5	5.8	5.6	6.0	6.6	6.7
Clark Co.	4.8	4.3	4.8	5.1	5.6	5.9
Estill Co.	8.6	5.4	5.8	6.2	6.9	7.6
Fayette Co.	4.5	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.6
Franklin Co.	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.8
Garrard Co.	5.6	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.9
Harrison Co.	5.7	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.9
Jessamine Co.	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.7
Lincoln Co.	6.5	5.2	5.7	5.9	6.8	7.2
Madison Co.	4.7	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.8
Mercer Co.	5.7	4.8	5.1	5.4	6.0	6.4
Nicholas Co.	8.3	7.8	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.2
Powell Co.	7.0	5.9	6.6	6.8	7.3	8.0
Scott Co.	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.5
Woodford Co.	4.4	3.4	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.1
Lexington Metro Area	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.7
Bluegrass ADD	4.9	4.2	4.4	4.6	5.0	5.1
Kentucky	6.2	5.7	5.6	5.6	6.0	6.2
U.S.	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.6

**PRIDE CONTRACTS WITH LFUCG**

Bluegrass PRIDE, for the second year in a row, did not receive a Federal appropriation. However, lots of opportunities have presented themselves and PRIDE is now optimistic about its future.

Bluegrass PRIDE has signed a contract with the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to conduct solid waste education and outreach. The contract will cover:

- **School Recycling** — PRIDE will help 10 Fayette County Schools perform a waste audits and develop waste reduction plans as well as achieve “Waste Buster” status
- **Business Recycling** — PRIDE will continue the pilot business recycling program in Lexington’s Southland Drive area and create standard operating procedures so that other business areas can participate
- **Apartment Recycling** — PRIDE will work to facilitate recycling programs in Lexington apartment complexes
- **Recycling Center Education Room/Program** — PRIDE will assist LFUCG in developing and marketing Recycling Center field trips that have a maximum impact both educationally and behaviorally for participants of all ages.
- **Anti-Litter Campaign** — PRIDE will work to develop a anti-litter campaign utilizing its litter reporting program to identify areas of concentration, as well as working with Adopt-a-Spot programs and involving volunteers.

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PRIDE is also working on ways to continue service to its other counties. For example, the terms of the LFUCG contract allow PRIDE to use what is developed in other counties.

There are also several options that would allow Bluegrass PRIDE to continue its water quality, litter abatement, recycling and household hazardous waste outreach and action programs throughout its service area. These options include:

- Financial gifts from companies, such as Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky American Water and East Kentucky Power which have supported PRIDE in the past
- Contracts with local governments and other entities that would pay PRIDE to perform many of the outreach and action activities the organization conducted in the past using Federal dollars
- Grants from government agencies and foundations
- Fundraisers such as the Bluegrass Summer Soirée (details coming soon), the artistic rain barrels and the Wild Oats' Fund Drive
- Partnerships through the Kentucky EXCEL program

No one of these options alone will allow PRIDE to continue indefinitely, but a healthy combination of them will. Certainly not all the avenues PRIDE is currently exploring will come to fruition, but hopefully enough of them will that Bluegrass PRIDE can continue its work making Central Kentucky a safer, healthier, cleaner place to live.

## **JILL HORNER, JESSAMINE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR RETIRES**

Jill Horner began with Blue Grass Community Action Partnership as a classroom instructor in the Adult Basic Education Program in 1985. She was promoted to the Director of the Jessamine County Senior Citizens Center in 1987. During her tenure with the Agency, a new Senior Citizens facility was constructed and an Adult Day Program was added to the programs available in Jessamine County. Ms. Horner plans to continue to be an advocate for the Aging population through her volunteer efforts in the community. "The Agency and the community is grateful for her years of service and dedication," said Steve Stivers of Bluegrass Community Action Agency.

## **FRANKFORT WATER PLANT BOARD TO STUDY WATER TREATMENT PLANT MODIFICATION NEEDS**

In order to determine if and how modifications to the Frankfort municipal water treatment plant might allow the Frankfort Water Plant Board to meet some of the short-term or long-range potable water supply needs of the Bluegrass Water Supply Commission (BWSC), the Frankfort Plant Board has received Statements of Qualification from professional

engineering firms who are competing to undertake such a study. Once a firm is selected and an agreement is negotiated, it is expected that the study could and would be conducted during the spring with the delivery of the study results as early as June.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the BWSC at 859/269-8031 or the Frankfort Plant Board's David Billings at 502/352-4468.

