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Four Rivers Basin Team Agenda
Paducah City Hall Council Chambers
Thursday, April 23, 2015
9:30AM

Welcome
Maggie Morgan, Watershed Coordinator

Introductions

Announcements

Guest Speaker
John Hodges, Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency – spotlight on the wastewater industry

Basin Updates:
- Priority Watershed Updates
- 319 Project Updates
- Division of Water Program Updates
- Other Water Quality Updates

Discussion:
- 2015 319 Project Proposals
Four Rivers Basin Team Notes
Paducah City Hall Council Chambers
Thursday, April 23, 2015
9:30AM

Welcome
Maggie Morgan, Watershed Coordinator

Attendees
Eric Hickman, City of Paducah; Jack Stickney, Kentucky Rural Water Association; Kevin Murphy, Jackson Purchase Foundation; Julie Tabor, KY Division of Water; Allen Kyle, Technical Aspects; Chris Miller, KY Department of Agriculture; Chris Covington, Hopkinsville-Christian County Community Development Services; James Smith, Purchase Area Development District; Vicki Boatright, Marshall County Conservation District; James Oakley, City of Murray; Shane Knight, City of Murray; Travis Brown, City of Murray; Steve Kyle, City of Paducah; John Hodges, Paducah-McCracken County JSA; Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator

Announcements
Maggie Morgan reported that Cane Creek has been proposed for delisting by Kentucky Division of Water to EPA. See attached report summarizing this story.

Maggie Morgan reported on upcoming events throughout the basin:
• 4/25/2015 – Junior Ranger Day at Fort Heiman in Calloway County from 10 am to 2 pm
• 4/28/2015 – Damon Creek Watershed Planning Project Kickoff meeting at Kirksey Baptist Church at 6:00
• 4/29/2015 – Friends of Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge meeting at 11:30
• 5/5/2015 – 6/5/2015 – Damon Creek Watershed Planning Project E. coli sampling
• 5/14/2015 – 5/16/2015 – Four Rivers Watershed Watch sampling (E. coli and atrazine)
• 6/13/2015 – Four Rivers Watershed Watch training at HBS at 9:00
• 6/20/2015 – Ohio River Sweep
• 7/16/2015 – 7/18/2015 – Four Rivers Watershed Watch sampling (E. coli)
• 9/17/2015 – 9/19/2015 – Four Rivers Watershed Watch sampling (total phosphorus)
• 9/24/2015 – 9/26/2015 – BBQ on the River Festival in Paducah – Aquarium and water quality education booth set up
• 11/5/2015 – Four Rivers Watershed Watch Annual Conference

Allen Kyle reported that there has been a three year extension on the USGS grant that is monitoring Kentucky streams. All data is up and available on the USGS website, including live data for nitrates.

Allen Kyle reported that the next Ag Water Quality Authority meeting has been scheduled for June 4 in Frankfort.
Guest Speaker
John Hodges, Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency – spotlight on the wastewater industry

The JSA was formed in 1999 to incorporate small agencies and grow sewered areas in the county. There are actually three wastewater treatment plants that are operated by JSA – the Paducah plant (9 MG/day), the Woodlawn plant (0.9 MG/day), and the Reidland plant (1MG/day). The JSA processes quite a bit of stormwater through these wastewater plants, they are actually one of the top four in the state for processing stormwater. In 2007, JSA entered into a Consent Judgement with Kentucky and EPA to address sanitary sewer overflows and combined sewer outfalls. As part of this, they submitted an Early Action Plan to Kentucky and EPA in 2008 which identified nine minimum controls that would be undertaken to address the sanitary sewer overflows and combined sewer outfalls. Between 2008 and 2014, the JSA spent $38 million on projects, including major capacity projects, collection system rehab, overflow correction projects, and small expansion projects. Between 2006 and 2014, over 40 miles of sanitary sewer lines have been rehabbed. Currently they are mainly working on compliance issues related to sanitary sewer and combined sewer. From the sanitary side, they have been rehabbing collection lines, improving capacity (larger lift stations, more lines, etc.), and improving storage. From the combined sewer side, they have been separating the pollutant load where possible. The main issues JSA faces are compliance related and the financial issues associated with compliance. Revenue has been decreasing annually because less water is being used, making their compliance harder. One of the best ways for residential areas to help with some of these problems is to maintain their homeowner lines.

Basin Updates:

- Priority Watershed Updates –
  - Clarks River
  - South Fork Little River – Morgan reported that USGS is tentatively scheduled to wrap up their monitoring project in June/July. The health department has expressed interest in a septic repair program if that will help with bacterial pollution in some areas.
  - Mayfield Creek – Morgan reported that we will be constructing a rain garden at the animal shelter in Graves County in partnership with Graves County Extension. Construction date has not been set yet.

- 319 Project Updates
  - Damon Creek project – Morgan reported that this project is just getting underway. A watershed coordinator, Jessie York, has been hired by the Calloway County Conservation District. The first public meeting for this project is April 28 at 6 at Kirksey Baptist Church.
  - Chestnut Creek project – Morgan reported that data analysis underway. Mike Kemp with Murray State has done some preliminary analyses – showing that E. coli consistently high at all sites, ammonia very high at site 3, nitrate-nitrite high at site 1. Some potential ideas for implementation – septic repair program through health department, ag coordinator for conservation district, riparian restoration throughout watershed
• Benton GI – Morgan reported that this project is wrapping up. Still have to conduct Watersheds 101 training for local officials. A date has not been set yet.

• Division of Water Program Updates
  • MS4 – James Oakley reported that the City of Murray submitted their annual report in April of 2015. There have been no changes to their permit this year. They have also submitted visual assessment monitoring plans.
  • TMDL Section – Morgan reported that an Ohio River TMDL being developed by ORSANCO – multisite TMDL for bacteria.
  • WQ Section – Morgan reported that the 2014 Integrated report is out for review, see attached press release. The triennial review process should start in May (where the DOW looks at water quality standards to make sure they are sufficient).
  • Watershed Management Branch – Morgan reported that the water health portal should be live in the June timeframe (website with information from 305b report in a more user friendly map form). Also, the 2015 319 grant process open. KY expects to receive around $2.6 million, split between programmatic (planning) and WP implementation. The schedule for this process is below:
    • Submit Project Proposal Form by May 15, 2015.
    • A NPS staff member will contact you to discuss your proposal.
    • May 15 to May 29, 2015 -- proposals review and selection.
    • Upon invitation develop an application.
    • Submit application. Application must be postmarked by midnight July 10, 2015. If delivered by hand, application must be received by 4:30 p.m. ET July 10, 2015, at the Division of Water, NPS Section, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Fourth Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601.
    • July 13 to July 31, 2015 -- project review and selection.
    • September 2015 -- expected receipt of grant from EPA.
    • Contract written and executed.
    • Project begins.

• Other Water Quality Updates
  • FRWW Schedule:
    TRAINING
    Murray State University, Murray, KY
    Hancock Biological Station on Kentucky Lake
    - June 13, 9:00am to 12:00pm - Phase I training
    - June 13, 1pm to 4:00pm - Phase II training
    *RSVP by June 5

    SAMPLING
    • MAY OR JUNE:
      Habitat Assessment and Biomonitoring
      Walk your stream site and see what lives in it. Assessments may occur over more than one day, if you prefer.
    • MAY 14, 15, or 16
      Herbicide and E. coli Sampling
      Collect water samples for herbicide/pesticide and E. coli lab analyses on one of these days
    • JULY 16, 17, or 18
      E. coli Sampling
      Collect water samples for E. coli lab analysis on one of these days
    • SEPTEMBER 17, 18, or 19
      Nutrient
      Collect water samples for chemical lab analyses on one of these days

  MEETING
• NOVEMBER 5 Four Rivers Watershed Watch
  Annual Conference and Dinner at Kenlake State
• Grand Rivers – new wastewater treatment plant
• Lyon County – water rehab project
• Earlington – sewer rehab project
• Marion – seeking funding for new sewer plant
• Point source protection grants – submitted by Murray, Symsonia and Benton, mainly for direct wellhead protection.

**Discussion:**
• 2015 319 Project Proposals (due May 15, 2015)
  • Four Rivers Basin Coordinator Renewal – proposal will seek funding to renew the basin coordinator position.
  • Little River – proposal will seek funding to develop a watershed based plan from the USGS project and data.
  • Chestnut Creek – proposal will seek funding to hire a part time ag coordinator in Marshall County to recruit landowners to implement BMPs.
• Jack Stickney asked if 319 funding could be used for water quantity issues, possibly to evaluate hydrologically the effects that irrigation is having on groundwater stores.
A2 - Jackson Purchase Foundation Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, Foundation Review, & 2015 Annual Plan of Work
FROM: Kevin L. Murphy, President

RE: Jackson Purchase Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting of the Jackson Purchase Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors will be held on Friday, April 24th, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. The location will be Benton City Hall in Benton, Kentucky. The address is 1009 Main St., Benton, KY. This meeting will include lunch. After the meeting we will tour the Marshall County Children’s Art Center where the Jackson Purchase Foundation has partnered in the use of green infrastructure.

Planned agenda items will include:

- 2014 Annual Report approval
- 2015 Plan of Work approval
- Budget Update
- Project Updates
- Tour of the Children’s Art Center

Please be thinking of projects you would like to see in your area. We are interested in identifying new projects and can use your help! If you cannot attend the board meeting personally, please send a representative. Please RSVP by calling 270.908.4545 or emailing admin@jpf.org.
AGENDA ITEMS:

CALL TO ORDER  
Kevin Murphy

MINUTES (of the Previous Board Meeting)  
Tom Hodges

TREASURER’S REPORT  
Mark Davis

REPORTS FROM VISITORS

BUSINESS

2014 Jackson Purchase RC&D Foundation Annual Report
2015 Jackson Purchase RC&D Foundation Plan of Work

Projects Update
- Four Rivers Basin Team
- Four Rivers Watershed Watch
- Obion Creek Phase 2
- Aquarium
- Dark Water
- Clarks River Interpretive Nature Trail
- Damon Creek Watershed Based Plan
- Living Green Summer Series

Approval of New Projects
- Mayfield-Graves County Animal Shelter Rain Garden
- Watersheds 101 Class

Lunch and Site Visit to Marshall County Children’s Arts Center

Resource Persons


USDA Forest Service: Jackie Franklin, Pat Fowler


PAD: Mark Davis

KY Division of Conservation: Connie Gray

TVA: vacant
Second Annual JPF Summer Conservation Series Promotes Fun & Learning!

The Second Annual JPF Summer Conservation Series was held in Murray, Kentucky and included two rain barrel workshops and a Backyard Conservation/Healthy soils expo. Over 75 people from the area participated in the three events and learned about everything from rain barrels, to beekeeping, to keeping your backyard plants healthy. Partners for this series included the City of Murray, the Calloway County Conservation District, Calloway County Cooperative Extension and Murray State University.

We are looking for another community to partner with to do a series in 2016! If you would like to see us come to your community, email us at info@jpf.org.
Fort Heiman Junior Ranger Day 2015

Did you know that Calloway County is home to a civil war confederate fort dating back to 1861? The fort, Fort Heiman, is now a part of Fort Donelson complex managed by the National Park Service. The Foundation partnered with several agencies, including the National Park Service, Calloway County Conservation District, Calloway County Cooperative Extension, Four Rivers Watershed Watch and the Kentucky Orphan’s Brigade Reenactors Sons of Confederate Veterans Fort Heiman Camp #1834, to host the first Junior Ranger/Junior Environmentalalist Day at the fort on April 25th, 2015. Families from Calloway County and surrounding areas enjoyed a day of fun and learning. The day included Civil War reenactors telling the history of the fort, planting a rain garden with native plants, water quality testing, a nature hike, and more.

“Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.” - Aldo Leopold

Ohio River Sweep 2015

On Saturday, July 20th, 2015, Foundation staff & executive board members hosted the Paducah Riverfront pick up site for the Ohio River Sweep at the foot of Broadway. Volunteers turned out to help pick up litter from the shores of the Ohio River in Paducah.

The Ohio River Sweep is an annual event organized by ORSANCO (Ohio River Sanitation Commission) in cities along the length of the Ohio from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Cairo, Illinois. It is estimated that over 500 tons of trash and debris is picked up each year along the banks of the Ohio and its tributaries. The Foundation is proud to serve as coordinators of the Paducah River Sweep each year.

For more information about the Ohio River Sweep go to www.orsanco.org/river-sweep. If you or your organization is interested in helping with River Sweep 2016, email us at info@jpf.org

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Introduction

History of Jackson Purchase RC&D Foundation

During the fall of 1994, a steering committee was formed to investigate the possibility of forming a Resource Conservation and Development Area in the eight western most counties of Kentucky. The committee, with assistance from the Soil Conservation Service and the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Center, organized working sessions of the interested parties. After only three meetings, the consensus was to proceed with the official organizational activities.

The nonprofit Corporation was formed December 2, 1994. The initial Board of Directors was established and they decided to apply to the Internal Revenue Service for nonprofit status. This status, 501(c)(3), was awarded by the IRS in April of 1995. Project activities began when the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (then the Soil Conservation Service) assigned a RC&D Coordinator to assist the Foundation in its natural resource conservation efforts and rural development activities in October of 1995. The Secretary of Agriculture designated the Jackson Purchase to be authorized an RC&D Area in March of 1998, the 299th such designation. There are currently 375 designated RC&D areas. The Jackson Purchase RC&D Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit, non-governmental corporation serving the Kentucky counties of Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall, and McCracken.

In 2011, the RC&D program was removed from the federal budget due to lack of funding. The Board of Directors for the Jackson Purchase RC&D Foundation, Inc. agreed to continue with their mission of sustainable development in harmony with our environment and is actively searching for new partners to help implement projects in our service area.

Mission and Goals

Vision:
Sustainable Development in Harmony with our Environment

Mission:
We are dedicated to the wise use of our natural and human resources. Our mission is to join with others to strengthen our community through measurable and sustainable means for the benefit of all.

Goals:
Sustain our Natural Resources
Improve the Quality of Life
Enhance Economic Vitality

Fields of Interest:
Land Conservation
Land Management
Water Management
Community Development
Jackson Purchase RCGD—Our People

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Kevin L. Murphy, President
Billy Smith, Vice-President
Mark Davis, Treasurer
Tom Hodges, Secretary
Jim McPherson, Past President

Committees
Dark Water-Glenn Hall
Four Rivers Basin Team-Maggie Morgan
Four Rivers Watershed Watch-Bobby Lee
Low Impact Development-Vicki Boatright
Community Involvement-vacant
Fundraising/Finance-vacant

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  McCracken County Fiscal Court
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  McCracken County Conservation District
Mark Thompson
  City of Paducah
George Shaw
  Community Foundation of West Kentucky
Mark Davis*
  Purchase Area Development District
Ray Dailey*
  Member at Large
Dan Ellison*
  Member at Large
Kevin Murphy*
  Member at Large
Mark Wilson
  Member at Large

* Denotes Executive Committee Member

RCGD, Making Things Happen
Element: Land Management

Objective Strategies

Restoration of Stream & Wetland Function in Obion Creek Watershed

The purpose of this project is to reduce sedimentation and enhance wetlands in the Obion Creek Watershed by restoring the stream channel dimensions, flow patterns, and profile to those like natural stream flow conditions. This project will address the Obion Creek section which is upstream from the stream restoration completed in 2005. The Foundation will work with the Obion Creek Watershed Conservancy District, Hickman County, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, and the US Army Corps of Engineers in the project. Engineering will be done by the University of Louisville. Funding for this project is being provided by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Fee-in-lieu-of Mitigation program, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet TEA21 program, and the EPA 319(h) program.

- 18,000 feet of channel restoration
- 16 acres of wetland restored
- 500 acres of woodland benefited

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Target Date: December, 2019

Coordinators:
- Dr. Art Parola, U of L Engineer
- Kevin Rexroat, KYFWR
- Joyce Bender, KYSNPC
- Kenny Wilson, Judge-Executive
- Michelle Hulen, Finance Specialist
- Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator

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JPF Plan of Work 2015

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**Water Management**

**Aquarium**
The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) will bring their mobile aquarium to the Barbeque on the River Festival in Paducah, Kentucky on September 24-26, 2015. The aquarium will provide an unique opportunity for local community members to view a variety of fish species living in the Ohio River and show the importance of maintaining water quality to river health. JPF will also host a raffle during this event to raise funds to support this project and other water quality related projects in our region.

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**Ohio River Sweep**
JPF will continue to serve as the local coordinator for the Ohio River Sweep in Marshall and McCracken Counties. Coordinators for this project are Kevin Murphy and Maggie Morgan.

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Objective Strategies

Water Management

Four Rivers Basin Team

JPF, the Kentucky Division of Water and many others have partnered to form the Four Rivers Basin Team. The Team addresses various watershed management and water quality monitoring issues. The Team will collaborate on the Four Rivers Watershed Watch, Watershed Planning in Chestnut Creek, Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Management at the Marshall County Children's Art Center, Watershed Planning in Damon Creek, and Storm Stenciling projects. Team members will also support water quality education and outreach projects throughout the Four Rivers Basin. JPF will continue to employ the Four Rivers Basin Coordinator through an EPA 319 (h) grant from the Kentucky Division of Water. The Four Rivers Basin Coordinator will work with the Four Rivers Basin Team in accomplishing their goals and the Kentucky Division of Water to implement the Watershed Management Framework. In 2015, JPF will apply for another EPA 319 (h) grant from the Kentucky Division of Water to continue to fund this project after the current grant ends in March of 2016.

Target Date: March, 2016

Coordinators:
- Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator
- Michelle Hulen, Finance Specialist

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Objective Strategies:

Four Rivers Watershed Watch
The Watershed Watch program has completed its fifteenth year. Four Rivers Watershed Watch will hold two training sessions this year for returning and new volunteers, one in April, and one in June. Ninety-five active volunteers will conduct visual surveys and collect water samples from 85 sites across 17 counties for laboratory analysis from lakes and streams in West Kentucky. Four Rivers Watershed Watch will target the eastern end of the region this year, trying to grow the program in the Lower Cumberland and Red River Watersheds. The fall conference will be held in November so volunteers can compare the results of their water testing and discuss future efforts for monitoring and clean up of any affected areas. Results are available at http://4rww.jpf.org

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Target Date: December 2015

Coordinators:
- Karla Johnston, Murray State
- Bobby Lee, WKCTC
- Mike Kemp, Murray State
- Jane Benson, Murray State
- Jason Arnold, HCC
- Shelly Morris, The Nature Conservancy
- Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator
JPF Plan of Work 2015

Element  | Objective Strategies  | Draftsville Area  | Target Date  | Coordinators
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Water Management  | Watershed Planning in Chestnut Creek  | JPF will partner with the Friends of Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge on their Watershed Planning Chestnut Creek project, providing support as necessary throughout the project. The Four Rivers Basin Coordinator will provide technical assistance for this project.  | December, 2016  | Teresa Stainfield,  
Friends of Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge  
Maggie Morgan,  
Basin Coordinator

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*JPF is providing support to the Friends of Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge for this project.

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Water Management  | Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Management at the Marshall County Children's Art Center  | JPF will partner with the City of Benton on their green infrastructure project at the newly constructed Children's Art Center in Benton, providing support as necessary throughout the project. The Four Rivers Basin Coordinator will provide assistance throughout the project, including the large education and outreach component of the project.  | December, 2015  | Michelle Edwards,  
City of Benton  
George Milam,  
Marshall County Arts Commission  
Vicki Boatright,  
Marshall County Conservation District  
Maggie Morgan,  
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**Element**

**Objective Strategies**

**Water Management**

**DarkWater**

Documentary

JPF will collaborate with artists, technicians, and residents of western Kentucky and southern Illinois on the production and distribution of DarkWater, a documentary film exploring the impact of Asian carp, an invasive species, on the economy and environment of the region. Funds for this project will be provided through private and corporate donations, and grants.

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**Water Management**

**Damon Creek Watershed Based Plan**

The JPF has partnered with the Calloway County Conservation District for an EPA 319(h) grant to develop a watershed based plan for the Damon Creek watershed. The primary goal of the project is identify water quality concerns in this watershed and identify strategies that could be used to address these concerns. This project will begin in March of 2015. A watershed coordinator has been hired by the Calloway County Conservation District with grant funds to direct and oversee this project.

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**Water Management**

**Mayfield-Graves County Animal Shelter Rain Garden**
The JPF is partnering with the City of Mayfield, Graves County Cooperative Extension Service, and the Mayfield-Graves County Animal Shelter to install a rain garden at the shelter. This rain garden will collect and filter runoff from newly paved kennel areas around the shelter and the shelter rooftop and filter the runoff before it enters an unnamed tributary to Mayfield Creek.

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**Green Infrastructure Field Day**
The JPF is partnering with the Marshall County Conservation District to hold a field day for the development and construction industries to show off green infrastructure that has been installed at the Marshall County Children’s Arts Center in Benton, Kentucky.

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**Water Management**  | **Nonpoint Source Pollution Field Day in Murray** The JPF is partnering with the City of Murray, Calloway County Conservation District Four Rivers Watershed Watch and Calloway County Cooperative Extension to host a nonpoint source pollution field day, educating high school students about nonpoint source pollution in an attempt to grow the Calloway County Youth Sampling Team for Four Rivers Watershed Watch. | October, 2015  | James Oakley, City of Murray  
Cindy Cossey, Calloway County Conservation District  
Ginny Harper, Calloway County Cooperative Extension Service  
Karla Johnston, Mike Kemp, Ashley Hoffman, Kachy Radomski, Four Rivers Watershed Watch  
Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator  

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**JPF Plan of Work 2015**

**Element** | **Objective Strategies** | **Target Date** | **Coordinators**
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**Water Management** | **Rain Barrel Workshop in Mayfield** The JPF is partnering with the City of Mayfield, Graves County Cooperative Extension Service and UK Extension in Lexington to offer a rain barrel workshop for residents of Mayfield-Graves County. The workshop will teach homeowners how rain gardens could be incorporated into residential landscaping. | August, 2015 | Trent Murdock, Graves County Cooperative Extension Service
Brad Rodgers, City of Mayfield
Ashley Osbourne, UK Extension
Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator

| **ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS** | *To be determined* |
| **Funds Expended To Date** | *To be determined* |
| **Required/Anticipated Funds Remaining** | *To be determined* |
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**Water Management** | **Watersheds 101 Class for Local Officials** The JPF will work with the City of Benton and the Marshall County Conservation District to hold a Watersheds 101 Class for elected officials, educating them about watersheds, runoff pollution and green infrastructure. |

| **ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS** | $1500 |
| **Funds Expended To Date** | $0 |
| **Required/Anticipated Funds Remaining** | $1500 |
| **Project Administration** | $0 |

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Michele Edwards, City of Benton
Vicki Boatright, Marshall County Conservation District
Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator
JPF Plan of Work 2015

Element          Objective Strategies

**Community Development**

Clarks River Interpretive Nature Trail

JPF will continue its efforts to establish an interpretive nature trail for canoeing, kayaking, hunting and fishing on the Clarks River in western Kentucky. In 2015, JPF will work to improve launching infrastructure at the Reidland Ballfield site on Said Road, and improve access to the Sheehan Bridge Road site. JPF will submit a grant application to KEEN Effect program requesting $10,000 for these tasks. JPF will also host the third annual Family Float event in the fall of 2015, educating the public about the trail and allowing them the unique opportunity to view this stream in its natural state with the different unique flora and fauna that call the stream home.

