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From Councilman Ackerson's desk

Dear Residents and Neighbors,

As always, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your Metro Councilman. I continue to enjoy working hard to try to make our community a better and safer place for all our families. The annual Metro Budget process is quickly approaching, and consistent with the last two years, we again face budget cuts to balance the Metro Budget. There is a Survey in this newsletter where we are asking for your input on your budget priorities. Please cut it out, complete it, and send it back to us. Your opinion

and input is very important to us.

Our neighborhoods in District 26 are special places to live. We will continue to work together to ensure that our area of the Metro lives up to its potential, and is a place we will all be proud to call our home.

We are continuing to dedicate time and resources to:

- Sidewalk repairs
- Drainage and sewer problems
- Paving roads
- Neighborhood beautification projects



Improving quality of life issues for the residents of District 26.

Sincerely,

Brent T. Ackerson

Grass Cutting Issues —

In the past, Councilman Ackerson and his predecessor have used Capital Improvements Funds to assist Metro and State governments in keeping grass cut in public areas. This included areas on Ribble Road, Sheila Drive, Brockton Avenue, Gardiner Lane, Henrietta Avenue, Almara Circle, Thames Lane, Vivian Lane, Ross Boule-

vard, Gerald Court, Cannons Lane, Montrose Avenue, Hillbrook Avenue, Browns Lane, Blossomwood Drive, Ravenwood Drive, and Woodsdale Avenue. We've also used these funds for work in both Des Pres and Farsnley Park. Last year, we were told that process could not continue. Our hopes for continuing this program have

been thwarted by government red tape. We have protested this change and are hopeful to find a new mechanism to carry forward. Until then we would ask for your help. When you see overgrown grass on public spaces, please make the Mayor's Office aware by calling them at 502-574-2003, or the Public Works Office at 502-574-5810.

Louisville Metro Police Transfers

FIFTH DIVISION—On January 2, 2011 Major Steve Green became the new Commander of the Fifth Division. Major Green joined the Jefferson County Police Department as a cadet on November 16, 1978. In 1981, he was assigned to the Emergency Medical Services where he served as an EMS Technician until becoming a sworn JCPD officer in 1987. As an officer, Major Green worked in the former Adam, Baker and Charlie Districts and in the Burglary Unit as a detective. He served as a commander in the Burglary Unit and the Major Case Unit. Following the 2003 merger, Major Green was assigned to the Public Standards Unit and commanded the Property Crimes and Homicide Units. Major Green was promoted to Major in 2007 where he commanded the Fourth Division until this most recent transfer.

Major Green and his wife Anita have been

married for 28 years. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and a third grandchild due to arrive in March.

SIXTH DIVISION—My name is Don Burbrink and I am a veteran of 34 years on the Louisville Police Department. I have just

News from the Louisville Metro Police 5th and 6th Divisions

recently been assigned as the Commander of the 6th Division. I was most recently assigned to the Training Academy. One of the initiatives that I have installed in the 6th Division is an e-mail tree to a number of the neighborhood associations and business associations to give them crime problems and crime trends each week. We send out

the crime maps each week for Burglary, Auto Theft and Thefts along with the overall crimes of the 6th Division by beats. We also send out the beat directives for the week and any wanteds or information on particular crimes where we see a pattern.

One of the things that we are working hard at in the 6th Division is to solve as many Robberies, Burglaries, and Assaults as possible. Our detectives are assigned these cases within 24 hours and are expected to make contact with the victim and try to ascertain any more information about their crime. We have told the original beat officers to take as much time with the victims and get as much information as possible at the time the crime is reported and also do neighborhood canvasses to see if there are more witnesses to the crime.

Events — 2nd Friday Chats, EDGE Shoe Drive

SECOND FRIDAY CHATS Starting in April

Councilman Brent Ackerson will be visiting with constituents the Second Friday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. These informal chats will be at the Bon-Air Library, 2816 Del Rio Place, two blocks east of Goldsmith Lane. This year's dates are April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9. Come visit Brent for a brief chat on the second Fridays of each month at the Bon-Air Library.

IT IS SPRING CLEANING TIME

District 26 is using their SOLES for a great cause!

Every day 42,000 men, women, and children die from drinking unsafe water. EDGE Outreach trains ordinary people to provide water purification, through a simple process which is able to generate 10,000 gallons of clean water daily!

One way EDGE is funded is through donations of used shoes. The money that is made by selling the shoes to third party exporters helps to save lives! Do you have old shoes you can donate? If so, you can help!

Join Councilman Ackerson in District 26's shoe drive on SATURDAY APRIL 30! Simply place them in a bag labeled EDGE on your front porch by 8:AM and we'll come by to pick them up. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others.

Urban Service District Taxpayers JUNK PICK-UP Set out Dates and Areas

Set out dates June 3 to June 5

Area U—South of I-64, north of I-264.

Examples: Hawthorne, Clarendon, Alanmede, Gardiner Lane, opposite Bowman Field, Vivian Lane, Dutchman's Lane.