### **JESSAMINE COUNTY MAY GET A HOSPITAL**

Plans have been announced to attempt to seek state approval for the construction of a 50-bed acute care hospital on Nicholasville's south side. An application for a *Certificate of Need* was filed with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services in late January. The sponsor of the effort is Associated Health Care Systems which owns Lexington's Samaritan Hospital. The hospital sponsor has been working with the Jessamine County Fiscal Court, the Nicholasville City Commission, and the Wilmore City Council. The cost of the hospital carries an estimated price tag of \$32 million.

### **ADD PREPARES TO PUBLISH INFORMATION ON BLUEGRASS WATER/WASTEWATER UTILITIES**

It has been almost two years since the ADD last updated its publication on water and sewer rates, water production, wastewater treatment plant flows, customer counts, connection charges, and other useful comparative information. An update is underway. Upon its completion, single copies of the publication will be made available to area mayors, judges-executive, utility managers, and to state and federal agency representatives who deal with water/wastewater infrastructure. A 2006 update of that publication is planned for this spring.

For more information, contact Paul Stansbury at the ADD.

### **NICHOLASVILLE CITY COMMISSION CONSIDERS ANNEXATION OF "ISLANDS"**

Over the years, the City of Nicholasville has annexed tracts of land that were being proposed for urbanization. This policy of annexation has, on occasion, left behind "islands" that were not annexed as areas surrounding the "islands" were annexed. The city is now discussing the implications of annexing areas such as:

- Baker Lane and areas north along US 27
- North Main Street and Duncan Street
- Sparks Avenue
- KY 169
- Old Wilmore Road
- Shun Road
- South Main Street and areas south along US 27.

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The City's having annexed around the islands has sometimes created issues involving public safety. Occasionally, there have been times of uncertainty concerning whether city or county agencies should respond to various situations. Written or telephone contacts are expected to be made by City staff with property owners within the impacted areas. At that point, the city planning staff would expect to meet with those persons to answer any questions that they might have concerning possible annexation.

#### **STANTON EXPECTS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH REGARD TO AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

The City of Stanton has hired a Lexington CPA to complete audits for fiscal years 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005. Even though the audits are required to be prepared annually and submitted by February 1 of the year following the close of the fiscal year, Stanton has not completed an annual audit in about four years. The selected CPA firm has pledged that all of the overdue annual audits will be completed by June 30, 2006.

#### **LANCASTER MAYOR BILLY MOSS INCAPACITATED**

Lancaster's long time Mayor Billy C. Moss is ailing. In February, he spent several weeks in an area hospital, but he is presently being treated in a long-term care facility. Mayor Moss is the only existing Bluegrass Area mayor who was serving as his city's mayor when the Bluegrass ADD was created in 1971. Mayor Moss, in fact, served on the committee that selected Jas Sekhon who recently stepped down as Bluegrass ADD Executive Director after almost 35 years of service. Mayor Moss has been a consistent friend and supporter of the ADD for decades.

Lancaster's Mayor pro-tem Donna Powell consults with Mayor Moss periodically and is serving as the acting mayor of Lancaster until Mayor Moss can return to work at City Hall.

#### **SANDERS ACCEPTS LEADERSHIP JOB AT STANFORD-LINCOLN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Arlen Sanders, who headed the Casey County Economic Development Authority for six years, has accepted a similar leadership role in Lincoln County. Sanders says that Lincoln County already has a great deal going for it. The county has available industrial land, Cedar Creek Lake and other recreational opportunities, historic and tourist attractions, and an ever improving transportation network as US 27 is upgraded south through Garrard County and into Lincoln County and on to Somerset. "The idea is to create jobs and to create opportunities," said Sanders.

## **GARRARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ACQUIRES LAND FOR A NEW HIGH SCHOOL**

Garrard County is growing at a rapid rate. One of the places that the rapid growth rate is felt is within the public school system. The local school board has recently purchased an 80 acre tract on KY 39 for the construction of the county's second high school. The seller of the tract also agreed to donate an additional ten acres that will be used for the school's agricultural department. Plans call for the new high school to be occupied beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

## **CITY OF IRVINE OCCUPIES NEW CITY HALL**

For a long, long time, Irvine's City Hall has been located in an aged building a half block east of the Estill County Courthouse. That facility long ago failed to meet the growing needs of the city. Over a period of several years, the City of Irvine assembled a financial package that allowed it to undertake the construction of a new City Hall at the corner of Chestnut and Collins Street. The city government's move to its new quarters was completed in early February. An open house is planned this spring. Congratulations go to Irvine Mayor Tom Williams and the City Council on the modern new building.