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**Community Development**

LBL Sportsman’s Fund

JPF will continue to manage the LBL Sportsman’s Fund on behalf of the LBL Sportsmen’s Club. The purpose of this fund is to further gun safety and hunter education.

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December 2015
Kevin Murphy, Coordinator
Michelle Hulen, Finance Specialist
Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator

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<td>In 2015, the Foundation will host its third Projects in Action Event. For this event,</td>
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<td>the Foundation is hoping to host a screening of the documentary <em>Coming to Ground</em>,</td>
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<td>showcasing the struggles of farmers, government officials and legislators as they</td>
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<td>District to develop a Living Green Summer Series with several environmental workshops</td>
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<td>and a backyard conservation workshop. This series will be held in the summer of 2015.</td>
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JPF Plan of Work 2015

Element: Community Development

Objective Strategies:

Take a Kid Fishing Events
In 2015, the Foundation will participate in several Take a Kid Fishing events throughout the Jackson Purchase region, at no cost to local families. Kids will be able to fish from local ponds, learning about the diversity of aquatic wildlife and the importance of our aquatic resources. Additional activities will be available.

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Community Development

Marshall County Children’s Arts Center Earth Day Event
On April 22, 2015, the Foundation will partner with the Marshall County Conservation District and the City of Benton and to host a community Earth Day event at the Marshall Children’s Arts Center. The event will be used to educate the community about conservation and the different green infrastructure technologies installed at the site. Giveaways will be available.

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December, 2015 | Kevin Murphy, Coordinator
April, 2015 | Michele Edwards, City of Benton
| Vicki Boaright, Marshall County Conservation District
| Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator
JPF Plan of Work 2015

Element Objective Strategies

Community Development

Fort Heiman Junior Ranger Day Event
On April 25, 2015, the Foundation will partner with the National Park Service, Calloway County Cooperative Extension Service, Calloway County Conservation District, and the Kentucky Orphans Brigade Renactors to host a Junior Ranger Day event at Fort Heiman in Calloway County. Various children's activities will be available, including a historical reenactment of daily life at the Fort, various water stewardship programs, stream clean-ups, and short hikes around the historic fort.

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Community Development

Sportsmen Throw Down
On August 22, 2015, the Foundation will partner with the 1st Federation, League of Kentucky Sportsmen, and the LBL Sportsman's Club to host the second annual Sportsmen Throw Down. The event will include youth activities, contests and demonstrations designed to showcase outdoor recreation.

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### Community Development

**Project WET Workshop**

In July, 2015, the Foundation will partner with the National Park Service, Calloway County Cooperative Extension Service, Calloway County Conservation District, to host a Project WET Workshop for local teachers at Fort Heiman in Calloway County. This workshop will showcase science education methods and water education curriculum for teachers to explain water resources to children and youth.

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### Community Development

**Lowertown Arts and Music Festival Booth**

In May, 2015, the Foundation will set up a booth at the Lowertown Arts and Music Festival in Paducah, Kentucky, showcasing our different projects, as a method of garnering additional support and interest in the Foundation.

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July, 2015 | Susan Hawkins, National Park Service
| Ginny Harper, Calloway County Cooperative Extension Service
| Cindy Cossey, Calloway County Conservation District
| Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator

May, 2015 | Kevin Murphy, Coordinator
| Michelle Hulen, Finance Specialist
| Maggie Morgan, Basin Coordinator
JPF Plan of Work 2015

Element: Community Development
Objective Strategies: Home Gardening/Rain Barrel Workshop

In July, 2015, the Foundation will partner with iList Paducah to host a home gardening workshop for beginners that also features a rain barrel demonstration. Other partnerships will be pursued in advance of this event, including the Marshall County Conservation District and the McCracken County Cooperative Extension Service.

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<td>Land Management</td>
<td>Obion Creek Phase 2</td>
<td>500 Acres benefited</td>
<td>Restore stream channel dimensions, flow patterns and profile to 18,000 linear feet of Obion Creek.</td>
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<td>Water Management</td>
<td>Aquarium</td>
<td>Educate the public about the</td>
<td>Raise funds to bring ORSANCO Aquarium to BBQ on the River Festival</td>
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<td>Ohio River Sweep</td>
<td>Two River Sweep events</td>
<td>One sweep in McCracken, one sweep in Marshall</td>
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<td>Water Management</td>
<td>Four Rivers Basin Team</td>
<td>Watershed education</td>
<td>Employ Four Rivers Basin Coordinator to assist the Four Rivers Basin Team and Kentucky Division of Water</td>
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<td>Water Management</td>
<td>Four Rivers Watershed Watch</td>
<td>Determine WQ problems on 70 streams</td>
<td>Test 114 sites 3 times throughout the year</td>
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<td>Johnston, Sampling Coordinator, Benson, Data Management, Morgan, Basin Coordinator</td>
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<td>Water Management</td>
<td>Watershed Planning</td>
<td>Development of the Chestnut Creek Watershed Plan</td>
<td>Provide assistance to the Friends of Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge with this project.</td>
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<td>Green Infrastructure</td>
<td>Install series of green infrastructure technologies at the newly constructed Children's Arts Center</td>
<td>Provide assistance to the City of Benton with this project.</td>
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<td>Edwards, Project Manager, Boatright, Education and Outreach, Morgan, Basin Coordinator</td>
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<td>Water Management</td>
<td>DarkWater</td>
<td>Produce documentary about Asian Carp and educate public about this issue.</td>
<td>Partner with Glenn Hall Photography on production of film.</td>
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<td>Damon Creek Watershed Based Plan</td>
<td>Develop watershed based plan for the Damon Creek watershed.</td>
<td>Partner with the Calloway County Conservation District to utilize funding from the EPA 319(h)</td>
<td>September, 2018</td>
<td>Cossey, Morgan, Basin Coordinator, Hulen, Finance Specialist</td>
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<td>Water Management</td>
<td>Mayfield-Graves County Animal Shelter Rain Garden</td>
<td>Install rain garden at Animal Shelter</td>
<td>Partner with Graves County Cooperative Extension Service, City of Mayfield and Mayfield-Graves County Animal Shelter to install a rain garden at the shelter, collecting runoff from paved kennel areas and roof and filtering it.</td>
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<td>Water Management</td>
<td>Green Infrastructure Field Day</td>
<td>Host field day at Marshall County Children's Arts Center</td>
<td>Partner with City of Benton and Marshall County Conservation District to hold field day</td>
<td>May, 2015</td>
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<td>Nonpoint Source Pollution Field Day in Murray</td>
<td>Host nonpoint source pollution field day, educating high school students about nonpoint source pollution</td>
<td>Partner with City of Murray, Calloway County Conservation District, Four River Watershed Watch and Calloway County Cooperative Extension to plan and host workshop.</td>
<td>October, 2015</td>
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<td>Rain Barrel Workshop</td>
<td>Host rain barrel workshop showing homeowners how to construct a rain barrel.</td>
<td>Partner with Graves County Cooperative Extension Service, City of Mayfield, and UK Extension to offer training to</td>
<td>August, 2015</td>
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<td>Watersheds 101 Class</td>
<td>Host a watersheds 101 class for local officials</td>
<td>Partner with City of Benton and Marshall County Conservation District to host watersheds 101</td>
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<td>Establish canoe/kayak trail</td>
<td>Assist McCracken County with development of second launch site.</td>
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<td>Further gun safety and hunter education in the region.</td>
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<td>Inform the public about environmental activities in progress</td>
<td>Host screening of the documentary Coming to Ground.</td>
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<td>Living Green Summer Series</td>
<td>Develop summer series of environmental workshops for homeowners.</td>
<td>Partner with the City of Murray and Calloway County Conservation District to offer three workshops, including a rain barrel workshop, rain garden workshop and backyard conservation workshop.</td>
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<td>Take a Kid Fishing</td>
<td>Educate the public about the importance of water resources</td>
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## 2015 Projected Budget

### Income
- Donations & Sponsorships $5,000
- Interest & Investments $100
- In-Kind Contributions $150,450

### Project Income
- Obion Creek Phase II $72,500
- Aquarium $6,000
- Ohio River Sweep $0
- Four Rivers Basin Team $63,000
- Four Rivers Watershed Watch $5,000
- Watershed Planning in Chestnut Creek $0
- Green Infrastructure Benton Art Center $0
- DarkWater $0
- Damon Creek Watershed Based Plan $35,000
- Mayfield Animal Shelter Rain Garden $0
- Green Infrastructure Field Day $0
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Field Day in Murray \*TBD
- Mayfield Rain Barrel Workshop $0
- Watershed 101 Class $0
- Clarks River Interpretive Nature Trail $10,000
- LBL Sportsman's Fund $0
- Projects in Action $0
- Living Green Summer Series $500
- Take a Kid Fishing Events $0
- Marshall County Arts Earth Day Event $0
- Fort Heiman Junior Ranger Day $0
- Sportsmens Throw Down Event $0
- Project WET $0
- Lowertown Arts Festival $0
- Home Gardening Workshop \*TBD

**Total Income (Cash & In-kind)** $347,550

### Expenses
- Administrative Operations $33,700

### Project Expenses
- Obion Creek Phase II $67,500
- Aquarium $7,000
- Ohio River Sweep $1,250
- Four Rivers Basin Team $108,000
- Four Rivers Watershed Watch $35,000
- Watershed Planning in Chestnut Creek $0
- Green Infrastructure Benton Art Center $0
- DarkWater $0
- Damon Creek Watershed Based Plan $55,000
- Mayfield Animal Shelter Rain Garden $2,000
- Green Infrastructure Field Day $1,500
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Field Day in Murray \*TBD
- Mayfield Rain Barrel Workshop $1,500
- Watershed 101 Class $1,500
- Clarks River Interpretive Nature Trail $28,000
- LBL Sportsman's Fund $0
- Projects in Action $1,500
- Living Green Summer Series $7,000
- Take a Kid Fishing Events $0
- Marshall County Arts Earth Day Event $1,500
- Fort Heiman Junior Ranger Day $2,500
- Sportsmens Throw Down Event $500
- Project WET $1,500
- Lowertown Arts Festival $500
- Home Gardening Workshop \*TBD

**Total Expense (Cash & In-kind)** $356,950
Our Partners and Donors

Advisors

USDA
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Farm Service Agency

USDI
Fish and Wildlife Service
Clarks River NWR

USFS
Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area
Tennessee Valley Authority
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Department of Agriculture
Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
Division of Conservation
Division of Water
Governor’s Office of Ag Policy
State Nature Preserves Commission

University of Kentucky
Cooperative Extension service
Murray State University
Center for Environmental Education
College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Environmental Engineering Department
Hancock Biological Station
Mid-America Remote Sensing Center
School of Agriculture
WKMS

Local Governments

Ballard County Conservation District
Ballard County Fiscal Court
Calloway County Conservation District
Calloway County Fiscal Court
Calvert City
Carlisle County Conservation District
Carlisle County Fiscal Court
City of Bardwell
City of Benton
City of Calvert City
City of Fulton
City of Hickman
City of Mayfield
City of Murray
City of Paducah
Fulton County Conservation District
Fulton County Fiscal Court
Graves County Conservation District
Graves County Fiscal Court
Hickman County Conservation District
Hickman County Fair, Inc.
Hickman County Fiscal Court
Joint Sewer Agency
Livingston County Conservation District
Marshall Co. Conservation District
Marshall Co. Fiscal Court

Corporate/Business/Individuals

AEP River Operations
Air Products
Andy Radomski
Annie McDaniel
Atlas Roofing Contractors, Inc
Babcock & Wilcox Conversion Services
Bill Green
CocaCola
Croft Concrete
Curtis Harrel
Dean Foods
Shannon Englert
EHI Consultants
Florence & Hutcheson Consulting Engineers
Glenn Hall Photography
Greg Waldrop
H & R Agripower
Heritage Bank
Hunter Martin & Associates, Inc.
ICA Engineering, Inc.
Ingram Barge Company
ISP Technologies, Inc.
James Marine Inc.
James Sanders Nursery
Jim Smith Contracting, LLC
John Miller
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Advisors

Austin Peay State University
Hopkinsville Community College
West Kentucky Community and Technical College
Kentucky Assoc. of RC&D Councils, Inc.
Purchase Area Development District
Cooperative Extension Service
  Ballard County
  Calloway County
  Carlisle County
  Fulton County
  Graves County
  Hickman County
  Marshall County
  McCracken County
University of Louisville
Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center
Stream Institute

Local Governments

Mayfield Graves Co. Chamber of Commerce
McCracken County Conservation District
McCracken County Fiscal Court
Obion Creek Watershed Conservancy District
Paducah Water Works

Nonprofit

BBQ on the River, Inc.
Calloway County 4H Council
Community Foundation of West Kentucky
Cub Scout Pack 484, Den 11
Damon Creek Watershed and Sewer Association, Inc.
Friends of Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge
Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels
Kentucky Waterways Alliance
League of Kentucky Sportsmen
LBL Sportsmans Club
Maiden Alley Cinema
Mammoth Cave RC&D Council
Marshall County 4H Council
McCracken County 4H Council
Owners Association of Pirates Cove
Paducah - McCracken County Riverport Authority
Propeller Club - Port of Paducah

Corporate/Business/Individuals

KACo
Kentucky Association of Counties
LATA Environmental Services of Kentucky, LLC
Mark Foglesong
Marquette Transportation Company
Mike Petter Septic and Sewer Service
Mitch Kimball
Occunet
Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority
Paducah Water
Parkway Chrysler, Inc.
PBE LLC
Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation
Portage Environmental
R.T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc.
Ray Smith
River Crest Engineering, Inc.
River Marine Enterprises, LLC
Sekisui
Stahr Poult LLC
Swift & Staley Mechanical Contractors
Tennessee River Towing Company
Tennessee Valley Adventures
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How to give to the JPF

Cash - A gift may be made of any amount, at any time, to any fund. Your gift will be acknowledged with a receipt and include your contribution in which ever fund you choose or place it in the unrestricted account. We accept checks, PayPal, credit cards, and of course, dollars. All donations are fully tax deductible according to Internal Revenue Code.

Property - Most property, whether it is real estate, stocks bonds or personal property is accepted. We will assist you in transfer and determination of value. Various tax benefits can be achieved.
Contributions of appreciated property - stocks, bonds, land, buildings - may in some instances be given to the Foundation at an appreciable tax savings.

Bequests through Will or Trust - The establishment of an endowment through your bequest by will or trust can offer many tax benefits to your heirs and leave a legacy of philanthropy for organizations you deem worthy.

Life Insurance Beneficiary - This can provide you with an immediate tax deduction as well as a deduction when all subsequent premiums are paid. The cash payment from the insurance company can start an endowment as you have determined or be placed into an existing endowment.

Retirement Plan Beneficiary - A bequest of your retirement plan upon your death may avoid income and estate taxes that will probably consume over half the total amount if left to heirs. Express your wishes for funding an endowment.

Income Funds - Charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, pooled income fund and charitable lead trusts are funds that pay income to you or pass wealth to your heirs before it is deposited into an endowment. These estate planning tools may provide benefits to your heirs, income tax deductions and estate tax deductions. These tools require careful planning, tax advice and legal counsel.

Volunteer - JPF depends on the hundreds of hours volunteers contribute to the many projects.

All contributions are fully tax deductible according to the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation’s Board of Directors appreciates all those that contributed their time, services, products, and financial resources. Without the help of our community throughout the year the Foundation’s work would not have been a success.

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Jackson Purchase RC&D Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 1156
Benton, KY 42025
A3 - Jackson Purchase Foundation Annual Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson Purchase Foundation

Board Meeting September 26th, 2014

Minutes

I. Call to Order – Kevin Murphy

II. Minutes – Michelle Hulen Reviewed past meeting minutes due to Tom’s absence and handed out copies of previous 3 meetings minutes for members to review. A motion was made by Dan Ellison to approve the minutes with the modification of correcting the name/employer information for Gary Reckner who works for NRCS rather than KY Fish & Wildlife. Motion was seconded by Billy Smith. The vote was all ayes.

III. Treasurer’s Report - Mark Davis, Treasurer, gave a report on Profit & Losses for the year to date and informed the board of the current bank account balances. James McPherson made a motion to approve and Bill Fraser seconded. Ayes 100%.

IV. Guest Speaker: Mark Thompson, Paducah Parks Services Director, gave a report on Paducah’s Greenway Trail and the new tunnel under US 45 at the Brookport bridge.

V. Officer’s elections: Dan Ellison recommended that officers will remain the same for 2015. Kevin Murphy – President, Billy Smith – Vice President, Tom Hodges – Secretary, Mark Davis – Treasurer. Other Executive Board members include: Dan Ellison, Charles Ray Dailey, James McPherson, & Bill Fraser. James Macpherson motioned and seconded by Bill Green. All Ayes.

VI. Project Updates:
   a. Four Rivers Basin Team: Maggie gave an update and stated that there was recent work in Chestnut creek watershed in Marshall County.
   b. Aquarium: Kevin gave information and description on how it works. Everyone was invited to walk to see it after lunch. Maggie reported the funds raised and where the funds were allocated. The signage and donors were also discussed. Thanks were expressed to all who donated.
   c. Dark Water: Kevin described the film again and discussed the effects of the Asian Carp on the Commercial Fishing industry and way of life in our area. He also gave a description of Glenn’s work.
   d. Clarks River Canoe, Kayak, & Interpretive Nature/Fishing Trail: Maggie updated that we now have two launch sites available. One on said road ending at Sheehan Bridge and one at Sheehan bridge going on to Clarks River Road. Maggie & Michelle discussed the family float day coming up on October 11th at 8:30 a.m. leaving at 9 am and lunch will be served. Members were asked to RSVP as soon as possible for planning purposes.
   e. Summer Series: Maggie gave updates and description. A Rain Barrel Workshop, Backyard Conservation workshop, and two Rain Garden Workshops were held in the months of June, July, & August. Debbie Seltsam from McCracken County
A4 - "2015 BBQ On The River"
Correspondence, Pictures, and Handouts
Mr. Eric Hickman  
City of Paducah  
P.O. Box 2267  
Paducah, KY 42002  

Dear Mr. Hickman,  

The Jackson Purchase RC&D Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nongovernmental organization working in the eight western Kentucky counties of Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall, and McCracken. Our vision promotes sustainable development in harmony with the environment. As part of our mission, the Foundation has brought the ORSANCO/Friends of the Ohio River Aquarium to the annual Barbeque on the River Festival in Paducah for the last seven years and will do so again September 24 through 26, 2015. The aquarium will display species of aquatic wildlife found in the section of Ohio River, Tennessee River, and Clarks River bordering the Jackson Purchase region and will indicate that water quality in our region is improving. This is a great opportunity for your company to help us show that, even with various industries using and discharging into local rivers and streams, we still have good water quality in our region. Year after year, this display continues to be one of the most visited displays at the festival, making this a wonderful public relations opportunity for your company.

We are once again raising funds to cover the costs of bringing the Aquarium to Paducah this year. Please consider making a donation to the Foundation this year for sponsorship of this exhibit. Any donation made to the Foundation will be a tax deductible investment from your organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Any financial assistance your organization can provide towards this project would be greatly appreciated. By making this contribution, you will be giving local citizens of the Jackson Purchase region an opportunity to learn about the importance of water quality and how much we rely on local rivers and streams to fulfill our water needs.

As a sponsor of the Aquarium, your name and logo will be prominently displayed on the exhibit and any raffle prizes for all local citizens to see (see photos included below). For the past several years, we have held a raffle in addition to our educational display, raffling off kayaks, rain barrels and paddle boards. All sponsor logos have been included on these items. Attendance at the Barbeque on the River Festival in years past has exceeded 30,000 visitors. Sponsorship of the Aquarium at this festival is an excellent, highly visible public relations opportunity for your company.

If you are unable to provide a monetary donation for this project, please consider donating an item for the raffle we will be holding. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support. Additional information about the Foundation and this project has been included in the sponsorship packet enclosed with this letter. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (270) 908-4545 or email admin@jpf.org.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Murphy  
President

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Jackson Purchase Foundation

Raising Awareness of Healthy Waters: The ORSANCO Aquarium Project

About Us
The Jackson Purchase Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, nongovernmental organization, working in Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall, and McCracken counties in Western Kentucky. We are dedicated to the wise use of our natural and human resources, joining with others to strengthen our community through measurable and sustainable means for the benefit of all.

We work with local citizens and community leaders to develop ideas, build partnerships, find funding, and implement projects that improve the quality of life for citizens of the Jackson Purchase region. With assistance from our diverse and productive partnerships, we bring together people and organizations, including private landowners, conservation groups, local, state and federal governments, nonprofits and the private sector, to implement projects that promote healthy communities, healthy environments and sustainable economic growth. With our approach, we hope to empower local citizens and communities to make dreams become a reality.

About this project
As part of our mission, the Foundation has brought the ORSANCO/Friends of the Ohio River Aquarium to the annual Barbeque on the River Festival in Paducah for the last eight years and will do so again in September of 2015. The aquarium will display species of aquatic wildlife found in the section of Ohio River, Tennessee River, and Clarks River bordering the Jackson Purchase region and will indicate that water quality in our region is improving and our river systems are capable of supporting a diverse array of species. This is a great opportunity for your organization to help us show that, even with various industries discharging into local rivers and streams, we still have good water quality in our region. Year after year, this display continues to be one of the most visited displays at the festival, making this a wonderful public relations opportunity for your organization. Our main goal with this project is to raise awareness and build support for our local rivers and streams. By showing the public the great diversity of wildlife that live in our local waters, we hope to create a community that places a greater importance on our local rivers and streams and takes additional steps to protect these amazing resources we have available to us!

Sponsorship Benefits
By making this contribution, you will be giving local citizens of the Jackson Purchase region an opportunity to learn about the importance of water quality and how much we rely on local rivers and streams to fulfill our water needs. As a sponsor of this project, your name and logo will be prominently displayed on the exhibit and any raffle prizes for all local citizens to see (see photos included below). In 2012 and 2013, we held a raffle to give away two new kayaks, and included all sponsor logos on these kayaks. In 2014 we held a raffle for one kayak and a stand up paddle board. This raffle was a great attraction at the festival, and over 2,000 raffle tickets were sold. Attendance at the Barbeque on the River Festival in years past has exceeded 30,000 visitors. Sponsorship of the Aquarium at this festival is an excellent, highly visible public relations opportunity for your company.

Any donation made to the Jackson Purchase Foundation will be a tax deductible investment from your organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Any financial assistance your organization can provide towards this project would be greatly appreciated.
2015 Sponsorship Levels

☐ Prime Key Sponsorship  $5,000
The success of this project depends on the generosity of our sponsors. Be the title sponsor of the Raising Awareness of Healthy Waters: The ORSANCO Aquarium Project, making this wonderful event possible for the public to enjoy. In return, you will receive the following benefits:

✓ Company name and logo on all event promotional materials, including handouts and packets developed for the event
✓ Company sponsorship recognition on signage the day of the event, including the educational display and brochures developed for the event
✓ Organizational membership in the Jackson Purchase Foundation for the 2016-2017 year
✓ Recognition at our board of directors meeting as our top sponsor with amount of sponsorship
✓ Recognition in our Annual Report as the top sponsor for this project with the amount of sponsorship
✓ Opportunity to advertise your product or organization at our booth at the Festival

☐ Master Level Sponsorship  Any Amount
Get your name out in the community by sponsoring this event and receive the following benefits:

✓ Company logo on signage for the event, including the educational display and brochures developed for the event
✓ Organizational membership in the Jackson Purchase Foundation for the 2016-2017 year
✓ Recognition in our Annual Report as a donor to the Foundation with the amount of sponsorship
✓ Opportunity to advertise your product or organization at our booth at the Festival

DON’T HAVE MONEY FOR A SPONSORSHIP, BUT YOU WOULD STILL LIKE TO HELP?
That’s okay, would you be able to provide a quality item or service for our raffle? You could provide an item (gift certificate, book, canoe, kayak, outdoor equipment, refreshment, t-shirt, rain barrel, etc) or a service like free membership to your organization, free consultation (for businesses), free tour, free night’s stay (at lodging businesses), etc. Everyone who donates an item will be listed on the event signage.