Set out dates June 10 to June 12

Area V—South of I-264.

Examples: Seneca HS, Bon-Air, Highgate Springs, Downing Way, Melbourne Heights, Avondale, Brookhaven, Ascension School, Klondike Lane.

Set out dates June 24 to June 26

Area X—North of I-64.

Examples: Broadfields subdivision, Ridge Line, Winchester Road, Iola Road.

BARDSTOWN ROAD STREETScape

Councilman Ackerson, Council President Jim King (10th), and Councilman Tom Owen (8th) co-sponsored the Bardstown Road Streetscape Plan. Working with the Center of Neighborhoods, meetings have been held creating a plan to move forward with STREETScape improvements to Bardstown Road from the Watterson Expressway to Hikes Lane. This is an ongoing project. We appreciate the leadership from everyone involved in this process, especially the Bon-Air Neighborhood Association, the U of L City Solutions Center, and students from the University of Kentucky.

NIGHT AT THE LOUISVILLE BATS BASEBALL

The 26th District night at the Louisville Bats Game will be Wednesday, July 25. Any 26th District household can be allotted up to four tickets. Tickets are available on a **first come-first served** basis. Email Paul Schmidt at *paul.schmidt@louisvilleky.gov* or call the office at 502-574-3472 to reserve your tickets. Please tell us your name, address, and how many tickets you need.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- ALL EMERGENCIES 911
- ANIMAL SERVICES..... 363-6609
- CHILD SUPPORT OFFICE 574-8300
- CIRCUIT CLERK FOR DRIVERS LICENSES 595-4405
- COUNTY CLERK FOR LICENSE PLATES 574-5700
- HEALTH DEPARTMENT 574-6520
- INSPECTIONS PERMITS AND LICENSES 574-3321
- LIBRARY—Bon-Air 574-1795
- LIBRARY—Eline/St. Matthews 574-1771
- LOUISVILLE GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY 589-1444
- LOUISVILLE WATER COMPANY 583-6610
- LOUISVILLE ZOO 459-2181
- PVA—Tax Assessment Office 574-6380
- SHERIFF'S OFFICE— Tax Payments 574-5400
- SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 574-3571
- TARC—Bus Service 585-1234

We Want Your Input On The City's Budget

Please cutout, complete & return this survey. In these tight economic times, we again are looking at cuts in our City's budget. We want your input on the Budget priorities. Please rate these categories in order from #1 to #14 (**#1 being the most important and #14 being the least**).

- _____ Police Protection _____ Fire Protection _____ EMS Protection
- _____ MSD/Sewers/Drainage _____ Sidewalks _____ Street Paving
- _____ Grass Mowing _____ Parks/Recreation _____ Downtown Development
- _____ Libraries _____ Neighborhood Beautification _____ Arts/Entertainment
- _____ Public Assistance Programs Funding _____ Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement

With the Mayor proposing drastic cuts in the City's Budget, do you have any specific suggestions as to where or what should be cut from the Metro Budget?

Are there areas of the Budget that you believe funding needs to either be increased or not cut?

Any additional comments or thought on the budget process.

Thank you for your time and input. Your opinion matters! —*Councilman Brent Ackerson*



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Streets and Sidewalks

Councilman Brent Ackerson intends to use 2011 as a Public Works project year for the taxpayers of the 26th Council District. Using money from your Neighborhood Development Fund and your Capital Improvement Fund, we are hoping to complete several projects throughout the district.

STREET PAVING—Initial funding for the Goldsmith Lane repaving from Bardstown Road to Bon-Air Avenue was in the 2010 Budget. We are working to complete that project as planned, including bike lanes along one side of the street. Other street paving projects include the Browns Lane overpass between Dutchmans Lane and Lynnbrook

Drive. It is our hope to continue to repaving process with some smaller projects including Edmonia Avenue, Carson Way, and others, if we can secure the finding.

STREET WIDENING—Later this year we are intending to widen the narrow part of Montrose Avenue behind the Farmington Mansion.

NEW SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION—Building entirely new sidewalks where none previously existed can be expensive. We are presently planning new construction in the 2200 block of Medford Lane at Bashford Manor Lane. If

For Photos Repairs Call 311 or our office at 574-1126

funding can be secured, we are looking into filling in the gaps along Bardstown Road between Tyler Lane and Wendell Avenue.

SIDEWALK REPAIRS—In the past, IPL has cited homeowners for sidewalk problems in front of their homes. The Metro Council changed this policy and we are in the process of repairing sidewalks throughout the District. Small repair projects have been completed or will take place on Bradford Drive, Windward Way, Johnston Way, Glen Oak Drive, Lynnbrook Drive, Proctor Knott Drive, Deibel Way, Cawein Way, Radance Road, Hikes Lane, Wedgewood Way, Ramona Avenue, Browns Lane, and Dogwood Drive.

HIRES POINT OPTIMIST
BARE RUTH LEAGUE
OPENING DAY PARADE

Meet at McMahan Center at 12 Noon. Parade will proceed to DesPres Park for Opening Day.

April 17, 2011