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RiverWood Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

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Dear Riverwood Neighbor:

I hope this letter finds you and your families well as spring is here and Derby time has hit.

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the Commonwealth v. Anthony Ross proceedings and communicate other Riverwood issues.

With respect to the Commonwealth v. Ross case, there have been two pre-trial hearings since my last update, one on February 21st and another on March 27th. Mr. Ross remains under the Home Incarceration Program (HIP) and is confined to his home except for court appearances, doctors' appointments or court approved release. Mr. Ross has been granted release to attend church on Sundays from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. He is required to check in with the HIP to have his ankle bracelet de-activated and re-activated and all other provisions of his incarceration remain in force. The next hearing is scheduled for May 8, 2007 at 9:30 am in Division 8 Court. Either I or our counsel have attended each of the pre-trial hearings and plan to attend the May 8th hearing as well. The hearings have been routine in nature and the Commonwealth is waiting for the forensic analysis of Mr. Ross' computer.

I met with the Commonwealth Attorney before and after the last hearing and he anticipates the computer analysis will be complete by the next hearing at which time the case may begin to progress at a quicker pace. In the event the analysis does not reveal significant information, Mr. Ross could receive a plea bargain and be placed on probation. Our goal continues to have Mr. Ross pleading guilty to or being convicted of a sex felony and to be required to complete a sex offender program, register as a sex offender and abide by the stringent terms of sex offender probation going forward. If computer

analysis yields additional evidence, Mr. Ross could in fact be charged with additional crimes.

The Commonwealth Attorney and counsel have offered to attend our next Riverwood meeting to discuss the case and answer questions. We ask each resident to continue to keep a watchful eye on the area for any suspicious behavior or abnormal comings and goings and call any of the commissioners, Louisville Metro Police or me with any questions.

We have had inquiries as to the storing of boats, trailers, campers, etc... in driveways. City ordinance prohibits the storage of boats, trailers, campers, etc... on any lot at any time unless housed in a garage or basement. Please comply with our city regulations and be respectful of your neighbors.

Summer brings trees, leaves and hedges. We ask that you maintain your property, clean storm drains, keep your lot free from weeds and trash and advise that “no landscape plantings shall obstruct the view of vehicular traffic.” Overgrown bushes and hedges can present a safety hazard – please keep them trimmed.

We have begun to research both new street signage and road re-surfacing. We'll keep you posted on these issues as we progress.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. However, we ask that you sign your correspondence so we know who to reply to.

Sincerely,

John M. DeWeese
Mayor

CRIME

There was a recent scare regarding a car that did not appear to belong to anyone in this neighborhood. The occupant of the car appeared to be following or stalking a young woman. So, if you see a suspicious car or truck, please feel free to let our police officers check it out. The police phone number to call is 574-2111. Or call 911 if it is a clear emergency. And, if there is a crime or an incident, please also let Commissioners Goldstein and Herrington know as well as the police.

RiverWood Car Decal

The response to the new decals has been tremendous. We ask that all RiverWood citizens place a decal on the rear driver-side window of each of their vehicles. This should allow all of us, as well as the police patrols, to better identify cars that belong in this neighborhood as well as potentially to identify cars that do not belong in this neighborhood. This is similar to what Indian Hills has already done. This should be a very positive step in helping to cut crime. Some of you have requested additional decals and we will try to get those distributed within the next week. Additional decals can be requested by emailing Richard Goldstein at Richard.Goldstein@louisville.edu.

Insurance Premiums

As you may know, when we pay the premium for our insurances, including but not necessarily limited to property insurance (as well as auto, fire, and life), a portion of that premium includes an amount for "Municipal Tax" or "Kentucky Local Government Premium Tax". This tax can be forwarded to Riverwood. If you do not specify, it is just sent to Metro and does not directly benefit our community. We have a form letter that you can simply fill out and send to your insurance company with the next payment. It should probably be sent at least yearly or whenever you change carriers. These forms are available by contacting Ruth Trout.