NEXT STEPS
Fill out the form attached and mail with a check or contact our office via email at info@ipf.org. Thank you!
August 24, 2015

Eric Hickman  
City of Paducah  
Engineering and Public Works Dept.  
300 S. 5th St.  
Paducah, KY 42003  

Dear Mr. Hickman,

On behalf of the Jackson Purchase Foundation, and the local community, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of $500 towards sponsorship of the ORSANCO/Friends of the Ohio River Aquarium at the 2015 Barbeque on the River Festival in Paducah from the City of Paducah.

This event is an excellent opportunity for us to make the local community aware of the abundant water resources we have in the region, and the importance of these resources. The ORSANCO Aquarium will address a portion of the environmental and social needs of the Jackson Purchase by providing education to local citizens about the importance of water quality. Thank you for reaching out to our community to make it a better place to live, work, and play. Your support is greatly appreciated.

As a sponsor of the ORSANCO Aquarium, we will recognize the City of Paducah as a project donor. We will be setting up a booth with educational information next to the ORSANCO Aquarium. If you have any information you would like to display, or would like to participate, please contact us and we will make room for you or your staff.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Murphy  
President

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DONATION

BILL TO
Eric Hickman
City of Paducah
300 South Fifth Street
PO Box 2267
Paducah, KY 42002

DONATION # 1788
DATE 08/24/2015

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Thank you for your donation. The Foundation did not provide you any goods or services in whole or partial consideration for your contribution. Gifts and bequests are deductible for income and estate tax purposes under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

TOTAL
AMOUNT RECEIVED  500.00
BALANCE DUE  500.00
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Pictures from the Barbeque on the River Festival

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STORMWATER POLLUTANTS FIND THEIR WAY INTO WHERE WE SWIM, WHAT WE DRINK AND WHERE WE FISH. Everything that goes into our storm drains—grass clippings, soap, pesticides, pet waste, whatever—makes its way straight to our streams. Stormwater pollution is our biggest source of water pollution. It all adds up. It all comes back. And you’re the solution, now that you know where it goes. Find out more today. Visit KnowWhereItGoes.org.
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If you have a septic system...

**Septic systems can provide long-term, effective treatment of household wastewater if properly designed, constructed, and maintained.**

**Things to keep in mind:**

- Inspect your system (every 1 to 3 years) and pump your tank (as necessary, generally every 5 years).
- Use water efficiently.
- Don’t dispose of household hazardous wastes in sinks and toilets.
- Plant only grass over and near your septic system. Roots from nearby trees or shrubs might clog and damage the drainfield.
- Don’t drive or park vehicles on any part of your septic system. Doing so can compact the soil in your drainfield or damage pipes, tank, or other septic system components.

For more information, contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, [www.epa.gov/owm/onsite](http://www.epa.gov/owm/onsite)
Maintaining Your Septic System:

Good for your wallet. Good for your health. Good for the environment.

Did you know that one-quarter of all U.S. homes have septic systems? Yours may be one of them. If you’re not properly maintaining your septic system, you’re not only hurting the environment, you’re putting your family’s health at risk—and may be flushing thousands of dollars down the drain!

First Things First:

What Is a Septic System?
Common in rural areas without centralized sewer systems, septic systems are underground wastewater treatment structures that use a combination of nature and time-tested technology to treat wastewater from household plumbing produced by bathrooms, kitchen drains, and laundry.

Do You Have a Septic System?
You may already know you have a septic system. If you don’t know, here are tell-tale signs that you probably do:

- You use well water.
- The waterline coming into your home doesn’t have a meter.
- You show a "$0.00 Sewer Amount Charged" on your water bill.
- Your neighbors have a septic system.
How To Find Your Septic System
Once you’ve determined that you have a septic system, you can find it by:
- Looking on your home’s “as built” drawing.
- Checking your yard for lids and manhole covers.
- Contacting a septic inspector/pumper to help you locate it.

Why Should You Maintain Your Septic System?

Maintaining Your Septic System...

Saves You Money
Regular maintenance fees of $250 to $300 every three to four years is a bargain compared to the cost of repairing or replacing a malfunctioning system, which can cost between $3,000 and $7,000. The frequency of pumping required for your system depends on how many people live in your home and the size of the system.

Protects Your Property Value
An unusable septic system or one in disrepair will lower your property value, not to mention pose a potentially costly legal liability.

Keeps You and Your Neighbors Healthy
Household wastewater is loaded with disease-causing bacteria and viruses, as well as high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus. If a septic system is well-maintained and working properly, it will remove most of these pollutants. Insufficiently treated sewage from septic systems can cause groundwater contamination, which can spread disease in humans and animals.

Improperly treated sewage also poses the risk of contaminating nearby surface waters, significantly increasing the chance of swimmers contracting a variety of infectious diseases, from eye and ear infections to acute gastrointestinal illness and hepatitis.

Service provider coming? Here’s what you need to know.

When you call a septic service provider, he or she will inspect for leaks and examine the scum and sludge layers in your septic tank.

Your septic tank includes a T-shaped outlet which prevents sludge and scum from leaving the tank and traveling to the drainfield area. If the bottom of the scum layer is within six inches of the bottom of the outlet, or if the top of the sludge layer is within 12 inches of the outlet, your tank will need to be pumped. Remember to note the sludge and scum levels determined by the septic professional in your operation and maintenance records, as this will help determine how often pumping is necessary.

The service provider should note any repairs completed and the tank condition in your system’s service report. If additional repairs are recommended, be sure to hire someone to make them as soon as possible.

The National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA) website has a septic locator that makes it easy to service professionals in your area. Visit www.septicleator.com and enter your ZIP code to get started!
Beware of septic tank additives!

Some makers of septic tank additives claim their products break down septic tank sludge in order to eliminate the need for pumping. But the effectiveness of additives has not been determined; in fact, many studies show that additives have no significant effects on a tank’s bacterial populations.

Septic tanks already contain the microbes they need for the effective breakdown of household wastewater pollutants. Periodic pumping is the only true way to ensure that septic systems work properly and provide many years of service.

Protects the Environment

More than four billion gallons of wastewater is dispersed below the ground’s surface every day. That’s a lot of water! Groundwater contaminated by poorly or untreated household wastewater doesn’t just pose dangers to drinking water—it poses dangers to the environment. Malfunctioning septic systems release bacteria, viruses, and chemicals toxic to local waterways. When these pollutants are released into the ground, they eventually enter streams, rivers, lakes, and more, harming local ecosystems by killing native plants, fish, and shellfish.

Maintaining Your Septic System:

The Basics

Septic system maintenance isn’t complicated, and it doesn’t need to be expensive. Upkeep comes down to four important elements:

- Inspection and pumping
- Water efficiency
- Proper waste disposal
- Drainfield care

Inspect and pump frequently

The average household septic system should be inspected at least every three years by a septic service professional. Household septic tanks are typically pumped every three to five years. Alternative systems with electrical float switches, pumps, or mechanical components need to be inspected more often, generally once a year. A service contract is important since alternative systems have mechanized parts.

Four major factors influence the frequency of septic pumping:

- Household size
- Total wastewater generated
- Volume of solids in wastewater
- Septic tank size
Use water efficiently

Did you know that average indoor water use in a typical single-family home is nearly 70 gallons per individual, per day? And just a single leaky toilet can waste as much as 200 gallons of water per day?

All of the water a household sends down its pipes winds up in its septic system. This means that the more water a household conserves, the less water enters the septic system. Efficient water use can not only improve the operation of a septic system, but it can reduce the risk of failure as well. Learn more about simple ways to save water and water-efficient products by visiting EPA’s WaterSense Program at www.epa.gov/watersense.

- High-efficiency toilets: Toilet use accounts for 25 to 30 percent of household water use. Most older homes have toilets with 3.5- to 5-gallon reservoirs, while newer, high-efficiency toilets use 1.6 gallons of water or less per flush. Replacing existing toilets with high-efficiency models is an easy way to quickly reduce the amount of household water entering your septic system.

- Faucet aerators and high-efficiency showerheads: Faucet aerators help reduce water use as well as the volume of water entering your septic system. High-efficiency showerheads or shower flow restrictors also reduce water use.

- Washing machines: Washing small loads of laundry on your washing machine’s large-load cycle wastes water and energy. By selecting the proper load size, you’ll reduce water waste. If you’re unable to select a load size, run only full loads of laundry.

Another tip? Try to spread water use via washing machine throughout the week. Doing all household laundry in one day might seem like a time-saver, but it can be harmful to your septic system, as it doesn’t allow your septic tank time to adequately treat waste and could potentially flood your drainfield.

Consider purchasing an ENERGY STAR® clothes washer, which uses 35 percent less energy and a whopping 50 percent less water than a standard model. Learn more about ENERGY STAR appliances by visiting www.energystar.gov.

Small leaks can lead to big problems!

When it comes to water fixtures, a couple of quick fixes can save you serious problems down the road!

Check to see if your toilet's reservoir is leaking into your toilet bowl by adding five drops of liquid food coloring to the toilet reservoir before bed. If the dye is in the toilet bowl the next morning, the reservoir is leaking and repairs are needed.

Think a leaky faucet is no big deal? Think again. A small drip from a faucet adds gallons of unnecessary water to your septic system every day.

To see how much a leak adds to your water usage, place a cup under the drip for 10 minutes. Multiply the amount of water in the cup by 144 (the number of minutes in 24 hours, divided by 10). Just one cup of leaky faucet water every 10 minutes equals 16 wasted gallons of water a day—and they all add up in your septic system.

New faucets and toilet reservoirs are easily accessible and inexpensive. Choose to make a small investment for a big difference in your septic system.
Proper waste disposal: Whether you flush it down the toilet, grind it in the garbage disposal, or pour it down the sink, shower, or bath, everything that goes down your drains ends up in your septic system. And what goes down the drain can have a major impact on how well your septic system works.

Toilets Aren’t Trash Cans!
Your septic system is not a trash can. An easy rule of thumb? Don’t flush anything besides human waste and toilet paper.

Never flush:
- Feminine hygiene products
- Condoms
- Dental floss
- Diapers
- Cigarette butts
- Coffee grounds
- Cat litter
- Household chemicals like gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, and paint
- Pharmaceuticals

For a complete list, visit water.epa.gov/septicsmart.

How does a septic system work?
This is a simplified overview of how a septic system works.

1. All water runs out of your house from one main drainage pipe into a septic tank.

2. The septic tank is a buried, water-tight container usually made of concrete, fiberglass or polyethylene. Its job is to hold the wastewater long enough to allow solids to settle down to the bottom (forming sludge), while the oil and grease floats to the top (as scum). Compartments and a T-shaped outlet prevent the sludge and scum from leaving the tank and traveling into the drain field area.

3. The liquid wastewater then exits the tank into the drain field. If the drain field is overloaded with too much liquid, it will flood, causing sewage to flow to the ground surface or create backups in toilets and sinks.

4. Finally, the wastewater percolates into the soil, naturally removing harmful bacteria, viruses, and nutrients.
Own an RV, boat or mobile home?

If you spend any time in a recreational vehicle (RV) or boat, you probably know of the problem of odors from sewage holding tanks. Learn more about proper and safe wastewater disposal—download EPA's factsheet at www.epa.gov/region9/water/groundwater/uic-pdfs/rv-wastewater.pdf or call The National Small Flows Clearinghouse’s Septic System Care hotline toll-free at 1-800-624-8301.

Take care at the drain

Your septic system contains a collection of living organisms that digest and treat household waste. Pouring toxins down your drain can kill these organisms and harm your septic system. Whether you're at the kitchen sink, bathtub, or utility sink:

- Avoid chemical drain openers for a clogged drain. Instead, use boiling water or a drain snake.
- Never pour cooking oil or grease down the drain!
- Never pour oil-based paints, solvents, or large volumes of toxic cleaners down the drain. Even latex paint waste should be minimized.
- Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal, which will significantly reduce the amount of fats, grease, and solids that enter your septic tank and ultimately clog its drainfield.

Maintain your drainfield

Your drainfield—a component of your septic system that removes contaminants from the liquid that emerges from your septic tank—is an important part of your septic system. Here are a few things you should do to maintain it:

- Never park or drive on your drainfield.
- Plant trees the appropriate distance from your drainfield to keep roots from growing into your septic system. A septic service professional can advise you of the proper distance, depending on your septic tank and landscape.
- Keep roof drains, sump pumps, and other rainwater drainage systems away from your drainfield area, as excess water slows down or stops the wastewater treatment process.
Failure Causes

Pouring household and home improvement chemicals down your drains, flushing garbage down toilets, excessive water use, and failure to provide proper maintenance aren't the only culprits for septic system failure. Take note of these additional causes of septic failure:

**Hot tubs**
Hot tubs may be a great way to relax, but when it comes to emptying them, your septic system should be avoided. Emptying a hot tub into your septic system stirs the solids in the tank, pushing them into the drainfield, causing it to clog and fail.

Drain cooled hot tub water onto turf or landscaped areas far away from your septic tank and drainfield, and in accordance with local regulations. Use the same caution when draining swimming pools.

**Water purification and softening systems**
Some freshwater purification systems, including water softeners, unnecessarily pump water into septic systems. Such systems can send hundreds of gallons of water to septic tanks, causing agitation of solids and excess flow to drainfields. When researching water purification and softening systems, check with a licensed plumbing professional about alternative routing for such treatment systems.

**Garbage disposals**
Consider eliminating or limit the use of garbage disposals. While convenient, frequent use of garbage disposals significantly increases the accumulation of sludge and scum in septic tanks, resulting in the need for more frequent pumping.

**Improper design or installation**
The proper design and installation of a septic system is essential for it to correctly function. A home's groundwater table, soil composition, and a properly leveled drainfield are just a few factors to ensure a well-functioning septic system. Be sure to do your research when hiring septic professionals.

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**Failure symptoms: Mind the signs!**

A foul odor isn't always the first sign of a malfunctioning septic system. Call a septic professional if you notice any of the following:

- Wastewater backing up into household drains.
- Bright green, spongy grass on the drainfield, even during dry weather.
- Pooling water or muddy soil around your septic system or in your basement.
- A strong odor around the septic tank and drainfield.

Mind the signs of a failing system. One call to a septic professional could save you thousands of dollars!
For more information on how you can be SepticSmart, please visit:

www.epa.gov/septicsmart

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Do Your Part, Be SepticSmart:
The Do’s and Don’ts of Your Septic System

Learn these simple steps to protect your home, health, environment and property value:

Protect It and Inspect It:

Do:
• Have your system inspected (in general) every three years by a licensed contractor and have the tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years.

Think at the Sink:

Don’t:
• Pour cooking grease or oil down the sink or toilet.
• Rinse coffee grounds into the sink.
• Pour household chemicals down the sink or flush them.

Do:
• Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal.
• Properly dispose of coffee grounds & food.
• Put grease in a container to harden before discarding in the trash.

Don’t Overload the Commode:

Don’t:
• Flush non-degradable products or chemicals, such as feminine hygiene products, condoms, dental floss, diapers, cigarette butts, cat litter, paper towels, pharmaceuticals.

Do:
• Dispose of these items in the trash!

Shield Your Field:

Don’t:
• Park or drive on your drainfield. The weight can damage the drain lines.
• Plant trees or shrubs too close to your drainfield, roots can grow into your system and clog it.

Do:
• Consult a septic service professional to advise you of the proper distance for planting trees and shrubs, depending on your septic tank location.

Don’t Strain Your Drain:

Don’t:
• Concentrate your water use by using your dishwasher, shower, washing machine, and toilet at the same time. All that extra water can really strain your septic system.

Do:
• Stagger the use of water-generating appliances. This can be helpful especially if your system has not been pumped in a long time.
• Become more water efficient by fixing plumbing leaks and consider installing bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators and water-efficient products.

For more SepticSmart tips, visit: www.epa.gov/septicsmart

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If you’re on a sanitary sewer system...

What you flush from your home affects the streams, lakes, and coastal waters in our community.

✓ Don’t pour household products such as cleansers, beauty products, medicine, auto fluids, paint, and lawn care products down the drain.
   Wastewater treatment facilities are designed to treat organic materials, not hazardous chemicals.

✓ Don’t put excess household grease (meat fats, cooking oil, butter and margarine, etc.), diapers, condoms, and personal hygiene products down a drain or flush them.

✓ These materials can clog pipes, and cause raw sewage to overflow in your home or yard, or in public areas.

✓ Don’t pour used motor oil down the drain.
   Used motor oil can diminish the effectiveness of the treatment process and might allow contaminants to be discharged into local waterways.

For more information, contact:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
www.epa.gov/owm
How Do I Get Stormwater Permit Coverage for My Construction Site?

A Construction Site Operator’s Guide to Your State’s Stormwater Permit Program

Who needs permit coverage?

If your construction project disturbs 1 or more acres of land through clearing, grading, excavating, or stockpiling of fill material, you may need permit coverage. Remember to count the acreage of the entire project even if you are responsible for only a small portion.
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Paducah-McCracken County Residents
Bring Driver's License to Verify Residency
829 Burnett Street
7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Free! Rain or Shine

Enter from North 10th or Burnett Streets. Traffic will not be allowed to enter from North 8th or 9th Streets. Please tarp each load. No medical waste or commercial waste. Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste are off-loaded last in the line. Please separate your items to make your trip go quicker.

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✓ WHITE GOODS
washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, hot water tanks, air conditioners (must be freon-free)
✓ TIRES
No heavy equipment, solid or foam-filled tires.
✓ HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
light bulbs, fluorescent bulbs, insecticides*, weed killers*, cleaners*, paint*, batteries, used motor oil, mercury filled items (*10 gallon limit per household. All material must be in original container.).
Exchange fluorescent bulbs and mercury items for two new compact fluorescent bulbs.
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All old ammunition and expired or no longer needed over-the-counter and prescription medications will be accepted.
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Spring Clean Up Day happening in Paducah April 4

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Staff report

NOTE: An incorrect date and time were previously published this week in The Sun. We apologize for the error.

For many people, it's an annual tradition to conduct a thorough spring cleaning around their home. After gathering that pile of trash and other items needing proper disposal, set aside some time on Saturday, April 4 to take those items to the collection point for the Paducah-McCracken County Spring Clean Up Day. The event for Paducah and McCracken County residents will be Saturday, April 4, 7 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Republic Services transfer station, 829 Burnett St. Spring Clean Up Day is a free service, rain or shine. All residents must bring proper identification (such as a driver's license) to verify residency.

Spring Clean Up Day, commonly referred to as dump day, is an opportunity to dispose of various types of solid and household hazardous waste. Accepted items include household trash, white goods (Freon-free), tires, household hazardous waste, ammunition, expired or no longer needed prescription medications, and recyclables including e-scrap. No medical waste or commercial waste will be accepted. Recyclables and household hazardous waste items are off-loaded last in line. Please separate your items to make the trip go quicker.

Spring Clean Up Day is held at Republic Services and on the adjacent parking lot of the Paducah Public Works facility on North 10th Street. To maintain the traffic flow, drivers need to enter Republic (look for the CWI sign) either from North 10th or Burnett streets. Traffic will not be allowed to enter from North 8th or 9th streets.

Once again Paducah Power System is teaming up with AES Environmental to encourage people to safely dispose of old, unbroken fluorescent bulbs. Fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and are not recommended for residential curbside trash pick-up. Each family turning in unbroken fluorescent bulbs will receive two new compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). Paducah Power also will collect mercury-filled items.

On average, approximately 700 vehicles go through the line to dispose of nearly 200 tons of household trash, white goods, and scrap metal. That tonnage is in addition to the tires, recyclables, hazardous materials, prescriptions, and ammunition collected Spring Clean Up Day is funded in part through a Household Hazardous Waste Grant through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. Partners include AES Environmental, LLC, City of Paducah, Republic Services, GPSP-Recycle Now, Liberty Tire, McCracken County, McCracken County DES/EM, McCracken County Sheriff's Department, Paducah Power System, and Paducah Water.

For more information about Spring Clean Up Day, visit www.poducahky.gov or call the City of Paducah Engineering-Public Works Department at 270-444-8567.

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Rainfall brings flood of concerns for locals

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Imogene Clark has lived in what she calls her "dream retirement home" on 21st and Madison Streets for 36 years - long enough to know the area is prone to flooding.

July 7's torrential rain brought water right up to the 80-year-old's doorstep and damaged her car, but the self-described optimist said she's seen worse since moving to a neighborhood so low, she believes it should never have been developed.

She puts it gently: "(The neighborhood) is a wonderful place to live, but we do have a lot of trouble with the water."

Other residents, many of whom reported thousands of dollars in damage, aren't as placid as Clark when discussing the rains last week that brought 5.4 inches to parts of the city.

Twenty people signed up to speak at Tuesday's city commission meeting, and more than 50 were in attendance. After an hour and a half spent discussing the flooding, city officials proposed a re-evaluation of the storm water system and the development of a plan to upgrade it. The last plan was developed in 1989, according to City Manager Jeff Pederson.

"We certainly empathize with problems people have been experiencing from the ... unusually high and intense rainfall that occurred last week," Pederson said during the meeting. "I don't think there are many things that can be bigger problems for folks and evoke stronger emotions than water entering their property."

He explained the city has experienced five "100-year storm events" since 1985; he defined these events as an amount of rain during a certain time period that's only likely to occur once every 100 years.

But many residents Tuesday said their homes and businesses flooded more often than that.

La Vaughn Watson, who owns the building at 611 Broadway, said she's spent $20,000 to clean up flooding damage from rain last year and from July 7.

"I've got two tenants renting businesses there. One moved out (Tuesday). I wouldn't be surprised if the other one does," she said. "You're going to have another empty building sitting on Broadway."

Watson said staff at the city's engineering department told her that her store frequently floods because the grate and pipes in the alley behind the business are too small to handle the load of heavy rain.

Bart Travis, whose mother lived at 2127 Madison St. - in the same neighborhood as Clark - said their house is a total loss after the flooding.

"My mother cannot live in that house again. My neighbors cannot live in their houses again," Travis said. "When our whole world is flooded, how can we move ahead?"
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Travis said he’s tried to have the issue of flooding addressed multiple times over recent years with no response from the city.

This could have been avoided, because it’s been brought up to your attention in the past. It’s not something new,” he said.

And Tony Crouch, who manages apartments on Oakcrest Drive, said 18 families were displaced at the complex. He said he faces about $300,000 in repair costs, and that a flood last year caused $170,000 in damage.