## **TOYOTA SEES RECORD PRODUCTION IN 2005**

A sizable slice of the economy of Central Kentucky is impacted by the Toyota Motor and Manufacturing Kentucky plant in Georgetown. When Toyota has a good year, the ripples in the local and regional economy are appreciated. In calendar year 2005, TMMK assembled more than 509,000 vehicles. This was an increase of seven percent over 2004. In 2005, TMMK produced 356,497 Camrys, 108,637 Avalons, and 43,993 Solaras. The Georgetown plant's production helped Toyota's North American vehicle production surpass 1.55 million—up by eight percent from the previous year.

Production of the hybrid Camry is expected to commence at the Georgetown plant later in 2006.

## **RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS UNITE IN HARRISON COUNTY**

For 50 years, Harrison County had two rural fire departments. Effective January 1, the Harrison County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad and the Northern Harrison Rural Fire Department merged to form the Harrison County Fire Department.

Leaders of the former two individual fire departments claimed that the consolidation constitutes a win-win situation. Assistant Chief Wagner Perrin said the merger will greatly simplify things. With the single new fire department, firefighters will be dispatched by proximity. The ability to dispatch regionally will save lives as well as time. Beginning with 2007, the consolidated fire department will be funded through a taxing district. The new fire department will be governed by a seven-member board.

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A goal of the new fire department is to seek an enhanced ISO fire protection rating. ISO ratings are used to determine homeowners' property insurance rates. A better rating would likely mean a savings in homeowners' insurance premiums. A big factor in seeking an improved ISO rating is to the availability of water for fire-fighting. The Harrison County Water Association has been very proactive in increasing the coverage of community water service within Harrison County.

### **WILMORE MOVES FORWARD WITH ANNEXATION OF FOREST CREEK DEVELOPMENT**

The Wilmore City Council has passed an "intent to annex" ordinance for the 660-home, 490-acre Forest Creek development near the intersection of US 68 with Murphy Lane. The development will also be home to a Jack Nicklaus signature golf course—only the second such premier golf course in Kentucky. Even though the development would be within the City of Wilmore, water and sewer service would be provided by the Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water and Sewer District. The district's source of potable water for this portion of Jessamine County is the Kentucky-American Water Company. Sewage collected by the district would be conveyed to the City of Wilmore for treatment. The proposed development can easily be described as "upscale."

### **CLAY CITY RECEIVES ADD ASSISTANCE IN ENGINEERING PROCUREMENT ON WASTEWATER PROJECT**

The City of Clay City is receiving ADD assistance as it seeks to procure engineering services in connection with its desire to deal with significant inflow and infiltration within the city's sanitary sewer system. Extraordinary flows measured during and following precipitation events have resulted in city's being found to be in significant noncompliance with its Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) permit.

ADD staff assisted the city in the development of a Request for Qualifications, which drew a response from ten different engineering firms. Clay City's mayor and city council have scored the Statements of Qualification and expect soon to interview a short list of the competing firms. It is likely that Clay City will reach an early conclusion concerning the procurement of an engineering firm to monitor the sewer system and to develop a ranked list of deficiencies that would permit the city to reduce illicit flows to its sanitary sewer system and to move back in the direction of compliance with its state wastewater discharge permit.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

### **BLUEGRASS WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION RECEIVES CEG GRANT COMMITMENT**

As noted on page 7, The Bluegrass Water Supply Commission's Community Economic Growth Grant (CEGG) application was one of 57 recently funded statewide and one of nine in the Bluegrass. The \$250,000 of CEGG funds would be matched with at least a like amount to facilitate

the purchase of property and rights-of-way needed by the regional water commission to undertake its Phase 1 construction project which will be a large diameter potable water supply line extending from a point southeast of Frankfort to a point in north central Fayette County. Initially, the water transmission line will provide a supplemental water supply to the Kentucky-American Water Company. As the regional grid of potable water pipelines is "built out," other participating water utilities will receive benefit from the regional water supply commission as well.

For more information, contact BWSC's Don Hassall at 859/269-8021.

### **COLLABORATIVE ACTION CREDITED FOR BUSINESS BOOM IN LINCOLN COUNTY**

A recent *Danville Advocate-Messenger* news article credited collaborative action between the Lincoln County Fiscal Court and the City of Stanford for the success of a number of economic and community initiatives. According to Arlen Sanders, executive director of the Stanford-Lincoln County Industrial Development Authority, that cooperation played a big role in Lincoln County's success in obtaining grants and other financial incentives for needed projects.

Some of the projects include a proposed new hospital across from the vacant Wal-Mart building; a library on Lancaster Street; an 80-acre industrial park; a 235-acre industrial park; a state-of-the-art stockyards operation that will serve much of Central Kentucky; a parking garage on Main Street; restoration of the old Presbyterian Meeting House; a beach at Cedar Creek Lake; some water line extension projects in the rural county; and Historic Mills Works in the old Bullard building.