Schools will be ending soon

Please keep in mind that many schools will break for the summer please and therefore the number of children riding bikes and playing will increase. So, please keep a sharp eye out for our kids and obey the speed limit (25 miles per hour)

Speeding

Speaking of speeding, remember that we do have police patrols in the neighborhood and they will ticket for speeding, running stops signs, etc. Please keep in mind that these police officers are doing their duty and their presence in our neighborhood helps to keep us safe.

Walkers take note

Several drivers have commented that a number of walkers are wearing dark clothes in the early morning and/or evening. If you are walking when it is dark, please consider wearing bright or reflective clothing.

Development on Blankenbaker

As some of you may know, the owner of the property at Popular Hill and Blankenbaker has proposed a fairly high density development on his property. You may be approached to sign a petition to designate the house (the stone house) a local landmark. Feel free to consider signing it.

Drains

Don't forget....if there is a drain on your property, keep it clear. Drains blocked by debris impair drainage during storms and increase the risk of local flooding!

Dogs

Ok, we all like “man’s best friend”. However, if your dog wanders the neighborhood they may be (and have been) annoying your neighbors. We ask that all dog owners respect the ordinances and keep their dogs confined to their property and use a leash when walking their pet. Don’t make us call animal control.

Rumpke Contract

Just a reminder, Monday and Thursday are regular pick up days, with holiday pick up on the next day. This service does include back of the house pick up for 2 cans only. Any additional waste will need to be brought to the curb. Thursday will continue to be yard waste pick up, with all yard waste tied up or bagged, and placed at the curb. This commenced in March and will continue through December.

The following holidays will be observed by Rumpke:

Independence Day
Thanksgiving Day
New Year’s Day

Labor Day
Christmas Day
Memorial Day

Should one of these Holidays fall on a regular collection day, then pick-up shall be made on the next work day (Monday – Saturday)

Architectural Review Ordinance

Important Reminder: Homeowners intending to have exterior renovation/addition construction performed on their homes are now required to obtain a permit for exterior construction from RiverWood’s Architectural Review Committee. Current members of the committee are Larry Boram, Linda McArthur, Barbara Thomas, and Robert Vice. For more details, contact Commissioner Bob Vice (897-6664).

Riverwood Newsletter is Online

The Riverwood Newsletter will continue to be published quarterly and is online The Web address is: www.CityofRiverwood.org.

The new password will be Dewe07

Information for the Newsletter can be sent to Richard Goldstein via email at Richard.Goldstein@louisville.edu or placed in our mailbox at 2108 Starmont Road.

Updated Directory

In the next few weeks, we will place our annual questionnaire in your mailboxes so that we can update the RiverWood Directory. It is important that everyone takes a few extra moments when filling them out to be sure the information is accurate. There were a few unfortunate errors in last year's directory. Hopefully, by having a little more time to prepare the directory, these will be avoided.

Sanitation Reminder

As a reminder, yard waste pickup has resumed on Thursdays. Please remember to cut and bundle your branches in 3' lengths and mark cans "yardwaste".

Rumpke has also expanded the number of items that are accepted for recycling to include:

- Plastic bottles and jars #1 through #7
- Newspapers, including advertising inserts
- Brown grocery bags
- Telephone books
- Magazines & catalogs, no thicker than 1"
- Office & computer paper
- Paperboard & beverage carrying cases
- Gift boxes, cereal boxes, cake mix boxes
- Glass bottles & jars- clear and all colors
- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil & foil food containers
- Tin, steel, bi-metal food cans
- Corrugated cardboard- bundles 2' x 2'

Remember to rinse all food residue. You do not need to remove paper labels from cans or jars.

Meeting Dates

RiverWood Meetings are held monthly at the home of Mayor John DeWeese 2105 Round Ridge Rd. They are open to the residents and are usually scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you have an issue to be placed on the agenda, please contact the Clerk. The next dates are May 21st, June 18th, and July 16th.