“As I stood there Tuesday morning watching my tenants carry their very few belongings out, one lady was kayaked out, I wondered why does it seem to be happening more often, and what can be done about it?”

Some residents said the city was slow to respond to the flood, and that they noticed the water recede within 30 minutes of the city “turning the pumps on.” But City Engineer and Public Works Director Rick Murphy said the pumps are always on.

“I know in my 20 years of being here ... on our watch, those pumps have always been operated,” Murphy said. The city’s pumping capacity is not adequate to deal with record amounts of rain, he said.

The city has also waived the $25 fee it usually charges for picking up debris from flooding. Residents with items damaged by the flood who have received a charge can contact the engineering-public works department at 270-444-8569 to have the charge removed. For additional information about filing a claim with the city, residents can contact Martin Russell in Risk Management at 270-444-8540.

“We’re not going to just sit back and do nothing. I’m telling you that right now, I will not let that happen,” Mayor Gayle Kaler assured residents at the meeting.

Clark, the longtime Madison Street resident, said it’s not the city’s fault the houses in her neighborhood are built lower than those in surrounding parts of the city.

Still, she’d be happy to see more attention paid to her area of town - particularly the sewer system.

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City considers storm water upgrades

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City staff have started looking into improving Paducah’s storm water system.

Exactly what improvements are needed and the extent of upgrades to the system remain to be seen. The city’s first step is likely to be hiring consultants to evaluate the system’s needs.

The discussion of improving Paducah’s storm water system came up after many city residents and businesses awoke to flooded homes, buildings, yards and roads on July 7. From about 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. that day, parts of the city received up to 5.4 inches of rain, which is considered a “100-year storm event” likely to happen only once in a century.

The heavy rainfall caused extensive damage to many properties, which prompted dozens of people to voice their concerns at a July city commission meeting. City Manager Jeff Pederson told attendees that it’s time for the city to look into improving its storm water system.

The city developed a plan in 1989 to make improvements to parts of the system, Pederson said, which would have required several millions of dollars. Some improvements were made, but the plan was not fully carried out.

Pederson met with city engineers last week to discuss making a request for qualifications (RFQ) to seek a consulting firm that could evaluate the system’s needs. Pederson said the city plans to make a request for consultants, but whether the city will hire a firm, how they’ll evaluate the system and how to pay for the consultants and any projects are all uncertain.

“We will be sending an RFQ out in the next couple weeks to select a firm for storm water management studies,” Pederson said. “At this point we’re unsure what the scope of the study will be, in terms of, are we going to review the existing study, or will we have a total system analysis from the ground up.”

Pederson said the problems with Paducah’s storm water system are difficult to summarize, but he said “it’s a capacity issue.”

He said the 1989 storm water plan proposed upgrades to specific parts of the system. He pointed out that a lot has changed in the city since then, including annexation of additional parcels of land into the city. The city’s storm water system is also affected by creeks that run through the city and other surface drainage from outside the city limits. Pederson said there may be a need to look at surface drainage issues beyond the city’s boundaries.

“Our inclination is to look at the whole system,” he said. “Inherent in a decision to do that on that scale are two resources that are not plentiful: time and money.”

If the city moves forward with hiring a firm to examine the system’s issues and possibly develop a new plan, Pederson said it’s uncertain how to pay for the consulting cost, which is currently not in the city’s budget.
If the city decided to move forward with major upgrades, it would also have to find a way to fund those. Pederson said the city staff are also looking at possible funding options. One would be to create a storm water utility through a storm water management fee, which he said is permitted by state law.

"We're moving forward," Pederson said. "It is a significant project. Doing the plan is a significant project in itself. Doing a plan on that scale is going to take a lot of time and a lot of money. We're going to need first to find the money. We are beginning the effort to get a better handle on our system."
City announces leaf pickup rules

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Staff report

The city of Paducah has released its guidelines for property owners who are preparing to dispose of leaves.

Leaf burning is banned in Paducah. Residents are encouraged to mulch leaves, but if that's not possible, the city has guidelines for leaf collection for residents and lawn services.

Residents should bag their leaves for collection. Leaves that are not bagged will not be collected. Residents may use any type of yard or trash bag for leaves.

Leaf and brush collection will occur Mondays across the city. If a homeowner has five bags of leaves or fewer, those bags can be collected with their trash on their designated trash collection day. If a homeowner misses the Monday collection day or has more than five bags of leaves, they can wait until the following Monday for collection or call the city's engineering-public works department at 270-444-8567 to schedule a pickup.

City residents can drop bags of leaves off at the compost facility at 1560 N. Eighth St. during business hours at no charge. The facility is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Bags should be placed next to the road for easy pickup and not behind any obstacles or in the street, gutter, ditches or any drain.

For more information call the engineering-public works department at 270-444-8567 or visit www.paducahky.gov.

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Future of Mayfield's downtown square in flux

By LAUREN J. DUNCAN
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A group of Mayfield residents are concerned after the announcement that two downtown buildings will be demolished.

At least 19 residents, many of whom are long-time property owners, met with Mayor John Dwyer to discuss the situation. According to the Paducah News-Sentinel, the city council will vote on the demolition plans at its next meeting.

The residents are concerned that the demolition of the buildings will negatively impact the downtown area and its businesses. They believe that instead of demolishing the buildings, the city could find other ways to improve the area.

The city council has not yet announced a decision on the matter.

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Prescription drug drop-off

John Tellier, Paducah Police Department's director of public affairs, discussed plans for a drop-off location for prescription drugs.

Tellier said that the city is considering different locations for the drop-off, including the police station and a local pharmacy. He also mentioned that the city is working with the Kentucky Department of Health and Family Services to ensure that the drop-off is compliant with state regulations.

Tellier emphasized the importance of properly disposing of prescription drugs to prevent drug abuse and environmental harm.
Water Over Many Roads, Some Closed
By West Kentucky Star Staff

PADUCAH, KY -

Even as the region braces for several inches of snow this evening, heavy rains since last night caused localized flooding along Ohio River counties in Kentucky and Illinois.

"Water Over Road" signs are a common sight, and some roads have been completely closed by the rising waters.

In Carlisle County, Highway 62 is closed at the West Fork Creek bottoms near mile marker 4. Also, portions of KY 1821 and 1628 are closed in Carlisle County.

In McCracken County, Bonds Road is closed near Oaks Road. Also in McCracken County, water was reported over the road on KY 339, 358, 450, 996, 1321, 1565 and 3075.

Woodville Road at the McCracken/Ballard county line had water over the road near the Apperson Road intersection.

In Melber, water from Mayfield Creek is out of its banks and getting across Clinton Road.

Several locations on Bobo Road are covered between Noble Road and Mayfield-Metropolis Road.

In Cairo, Illinois, Main Street/US 51 reportedly has only the center lanes of the road open near the high school and railroad overpass, with water over the side lanes.

In Hickman County, Highway 123 is under water near the Oakton and Hailwell areas.

In Caldwell County, saturated soil led to a landslide along Interstate 69 near the 88 mile marker. The slide is restricted to the shoulder of the road, and traffic is not being affected. Also in Caldwell County, a section of KY 128 has water over the road.

Radar-indicated rain totals since last night have exceeded two inches across Ballard, Carlisle, McCracken, Massac, Livingston and Crittenden counties. All of western Kentucky is under a Flood Watch until 1:30 today, along with the southernmost counties of southern Illinois. Grounds already saturated by rapid snowmelt yesterday will not soak up any of today's rain, and creeks and ditches are already full.

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Drop Off Unwanted Items During 'Dump Day'

Today
By Pam Spencer, Paducah Public Information Officer

PADUCAH, KY - For many people, it's an annual tradition to conduct a thorough spring cleaning around their home. After gathering that pile of trash and other items needing proper disposal, set aside some time on Saturday, April 4 to take those items to the collection point for the Paducah-McCracken County Spring Clean Up Day. The event for Paducah and McCracken County residents will be Saturday, from 7:00 am until 2:30 pm at the Republic Services transfer station, 829 Burnett Street. Spring Clean Up Day is a free service, rain or shine. All residents must bring proper identification (such as a driver's license) to verify McCracken County residency.

Spring Clean Up Day, commonly referred to as dump day, is an opportunity to dispose of various types of solid and household hazardous waste. Accepted items include household trash, white goods (Freon-free), tires, household hazardous waste, ammunition, expired or no longer needed prescription medications, and recyclables including e-scrap. No medical waste or commercial waste will be accepted. Recyclables and household hazardous waste items are off-loaded last in line. Please separate your items to make the trip go quicker.

Spring Clean Up Day is held at Republic Services and on the adjacent parking lot of the Paducah Public Works facility on North 10th Street. To maintain the traffic flow, drivers need to enter Republic (look for the CWI sign) either from North 10th or Burnett Streets. Traffic will not be allowed to enter from North 8th or 9th Streets.

Once again Paducah Power System is teaming up with AES Environmental to encourage people to safely dispose of old, unbroken fluorescent bulbs. Fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and are not recommended for residential curbside trash pick-up. Each family turning in unbroken fluorescent bulbs will receive two new compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's). Paducah Power also will collect mercury-filled items.

On average, approximately 700 vehicles go through the line to dispose of nearly 200 tons of household trash, white goods, and scrap metal. That tonnage is in addition to the tires, recyclables, hazardous materials, prescriptions, and ammunition collected.

Spring Clean Up Day is funded in part through a Household Hazardous Waste Grant through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. Partners include AES Environmental, LLC, City of Paducah, Republic Services, GPSP-Recycle Now, Liberty Tire, McCracken County, McCracken County DES/EM, McCracken County Sheriff's Department, Paducah Power System, and Paducah Water.

For more information about Spring Clean Up Day, visit www.paducahky.gov or call the City of Paducah Engineering-Public Works Department at 270-444-8567.

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Paducah Police To Hold 'Drug Take Back' Saturday
By West Kentucky Star Staff

PADUCAH, KY - The Paducah Police Department will hold a "drug take-back" Saturday morning at the main entrance to Kentucky Oaks Mall.

The event allows residents from throughout western Kentucky and southern Illinois to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The police department cannot accept liquids or needles, only pills or patches.

The event is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

A similar event last September was the largest-ever of its kind at the Paducah mall, according to detective John Tolliver, the department's prescription drug investigator. A total of 243 pounds of pills were turned in, more than double the amount turned in during a similar event last spring.

According to the DEA, this initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

The DEA is in the process of approving new regulations that implement the Safe and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" (that is, a patient or their family member or pet owner) of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances.

Anyone who cannot make it to Kentucky Oaks Mall Saturday may bring their unwanted medications to a drop box in the lobby of the Paducah Police Department, 1400 Broadway, Paducah.

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Flood Victims in Paducah Seek Answers from City
By West Kentucky Star Staff

PADUCAH, KY - During the Paducah city commission meeting Tuesday evening, more than 20 citizens showed up to voice their concerns about the damage that flash flooding caused last week.

They were seeking answers to questions about the capacity of the city's storm water system after the flash flooding that resulted from the record rainfall in a short time on July 7. Many areas in Paducah received more than five inches of rainfall in less than three hours. According to the National Weather Service, the amount of rainfall was greater than a 100-year storm event.

City manager Jeff Pederson said, "A hundred-year rain event is beyond the size a municipal storm water system is typically sized." However, Pederson recommends that the city commit to assessing the system and developing a plan for upgrades.

The previous study of the system was conducted in 1989, and contained tens of millions of dollars worth of projects. Some of those projects have been completed; however, with development since that time, a new assessment may yield new information.

Pederson also suggested creating an advisory committee for this process and wants the city to review funding mechanisms for the upgrades. McCracken County Emergency Management also is working to see if Paducah/McCracken County can be declared a disaster area, which could make available federal funds for property owners.

The city is waiving fees to collect flood damaged items placed curbside. If you have flood damaged items collected by City crews and receive a charge, please contact the Engineering-Public Works Department at 270-444-8567 to have the charge removed. Also, if you need permits to renovate your flood damaged home or business, those permit fees will be waived.

To find out information about filing a claim with the city, contact Martin Russell in Risk Management at 270-444-8540.

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Residents displaced after flash flooding in Paducah

Posted: Jul 07, 2015 6:42 AM CDT
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Written by Heartland News

PADUCAH, KY (KFVS) - Heavy rain caused flash flooding in Paducah and around McCracken County, Kentucky.

Numerous homes were flooded and some residents are displaced near Deer Lick Place Road.

The water was swift enough to bust some doors down.

Numerous people living on Oak Crest Drive in Paducah South of Kentucky Oaks Mall have been displaced.

The water was two to three feet deep in some areas.

Water was up to a foot deep along Whitney Drive in Paducah.

"Well, we had a bad rain storm. My cat actually woke me about 5:30 this morning and I looked out and the streets were already flooded," said Paducah resident Joel Cavitt. "And by the time I got my stepdaughter awake her car, of course, it was under water. By 6 o'clock it was up in the carport. By 7 o'clock it was about three inches from being inside the house. And it just wasn't good. This isn't the first time it happened. This is the worst since I've been here in 13 years, I guess."

Assistant Police Chief Brian Krueger says crews worked to rescue a man below a bridge area on Irvin Cobb Drive known as Beltline Overpass. That man is out of the water.

Between two and five inches of rain fell in a short amount of time in areas of McCracken, Ballard, Marshall and Livingston counties.

West Kentucky Star (http://bit.ly/1IOTODT) reports the severe weather has led to water-covered roads, power outages, the closure of Noble Park and the evaluation of an apartment building. According to the station, police in Paducah are asking residents to stay off flooded roadways.

View more flooding pictures.

Experts say to never drive across a water-covered road, your car could become stranded or even swept away.

If you have pictures of the flooding, KFVS12 would love to see them. Send them to cnnews@kfvs12.com or click here to upload.

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Resolution in Support of Kentucky House Bill 1 – Local Investments for Transformation (LIFT)
The Mayor and Commissioners approved a resolution in support of House Bill 1, Local Investments for Transformation (LIFT) Kentucky. If approved by the Kentucky General Assembly, LIFT would amend Section 181 of the Kentucky Constitution to allow a local government the option of levying a local option sales tax of no more than one percent. The local sales tax would be for a specific, voter-approved project and would have a pre-determined end date. Commissioner Richard Abraham says, “This would give us an option to get things done and a way to pay for it without issuing bonds and going into debt.” More than three dozen other states allow local citizens to vote for or against a project that would be paid for by a temporary local option sales tax. At this time, Kentucky does not allow communities the option of a local sales tax. Commissioner Sandra Wilson says, “It’s a great tool for every community in Kentucky. A lot of cities and communities are for it, statewide.” The Kentucky League of Cities estimates that based on Paducah’s population and sales receipts, a one percent local option sales tax could generate $15.9 million per year. Commissioner Allan Rhodes notes that this option would be especially beneficial to Paducah since it is a hub of regional activity. Commissioner Rhodes says, “Paducah is number 15 in Kentucky cities based on its population; yet, we are number five in the collection of sales tax.”

Quick Highlights
- Hardy Roberts reappointed to the Electric Plant Board.
- Municipal order approved for a grant through the Kentucky Certified Local Government Program for historic preservation education funds. The grant request is for $3795 which would require a local in-kind match of $2530. If awarded, the funds would be used to employ an intern to create a GIS database/inventory of commercial historic property and archaeological resources in the City.
- Municipal order approved to apply for a Keep America Beautiful-Cigarette Litter Prevention grant in the amount of $10,000. The grant does not have a local match. If awarded, the funds would be used to raise awareness of the impact of cigarette littering, place ash receptacles in the downtown area, and distribute portable ashtrays to smokers.
- Ordinance approved accepting the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program grant in the amount of $9310. The funds would be used to purchase body armor vests for the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required.
- Ordinance approved for Change Order #1 with Harper Construction, LLC in the amount of $17,123.27 for the Greenway Trail project. Harper was approved in September 2013 to construct the 1.2 mile segment of the trail between Noble Park and U.S. 45 including the underpass. The original contract amount was $672,502.45. This change order finalizes the project with the final contract amount at $689,625.72. The change order is due to final adjustments in quantities with the additional cost mainly due to additional handrails and backfill.

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City Commission Meeting Highlights
Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at City Hall

Note: Mayor Gayle Kaler and Commissioner Sandra Wilson were unable to attend this meeting.

Downtown and Market House Historic District Assessment and Reassessment Moratorium
The Commissioners approved an ordinance establishing the Downtown & Market House Historic District Assessment and Reassessment Moratorium. This ordinance encourages the repair, rehabilitation, or stabilization of existing properties in the district that are at least 50 years old by providing a program in which the property tax paid to the city would be frozen at the pre-renovation assessment for five years. Planning Director Steve Ervin says, “We are pretty excited to offer this in the downtown area that is seeing so much rehabilitation and revitalization.” For a property to be eligible for this moratorium, it must receive more than $75,000 worth of improvements. This moratorium does not affect the amount of tax paid to the City school system or to McCracken County. This program will be managed by the City of Paducah Planning Department. To be eligible for the program, an application must be filed with the Planning Department prior to the renovations to the building. After the application is submitted, the Property Valuation Administration (PVA) would assess the property. Then, the property owner has two years to complete the renovations unless granted an extension. One the renovations are complete and reviewed by the Planning Department, then the moratorium certificate will be issued granting five years of City property taxes at the pre-renovation assessment.

Renovation of Former Commerce Center for TeleTech (vote March 10)
The Commissioners introduced an ordinance to pay Paducah Economic Development (PED) $75,000 from the Investment Fund to assist with the renovations to the former Commerce Center building at 401 Kentucky Avenue for use by TeleTech. PED received a $1 million grant to renovate the building; however, renovations cost $1.15 million. PED has asked the City to contribute $75,000. TeleTech has two call center locations in Paducah-McCracken County. In July 2014, TeleTech held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its newly constructed facility in Paducah Commerce Park (also known as Information Age Park). TeleTech also utilizes the former Commerce Center building to house a portion of its 550 employees. Visit www.teletechjobs.com or call 866-796-5485 for more information about job opportunities. TeleTech employs nearly 41,000 people worldwide.

Updates from City Manager Jeff Pederson
- City Manager Jeff Pederson says a day trip to St. Louis is being arranged for next Tuesday for Commissioner Allan Rhodes, Engineering/Public Works Operations Manager Chris Yarber, Public Information Officer Pam Spencer, and him to visit the Republic Services recycling processing facility. Plans are underway for Republic to offer a recycling drop point in Paducah as the City works on a possible plan to transition to curbside recycling. GPS Recycle Now plans to cease its collection of recyclables at its North 8th Street facility later next month.
- The public may have noticed additional barricades around the building at 432 Broadway. The City is actively engaged with the building’s owner to assess the structure. A structural engineer is expected to review the building tomorrow with a recommendation to be forthcoming.
- Pederson and the elected officials recognized the efforts of the city workforce during last week’s snowfall. Pederson also acknowledged the assistance by the Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency (JSA) and the community to clear storm inlets before last Friday and Saturday’s rain.

Quick Highlights
- Bob Wade and Lenny Powley reappointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Urban Renewal & Community Development Agency (URDCA).
- Municipal order approved adopting the City’s position and pay schedule to create the crime analyst position in the Police Department.

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City Commission Meeting Highlights
Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at City Hall

E-911 Resolution
The Mayor and Commissioners approved a resolution titled “A resolution of intent of the City Commission to retain the City/County 911 Emergency Communications Center and to proceed with recommendations of the 2014 operational review.” In late 2013, the E-911 Emergency Services Communications Board commissioned an independent analysis of various aspects of the E-911 center and operations. The analysis by Almont Associates was presented to the E-911 Board, the McCracken County Fiscal Court and in March 2014 to the City Commission. The analysis contains recommendations about staffing, operations, governance, facilities, and technology. However, also in 2014, the E-911 Board began reviewing a Kentucky State Police (KSP) proposal to provide dispatching services from KSP Post 1 in Graves County. The E-911 Board spent significant time and effort reviewing the KSP proposal but was unable to come to a consensus on a recommendation. Police Chief Brandon Barnhill and Fire Chief Steve Kyle also made a presentation at the January 6, 2015 City Commission meeting outlining their questions and concerns about the proposal and how it may not be the appropriate model for Paducah-McCracken County. Therefore, with this resolution the City Commission supports the continuation of the E-911 interlocal agreement to provide services in Paducah-McCracken County and requests the E-911 Board to resume their consideration and implementation of recommendations outlined in the operational review by Almont Associates.

Employee Recognition for 25 Years of Service
To recognize years of service with the City, City Manager Jeff Pederson has initiated a program to provide service pins and an appreciation certificate to employees. At this meeting, employees with 25 years of service were recognized. Later this month at a Commission meeting, employees with 20 years of service will be recognized. Those with 5, 10, and 15 years of service will be recognized at the department level in staff meetings or other gatherings. Employees receiving 25-year service pins and certificates are as follows:

- Section 8 Division of Planning Department: Danny Fugate and Donna Swift
- Planning Department: Donna Jackson
- Police Department: Rene Long
- Fire Department: Gary Jackson, Gary Leneave, Kevin McKellips, Daniel Pandolfi, Gabe Reeves, and Scott Brian

Employees who were able to attend the recognition ceremony are pictured below. Employees (pictured from left to right) are Danny Fugate, Donna Jackson, Gary Leneave, Kevin McKellips, Gabe Reeves, Gary Edmonds, Neal Ford, and Kathy Wyatt.

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Swearing-In of Police Officers
McCracken County Circuit Judge Craig Gymes conducted the swearing-in ceremony for the Paducah Police Department’s officer recruits: Daniel Kimball, John P. Smith, Blair Wrye, Ryan Hudson, and Kerry Naquin

Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency Update
Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency (JSA) Executive Director John Hodges updated the Mayor and Commissioners on Paducah’s Consent Judgment with the State Division of Water and the Environmental Protection Agency in addressing combined sewer overflows (CSO) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSO). JSA is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Paducah and McCracken County’s wastewater collection and treatment system. Similar to hundreds of other communities in the United States, much of Paducah’s system is a combined sewer system. In a combined sewer system, sewage and storm water runoff are collected in a single pipe. Most of the time, all of the wastewater is transported to the treatment plant. However, during periods of heavy rain, the volume in the sewer system may exceed the capacity of the system and the plant resulting in an overflow. JSA has been working for the past several years on projects to separate the storm water and sewage systems, rehabilitate lines, and increase storage capacity. One of the recent projects to separate the combined sewers is underway in the Wallace Park subdivision. Hodges says, “We’re committed to getting the work done and putting the neighborhood back together. The neighborhood has been positive and patient.” Hodges says the Wallace Park project is 45 percent complete. From 2008 to 2014, JSA has had capital expenditures of $38 million on projects to increase capacity, rehabilitate lines, expand lines, and correct overflows areas. Hodges says JSA is currently doing a rate analysis and hopes to keep rates low. JSA’s current rate is $4.43 per 1000 gallons of usage which is one of the lowest rates as compared to other similarly-sized cities in Kentucky.

Historic Downtown New Business Grant Program (vote March 24)
The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance to create the Historic Downtown New Business Grant Program. This program will encourage new businesses or those moving their operations to downtown Paducah with their start-up financial costs including new utility services, marketing, new equipment, interior and exterior renovations, exterior signs, professional fees, and other similar costs. Similar to other programs, this program will be managed through the Planning Department. Each business must make a minimum cash investment of $10,000 in the building or property. The potential grant funding will be based on the size of the business. For businesses less than 1000 square feet, the City will provide a 100 percent reimbursement of the first $5000 of eligible costs and then 50 percent of the eligible costs between $5000 and $10,000. For businesses that utilize more 1000 or more square feet, the City will provide a 100 percent reimbursement of the first $7500 of eligible costs and then 50 percent of the eligible costs between $7500 and $15,000. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, “This is a tremendous economic development tool for the community. We are on the cutting edge here.”