Lincoln County Judge-executive R. W. Gilbert said "We've just got a bunch of people over here that have dropped their own agendas and are pushing for this county to get better." Stanford Mayor Eddie Carter agreed. Their goal is to bring and keep businesses, jobs, people, tourism, and money in this county, officials said.

### **WASTE TIRE PROGRAM SET TO GO AGAIN IN 2006**

The Waste Tire Program was authorized by state legislation a few years ago. The enabling legislation contained a sunset provision that would have made the 2005 effort the last year that the program could be offered—unless the legislation was re-authorized. In fact, the legislation was reauthorized by the 2006 General Assembly in an encouraging display of bipartisan action.

With the legislation's reauthorization, the program becomes available again in the spring of 2006. In the grand scheme of things, the amount of the funding is small, but the amount of good that it accomplishes is large. State reimbursement is available to county governments who pick up and lawfully dispose of waste tires from illegal dumps during Commonwealth Cleanup week (March 19-16) and/or during the Bluegrass PRIDE Spring Cleanup (March 26 through April 30). Since this program has been ongoing for a number of years, it is hoped that the number of waste tires that need to be picked up and disposed of is declining year after year. In 2006, a sum is

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\$17,000 is available for all of the ADD's 17 counties together. Since not all Bluegrass ADD counties participate, it is likely that a sum greater than \$1,000 will be available to those counties that do choose to participate. In order to receive a state reimbursement, the cleanup effort must be complete and all paperwork needs to be at the ADD by mid-May. For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

### **DANVILLE TO CONSIDER DOOR-TO-DOOR RECYCLING**

The City of Danville expects to conduct a mail out or a telephone survey to determine the interest of city residents in door-to-door solid waste recycling. A local recycling committee may propose a six-month pilot program for door-to-door recycling to the Danville City Commission, but first, the committee wants to have feedback from residents.

Boyle County Solid Waste Coordinator Donna Fechter said that, for now, the incentive to recycle is that "it's the right thing to do." As landfilling becomes progressively more expensive, recycling will become a cost-effective choice.

### **US 62 BRIDGE CONNECTING WOODFORD AND ANDERSON COUNTIES MAY CLOSE FOR EIGHT MONTHS**

Thank goodness for the Bluegrass Parkway and its bridge over the Kentucky River! The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has proposed the closure of the US 62 bridge at Tyrone for as long as eight months beginning in May or June. Plans for the bridge include adding about one foot to the width of each of the two lanes and to address safety concerns as well. Residents have long complained about the narrow nature of the bridge as well as a near right angle turn on the approach of the bridge in both Anderson County and Woodford County. If indeed the US 62 bridge is closed for repairs and an upgrade for a lengthy period, residents will likely use the Bluegrass Parkway to travel to and from Anderson County to points east.

### **HARRODSBURG-MERCER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HIRES WHITE AS LEADER**

Del White has been selected as the executive director of the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Industrial Development Authority. He began his work in Mercer County in early February. White replaces Lori Ann Cardoni who left the position last September. White has served as the executive director of the Rowan County Economic Development Council, the Montgomery County Industrial Authority, and the Barren County Industrial Development Authority.

"Del White has an impressive track record of success in economic development and we are pleased that he is joining our team" said Bruce Springate, chairman of the authority. White said "The program's primary goal is to stimulate responsible economic growth in the region and I look forward to working with our partners toward that goal."

## **LEXINGTON-FAYETTE INVITES REGIONAL PARTICIPATION IN ITS RECYCLING CENTER**

In a recent editorial, the *Lexington Herald-Leader* extended congratulations to the Bluegrass ADD for thinking big, working together and coming to an agreement that should benefit generations to come. The ADD was involved with the Bluegrass Regional Recycling Corporation as the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government invited the participation of the other Bluegrass Area counties in the recently upgraded and expanded materials recovery facility (MURF). Lexington's improved facilities on Thompson Road (off of Old Frankfort Pike and northwest of the city center) now operates on a "one sort plus glass" system. This means that only glass products need to be separated from all of the other recycled materials. Plastic milk jugs, detergent bottles, 2-liter soft drink bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, paper, newsprint, and cardboard can all be co-mingled in the incoming waste stream. With a combination of manpower and equipment, those recycled materials can all be separated into their various components within the MURF. Counties will pay \$40 per ton for the recycling service, with \$5 of that sum pledged to pay for educational programs and other marketing efforts to encourage recycling within the region. After the per ton fee is paid, the proceeds from the sale of the recycled materials are returned to the local recycling program to help to underwrite the cost of the local programs.

For more information, contact Steve Feese, the recycling program manager for the Urban County Government.

## **BEREA REQUESTS TO JOIN THE BLUEGRASS WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION**

The nine participating cities that make up the Bluegrass Water Supply Commission may want to add another chair at the head table. The City Council of the City of Berea has enacted an ordinance that constitutes a request to join in the work of the regional water commission. The nine members of the commission have unanimously approved Berea's request which will now be sent to Lexington-Fayette Mayor Teresa Isaac who can schedule a public hearing on the request. After the public hearing, Mayor Isaac may then approve Berea's entry into the commission.

## **BLUEGRASS WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION WORKS ON THREE PROCUREMENT EFFORTS**

As issues related to the short-term and long-term sources of potable water are studied and considered, the Bluegrass Water Supply Commission is simultaneously working on procurement efforts related to three different types of professional services. Being procured are an engineering design team for the Phase 1 Construction Project, a property and easement acquisition firm who will also work on the Phase 1 Construction Project, and a financial advisor who can lead and advise in the financial packaging of this large and unique public-private partnership effort. For more information, contact the BWSC's Don Hassall at 859/269-8021.

## **SOLID WASTE RECYCLING EFFORTS EXPAND AT EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

Beginning in early March, EKU students began recycling more than cans, bottles, and papers. The EKU Greens organization has provided boxes on campus to collect and recycle used cell phones and used computer printer ink cartridges. Kristen Lawson, EKU Greens president, said, "The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that Americans throw out an estimated two million tons of "tech trash" each year. The tech trash ends up in landfills. Besides the fact that we continue to run out of space for our trash, this tech trash leaks toxic chemicals into the earth, such as chromium and mercury, endangering soil systems and ecosystems."

## **MADISON COUNTY CITIES DISCUSS INTERCONNECTION OF WATER SYSTEMS**

Berea endured a lack of rainfall in 2005 that seriously depleted the city's four water supply lakes. Only when rains began to fall with more regularity and intensity in early 2006 did the water levels in Berea's lakes return to a more comfortable level. In a show of interdependence and cooperation, the cities of Berea and Richmond have begun to discuss the possibility of linking their two water systems. Already, the corporate boundaries of the two Madison County cities touch at one point as the cities grow ever closer toward one another. If the two municipal water systems were to be linked, the possibility would exist for one city to supplement the water needs of the other in the event of some sort of water shortage or outage.

Richmond's municipal water system has its own concerns, however. That city is in the midst of expanding its water treatment plant to 12 million gallons per day (MGD) from its present rated capacity of 9 MGD. Richmond Utilities had asked its water customers to use water wisely during the summer and early autumn of 2005 as hot, dry weather hard-pressed the ability of the Richmond water treatment plant to keep up with demand. The expected completion date of the Richmond water treatment plant expansion is February 2007.

For more information, contact Donald Blackburn at Berea Utilities or Chris Whitaker at Richmond Utilities.

## **STRUCTURE OF CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO BE A BALLOT ISSUE IN NOVEMBER**

A citizen initiative to change the structure of the Clark County Fiscal Court will be on the ballot in November. The Clark County Fiscal Court is presently comprised of the judge-executive and seven magistrates. If the ballot initiative were to be approved by the voters in Clark County, the composition of the fiscal court would change in 2010 to the judge-executive and three commissioners. Currently, only 15 Kentucky counties elect commissioners rather than magistrates.

## **CHANGE IS UNDERWAY AT THE CYNTHIANA-HARRISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

A new leader has been named at the Cynthiana-Harrison County Economic Development Authority. A professional management firm, Preston Global, has been retained. The Cynthiana-Harrison economic development efforts will be headed by Thomas L. Preston, the firm's leader and a former Cynthiana resident. While Preston will lead the project, a second professional, veteran Preston business associate Pat Gill, has been assigned to work with the authority.

"We already know some of the barriers to economic development and our initial mission will be to overcome them," Preston said. "Creating an environment that increases opportunities for more industry and trade is absolutely essential."

## **ESTILL COUNTY FISCAL COURT BUYS DOWNTOWN IRVINE BUILDING FOR A DRUG COUNSELING FACILITY**

Estill County expected to close in March on the purchase of a downtown building what will house WestCare Kentucky. WestCare expects to open an outpatient drug counseling center there. Estill County Judge-executive Wallace Taylor has been working to bring a drug treatment center to Estill County since he was first elected in 2002. WestCare, a not-for-profit organization based in Las Vegas, operates drug rehab centers all over the country. WestCare opened its first Kentucky facility in Pikeville last August and began accepting patients. "This is something Estill County has needed for many years and with this, we will be able to make a difference in the substance abuse problem and help a lot of people," Taylor said.