2010 Kentucky Transportation Enhancement Grant (vote March 24)
The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance accepting the new agreement for the 2010 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Transportation Enhancement Grant. The City accepted this grant in 2011 for the construction of an extension of the Greenway Trail through the Perkins Creek Nature Preserve off County Park Road. However, in 2014, the City requested that the grant be used instead to extend the trail along the riverfront. The State has agreed to provide a $520,000 grant for the construction of 5760 feet of trail beginning at Campbell Street where the existing trail ends near the Paducah Expo Center. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy, “We are using a large portion of this grant to do the sidewalks and walking trail on the Riverfront project.” The trail would go under the former Executive Inn Showroom and follow the riverfront to Schultz Park. The City is required to match the grant with $130,000. Those funds will be provided through the Boyles Estate Trust Fund and from the Investment Fund.

Updates from City Manager Jeff Pederson
- The City’s negotiations with AFSCME are going well with the expectation that a new contract will be coming before the City Commission soon.
- At the next City Commission meeting (March 17), a workshop will be held to further discuss the City Hall project by reviewing site options in the Civic Center Zone.
• Pederson in addition to Commissioner Allan Rhodes and others will be heading to Indianapolis this week to meet with representatives of RATIO, the firm that is creating a concept plan for the former Executive Inn site. The plan will include timelines, design concepts, and funding projections.

• Pederson just returned from the National League of Cities conference. He says the focus of many of the discussions was about the downturn in the amount of federal funding for cities. Cities need to become more self-reliant in funding their projects and create more opportunities for local public-private partnerships.

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• Municipal order approved for Paducah Water to apply for a low interest loan through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. The request is for $4.493 million to be used for the construction of approximately 9000 linear feet of 24” water main from the treatment plant to Kentucky Avenue. The project is anticipated to be constructed in 2016.

• Municipal order approved to apply for the Law Enforcement Service Fee Grant. The Police Department is requesting $8114 to be used to operate a one-year DUI enforcement program. No local match is required.

• Municipal orders approved for the Section 8 Housing Program including the five year and annual Administrative Plan and the Annual Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. A municipal order also was approved adopting the revisions to the Section 8 Housing Utility Allowances.

• Ordinance approved accepting the $25,000 grant from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety to be used by the Police Department for a Roadside Drug Testing Pilot Program. The grant funds will be used to purchase drug testing kits and to conduct the law enforcement activities. No local match is required. This is a pilot program in which the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety invited Louisville, Lexington, and Paducah to participate. The program would involve the voluntary participation of people after they have been arrested for being under the influence.

• Ordinance introduced (vote March 24) accepting the bid from Central Paving Company for an equipment rental contract providing hourly rates for equipment including operators.

• Ordinance introduced (vote March 24) accepting the bid from Jim Smith Contracting Company for the street resurfacing contract.

• Ordinance introduced (vote March 24) accepting the bid from Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel Company for the limestone contract.

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- City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says the Ohio River at Paducah is cresting with a river stage this morning at 45.5 feet. The river is expected to drop to 45.0 feet and hold for several days at that level. Murphy says flood gates are installed when the forecast is for the river for reach 48.5 feet and continue to rise.

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City Commission Meeting Highlights
Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Carol Gault was unable to attend this meeting.

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- General Government: Tammy Sanderson
- Finance Department: Jonathan Perkins
- Planning Department: Steve Ervin and Nancy Upchurch
- Police Department: Stacey Grimes
- Fire Department: Barry Carter, Jeff Montgomery, Brian Waid, and Philip Weeks
- Parks Department: Luther Hayes

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Recycling Drop-Off Location
Public Information Officer Pam Spencer briefed the Mayor and Commissioners on the progress of negotiating a recycling drop-off facility with Republic Services. Once the City was notified by Greater Paducah Sustainability Project (GPSP) that it would cease to accept recyclables at its recycling facility on North 8th Street on March 27, the City began a negotiation process with Republic Services. The written agreement still is being drafted; however, beginning April 1, Republic will begin accepting recyclables during regular business hours at its Transfer Station located at 829 Burnett Street. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. until noon. There is no charge for the general public to drop off recyclables.

Recycling at the new drop-off location will involve entering the gates of Republic’s Transfer Station on Burnett Street (look for the CWI sign) and making a sharp right into a gravel area where large recycling bins will be located. Recycling customers will then exit through a gate that will take them onto North 8th Street. Customers will need to unload their recyclables and
place them into the appropriate container. There is a separate container for cardboard; however, all other accepted recyclables can be placed together in the bins. No sorting is necessary. Items that will be accepted are as follows: cardboard, pastebord, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office paper, tin, steel, and aluminum cans, and plastic containers. Republic will not accept electronics or batteries, household hazardous waste, items tainted by food, food waste, Styrofoam™, or glass.

2015 Recreation Trails Program Grant Application
The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order to apply for the Recreation Trails Program grant in the amount of $100,000. The federal funds are provided through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). If awarded, the funds would be used to construct a 1/3 mile walking trail in the city-owned open park space bordered by 13th Street, Madison Street, 14th Street, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

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Quick Highlights
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- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a proclamation NeuroRestorative proclaiming March as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

- Boards and Commissions: Nick Warren reappointed to Nuisance Code Enforcement Board; extension of the terms of Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation board members Kyle Henderson, Darryl Pea, Brian Katz, Carla Berry, Alexandra Sherwood, and Drew Hulette from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019; and the appointment of Mark Whitlow to the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation.

- Municipal order approved to apply for the 2015-2016 Household Hazardous Waste Grant through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. The grant request of $32,000 would be used for the annual Spring Clean Up Day for City/County residents. The grant requires a local match of $8000 to be split between the City and County. This year’s Spring Clean Up Day, a free event for Paducah and McCracken County residents, is Saturday, April 4 from 7 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Visit https://paducahky.gov/paducah/news/2015-spring-clean-day for additional details.

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- There will not be a Commission meeting next week due to March having five Tuesdays. The meeting scheduled for April 7 may be cancelled due to Spring Break activities.

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Establish Economic Development Incentive Guidelines
The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order to establish policy and guidelines for providing economic incentives and infrastructure assistance to qualified projects locating or expanding within the boundaries of Paducah and McCracken County. One of the committees created following the 2013 National Citizen Survey in Paducah focused on the city’s role in economic development. After many meetings and discussions with stakeholders including Paducah Economic Development (PED), this municipal order was created to replace one approved in 2013. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, “We sought to craft a more complete, a more prescriptive order.” Pederson says this is a values-driven document that seeks to bring greater definition to the use of economic incentives and increased logic to the process. PED President Scott Darnell says the policy has five key provisions: 1) it stimulates investment rather than compensating investment; 2) it’s performance-based; 3) it’s a baseline to start an honest two-way discussion and negotiation with both sides feeling good about the deal; 4) it’s flexible; and 5) it provides a framework to protect the public sector’s investment. Darnell says, “It’s a great document. It gives me the flexibility to be successful.”

A portion of the policy states, “To encourage economic development, business expansion, and job creation, the use of financial assistance will be used to further the city’s goal of population growth, long-term economic growth, and employment opportunities for its citizens. To achieve this objective, the City will, on a case-by-case basis, provide economic incentives as an inducement for qualified economic development.” The policy outlines the criteria for economic incentives which include the types of industries, the minimum number of jobs to be created, the beginning salary threshold, and the minimum capital investment by the prospective industry. The municipal order also lists the various types of incentives that could be available and would be customized on a case-by-case basis. The incentive categories include city grants, infrastructure improvements, tax credits, real property, property tax exemptions, tax increment financing, fee waiver, and expedited plan review. Also in the municipal order is the required information from the industry which includes a review of the company’s financial statement. The City Manager will review each proposal to determine if it meets the objectives of the city and that resources are available. If incentives are to be offered, a development agreement then will be drafted for approval by the City Commission.

Contract with Barbeque on the River, Inc.
The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order for a two-year contract with Barbeque on the River, Inc. Commissioner Carol Gault abstained from the vote. The agreement outlines the City’s in-kind support for the annual, charitable festival and BBQ’s obligations to the City. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, “The City provides in excess of $100,000 per year in in-kind support to make the festival possible. We are formally recognizing the important relationship between the City and BBQ.” Pederson says the contract was drafted in complete consultation with BBQ. In the agreement, BBQ shall file the necessary permit for the festival and obtain the liability insurance, provide an annual presentation at a City Commission meeting, and provide to the Finance Department a financial statement for the most recently ended calendar year, a copy of I.R.S. Form 990, a confirmation of the organization’s current, tax-exempt status, and a list of all participating organizations, their donation amounts, and the recipients. Each food vendor at the festival is required to donate a minimum of 20 percent of their net profits to their designated charity recipient. Also, the City shall have one ex-officio board member to serve on the BBQ board of directors.

Contract with Republic Services, Inc. for Recycling Services
City Manager Jeff Pederson discussed the contract that is being drafted between the City and Republic Services, Inc. for a recycling drop-off facility for the public at Republic’s Transfer Station located at 829 Burnett Street in Paducah. Since the contract will be for an amount not to exceed $20,000, Pederson will be able to sign the contract. Once the $20,000 threshold is met, the City will initiate a procurement process. The agreement with Republic Services involves the City paying a fee for the transporting of recyclables to a processing facility. Republic will then process the items at no cost to the City.

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City Commission Meeting Highlights
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Pre-Budget Workshop
City Manager Jeff Pederson and Finance Director Jonathan Perkins provided the Paducah Board of Commissioners with a preview of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Book. In the past, the document has been more than 300 pages in length. This year, each department is streamlining its information so that the book is easier to read and digest. Plus, photos and graphics will be incorporated throughout the document. Perkins says, “There is consistency throughout the entire book. Each department has an opportunity to talk about what they did last year and what they hope to do next year.”

Perkins also informed the Board that the city departments are working through their individual budgets with the instruction to keep budgets flat. However, Perkins explained that the departments are challenged with wage increases and increases in liability insurance. Perkins says that General Fund revenue growth from 2010 to 2014 has averaged less than one percent per year as compared to the 1980s with revenue growth of more than 6 percent each year. A workshop will be held in May to further discuss the budget.

Train Restoration
City Manager Pederson recommended to the Paducah Board of Commissioners that the restoration of Locomotive 1518, tender car, baggage, and camp car located near the intersection of Water Street and Kentucky Avenue be handled through the Parks Services Department. In February the City accepted proposals for the restoration of the locomotive and tender car with the removal of the camp and baggage cars. Two proposals were received, but both proposals exceeded the budgeted amount of $50,000 by more than double. After reviewing the proposals and the budget, Pederson recommends keeping the train intact. The Parks Department in addition to Class D inmates, volunteers, and part-time employees will power wash and sand the locomotive and the three cars before painting. Window restoration and welding will be contracted. Pederson says, “This is not a 20 year solution. It’s less expensive than what we specified (in the request for proposals), but it’s less expensive.” The Board voiced their support of the recommendation.

Fountain Avenue Park Development
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance accepting the Investing in Kentucky’s Future grant in the amount of $400,000 from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky for the creation of a new park. At the April 14 Commission meeting, Parks Services Director Mark Thompson along with United Way of Paducah-McCracken County Executive Director Montique Zubco and Mike Muscarella, director of rehabilitation services at Baptist Health Paducah, explained the partnership that is leading to the creation of a new park in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. The park is to be developed on the city-owned property bordered by Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, 13th Street, Madison Street, and 14th Street. The partnership, called the Purchase Area Connections for Health, includes the core agencies of the City of Paducah, United Way of Paducah-McCracken County, Baptist Health Paducah, Lourdes Hospital, and the Purchase District Health Department.

The Foundation for a Health Kentucky grant requires a cash match of $200,000 which will be satisfied through a 2014 Land & Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of $75,000, its cash match in the amount of $75,000, and donations of $25,000 each from the two hospitals. A fundraising campaign for this park will be initiated by members of the partnership to fully fund the construction of the park. At this time more than $600,000 is available to start the first phase of the park.

Currently this park consists of a large open area and the City’s community garden. The vision for the park is to create an outdoor health park with an open field, a 1/3 mile walking trail, inclusive playground, an expansion of the community garden, a spray pad and outdoor performance area, outdoor fitness equipment, and picnic areas. In the future, there would be public restrooms and the end of the park facing MLK Drive would include retail and professional office space for medical clinics and related agencies with upper story living. The theme of the park is to provide a venue for local schools, the Parks Department, and other agencies to educate the public, especially the youth, about proper diet and exercise. The program called CATCH, Coordinated Approach to Child Health, will be implemented this fall in the local schools to educate children on the benefits of...
healthy decisions and healthy lifestyles. Regarding the park construction, the engineering design should be complete next spring with the first phase of construction expected to begin in the summer of 2016.

Olivet Church Road Improvement Project

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to execute Supplemental Agreement #1 between the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the City of Paducah for the construction phase of the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. The City of Paducah, McCracken County, and the State of Kentucky are working together to make major improvements along Olivet Church Road (KY 998). The 2007 agreement with the Cabinet allowed for the City to be reimbursed by the Cabinet up to $2 million for expenses incurred for right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation. That work has been completed. This Supplemental Agreement will provide the City with $6.2 million of state funding for the construction of the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. The construction phase currently is advertised for bids with a bid opening set for April 24. This project includes the construction of a new five-lane roadway section from U.S. 60 to Olivet Church through the western end of the parking area at Kentucky Oaks Mall. Olivet Church Road will be improved to a three-lane roadway from where the new-five lane intersects it to U.S. 60.
Quick Highlights

- **Mayor Gayle Kaler issued a proclamation proclaiming April 22 as Earth Day.**
- Ordinance approved for a five-year extension of the lease between the City and AT&T. AT&T leases space on the 800 MHz tower located at 510 Clark Street. This agreement also includes the monthly payment of $1633.50 by AT&T. That amount will increase ten percent every five years as part of the agreement.
- Ordinance approved amending the City's procurement code to match revisions to KRS 45A.345 through 45A.460 for competitive bidding. These amendments will remove from the City's code a maximum advertisement time of 21 days and will add the internet as an advertisement alternate.
- Ordinance approved for a contract for an agreement with the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau in the amount of $25,000 on behalf of the American Quilter's Society for marketing of events and venues related to the 2015 AQS QuiltWeek.

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City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Carol Gault was unable to attend the meeting.

**Riverfront Redevelopment Project Phase 1-B Agreement with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet**
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to execute the contract between the City and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the Riverfront Redevelopment Project Phase 1-B. This contract authorizes the City to be reimbursed up to $3,920,000 in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds for the project. The funds will be administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet with the City being reimbursed after the work has been completed. Currently, the project is advertised for bids with a bid opening scheduled for May 27. This FHWA grant in addition to the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) and its local match provide more than $5 million for Phase 1-B of the project. This phase includes the addition of rock, fill, and topsoil to finish the expansion of Schultz Park along the riverfront. This park will provide more than a square block of additional park space. This project also includes the construction of a gangway and the 20-foot wide, 400-foot long transient dock with boater amenities including fuel, electricity, and sanitary sewer pump-out. In 2013, the first phase of the project was completed with the building of the base of the park and the placement of 12, 36-inch steel pilings to support the gangway.

**Construction Contract for Olivet Church Road Improvement Project**
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to execute a contract with Jim Smith Contracting Company, LLC in the amount of $6,380,137.40 for the construction of the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. The expectation is for work to begin in June. This will be a 400 calendar-day contract. However, work will not occur between November 1 and February 29 due to the peak shopping time at Kentucky Oaks Mall and the typical winter weather shut down. The plan is for the project to be completed by November 2016. The bid opening for the project was on April 24; however, since the two bids greatly exceeded the $6.2 million in State funds allocated for the project, the bids were rejected. The City of Paducah made some adjustments to the project by reviewing every line item and making changes including the removal of some sidewalks, the switch from concrete to asphalt in a few places, a reduction in the width of curb and gutter, etc. Then the bidders resubmitted their bids taking into account the changes and looking at their own price for each line item. The negotiated bids were opened May 7 with Jim Smith Contracting as the lowest, responsive bidder. The City will continue discussions with McCracken County and the State regarding the contract amount that exceeds the State funding. This project includes the construction of a new five-lane roadway section from U.S. 60 to Olivet Church through the western end of the parking area at Kentucky Oaks Mall. Olivet Church Road will be improved to a three-lane roadway from where the new-five lane intersects it to U.S. 60.

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Community Development Block Grant Application for 432 Broadway
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of $500,000. Planning Director Steve Ervin says, “This municipal order allows us to apply for the grant in the near future if we decide to do so.” If the City decided to apply for the grant and it was awarded, the grant would be used to demolish the building located at 432 Broadway (5th and Broadway). A match of $125,000 would be required from the City. The building at 5th and Broadway has significant structural issues and poses a threat to public safety.

Tax Increment Financing Legislation
Planning Director Steve Ervin provided an overview of Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Kentucky’s tax increment financing statutes, KRS 65.7041 – 65.7087, establish guidelines for the creation of development areas eligible for both local and state tax increments. A T.I.F. is a tool that cities can use to fund a variety of public improvements or projects without creating a new tax or being tied to a large debt. The process in general for a T.I.F. development area is to select a project and the boundaries. Then, a baseline is set for the district. The baseline is the amount of taxes that are currently collected within that district. As the improvement projects begin and new development occurs in the T.I.F. district, the property values increase and new jobs may be created resulting in the collection of additional tax revenue. That additional revenue above the baseline is the “increment.” A portion of the taxes (increments) that are above and beyond the baseline amount are set aside in a separate account and then reinvested in the project within the T.I.F. district.

Kentucky authorizes two types of T.I.F. development areas: local development areas and state participation programs. Regarding the local development area, it must be either a local only development area on vacant previously undeveloped land, a blighted urban redevelopment area, or vacant land with a 5000-seat arena. Also, the City must find that the area cannot be reasonably developed without public assistance. Regarding the state participation program, the specific project must be within a blighted urban redevelopment area or on vacant land next to a 5000-seat arena. In Kentucky T.I.F. is often used to help local governments jumpstart improvements in declining or underperforming urban areas where development would not otherwise occur.

Quick Highlights
- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a proclamation to Paducah Main Street Director Melinda Winchester proclaiming May as National Preservation Month and Kentucky Preservation Month. Winchester also outlined the upcoming events organized by Paducah Main Street. The events include the Smashin’ Summer Saturdays events, Music in the Gazebo on select Saturday nights, the Meet the Artists event on June 18 at the Coke Building, and Showcase Paducah on July 18.
- Ordinance approved for a contract with McBride Mack, Inc. for the purchase of one front loading refuse truck in the amount of $228,830.
- Ordinance approved for a contract with McBride Mack, Inc. for the purchase of one side arm loading refuse truck in the amount of $249,555.
- Ordinance approved to authorize the payment in the amount of $22,824.50 to AES Environmental, LLC for the collection of household hazardous waste during the April 4, 2015 Spring Clean Up Day.
- Ordinance introduced (vote May 26) for an intent to annex the property contiguous to Paducah’s city limits located at 2855 Lone Oak Road and 91 Plantation Drive. The property owner requested the annexation. Banks Market and a strip center currently exist on the property. The next step will be for the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing to assign zoning. An annexation ordinance and a zone change ordinance will be introduced by the City Commission in June.
- Ordinance introduced (vote May 26) for a contract with Bluegrass Uniforms for the purchase of body armor for the Paducah Police officers.

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City Commission Meeting Highlights
Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2016 City of Paducah Budget, a balanced budget. The City’s fiscal year begins July 1. City Manager Jeff Pederson thanked the Board and the department heads and staff for their work in compiling the budget. Pederson says, “It’s a major undertaking at all levels of the organization.” At the June 2 Budget Workshop, Pederson explained that each department was instructed to prepare budgets that did not exceed the appropriations for the current year. Pederson said, “Of the major revenue sources in the General Fund, payroll tax and businesses license fees are projected to experience negligible increases for the upcoming fiscal year while the insurance premium tax is projected to decline slightly. This is a flat budget year.” As compared to the current year budget, revenue is projected to increase by only $90,000. Appropriations for this upcoming fiscal year from the General Fund are projected at $32.46 million. The majority of the City’s budget is in the General Fund, the City’s main operating fund. The four main sources of revenue for the General Fund are payroll tax, insurance premium tax, business license tax, and property tax. The City operates its finances through several funds including the general fund, investment fund, police and fire pension fund, solid waste fund, fleet lease trust fund, and health insurance trust fund.

To find out more about the General Fund revenue history and trends, watch the latest episode of Paducah View (6:09 minutes https://youtu.be/bwngkF1t_aio). Paducah View is a short video segment hosted by Public Information Officer Pam Spencer that highlights a project or program in the City of Paducah.

Purchase of Property located at 1408/1410 Broadway for the Paducah Police Department (vote June 23)
The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to purchase the property located at 1408/1410 Broadway from Sharee and Charles Roberts in the amount of $175,000 to be used by the Paducah Police Department. This property is adjacent to the Department’s headquarters and will provide the Department with an additional 3705 square feet of office space. At the June 2 meeting, the Board approved the purchase of the parking lot at 1414 Broadway for $24,000. That property is adjacent to the property being introduced at this meeting. At the May 5 Budget Workshop, Police Chief Brandon Barnhill discussed the need for additional space with the proposal to purchase the building and parking lots adjacent to the existing headquarters.

Quick Highlights
- Police Chief Brandon Barnhill introduced Crime Analyst Michael Zidar to the Paducah Board of Commissioners. Zidar’s hiring was approved at the June 6 meeting.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Accountability Grant. The grant request is for $10,912. If awarded, the funds would be used to purchase 19 body cameras for the Paducah Police Department. To apply for the grant, the City must remain in partnership with McCracken County through an interlocal agreement. An ordinance for the agreement was introduced.
- Municipal order approved to execute a Deed of Conveyance and all related documents for the acquisition of 0.0135 acres at 3325 Olivet Church Road as right-of-way and a permanent drainage and public utility easement for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project.
- Ordinance approved for the annual service agreement in the amount of $51,994.56 between Motorola and the City of Paducah for service and maintenance on the 800 MHz radio system including the dispatch consoles and radio controllers at the E911 facility.
- Ordinances approved for the annexation and for the zone change of the property contiguous to Paducah’s city limits located at 2855 Lone Oak Road and 81 and 91 Plantation Drive. The Planning Commission recommended zoning the property as Highway Business District. An intent to annex the property was approved in May with the property owner requesting the annexation. Banks Market and a strip center currently exist on the nearly six-acre property.
- Ordinance approved for an agreement for professional engineering services. HDR will assist the City in preparing and evaluating a request for proposal with a flat rate of $51,327.

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for proposals (RFP) for a new contract for a solid waste transfer station and related solid waste services. The RFP would include the following solid waste services:

- Receipt of the collected municipal solid waste at an existing or proposed transfer station facility;
- Provide a safe and acceptable drop-off area for recyclables generated within and accessible to all Paducah-McCracken County citizens; and
- Transportation of all waste and recyclables received and managed at the solid waste transfer station to the respective disposal facility or market.