## **TWO GARRARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AGREE TO MERGE**

The merger of the Cartersville Fire Department and the Paint Lick Fire Department has been approved by the residents that the two departments serve. The merger will take effect July 1. The newly formed volunteer fire department will be called Cartersville/Paint Lick Fire and Rescue. Both communities will still have fire stations located in their current locations. Cartersville will be home to Fire Station 1 while the Paint Lick's station will be called Station 2.

A merged fire department may be eligible for an improved Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating which, if approved, could result in lowered property insurance premiums. Other advantages of the consolidation would be better equipment. In addition, more firefighters will be available to respond to residents in the event of fire or other emergency.

## **PERRYVILLE BATTLEFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE TO HOST A NATIONAL CIVIL WAR BATTLE RE-ENACTMENT**

Skirmishers, wearing blue or butternut gray, will descend upon the Perryville Battlefield in early October to stage still another national battle re-enactment. The Perryville/Boyle County community hosted a similar event

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in 2002 that brought more than 24,000 re-enactors and visitors to Perryville and environs. The October re-enactment is scheduled for October 7-8. In the original battle in October 1862, more than 40,000 Federal and Confederate soldiers clashed and more than 7,500 were killed or wounded. Many of the Union dead (and two Confederates) were eventually buried at the Camp Nelson Military Cemetery in Jessamine County.

Governor Fletcher, who announced the Perryville re-enactment back in January, said that the 2006 re-enactment is special because Perryville was chosen as the country's only national re-enactment this year. "The more people who come here, the better our economy will be," he said. "We are trying to bring people into Kentucky," the governor said, adding that developing more historic sites will get more people to come.

The park has grown from 98 acres in 1992 to more than 517 acres in the area where the famous battle was fought. The grounds also include seven miles of historical hiking trails. The governor said the preservation efforts have made Perryville one of the best-interpreted Civil War battlefields in America. Boyle County Judge-executive Tony Wilder praised the state officials for their support and also pointed to Perryville Merchant's Row which, in itself, is a historical asset.

## **ADD SURVEY POINTS TO CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN PROVIDING COMMUNITY WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE**

At the encouragement of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, Bluegrass ADD, together with Kentucky's other 14 Area Development Districts, recently conducted a survey in order to estimate with some accuracy the numbers of households for whom community water service is unavailable and the numbers of households for whom community wastewater service is unavailable. The numbers for the Bluegrass ADD were encouraging. The survey results also demonstrated the solid leadership from local government that the ADD has enjoyed over the years as it sought to be proactive in the extension of urban services to an ever larger group of citizens of the Bluegrass Area.

For water service, the ADD survey indicated that only about 3,800 people (out of an estimated 720,000) presently lack access to community water service. Instructions for the survey permitted persons for whom a present construction project (or a fully funded project that is nearing construction and will bring public water service) could be counted as water-served. With such a low number of water-unserved persons, the percentage of persons in the Bluegrass Area for whom community water service is available has reached 99.5 percent.

For community wastewater service, the ADD survey indicated that about 192,000 people presently lack access to community wastewater service. The percentage of people in the Bluegrass Area who have access to community wastewater service then has reached 73.3. Both numbers are believed to be the highest percentages among the 15 Kentucky ADDs.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

## **STANFORD RECEIVES ADD ASSISTANCE ON WASTEWATER ISSUES**

The measured flows at Stanford's wastewater treatment plant have been running at or above that plant's rated capacity for several years now. Recorded flows for calendar year 2005 (which was a dry year) were somewhat below figures for 2003 and 2004, but it does appear that the capacity of the Stanford wastewater treatment plant is being/has been reached. The ADD staff is presently working with Stanford city officials and with the Stanford Water Commission as that team begins to identify a financial package that will permit the city to undertake a hydraulic expansion of the Stanford wastewater treatment plant. HUD Community Development Block grant funds, Kentucky Tobacco Development fund monies, and Rural Development Water and Waste loans and grants are being eyed as possible funding sources for Stanford.

For more information, contact Don Hassall.

## **MERCER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES**

Mercer County is currently reviewing its Personnel Policies to ensure they provide sound employment practices and comply with all employment laws and regulations. They plan to update their Personnel Policy Handbook, establish position descriptions, and assess the current compensation plan. BGADD is pleased to be partnering with Mercer County to provide assistance in this endeavor. For more information, contact Paul Stansbury at the ADD.

## **CYNTHIANA/BERRY/HARRISON COUNTY PLAYS HOST TO EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION**

The ABC-TV network paid a visit to Harrison County in mid-March. The cities of Cynthiana and Berry as well as the county of Harrison joined forces together with hundreds of companies, individuals, agencies and more than a few churches to make welcome the crew of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. Volunteers galore gave time, money, energy, building materials, food, the use of equipment, home accessories, and creativity to make a success of the job of tearing down an existing home and replacing it with a beautiful brand-new home with many "bells and whistles" and even more personal touches. The weather was not particularly cooperative as a bit more than two days of off-and-on heavy rain made the building site nothing less than a quagmire during the first two days of construction. Work on the new house continued 24/7 until its completion. The "reveal" segment of the show occurred on Thursday afternoon, March 16. Onlookers shouted "Move that Bus" while the TV cameras rolled as "the family" returned from a trip to Disney World to view their new home for the first time. Sosbe Construction Company (of Cynthiana) was one of the two prime construction effort leaders for the project.

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The recipients of the new home—built start to finish in just five days—were Brian and Michelle Hassall and their two children, Alexandra and Sam. Brian is a Cynthiana police officer while Michelle teaches choral music at Harrison County High School. The Hassalls have experienced medical and other issues that resulted in their selection as the recipient family. Some media outlets have speculated that the TV program segment featuring the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* crew and the Hassall family may air on the ABC-TV network on Easter Sunday evening (April 16). Brian is the son of long-time ADD staffer Don Hassall and his wife Pat.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Many activities are planned throughout Bluegrass ADD communities during the spring. Below is a list of some of those events along with persons to contact for additional information.

### Estill County

Irvine Mountain Mushroom Arts & Craft Festival (Apr. 28-30)

Contact: Steve Perkins, 606-723-2450

### Fayette County

Arbor Day at the Arboretum (April 29)

Contact: Dorothea Smith Oatts, 859-257-9339

Founder's Day at McConnell Springs (May 20)

Contact: 859-225-4073

### Jessamine County

Kentucky Wine & Vine Fest (May 11-13)

Contact: Carola Hartley, 859-881-3820

### Madison County

Hands Four Spring Dance Weekend (April 28-30)

KY Guild of Artists & Craftsmen, Spring Fair (May 20-21)

Contact: Brad Lewis, 1-800-598-5263

### Mercer County

Easter Egg Hunt (April 15) Old Fort Harrod State Park

Spring Jubilee Charity Walking Horse Show (April 21-22)

Mercer Co. Fairgrounds

Antique & Collectible Show and Sale (April 29-30)

Cricketeer Bldg.

KY Walking & Racking Horse Derby Classic (May 5-6)

Mercer Co. Fairgrounds

Tasting Party (May 12) Harrodsburg Historical Society

*My Fair Lady* (May 12-14 and 19-21)

Ragged Edge Community Theatre

Mercer County Day (May 20) Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

Bluegrass in the Burg (May 27) Anderson-Dean Community Park  
Contact: Karen Hackett, 859-734-2364

For information about other events in the Bluegrass ADD throughout the year, or if you would like to make sure that your local events are included, please contact Lora B. Littleton at the ADD.

### **LARGE INCREASE SEEN IN AREA DEMAND FOR POTABLE WATER WITHIN THE BLUEGRASS AREA**

For a number of years, the ADD staff has annually sought to tabulate the water production numbers from the public records that are available at the Kentucky Division of Water. Keeping track of who is producing how much water and comparing those values with the water supply availability and water treatment plant capacities allows for a useful evaluation of water infrastructure strengths and weaknesses both locally and regionally.

The tabulated water production numbers that follow are presented for 2005, a year in which the precipitation was more than eleven inches below the average for the Lexington rain gage. Twenty-three of 27 water treatment plants that impact the Bluegrass Area experienced an increase in water production. This would suggest that the growth in the demand for water has been strong across the region. For water treatments plans located within the ADD and that serve customers within the ADD, the increase in water production over the previous year was 7.1 percent. Eight water treatment plants in the Bluegrass Area experienced an all time daily high water production quantity. At least a portion of the significant increase can be attributed to outdoor water use during the dry summer months.

Because peak day water demands need to be taken into account, the ADD usually advises owners of water treatment plants that are operating in excess of 60 percent of capacity on an average day to begin to evaluate how they will meet the demand for water in the future. Seven of the 23 water treatment plants within the 17 county Bluegrass region were operating in excess of the 60 percent of capacity level on an average day in 2005. See the tabulation on the following page.