City Manager Pederson says the resulting contract for solid waste services will be a long-term contract more than likely in the neighborhood of $30 million. Pederson says, “It’s that 30-million dollar contract that this consulting work will assist us in procuring. At last week’s meeting, the Board voiced their concerns about the cost for the professional services and asked about the need for the RFP and about the possibility of drafting the RFP internally. After learning more about the complexity and size of the resulting contract, both Commissioner Allan Rhodes and Commissioner Richard Abraham voiced their support for this professional service. Commissioner Rhodes says, “It’s [the contract with HDR] a small amount of money in proportion to the amount of money it protects.”

- **Ordinance introduced** (vote June 23) to approve a six-month contract extension and amendment with Republic Services for the receiving, transport, and disposal of municipal solid waste. This extends the contract with Republic through December 31, 2015. The City entered into a ten year contract with Republic’s predecessor in 1995 and approved two five-year contract extensions. Under Kentucky franchise law, further long-term extensions are not permitted. During this six month extension, the City will be preparing a request for proposals using the assistance of HDR Engineering (as approved above) to solicit bids for solid waste receiving, transport, and disposal services which also will include provisions for the operation of a transfer facility and the transport and disposal of recyclable materials.

- Ordinance introduced (vote June 23) for a contract with Bluegrass Uniforms for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) at the unit price of $7150 per set for the use by the Fire Department. Two bids were received for the SCBAs. The bid from Orr Safety was rejected due to the company’s proposing the wrong equipment.

- Ordinance introduced (vote June 23) accepting the grant through the Kentucky Certified Local Government Program for historic preservation education funds. The grant award is for $3795 which requires a local in-kind match of $2530. The funds would be used to employ an intern to create a GIS database/inventory of commercial historic property and archaeological resources in the City.

- Ordinance introduced (vote June 23) to amend Chapter 78, Section 78-63 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to increase the rate of longevity pay for AFSCME and non-bargaining employees from $5.00 to $6.00 per month for each complete year of continuous service up to and including 20 years of service. The rate will increase to $7.00 per month beginning July 1, 2017.

- Commissioner Richard Abraham would like the City to research and get a legal opinion regarding the rights of an artist in maintaining his or her own artwork specifically as related to the floodwall murals.

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Flash Flooding from July 7, 2015

Several citizens voiced their concerns about the capacity of the City’s storm water system after the flash flooding that resulted from the record rainfall event that occurred July 7, 2015. Many areas in the city received more than five inches of rainfall in less than three hours. According to the National Weather Service, the amount of rainfall was greater than a 100-year storm event. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, “A 100-year rain event is beyond the size a municipal storm water system is typically sized.” However, Pederson recommends that the City commit to assessing the system and developing a plan for upgrades. The previous study of the system was conducted in 1989 which contained tens of millions of dollars worth of projects. Some of those projects have been completed; however, with development since that time, a new assessment may yield new information. Pederson also suggests creating an advisory committee for this process and wants the City to review various funding mechanisms for the upgrades. McCracken County Emergency Management also is working to see if Paducah/McCracken County can be declared as a disaster area which could make available federal funds for property owners.

The City is waiving its fees to collect flood damaged items placed curbside. If you have flood damaged items collected by City crews and receive a charge, please contact the Engineering-Public Works Department at 270-444-8567 to have the charge removed. Also, if you need permits to renovate your flood damaged home or business, the permit fees will be waived. Finally, to find out more information about filing a claim with the City, contact Martin Russell in Risk Management at 270-444-8540.

Announcement by Paducah Economic Development

Scott Darnell, Paducah Economic Development president/CEO, announced to the Paducah Board of Commissioners that Darling Ingredients will be coming to Paducah and will utilize the 134,000 square foot facility previously occupied by U.S. Foods. The company plans to hire 20-25 people initially. Darnell says, “[Darling Ingredients] is a perfect fit for the building, a perfect fit for Paducah Power, and a great success for the community.”

Ceremonial Signing of Hotel Development Agreement

In June, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for the development agreement between the City of Paducah and Paducah Riverfront Hotel, a development team more commonly known as LinGate Hospitality. At this meeting, the City and Glenn and Mary Higdon of LinGate conducted the ceremonial signing of the hotel development agreement. Mayor Gayle Kaler stressed the importance of this hotel for the local economy, tourism, and business growth. LinGate Hospitality CEO and Founder Glenn Higdon says, “We have all the hotel investors in place. We are just waiting for the engineers and architects to finish their jobs.”

LinGate has extensive experience building and managing hotels including the new Holiday Inn that opened this year on the riverfront in Owensboro, Kentucky. The development team will bring an upscale, 123-room Holiday Inn to Paducah and Paducah to be located adjacent to the Julian Carroll Convention Center on the 1.4-acre site at 600 North 4th Street that has housed the dome pavilion. The five-story hotel will include meeting spaces, a pool, and fitness center in addition to the restaurant, Another Broken Egg. This is an $18 million dollar project considering the development, construction, and equipping of the hotel. Additional parking for the hotel will be located on a portion of the city-owned property that once housed the Executive Inn.

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Regarding the City’s commitment to the project, the City of Paducah will lease the hotel property to the developer for a term of 20 years with the property to revert to the developer at the end of the term. The City also will provide a one-time allowance of $900,000 for site upgrades and construction. The developers are applying for sales tax credits through the Kentucky Tourism Development Commission and plan to break ground on the hotel later this year.

A news conference announcing the hotel was held June 23 with Lingate Hospitality CEO and Founder Glenn Higdon and Vice President of Administration and Marketing Claude Bacon in attendance. Lingate’s first

visit to Paducah to discuss the project was this April. To view the 18-minute news conference, visit https://youtube.com/C6ktrigR1erA

Purchase of 432 Broadway and Demolition Bid (vote July 21)
The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the purchase of 432 Broadway from the limited liability company called 432 Broadway, LLC. The current owner of the condemned building has indicated that he does not have the financial means to stabilize the building and bring it up to code. The City has been working with the building’s owner since 2010 on correction measures. The owner did have some work done on the building in 2012; however, the building has further deteriorated, has significant structural issues, and poses a threat to public safety. The City secured the area around the building with fencing in 2013 and issued a demolition order in 2014. The building’s owner advised the City this year that he is not prepared to spend additional money either to demolish or to stabilize the building. This ordinance will authorize the purchase of the building for $1.00. Furthermore, on May 19, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of $500,000. If this grant is awarded, the funds would be used to demolish the building. The application is due in August with a notice of funding expected in March 2016. A match of $125,000 would be required from the City. Before the grant can be submitted, the City must own the building.

In May, the City worked with Sullivan Cozart out of Louisville, Kentucky to get estimates to stabilize or demolish the building. Preliminary estimates to only stabilize (not rehabilitate) the building were between $1.9 and $2.0 million. Demolition estimates ranged from $432,000 to $657,000 depending upon if temporary shoring will be needed in the adjacent building. Earlier this month the City opened bids for the demolition of the building. Two bids were received with Environmental Abatement, Inc. submitting the lowest responsive bid of $458,685. An ordinance was introduced for the contract with Environmental Abatement, Inc. for the building’s demolition.

Rename Portion of South 7th Street to Clarence Gaines Street (vote July 21)
The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to rename a portion of South 7th Street to Clarence Gaines Street. The NAACP submitted a petition to the City requesting South 7th be renamed from Broadway to Jones Street. Clarence “Big House” Gaines, a Paducah native, attended Morgan State on a football scholarship. He gained his nickname there due to his impressive physical size. After graduating from Morgan State, Gaines became a football and basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University. Gaines had a record of 828-447 and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982. Gaines died at the age of 81 in 2005. Changing the name of this portion of South 7th Street would affect 21 property owners and 41 separate parcels. Once the petition was submitted by the NAACP, the City worked to contact all property owners. Three of the property owners did not support the change, and eight could not be reached after numerous attempts.

Quick Highlights
- Mayor Gayle Kaler read a proclamation proclaiming July 18 as Love Paducah Day. Pastor Joel Cauley with Relevant Church says the goal for this Saturday is to create a day that everyone will come together and give back to Paducah in ways such as helping the recent flood victims. If you would like to help, meet at Relevant Church (3425 Oak Street) this Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
- Nancy Duff appointed to the Board of Adjustment.
Municipal order approved to increase the user fee for the radios associated with the 800 MHz radio system. The fee has not been increased since 2001. There are approximately 750 units using the City’s system including city departments, 911, Barkley Regional Airport, Mercy Regional EMS, JSA, and the County among others. Currently the monthly user fee is $10.84 per month per unit. This municipal order increases the monthly fee to $12.00 per unit effective October 1 with annual increases that will bring the fee to $18.00 per unit effective July 1, 2019.

Municipal order approved to execute Deeds of Conveyance and all related documents for the acquisition of a small portion of 5101 Concord Avenue and a small portion of 3341 Olivet Church Road as rights-of-way and public utility easements for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project.

Three ordinances introduced (vote July 21) declaring three pieces of property previously used by Paducah Water as surplus property and approving the conveyance of those parcels to the current land owners of the parent tracts from which the properties had been carved. These parcels were part of the old Hendron Water System.

Ordinance introduced (vote July 21) for a contract with Linwood Motors for the purchase of one mini-van in the amount of $22,996 to be used by the Parks Department. Two bids were received for this purchase. This will replace a 13-year old mini-van.

Ordinance introduced (vote July 21) for a contract with Linwood Motors for the purchase of one compact SUV in the amount of $24,984 to be used by the Parks Department. Two bids were received for this purchase. This will replace a 14 year old SUV.

Ordinance introduced (vote July 21) for a contract with Jack Doheny Companies for the purchase of one sewer pump truck in the amount of $365,000 to be used by the Engineering/Public Works Department. One responsive bid was received for this purchase. This will replace an 11 year old sewer pump truck.

Ordinance introduced (vote July 21) for a contract with Jim Steele Construction for the construction of a new 1400 square foot single-family home at 1532 Monroe Street in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. The contract amount is for $142,700. Three bids were received for this project with the Urban Renewal Board making the recommendation for Jim Steele Construction.

Ordinance introduced (vote July 21) accepting the grant in the amount of $23,940 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, Law Enforcement Protection Program for the purchase of 36 body armor vests for the Paducah Police Department. This grant does not require a local match.

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Fountain Avenue Health Park Professional Services (vote August 11)
The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. for the design and construction management of the Health Park to be located in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. Brandstetter Carroll will be working with Paducah-based Shawnee Professional Services on this project. The park is to be developed on the city-owned six-acre property bordered by Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, 13th Street, Madison Street, and 14th Street. The engineering services are estimated at $104,000 which is 8 percent of the estimated construction cost for the park.

Currently this park consists of a large open area and the City’s Community Garden. The vision is to create an outdoor health park with an open play field, a 1/3 mile walking trail, inclusive playground, an expansion of the community garden, a spray pad and outdoor performance area, outdoor fitness equipment, and picnic areas. In the future, there will be public restrooms, and the end of the park facing Martin Luther King Jr. Drive will include retail and professional office space for medical clinics and related agencies with upper story living. The theme of the park is healthy living. It will provide a venue for local schools, the Parks Department, and other agencies to educate the public about proper diet and exercise.

The partnership, called the Purchase Area Connections for Health, is working to create the park. The partnership includes the core agencies of the City of Paducah, United Way of Paducah-McCracken County, Baptist Health Paducah, Lourdes Hospital, and the Purchase District Health Department. This summer the Rotary Club of Paducah announced its partnership with the project by working with the organization, Play by Design, to design the playground. Rotarians and hundreds of volunteers will construct the playground and provide funding to purchase playground equipment. Local children were asked for their input on the design.

The City has received the Investing in Kentucky’s Future grant for the park in the amount of $400,000 from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. The grant requires a cash match of $200,000 which is satisfied through a 2014 Land & Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of $75,000, its cash match in the amount of $75,000, and donations of $25,000 each from the two hospitals. A fundraising campaign for this park will be initiated by partnership members to fully fund the park’s construction. At this time more than $600,000 is available to start the first phase of the park.
Response to Last Week’s Incident in Noble Park

City Manager Jeff Pederson provided information compiled by Police Chief Brandon Barnhill in response to concerns about last week’s shooting at Noble Park. Pederson says, “The message the Chief wants to send is that our parks are safe.” In 2014, there was one reported assault in Noble Park which involved juveniles who knew each other. In 2015, there have been three reported assaults including last week’s incident. Regarding that incident, Parks Services Director Mark Thompson says, “I’m not sure if anything could have prevented these issues.” Thompson adds that police officers and deputies arrived within three minutes. Plus, park rangers secured the gates and evacuated nearby Stuart Nelson Park. Thompson complimented the quick action by his staff in the park. Thompson says, “They all took charge; took care of business. They made me proud. They made Paducah proud.” Mayor Gayle Kaier says, “We have regular patrols and do all we can to make [Noble Park] safe for citizens.”

Contract Between Paducah Water and West McCracken Water District for Water Service

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for a water service contract between Paducah Water and West McCracken Water District. Paducah Water General Manager Bill Robertson attended the meeting to explain the agreement. The West McCracken Water District was created in 1962, and Paducah Water has supplied water to the district under a contract since 1967. However, the contract expired in 2007. This ordinance provides for a new 10-year contract with an option for an additional 5-year term. Rates for West McCracken customers have not changed since 2005 with a current rate of $1.50 per 1000 gallons. Under this new contract, rates will be increased to bring the customers in line with other Paducah Water customers. Effective October 1, the charge will be $1.70 per 1000 gallons with the charge increasing to $1.90 per 1000 gallons in October 2016 and to $2.10 per 1000 gallons in October 2017.

Quick Highlights

- Mayor Gayle Kaier proclaimed August 11 (8-11), 2015 as Underground Damage Prevention Day to encourage folks to use the one-call number, 811, to locate underground utilities before digging.
- Edward Narozniak reappointed to the Municipal Housing Commission.
- Resolution approved authorizing the City Engineer-Public Works Director to be the applicant agent for all FEMA and KEMA documentation required for federal disaster assistance related to the mid-February 2015 snow storm. This assistance could reimburse the City for overtime hours and equipment rental related to the storm.
- Ordinance introduced (vote August 11) for a contract with Mott Electric, I.L.C in the amount of $115,250 for the installation of a 150 KW diesel-powered emergency generator at the Paducah Police Department. The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is funding $75,000 of the project with the remaining funds coming from the City budget.

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City Commission Meeting Highlights
Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Carol Gault was unable to attend this meeting.

**Paducah Riverfront Hotel Items**
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved two ordinances pertaining to the Paducah Riverfront Hotel, the Holiday Inn planned for construction adjacent to the Julian Carroll Convention Center.

The first ordinance approved authorizes the issuance of up to $12 million in Industrial Building Revenue Bonds. An industrial revenue bond is the financing method chosen by the hotel developers, Paducah Riverfront Hotel, LP. Kentucky law requires the City’s approval for the issuance of the bonds; however, the State ultimately approves the bonds with a bond hearing by the state local debt officer set for September 15, 2015. The private bond sale involves Independence Bank as the sole purchaser of the bonds. Paducah Riverfront Development Authority Executive Director Steve Doolittle says the debt is not the City’s. It is private between the hotel developers and the bank. With this type of bond the sponsoring government, in this case the City, is not responsible for the bond repayment, and the bonds do not affect the City’s credit rating. This type of arrangement is common with extremely large projects since the City will own the property and lease it back to the developers. There will be no property taxes except for the payments in lieu of taxes made to the City and to the Paducah Independent School District.

Additional parking for the hotel will be located on a portion of the city-owned property that once housed the Executive Inn. Regarding the approximate 100-space parking lot, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for the lease between the City and Paducah Riverfront Hotel. The City will lease to the developers a portion of the city-owned land adjacent to the Julian Carroll Convention Center on the river side of the floodwall for $1 per year.

In July, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved the development agreement between the City and Paducah Riverfront Hotel (LinGate Hospitality). The development team will bring an upscale 123-room Holiday Inn to Paducah to be located adjacent to the Julian Carroll Convention Center on the 1.4-acre site at 600 North 4th Street that has housed the dome pavilion. This is an $18 million dollar project considering the development, construction, and equipping of the hotel. The five story hotel also will include meeting spaces, a pool, and fitness center in addition to the restaurant, Another Broken Egg.

**Right of First Refusal Agreement with Paducah Riverfront Hotel (vote September 1)**
The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for an agreement with Paducah Riverfront Hotel, LP providing a right of first refusal to purchase or lease the city-owned property located at 501 North 3rd Street. Paducah Riverfront Hotel will have the right of first refusal for three years after the certificate of occupancy is issued on the Holiday Inn. In March of this year, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of the property from Kentucky Holdings I, LLC in the amount of $257,227.97. The 1.86-acre property is located adjacent to the City’s floodwall and the planned Holiday Inn. On the property is a building that once housed a nursing home. It will be demolished.

**Resolution in Support of McCracken County’s Application to Kentucky Work Ready Initiative**
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in support of McCracken County’s submission of an application to the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board’s Work Ready Communities Initiative. The initiative was launched in the state in February 2012. Later that year McCracken County achieved the Kentucky Work Ready Communities in Progress status. This resolution is in support of McCracken County’s application to increase our level from the “in progress” status to a Kentucky Work Ready Community. This certification provides existing business, economic development prospects, and entrepreneurial ventures with workforce data. The criteria to become certified as Work Ready include high school graduation rates, National Career Readiness Certificate holders, community commitment, educational attainment, soft skills development, and internet availability. Visit [http://workready.ky.gov/](http://workready.ky.gov/) for more information about the certification.

**City Manager Updates:**
City Manager Jeff Pederson provided the following updates:

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• The City has been working with HDR Engineering to prepare a request for proposals to solicit bids for solid waste receiving, transport, and disposal services which also will include provisions for the operation of a transfer facility and the transport and disposal of recyclable materials. The RFP may be finalized next month with a new contract for services expected early next year.

• The City is negotiating an agreement with one of the consultants who provided a proposal for the City Hall project. The consultant will be responsible for providing a dual pathway approach to the project by looking at the specifications and costs of rehabilitating the existing building and constructing a new facility.

• The City Manager will be meeting with Engineering-Public Works Department staff this week to discuss the preparation of a request for qualifications for an assessment of the City’s storm water system. Staff also is researching financing tools including a storm water management fee.

• A complete set of plans has been submitted to the Fire Prevention Division for review for the downtown hotel project, the Holiday Inn planned for adjacent to the Julian Carroll Convention Center.

• The demolition of 432 Broadway has had a delay due to the discovery of support structures that overlap between 432 Broadway and the adjacent building. A licensed surveyor has completed a survey of the buildings. Additional analysis from a structural engineer will be forthcoming.

Quick Highlights
• Boards and Commissions:
  o Gwen Taylor appointed to the Paducah Human Rights Commission.
  o Jackie Smith, Henry Barbour, Rita McKeel, Mary Hammond, Kathy Keeney, Chuck Wahl, and Paul Grumley reappointed to the Paducah Civic Beautification Board. Members appointed at this meeting are Cindy Jones, Debbie Long, and Trish Hines.
  o Henry Barbour reappointed to the Tree Advisory Board.
  o John Shadle and Lorraine Schramke reappointed to the Paducah Planning Commission.
  o Carol Young and Tracy Jones reappointed to the Board of Adjustment.
  o Brad Arterburn and Shirley Walker reappointed to the Forest Hills Village, Inc. Board.

• Municipal order approved to authorize a request for funding from the Kentucky Fire Sprinkler Association Foundation in the amount of $2500 to be used for the Youth Firefighter Intervention Program.

• Municipal order approved to apply for the Renaissance on Main grant through the Kentucky Department for Local Governments. The grant request is for $5000 with no local match required. If awarded, the grant would be used toward the cost of the development and installation of bike racks in downtown Paducah.

• Municipal orders approved for the declaration of the following city-owned parcels as surplus and to authorize the sale of the properties. The properties were advertised for bid with a bid opening on August 10. The properties are located at 2530, 2540, and 2546 Barnett Street; 1009 Boyd Street; 1028 South 4th Street; and 1006 South 11th Street.

• Ordinance approved for a contract between the City of Paducah and the Paducah Transit Authority with the City providing $215,000 for this fiscal year.

• Ordinance approved for a contract between the City of Paducah and the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center with the City providing $64,337 for this fiscal year to assist with youth programming.

• Ordinance approved for a contract between the City of Paducah and the Paducah Junior College, Inc. with the City providing $125,000 for this fiscal year for the Community Scholarship Program. The program guarantees any Paducah or McCracken County student a scholarship for up to 60 hours of college credit at West Kentucky Community & Technical College provided they enroll in the program in 8th grade and meet behavior and academic standards.

• Ordinance introduced (vote Sept. 1) to approve the payment of $27,346 to Advanced Fire and Rescue Equipment for the purchase of five pieces of equipment to be used by the Paducah Fire Department.

• Ordinance introduced (vote Sept. 1) to approve change order #1 in the amount of $1976 with Woodall Companies, LLC for the roof replacement at the Paducah Recreation Center located at 1527 Martin Luther King Drive. This change order will bring the contract amount to $31,514. During the project, some rotten joists and fascia were discovered that needed to be replaced.

• Ordinance introduced (vote Sept. 1) for a reimbursement agreement with Atmos Energy in the amount of $14,195.50 for the relocation of gas lines associated with the Olivet Church Roadway Project.

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Property Tax Levy Public Hearing and Ordinance Introduction (vote October 6)
The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance setting the real estate and personal property taxes for fiscal year 2016. A property tax levy public hearing was held at the beginning of the Commission meeting. The City’s real estate tax levy is proposed to remain at 25.5 cents per $100 assessed value. The City’s Compensating Rate, the rate that would keep the revenue at the same amount as this year, is 24.7 cents per $100 assessed value. Kentucky Revised (KRS) Statutes permits a city to adjust the rate upward by not more than 4 percent of the compensating rate. With the proposed 25.5 cents, the City would be taking an amount less than the 4 percent allowed by KRS. The proposed rate of 25.5 cents is only slightly more than half of what the rate was more than twenty years ago in fiscal year 1995. At that time the real estate rate was 43.8 cents per $100 assessed value. The revenue generated by the property tax is the City’s second highest revenue source behind the payroll tax. Also on the property tax bill, residents may notice a change in the amount going to the school district in which they reside. Both districts voted to increase their tax rates. Recently, the Paducah Independent School District voted to increase its tax rate 2.9 cents to 80 cents per $100 of assessed value.

Resolution in Support of Shoreline Steel South
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in support of Shoreline Steel South. This resolution is in support of a 2011 letter from the City to the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet pledging a 1% payroll tax rebate to the company for a period not to exceed five years. Since the project announcement in 2011, Shoreline Steel has invested more than $1.1 million in its Paducah operation and constructed a 20,000 square foot facility. Shoreline Steel currently employs 17.

Memorandum of Understanding with Corps of Engineers for Floodwall
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Paducah and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding the Ohio River Shoreline Reconstruction Project (floodwall reconstruction project). This MOU allows the City to pursue specific rehabilitation projects on the floodwall and receive in-kind credit from the USACE. The City has requested authorization to rebuild two pumps at Pump Station #9, rehabilitate/replace/remove flap gates, and seal eight obsolete floodwall openings.