## WATER PRODUCTION IN THE BLUEGRASS ADD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005

	<i>Existing Capacity (MGD)</i>	<i>2005 Avg. Daily Production (MGD)</i>	<i>Avg. as % of Capacity</i>	<i>5% of Days are Equal to or Greater Than: (MGD)</i>	<i>Peak Day (MGD)</i>	<i>Historic Peak Year/ MGD</i>	<i>2004 Average Daily Production (MGD)</i>	<i>Percent Change 2005/2004</i>
Beech Fork Water Comm.	1.94	1.094	56	1.29	1.447	1999	1.726	10.90
Berea Municipal	4.00	2.632	66	3.188	3.452	2004	4.110	2.580
BG Army Depot (Mad.)	0.75	0.183	24	0.302	0.346	2003	0.545	0.161
Carlisle	1.37	0.471	34	0.661	0.920	2004	1.220	0.628
Cynthiana	6.00	2.210	37	2.795	3.052	1997	3.594	2.019
Danville	10.00	4.816	48	5.626	6.732	2005	6.732	4.401
Frankfort	18.00	9.307	52	13.121	15.773	2005	15.773	8.493
Georgetown	4.00	2.193	55	2.797	3.420	1988	3.498	1.960
Harrodsburg	4.00	2.590	65	3.456	3.933	2005	3.933	2.589
Irvine Municipal	2.00	1.182	59	1.317	1.539	1988	1.689	1.200
Kentucky-American	70.00	43.538	62	60.33	69.650	2002	73.580	40.561
Lancaster	2.10	1.386	66	1.688	2.130	2005	2.130	1.300
Lawrenceburg	4.00	2.155	54	2.685	3.153	2005	3.153	1.953
Millersburg	0.36	0.119	33	0.155	0.242	2001	0.316	0.091
Nicholasville	6.00	4.012	67	5.444	6.095	2005	6.095	3.624
Northpoint Training Center	0.81	0.264	33	0.431	0.522	2000	0.648	0.299
Paris	3.00	1.482	49	1.759	2.434	1997	3.028	1.355
Richmond Utilities	9.00	6.288	70	7.834	8.615	2001	9.323	5.855
Stanford Water Comm.	2.00	1.174	59	1.443	1.488	2005	1.488	0.946
Versailles	10.00	3.031	30	4.108	5.769	2005	5.769	2.892
Wilmore	2.00	0.592	30	0.702	1.014	2004	1.015	0.541
Winchester Municipal	6.00	4.075	68	4.763	5.100	1991	5.524	3.990
TOTAL	167.33	94.79	57	--	--		88.527	7.1

"Other water treatment plants, outside the Bluegrass Area, provide potable water to residents within the Bluegrass Area."

Information on five such water treatment plants follows:

Mt. Sterling	4.30	2.846	66	3.873	4.823		2.921	-2.6
Shelbyville	6.00	3.131	52	4.764	5.345		3.018	3.7
Somerset	10.00	7.339	73	8.610	9.260		6.958	5.5
Mt. Vernon	4.00	2.158	54	2.256	2.307		1.878	14.9
Western Fleming WD	1.01	0.925	92	1.008	1.300		0.868	6.5
TOTAL (all utilities)	192.64	111.192	58	--	--		104.171	6.7

## **BLUEGRASS AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND THE NURSING HOME OMBUDSMAN AGENCY RECEIVE GRANT**

The Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging in partnership with the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency (NHOA) has been awarded a grant for development of community awareness projects by the Office for Victims of Crime. These funds have been awarded to conduct community outreach and raise public awareness about resources available to victims of elder abuse.

The activities planned around National Crime Victim's Week , April 23-29, include the design and distribution of magnets and informational materials regarding elders as victims of abuse. Billboard space with prevention messages has been purchased in three counties as well as advertising space in local newspapers. The agencies will work to obtain airtime on radio stations and afternoon talk shows. Materials will be distributed through home delivered meals routes and to home bound elders through Homecare agencies. Articles for newsletters will also be submitted. If you would like more information about the grant or services available to victims of abuse please contact the Area Agency on aging at (859) 269-8021 or the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency at (859) 277-9215.

## **GEORGETOWN TO INITIATE A TRIAL PROGRAM FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING**

While the details have not yet been worked out, Georgetown expects to implement a trial program for curbside recycling. The existing recycling center will remain in business even as the curbside recycling program starts full time, according to Georgetown Mayor Everette Varney.

**MEETING CALL**

Board of Directors	4/21
Executive Board	5/31 7:00 p.m.
Homeland Security Council	4/19 2:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Council	5/3 4:00 p.m.
Regional Transportation Advisory Committee	5/8 1:30 p.m.
Tourism, Historic Preservation, Recreation Advisory Committee	5/9 10:00 a.m.
Area Agency on Aging Council	4/12 5/10 10:00 a.m.
Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Advisory Committee	4/12 4:15 p.m.
Human Services Advisory Committee	4/17 1:30 p.m.

ALL meeting dates/times subject to change.

Chairman	Judge Tony Wilder
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