Quick Highlights
- Resolution approved for a declaration of official intent to reimburse temporary advances made for capital expenditures. This resolution is in support of any financial advances for the City Hall project made prior to the issuance of a bond which is expected to be issued later this fiscal year.
- Ordinance approved for the sale of city-owned surplus property located at 421 North 5th Street to Adam Moyer and Brandi Harless for $1. This is the final city-owned structure in LowerTown.
- Ordinance approved accepting the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Accountability Grant award in the amount of $16,912. The funds will be used to purchase 19 body worn cameras for the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required.
- Ordinance approved accepting the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant award in the amount of $12,644.54. The funds will be used to purchase bulletproof vests for the Paducah Police Department. A 2015 LEPP grant will provide the matching funds.
- Ordinance approved for the payment in the amount of $22,500 to the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Visitors Bureau in support of the 2015 Rayovac FLW Series tournament which is to be held October 29-31 at the Ohio River Boat Launch.
- Ordinance introduced (vote October 6) for a payment to Commercial Marine & Industrial Heating & Air Conditioning Inc. in the amount of $26,800 for the emergency replacement of the cooling tower at the Parks Services building located at 1400 H.C. Mathis Drive.
City Commission Meeting Highlights
Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Riverfront Project Phase I-B Options
After a presentation by City Manager Jeff Pederson and Paducah Riverfront Development Authority (PRDA) Executive Director Steve Doolittle, the Paducah Board of Commissioners discussed the options for moving forward on Phase I-B of the Riverfront Redevelopment Project. Phase I-B involves the completion of the park and the installation of the gangway and transient dock in addition to boater amenities such as fuel, power, sewer pump outs, and water. Base bids received for the project at the September 9 bid opening ranged from $8.35 to $8.90 million. The City has $5.15 in grant funding for the project. Pederson says, “There has been a lot of time put into the examination of bids. Plus, there has been a lot of staff time spent looking at a range of options that exist.”

The four main options presented at this meeting with estimated project costs based on the recent bid amounts are as follows:
1. Move forward with the project as bid ($8.453 million—including a fee for construction management);
2. Re-bid the project to finish only the park and none of the boating infrastructure components ($4.927 million);
3. Re-bid the project to complete the transient dock and boating infrastructure, but the park components including the rock, soil, grass, sidewalks, lighting, and revetment would not be completed ($3.83 million); or
4. Re-bid the project to complete the park, gangway, and only 100 feet of transient dock without amenities including fuel, utilities, sewer, and water ($6.288 million).

On options 2 and 4, the City would forfeit the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)*. Each of the four options has sub-options for a total of ten possible scenarios.

Much of the discussion involved the three deduction options for the current bid (under option 1). The three options are to remove 60 feet of transient dock, remove the center railing from the dock, and remove the wave attenuator from under the dock. Those three items would reduce the current base bid to $7.91 million.

The Board of Commissioners decided to continue the project discussion next week with the awareness that a decision needs to be made soon since the bids opened September 9 will be valid only through November 6.
Pederson did provide information about possible financing for the project. He says the City had projected starting in the next fiscal year to issue a bond for the renovation of the former Executive Inn Showroom with an anticipated annual bond payment of approximately $250,000. That payment amount would be enough to cover a bond to complete Phase I-B as designed if the City decided not to renovate the Showroom. Pederson also added that discussions are underway with the County to use a portion of the transient room tax, also known as the bed tax, to fund the relocation of the pavilion.

PRDA Chairman Bruce Brockenborough attended the meeting in support of the project. At PRDA’s September 23 meeting, members unanimously approved a motion to request the Paducah Board of Commissioners to move forward with the Riverfront Phase I-B project as proposed and as bid. Brockenborough says, “Anything less than option 1 is not a real project.” He adds, “We are talking about a strategy that is building regional tourism. There is a certain element of if you build it, they will come.”

*Out of the $5.15 million in total grant funding for the project, $910,000 (plus the required match of $320,000 for a total of $1.23 million) is incorporated in the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which expires in September 2016. If the City decides not to pursue building the boating infrastructure, the City will forfeit the BIG grant and must return the funding.

Property Tax Levy Remains the Same
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**Purchase of Land at 619 North 6th Street for Dome Pavilion (vote October 13)**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the purchase of approximately 4.831 acres of vacant real estate located at 619 North 6th Street. The land, currently owned by P&L Railway, was appraised this year for $315,000. P&L has agreed to sell the property for $295,000. The property would be the new site for the dome pavilion since the pavilion’s previous location is now the site for the planned Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront. City Manager Jeff Pederson says the pavilion is being relocated “so that it can continue to provide convention capacity for the community for another ten years.”

**Quick Highlights**

- Mayor Kaler read a proclamation proclaiming October 19-23 as National Business Women's Week.
- Mayor Kaler read a proclamation proclaiming October as National Arts & Humanities Month.
- Debbie Gentry appointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals.
- Municipal order approved to submit a request for grant funding in the amount of $9,192 from the Area Development Fund for the purchase of office equipment for the Planning and Human Resources Department. No local match is required.
- Municipal order approved to execute a Deed of Conveyance and all related documents for the acquisition of a small portion of 3311 Olivet Church Road as right-of-way and a permanent public drainage and utility easement for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project.
- Municipal order approved for an indemnification and license agreement with Paducah Riverfront, LP. This agreement will allow the developer of the Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront to proceed with the demolition of the concrete pad and foundation at 600 North 4th Street, the previous location for the dome pavilion. The demolition is expected to begin this month. Since the hotel loan has not closed at this time, the developer is agreeing to indemnify the City for damages to the property in the unlikely event the hotel project does not come to fruition.
- Ordinance approved for a payment to Commercial Marine & Industrial Heating & Air Conditioning Inc. in the amount of $26,800 for the emergency replacement of the cooling tower at the Parks Services building located at 1400 H.C. Mathis Drive.
- Ordinance approved for a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the City of Paducah and Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. for improvements at the existing railway crossing on Olivet Church Road as part of the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. P&L is responsible for the work. The City will reimburse P&L $196,381.81 with any overages the responsibility of P&L. The City will be responsible for all temporary railway flagging expenses.
- Ordinance approved for the purchase of one street sweeper from Stringfellow, Inc. in the amount of $182,437.
- Ordinance approved for the purchase of one side loading refuse truck from McBride Mack, Inc. in the amount of $258,732.
- Ordinance introduced (vote October 13) to accept the Port Security Grant Award in the amount of $37,121 for the purchase of equipment to extend video surveillance coverage of the floodwall and downtown infrastructure. The grant requires a local match of $12,374.
- Ordinance introduced (vote October 13) to amend Chapter 30 - Civil Emergencies of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to comply with State law (KRS 65.870). The amendment removes the requirement for all businesses displaying or selling any firearms, explosives, or ammunition to remove and securely lock up all such items following a proclamation of a state of civil emergency by the local government.
- Ordinance introduced (vote October 13) to amend Chapter 126-72 Homeless Shelters of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to comply with State law (KRS 65.870). The amendment replaces the sentence *Weapons are not permitted on the premises with the sentence Federal and State gun control laws shall be strictly enforced on the premises.*

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City Commission Meeting Highlights
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**Contract with MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc. for Riverfront Project Phase I-B (vote October 20)**
The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to authorize a contract with MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc. for the construction of Phase I-B of the Riverfront Redevelopment Project. The contract is in the amount of $8,113,110.42. Two bids were received at the September 9 bid opening with MAC submitting the lowest responsive bid. The contract with MAC includes 240 consecutive calendar days for construction. This contract does include the utilization of the first deductive option which is the removal of 60 feet of the transient dock which would result in the construction of 340 feet of dock. Phase I-B involves the completion of the park and the installation of the gangway and transient dock in addition to boater amenities such as fuel, power, sewer pump outs, and water. The City has $5.15 in grant funding/required city match for the project. Since the contract exceeds the available funding, the Commissioners approved a resolution for a declaration of official intent to reimburse temporary advances made for capital expenditures. This resolution is in support of any financial advances for the Riverfront project made prior to the issuance of a bond which is expected to be issued later this fiscal year.

**Contract with RATIO Architects for City Hall Project (vote October 20)**
The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract with RATIO Architects to provide design and architectural services in an amount not to exceed $1.622 million for the City Hall project. Planning Director Steve Ervin, a member of the City Hall Advisory Committee, made a presentation to the Board providing a summary of the City Hall project to date including last year’s six week period of soliciting public comments and an overview of the RATIO scope of work. A request for qualifications for architectural and design services was issued in May 2015 with four proposals received by the May 26 deadline. The City Hall Advisory Committee interviewed all firms in July with RATIO as the recommended company. RATIO will pursue a dual pathway by providing information for the rehabilitation of the existing facility and the construction of a new facility. RATIO will look at designing a facility that will include the departments currently in City Hall and the possible addition of the Information Technology Department. The scope does not include the addition of police or E911. RATIO will provide design schematics, 3D renderings, interior planning, landscape planning, cost estimates, code reviews, ADA accessibility reviews, and construction and bid documents. RATIO also will facilitate decision-making workshops, civic engagement, and site selection guidance for the new build option. RATIO is partnering with the following local companies: Peck, Flannery, Gream, Warren, Inc.; Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering & Testing; and Marcum Engineering. RATIO expects to utilize approximately 20 weeks to complete the design phase and the development of the final option. Next, RATIO would need another approximately 20 weeks to prepare the construction documents, bid out the project, and initiate construction with construction to be completed in 2018. Visit www.ratiodesign.com for information about the company.

**Purchase of Land at 619 North 6th Street for Dome Pavilion**
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for the purchase of approximately 4.831 acres of vacant real estate located at 619 North 6th Street. The land, currently owned by P&L Railway, was appraised this year for $315,000. P&L has agreed to sell the property for $295,000. The property would be the new site for the dome pavilion since the pavilion’s previous location is now the site for the planned Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront. City Manager Jeff Pederson says the pavilion is being relocated “so that it can continue to provide convention capacity for the community for another ten years.”

**City of Paducah Health Insurance for 2016**
Interim Human Resources Director Steve Doolittle provided an overview of the City of Paducah’s 2016 health insurance plan through Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield as the City’s third party administrator. The City of Paducah has a self-insured health insurance plan which means the premiums paid into the plan by the employees are used to pay the claims. The Board approved a municipal order for the health insurance premiums. Those who participate in the City’s health and vision plans have no change to their premiums as compared to this current year. There have been only two increases to the plan’s premiums in the past seven years. The dental plan through Delta Dental will increase 7 percent.

Additional actions taken by the City Commission regarding health insurance are as follows:

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• Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 20) to authorize an agreement between the City of Paducah and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide administrative services related to the City’s health insurance plan.
• Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 20) to authorize an agreement between the City of Paducah and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for stop loss insurance which is used when a plan participant’s claims exceed a set value or when the City’s total claims exceed a set maximum. The insurance protects the City from catastrophic health insurance claims. The maximum city liability per person will be set at $175,000. Anthem will assume liability for individual claims that are higher than $175,000 up to $1 million. Anthem also will step in when the City’s total health claims reach a little more than $2.7 million.
• Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 20) for the contract between the City and Peel & Holland for the administration of the City’s health insurance. The contract amount is for $76,900 per year with an additional fee of $200 per hour subject to a minimum retainer of $5000 for services requested by the City or the City’s legal counsel for issues that arise in connection to employee bargaining, legal matters, disputes, etc.

Quick Highlights
• Mayor Kaler and the Commissioners expressed their condolences to the family of former Fire Chief Leon Dodge. Chief Dodge’s funeral will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home.
• Municipal order approved to apply for the State Farm Community Grant in the amount of $5000. If awarded, the funds would be used to develop educational materials for the Heads Up, Don’t be In-text-iated program through the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required.
• Ordinance approved accepting the Port Security Grant Award in the amount of $37,121 for the purchase of equipment to extend video surveillance coverage of the floodwall and downtown infrastructure. The grant requires a local match of $12,374.
• Ordinance approved amending Chapter 30 - Civil Emergencies of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to comply with State law (KRS 65.870). The amendment removes the requirement for all businesses displaying or selling any firearms, explosives, or ammunition to remove and securely lock up all such items following a proclamation of a state of civil emergency by the local government.
• Ordinance approved amending Chapter 126-72 Homeless Shelters of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to comply with State law (KRS 65.870). The amendment replaces the sentence Weapons are not permitted on the premises with the sentence Federal and State gun control laws shall be strictly enforced on the premises.
• Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 20) authorizing the substitution of capital and/or economic development projects using the proceeds from the 2013B General Obligation Bond. A portion of the bond was issued to fund construction improvements for Macco Organiques. The company decided not to locate in Paducah.

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City Commission Meeting Highlights
Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Sandra Wilson was unable to attend this meeting.

Agreement with Marcum Engineering Regarding Dome Relocation Project (vote November 3)
The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for an agreement with Marcum Engineering, LLC for engineering services in an amount not to exceed $65,500 associated with the relocation of the dome pavilion. Due to the construction of the Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront, the dome is being moved from its previous location at 600 North 4th Street to a nearly five-acre lot at 619 North 6th Street.

Enterprise Resource Planning Professional Services
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for an agreement with Plante & Moran, PLLC for additional consulting services in the amount of $18,400 regarding Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software. At the October 20 Commission meeting, Information Technology Director Greg Mueller provided an overview and the status of the project which will completely upgrade the City’s software. In September 2014, the City approved a contract with the company in an amount not to exceed $70,840 for various services including the conducting of a needs assessment of the City’s software and IT infrastructure; the preparation of a request for proposals; and the analysis of the received proposals. The City is ready to negotiate a contract with the preferred software vendor and develop a Statement of Work. This additional agreement will satisfy those additional steps. The City has had its current system since 1995 with the additional of various software components that are not necessarily integrated. Examples of business management that our software currently utilizes include purchasing, code enforcement, land management, accounts receivable, payroll, building permits, and business licenses. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, “This is essentially redefining every city department in its mode of operation by embracing technology. It’s going to require teamwork and dedication.”

Quick Highlights

- Municipal order approved to apply for the 2016 Kentucky Litter Abatement grant through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. An award of $14,500 is anticipated. No local match is required.
- Municipal order approved establishing the policy for the use of spending credits for the 2016 health insurance plan year. Employees are provided $8724 to use toward the purchase of the City of Paducah’s health, dental, or vision plans. Employees who opt-out of the plan are provided lesser amounts based on their hire date and proof of coverage.
- Municipal order approved to certify that all City of Paducah maintained bridges with weight limits of 40 tons or less are posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards. There are 13 bridges maintained by the City. However, the two bridges with the capacity requirement are on South 24th Street with a posted weight limit of 14 tons and on Buckner Lane with a weight limit of 18 tons.
- Ordinance approved for the purchase of three compact SUVs in the amount of $79,660 from Linwood Motors.
- Ordinance approved for the purchase of one trench trailer in the amount of $43,900 from Midway Trailer, Inc. to be used by the Fire Department.
- Ordinance approved for the purchase of a special service vehicle for the Fire Department in the amount of $36,513 from Linwood Motors.
- Ordinance approved for the purchase of two ½ ton pickups for the Engineering-Public Works Department in the amount of $53,667.90 from Paducah Ford.
- City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says repairs to the dock located at the Ohio River Boat Launch at North 6th and Burnett Streets have been completed. The dock will arrive tomorrow and will be placed at the site on Thursday in time for the FLW tournament. The dock was struck by a barge on September 30. The towboat operator was nosed into the bank not far upstream from the boat launch and didn’t realize until he had hit the courtesy dock that his tow and barge were actually drifting downstream.

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Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Richard Abraham was unable to attend this meeting.

Resolution of Support for Second AQS Quilt Show
The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in support of providing funding support for a second quilt show in Paducah. For several years, the American Quilter’s Society (AQS) has discussed with the City the feasibility of creating a second quilt show. AQS has expressed its intent to conduct a second show beginning in September 2017 and has requested support funding from the City. Beginning with the 2008 quilt show, the City has provided an annual incentive of $25,000 to assist with the show’s marketing. That money has been provided to AQS through a contract with the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Visitors Bureau. This resolution is in support of providing an additional $25,000 per year beginning with the September 2017 show. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, “This additional show would lead to a greater return on the investment the city has and will continue to have on convention space.”

432 Broadway Demolition Project Updates
In July 2015, the City of Paducah purchased the condemned building at 432 Broadway for $1 from a limited liability company. The building’s owner indicated that he did not have the financial means to stabilize the building or bring it up to code. The City had been working with the building’s owner since 2010 on correction measures. Also in July, the City approved a contract with Environmental Abatement, Inc. (EAI) in an amount of $458,685 for the building’s demolition. After EAI began the project, it was discovered that the existing steel column that supports 432 Broadway (O’Leary Building) also supports the adjacent building at 430 Broadway (Varney Building). Demolition was halted until an engineer could design the temporary and permanent shoring of the Varney Building. At this meeting, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for a change order with EAI. The change order takes into account an increase in the contract time by providing a 103 calendar day extension bringing the contract end date to February 26, 2016, additional fees for the rental of barricades and other equipment, the mobilization of personnel and equipment, a property survey, and the cost for the study to determine the permanent shoring method. The change order increases the contract with EAI by $20,933 for a total cost of $479,618.

The Paducah Board of Commissioners also approved an ordinance for a contract with Darnell Steel and Construction, LLC in the amount of $19,750 for a portion of the permanent stabilization work associated with 430 Broadway (Varney Building). The work by Darnell will be to reinforce the steel columns underneath the steel beam that supports the Varney Building. An additional contract will be before the Paducah Board of Commissioners at a future meeting for the construction of a masonry wall adjacent to the Varney Building. That contract is out to bid with a bid opening set for December 18.

At this time, the temporary shoring measures have been completed. The next step would be for Darnell to reinforce the steel columns. Once that work is completed, EAI will be able to continue the demolition work.

The Department for Local Government (DLG) notified Mayor Gayle Kaler that the City will receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of $500,000 for the 432 Broadway Demolition Project. A match of $125,000 is required from the City. The City had to own the building in order to submit the grant application. Before the decision to demolish the building was made, the City worked with Sullivan Cozart out of Louisville, Kentucky to get demolition and stabilization cost estimates. Preliminary estimates to only stabilize (not rehabilitate) the building were between $1.9 and $2.0 million.

Riverfront Redevelopment Project Phase 1-B Funding (vote Dec. 15)
The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a supplemental agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the Riverfront Redevelopment Project Phase 1-B. This agreement will provide the City with the state funding of $1.525 million announced by former Governor Steve Beshear at a check presentation ceremony on November 23. This agreement is supplement #1 to the contract with the Cabinet approved by the City in May 2015. The contract approved in May authorizes the City to be reimbursed up to $3,920,000 in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
funds for the project. This supplemental agreement adds the $1.525 million to the $3.92 million. The funds will be administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet with the City being reimbursed after the work has been completed.

In October of this year, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a contract in the amount of $8,113,110.42 with MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc. for the construction of Phase I-B. The City has given MAC the notice to proceed on this 240 consecutive calendar day contract. Phase I-B involves the completion of the expansion of Schultz Park. This park will provide more than a square block of additional park space. This project also includes the construction of a gangway and the 20-foot wide, 340-foot long transient dock with boater amenities including fuel, electricity, water, and sanitary sewer pump-out. In 2013, the first phase of the project was completed with the building of the base of the park and the placement of 12, 36-inch steel pilings to support the gangway.

**Paducah Swim Team Presentation**

Dr. Shiraz Patel and Jackie Smith representing the Paducah Swim Team made a presentation to the Paducah Board of Commissioners requesting the City’s involvement in the development of a natatorium (a building containing a swimming pool). The proposal is for the natatorium to be located in Noble Park in Anna Baumer field behind the amphitheater with the City to take over the operation and maintenance of the facility once constructed. The Paducah Swim Team would fundraise for the construction cost and look into funding from local foundations and the state. The proposed facility would consist of a 30,000 square foot building with two swimming pools, a 250-car parking lot in addition to locker rooms and bleacher seating. One pool would be 50-meters in length and six feet deep for competitive swim, exercise, and training. The other would be a 25-meter four-foot deep pool that would be set at a warmer temperature to be used for activities such as water therapy. Dr. Patel says, “We are already known for the arts, but I want us to be known as the health and fitness center of Kentucky. When it comes to recruiting young families, this is what Paducah needs.” In the presentation, Smith presented numbers from a similar facility in Texas. That facility has an annual operation cost of more than $216,000 not including staff costs. The City Manager and the Parks Services Director will work with the Paducah Swim Team to refine the proposed operations costs. Those updated values would be presented to the City Commission at a future meeting.

**Solid Waste Request for Proposals Review**

City Manager Jeff Pederson updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the review of proposals for solid waste receiving, transport, and disposal services. The City has been reviewing the proposals from Republic Services and Freedom Waste. In the request for proposals, the City specified an award date of December 8. Pederson says the award date will be moved to January 12. He adds that the City has determined that Freedom Waste appears to be the best qualified company to provide the services. The City is working on an agreement with Freedom that would come before the City Commission in January.

**2015 Christmas Parade Winners**

The Parks Department handed out the awards for the 2015 Christmas Parade held December 5. To view the Christmas Parade set to music (46 minutes in length), visit [https://youtu.be/Rhg0TTjsI](https://youtu.be/Rhg0TTjsI). The parade award winners are as follows:

**Themed Float:**
- First Place – Cub Scout Pack #2020
- Second Place – Goodwin Farms
- Third Place – Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Fourth Place – Easter Seals
- Fifth Place – Cub Scout Pack #2018

**Non-Float:**
- First Place - Blackburn Farms
- Second Place – Paducah Jeep Owners Club
- Third Place – Oakview Nursing and Rehab

**School Float:**
- First Place - St. Mary School System
- Second Place – MSU-Paducah
- Third Place – Clark Elementary School

**Drill Team:**
- First Place – Center Stage Dance Company
- Second Place – Paducah Quick Step Cloggers

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• Third Place – Silver Lining Homeschool Colorguard

Band:
• First Place – McCracken County High School Band
• Second Place – Paducah Tilghman High School Band of Blue

Religious Float:
• First Place – Trinity United Methodist
• Second Place – Ninth Street Tabernacle Ministries
• Third Place – Church of Jesus Christ Youth

Quick Highlights
• Mayor Gayle Kaler presented awards for the Mayor’s Student Christmas Ornament Contest. Additional information about the contest and a list of the winners are posted at [http://paducahky.gov/christmas-ornament-contest](http://paducahky.gov/christmas-ornament-contest).
• Boards and Commissions: Maurie McGarvey appointed to and Stefanie Horton reappointed to the Board of Civil Service Commission. Jay Page, Wayne Miller, and Basil Drossos reappointed to the Barkley Regional Airport Authority.
• Municipal order approved for the declaration of the lot at 228 South 17th Street as surplus property and to authorize the sale of the lot to Brad Arterburn for $5.
• Ordinance approved for the purchase of one Ford F250 4x4 in the amount of $38,948 from Paducah Ford to be used by the Parks Services Department. Three bids were received for this purchase.
• Ordinance approved for the purchase of two Dodge Charger SSV vehicles in the total amount of $53,146 to be used by the Fire Prevention Division. Two bids were received for this purchase.
• Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 15) to accept the proposal from Williams, Williams, and Lentz, LLP Certified Public Accountants in the amount not to exceed $61,000 for Paducah Power System audits. This amount is the total for fiscal years 2016-2019. PPS will provide the funding for the audit contract. A request for proposals for the audit was advertised with proposals accepted through October 30, 2015.
• Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 15) to accept the contract with Paducah Ford in the amount of $331,844 for the purchase of ten police pursuit rated SUV’s for the Paducah Police Department. Two bids were received for this purchase.
• Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 15) to accept the two year contract with two one-year renewal options with JSC Terminal (doing business as Midwest Terminal) for the City’s fuel supply. One bid was received.
• Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 15) to accept the contract with Netvision 360 Group in the amount of $45,643.50 for the purchase of a mobile surveillance camera system which will provide security surveillance of the floodwall and portions of downtown. A Port Security Grant will provide $37,121 toward the program’s cost.

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Planning Underway to Provide Recycling Drop-off Location in Paducah

PADUCAH, KY — As the City of Paducah continues to research program models and costs related to curbside recycling, the City also is working with Republic Services on an interim plan to provide a recycling drop-off facility at Republic’s Transfer Station located at 829 Burnett Street in Paducah. Details are being negotiated; however, the City is striving to have an agreement in place by the end of this month.

For the past several years, local non-profit organization Greater Paducah Sustainability Project (GPSP) has provided a recycling drop-off location in Paducah at a facility owned by Paducah Water on North 8th Street. However, due to a decline in donations and in the market value of recyclables, GPSP recently announced that it would cease to operate the facility on March 27.

City Manager Jeff Pederson says, “In response to the announcement by GPSP, the City accelerated its discussions with Republic Services with the hope to provide an interim drop-off location so that citizens can continue their routine of recycling. For the past two decades, Paducah has contracted with Republic for refuse disposal. Now we are looking at amending and extending our contract to provide an interim recycling drop-off location while we continue to research curbside recycling.”

On Tuesday, March 3, Pederson, City Commissioner Allan Rhodes, Engineering-Public Works Operations Manager Chris Yarber, and Public Information Officer Pam Spencer toured Republic’s state-of-the-art recycling processing center in St. Louis and met with company officials.

Pederson says, “Recyclables collected by Republic in Paducah would ultimately be processed at the St. Louis facility. Republic is able to take single-stream recyclables and mechanically sort them into nearly two dozen marketable baled products. We were impressed with the facility and the quality of materials it removes from the waste stream for reuse by a variety of companies.”

The City of Paducah also is working on a plan to continue the collection of recyclables from the more than a dozen dumpster-size blue bins currently located at schools and businesses in Paducah. Much of the equipment used by GPSP, including the blue bins, was secured by the City and County through Kentucky Division of Waste Management grants.

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2015 City-County Spring Clean Up Day Set for April 4

PADUCAH, KY—For many people, it’s an annual tradition to conduct a thorough spring cleaning around their home. After gathering that pile of trash and other items needing proper disposal, set aside some time on Saturday, April 4 to take those items to the collection point for the Paducah-McCracken County Spring Clean Up Day. The event for Paducah and McCracken County residents will be Saturday, April 4, 7 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Republic Services transfer station, 829 Burnett Street. Spring Clean Up Day is a free service, rain or shine. All residents must bring proper identification (such as a driver’s license) to verify residency.

Spring Clean Up Day, commonly referred to as dump day, is an opportunity to dispose of various types of solid and household hazardous waste. Accepted items include household trash, white goods (Freon-free), tires, household hazardous waste, ammunition, expired or no longer needed prescription medications, and recyclables including e-scrap. No medical waste or commercial waste will be accepted. Recyclables and household hazardous waste items are off-loaded last in line. Please separate your items to make the trip go quicker.

Spring Clean Up Day is held at Republic Services and on the adjacent parking lot of the Paducah Public Works facility on North 10th Street. To maintain the traffic flow, drivers need to enter Republic (look for the CWI sign) either from North 10th or Burnett Streets. Traffic will not be allowed to enter from North 8th or 9th Streets.

Once again Paducah Power System is teaming up with AES Environmental to encourage people to safely dispose of old, unbroken fluorescent bulbs. Fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and are not recommended for residential curbside trash pick-up. Each family turning in unbroken fluorescent bulbs will receive two new compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL’s). Paducah Power also will collect mercury-filled items.

On average, approximately 700 vehicles go through the line to dispose of nearly 200 tons of household trash, white goods, and scrap metal. That tonnage is in addition to the tires, recyclables, hazardous materials, prescriptions, and ammunition collected.

Spring Clean Up Day is funded in part through a Household Hazardous Waste Grant through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. Partners include AES Environmental, LLC, City of Paducah, Republic Services, GPSP-Recycle Now, Liberty Tire, McCracken County, McCracken County DES/EM, McCracken County Sheriff’s Department, Paducah Power System, and Paducah Water.

For more information about Spring Clean Up Day, visit [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov) or call the City of Paducah Engineering-Public Works Department at 270-444-8567.

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Agreement for Recycling Drop-off Location in Paducah

PADUCAH, KY — The City of Paducah and Republic Services are finalizing the terms of an agreement to provide a recycling drop-off facility at Republic’s Transfer Station located at 829 Burnett Street in Paducah. Beginning April 1, Republic will begin accepting recyclables during regular business hours at that location. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. until noon. There is no charge for the general public to drop off recyclables. The agreement with Republic Services involves a price per ton charge to the City for the transporting of recyclables. Republic will then process the items at no cost to the City.

City Manager Jeff Pederson says, “When we were notified by Greater Paducah Sustainability Project (GPSP) that it would cease to operate its facility on North 8th Street on March 27, we began a negotiation process with Republic. Earlier this month, we visited Republic’s facility in St. Louis to learn more about the processing and marketing of recyclables. Republic’s state-of-the-art single-stream facility allows recycling to be a simple process for a family.”

Representatives of Republic Services say, “Republic Services is proud to partner with the City of Paducah and Greater Paducah Sustainability to offer environmental solutions.”

Pederson adds, “The City of Paducah has partnered with GPSP over the past several years through financial support and through the process of applying for and receiving numerous state grants for the equipment. The sharp decline in the recycling market has made it very difficult for the non-profit to continue in its current capacity. We hope to see GPSP continue its efforts to educate and serve the community.”

Recycling at the new drop-off location involves entering the gates of Republic’s Transfer Station on Burnett Street (look for the CWI sign) and making a sharp right into a gravel area where large recycling bins will be located. Recycling customers will then exit through a gate that will take them onto North 8th Street. Public Information Officer Pam Spencer says, “With garbage trucks and other large vehicles with trailers utilizing the transfer station, we worked with Republic to make the process for dropping off recyclables as easy and safe as possible. The unloading and exit points are located away from the path of the large trucks.”

Customers will need to unload their recyclables and place them into the appropriate container. There is a separate container for corrugated cardboard; however, all other accepted recyclables can be placed together in the single-stream bins. No sorting is needed with Republic’s All-in-One Recycling™. Items that will be accepted in the single-stream bins are as follows: pasteboard (which includes cereal and other similar-type boxes), newspapers, magazines, junk mail, phone books, hardback and paperback books, office paper, tin, steel, and aluminum cans, and plastic containers. Please rinse containers before bringing them to the facility.
Republic will not accept electronics or batteries, household hazardous waste, food waste, Styrofoam™, or glass. Republic recommends recycling plastic bags at the store where you purchased items. Loose plastic bags tend to get caught in the mechanical components during the sorting process at the recycling facility in St. Louis.

For the past two decades, Paducah has contracted with Republic for refuse disposal. The current contract with Republic expires June 30. However, Paducah is working on a contract to provide the interim recycling drop-off location while researching program models and costs related to curbside recycling.

Pederson says, “What we are finding is that the recycling market is volatile and related to national and international trends. For example, we are enjoying low gasoline prices; however, when the price of fuel drops, the price for recycled plastic also takes a plunge. For many recyclables, the processing and transportation costs are much higher than any gain from selling them.”

Residents who are interested in receiving curbside recycling services before a decision is made regarding a program through the City are encouraged to contact Dream Green at 270-442-2088 or visit the company’s website at www.dg-recycling.com for information about rates and items collected.

For more information, contact the City of Paducah Engineering-Public Works Department at 270-444-8567 or the Republic Services Transfer Station at 270-575-3805.

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For Immediate Release  
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Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015  
Location: Main Entrance, Kentucky Oaks Mall

The Paducah Police Department will hold a “drug take-back” Saturday morning at the main entrance to Kentucky Oaks Mall.

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McCranken County Emergency Management Director Jerome Mansfield says, “We are not alone in feeling the disappointment from this declaration denial. A few days after McCracken County received its flash flooding event, dozens of counties in eastern Kentucky were hit hard with storms, tornadoes, flooding, and landslides. This week we received word that only four of those counties in eastern Kentucky will be receiving individual assistance aid.”

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Downtown Development Specialist-Main Street Director Melinda Winchester says, “Our downtown is the heart of Paducah, and its appearance reflects directly on how we as a community feel about it. The volunteers, business owners, and stakeholders love it and want to take care of it. This is a way to make downtown beautiful and clean for all of the visitors and local citizens who enjoy the fall activities.”

Volunteers are asked to meet at the gazebo at 2nd and Broadway at 8 a.m. for instructions and refreshments provided by Doe’s Eat Place. Volunteers will be assigned areas including the gazebo area, sections of Broadway, 3rd Street, and sections of Kentucky Avenue and Jefferson Street. A group of volunteers will be working on the landscaping in front of the floodwall murals. All of the mulch and plants will be on site that morning. Plants are being provided by Phelps Farm Store with the mulch provided by the Paducah Parks Department.

Partners for this event include volunteers, the City of Paducah Parks Department, Paducah Main Street (a division of the Paducah Planning Department), the Paducah Civic Beautification Board Adopt-A-Spot participants, and downtown stakeholders.

For more information on how you or your group can help, contact Melinda Winchester at 270-444-8690 or mwinchester@paducahky.gov.

###
BBQ on the River Festival and United Way 5K Information

PADUCAH, KY—To allow for the setup and enjoyment of the 21st Ever Barbeque on the River Festival, several roads will be closed in downtown Paducah. Please note that all streets are subject to early closure due to safety reasons as determined by the Paducah Police Department.

The festival is September 24-26 with the ticketed fundraising event, Porkstock, during the evening of September 23. New this year at the festival, enjoy three stages of entertainment and a partnership with the Farmers’ Market. The Farmers’ Market stage will be on the 200 block of Broadway and will provide musical and dancing entertainment during the evenings. The other stages are the main stage along the floodwall and the 2nd Street stage. Also new this year, enjoy a full market of Farmers’ Market vendors along Broadway on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. with live entertainment that evening. Marine Industry Days will be held Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The schedule of road closures is as follows:
Closing Tuesday, September 22
- Water Street from Broadway toward Schultz Park—floodwall entrance at Broadway remains open for Tuesday
- Sections of the Municipal Parking Lot
Closing Wednesday, September 23
- Kentucky Avenue at 3rd Street
- 2nd Street at Broadway
- Jefferson Street at 3rd Street
- Madison Street at 3rd Street
- Monroe Street at 3rd Street
Closing Thursday morning, September 24
- Water Street at Washington
- Kentucky Avenue entrance to riverfront
- Broadway at 3rd Street

The intersections at Broadway and 4th Street and Broadway and 5th Street may be closed at some times during the festival. Shuttle service will be provided from Carson Park Thursday and Friday, 4-10 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m. The shuttle will take festival goers from Carson Park to a drop off point behind the former nursing facility on North 3rd Street. Handicap parking is located behind the Finkel’s building (enter lot from Washington Street).

For more information about the BBQ on the River festival, visit www.bbqontherriver.org.
United Way 5K: The 21st Annual United Way 5K and Youth 1 Mile Race is Saturday, September 26. The races will start and finish at the Paducah Bank main office at 555 Jefferson Street. Registration for the races begins at 7 a.m. in the Paducah Bank parking lot. The 5K race begins at 9 a.m. with the youth race at 10 a.m.

Lanes of traffic will be blocked during the race for the safety of the runners. The 5K course begins on 6th Street next to Paducah Bank. Runners will run southbound on 6th Street, turn right on Broadway, turn right on 8th Street, then left on Jefferson. Runners will follow Jefferson until 16th Street, and then turn right on Fountain Avenue staying on the left side of Fountain Circle. Runners will go around Fountain Circle and proceed back to Broadway where they will turn left. Runners will continue in the left lane of Broadway until they turn left on 4th Street staying in the left lane. At Jefferson, runners will turn left and proceed to the finish in front of Paducah Bank.

For more information about the race, visit http://unitedwaypaducah.org.

Dogs at Special Events: As a reminder, pets are allowed at community festivals. However, for the public’s safety, Chapter 14 of the City of Paducah Code of Ordinances lists three requirements to bring a dog to a special community event such as a parade or festival. The dog must be

1. licensed by McCracken County Animal Control or by any other state or county,
2. restrained by a leash or other lead that is no longer than three feet, and
3. restrained by a muzzle.

###
2015 Leaf Season Guidelines

PADUCAH – The City of Paducah is starting the 2015 leaf season program. If possible, mulching leaves is a good option since the mulched leaves provide nutrients to flowerbeds, lawns, and gardens and help the environment by reducing waste. However, if mulching is not an option or if your yard still has an excess of leaves, the guidelines for leaf collection for residents and for commercial lawn service organizations are listed below. The burning of leaves is banned in the City of Paducah.

Leaf Bags: Residents should bag their leaves for collection. Leaves that are not bagged will not be collected. Residents may use any type of yard or trash bag for their leaves.

Leaf Bag Collection Guidelines:
- Leaf and brush collection will occur on Monday across the City. If a homeowner has five bags of leaves or less, those bags can be collected with their trash on the designated trash collection day. If a homeowner misses the Monday collection day or has more than five bags of leaves, they can wait until the following Monday for collection or call the Engineering-Public Works Department at 270-444-8567 to schedule a pick-up.
- City residents can drop bags of leaves off at the Compost Facility at 1560 North 8th Street during business hours at no charge. The Compost Facility is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Do not include grass clippings, brush, trash, construction materials, etc. with the leaves. Bags that have any of these materials mixed with the leaves will not be collected.
- Place bags next to the road for easy pick up. Do not place bags behind obstacles such as parked vehicles, trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, or streetlights.
- Bags should not be placed in the street, gutter, ditches, or any drainage way. Also do not rake or use a leaf blower to move leaves to the gutter. This will obstruct the flow of storm water runoff when it rains.
- Leaf collection will be postponed during any inclement weather conditions.

Leaf Vacuuming: Leaf vacuuming will be done periodically in City rights-of-way. Residents who cannot bag their leaves should make arrangements with friends or family or a commercial lawn service to have their leaves bagged. The City does not maintain an elderly or handicap list for leaf collection.

Commercial Lawn Services: Commercial lawn service organizations working for City of Paducah residents during leaf season are to remove the leaves from the premises and dispose of them properly. See Code of Ordinances Sec. 42-49 for additional information. The commercial
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**Property Owner Responsibility:** According to Paducah Code of Ordinances Sec. 98-31, the property owner shall be responsible for maintaining, in a clean and sanitary condition, the sidewalks, ditches, curbs and gutters, driveway pipes, drainage pipes and unpaved/undeveloped portion of rights-of-way abutting such premises, and for keeping the aforementioned in good repair.

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City Making Plans to Install Floodgates
Due to Updated Ohio River Forecast

PADUCAH, KY—The latest forecast issued by the National Weather Service River Forecast Center regarding the river stages for the Ohio River at Paducah shows an updated crest of 49 feet for Tuesday, January 5. Earlier today, the forecast showed the river cresting next Tuesday at 48 feet.

City Engineer—Public Works Director Rick Murphy says the City is initiating plans to install the floodgates. Murphy says, “A forecast of 49 feet triggers us to take additional action. We have been monitoring forecasts and maintaining the pump stations. Now we are going to initiate floodgate installation. It takes some preparation time to get city crews scheduled and the equipment in place. Those preparations will start now so that crews can be ready to install floodgates late this week or weekend in anticipation of Tuesday’s river stage.”

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City crews from the Engineering—Public Works, Parks Services, and Fire Departments will be installing twelve of the City’s 47 floodgates. City Engineer—Public Works Director Rick Murphy says, “These gates are being installed to protect Paducah since the Ohio River will be holding at or near this high level for quite a while. We are looking at a long period of vulnerability.”

Murphy says there are several factors at play. Currently, Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake are holding several feet above summer pool. If they were at winter pool and with a crest forecast of 47.5 feet, there would be no need for Paducah to install the gates. However, the lakes are holding back water and not significantly feeding the Ohio River. That reduces the effect the Ohio River has on the Mississippi River which is experiencing the worst flooding in years. Eventually the lakes will need to increase their releases to the Ohio River. The City of Paducah will have gates in place in case that causes the Ohio to rise.

The installation of the floodgates on Saturday will not affect operations at the Julian Carroll Convention Center or the Paducah Expo Center. A couple of the gates adjacent to those facilities will not be installed at this time since the bottom sills of those gates are higher than other ones downtown. Also, there is a three foot berm around those facilities.

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2015 Dogwood Tree Sale

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Date:
April 11, 2015 10:00 am
2015 Pennies for Trees Deadline

National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April. The Paducah Parks Department is partnering with the Paducah City School System for the "Pennies for Trees" project. Elementary students are asked to participate by collecting pennies until April 17, 2015. Each school's collection will be used to purchase trees to be planted in a City park. Paducah Parks Services will match each tree purchase with another tree. Trees will be planted in the school's honor in the parks on a date to be announced.

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The Paducah Fire Prevention Division is hosting a one-day training workshop for
regional property maintenance and code enforcement officers today at the Julian Carroll Convention Center. Representatives from approximately a dozen local Kentucky municipalities and counties are attending the workshop to hear presentations from local attorneys and from an instructor for the International Code Council (ICC).

In March 2014, the Fire Prevention Division began coordinating regional meetings with property maintenance and code enforcement officials to compare their standard practices, concerns, and issues. The group has been meeting every few months with various cities hosting the meetings.

Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention Greg Cherry says, “Today’s workshop is a result of those networking and discussion meetings. The group decided that we needed to bring in other experts and instructors to answer our questions and provide clarity regarding the code. Our goal is provide an overview of recent changes to the code that reflect the most current industry standards and technology. All of us want to be consistent and clear in our interpretation of the code and how we conduct inspections and code enforcement.”

The instructor for today’s workshop is Russell Thornburg, an ICC instructor. Thornburg has served as a building official, field inspector, and plans examiner with more than 30 years of construction and inspection experience. Thornburg leads and develops training sessions for building officials, inspectors, and contractors all over the United States.

Today’s workshop provides attendees with continuing education credits. The costs for the workshop were divided among the participating cities and counties.
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###
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October 22, 2015

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

4th Annual Conference for Building, Electrical, and Fire Professionals

October 23, 2015 5:00 pm

Deadline to Enter 2015 Veterans Day Parade

October 24, 2015

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

4th Annual Conference for Building, Electrical, and Fire Professionals

October 23, 2015

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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A8 - Living Lands and Waters River Sweep Communication, Debris Removed, & Pictures
Hey Eric! Heard you were looking for our trash numbers for last week...

With the help of 141 volunteers we were able to remove 6,844lbs of trash at the Marine Challenge (including 150 bags of trash, 84 tires, 2 barrels, 7 pieces of styrofoam, 1 bowling ball, 3 crates, 10 buckets, 1 truck liner, part of a boat, cooler, propane tank, wooden crate, water heater, kids wagon, herbicide container, 5 buoys, barge rope, boat hatch, 5 rims).

Let me know if you need anything else! Thanks,
Kate

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: John Bostrom <john@livinglandsandwaters.org>
Date: Wed, Jun 3, 2015 at 8:15 AM
Subject: Fwd: Living Lands & Waters
To: Kate Runge <kate@livinglandsandwaters.org>, Tammy Becker <tammy@livinglandsandwaters.org>

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Eric Hickman <chickman@paduahky.gov>
Date: Mon, Jun 1, 2015 at 8:17 AM
Subject: Living Lands & Waters
To: "john@livinglandsandwaters.org" <john@livinglandsandwaters.org>

Good morning JB. I met you this weekend on the barge tour and wanted to shoot my contact information to you. Like I said on the tour, I am over Paducah’s Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (sMS4) Permit with the State. The work you all perform in Paducah would be something we would be interested in assisting with in the future. Please let me know Living Lands & Waters Schedule for your next trip to Paducah and in what ways the City of Paducah could get involved. Also, if you have a itemize sheet of the trash/debris you all collected over last week please send it over. I appreciate what Living Lands & Waters is doing and helping the City of Paducah to become a more cleaner and environmentally friendly place. Have a good day and please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

ERIC HICKMAN, P.E.

Storm Water & Drainage Engineer

City of Paducah
John Bostrum
Operations Manager
P. 309.236.5627 – F. 309. 496.1012
Living Lands & Waters
17624 Route 84 North
East Moline, IL 61244
A9 - Public Events Questionnaire Draft
A10 - ORSANCO River Sweep Correspondence & Informational Flyer
Fort Heiman Junior Ranger Day 2015

Did you know that Calloway County is home to a civil war confederate fort dating back to 1861? The fort, Fort Heiman, is now a part of Fort Donelson complex managed by the National Park Service. The Foundation partnered with several agencies, including the National Park Service, Calloway County Conservation District, Calloway County Cooperative Extension, Four Rivers Watershed Watch and the Kentucky Orphan’s Brigade Reenactors Sons of Confederate Veterans Fort Heiman Camp #1834, to host the first Junior Ranger/Junior Environmentalist Day at the fort on April 25th, 2015. Families from Calloway County and surrounding areas enjoyed a day of fun and learning. The day included civil war reenactors telling the history of the fort, planting a rain garden with native plants, water quality testing, a nature hike, and more.

“Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.” - Aldo Leopold

Ohio River Sweep 2015

On Saturday, July 20th, 2015, Foundation staff & executive board members hosted the Paducah Riverfront pick up site for the Ohio River Sweep at the foot of Broadway. Volunteers turned out to help pick up litter from the shores of the Ohio River in Paducah.

The Ohio River Sweep is an annual event organized by ORSANCO (Ohio River Sanitation Commission) in cities along the length of the Ohio from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Cairo, Illinois. It is estimated that over 500 tons of trash and debris is picked up each year along the banks of the Ohio and its tributaries. The Foundation is proud to serve as coordinators of the Paducah River Sweep each year.

For more information about the Ohio River Sweep go to www.orsanco.org/river-sweep. If you or your organization is interested in helping with River Sweep 2016, email us at info@jpf.org.

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Michelle,

I have scheduled a dumpster to be dropped off at Schultz Park for the event. Let me know if you need anything else. Thanks,

Eric Hickman, P.E.
Storm Water & Drainage Engineer
City of Paducah
Engineering & Public Works Department
Office: (270) 444-8511
Fax: (270) 444-8689

-----Original Message-----
From: Jpf [mailto:michelle.hulen@jpf.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Eric Hickman
Subject: River sweep

Hi. We are doing the Ohio River Sweep this Saturday, June 20th, at Paducah's River Front. We will be picking up trash from 7-9 AM. Nathan had always arranged for a small to medium size dumpster from the city to be there for us to put the trash in. Would you be able to have them put one there for us sometime on Friday?

Thanks!

Michelle Hulen.
Jackson Purchase Foundation (JPF)
270-519-3441

Sent from my iPhone
The Jackson Purchase Foundation is conducting the Orsanco River Sweep on Saturday, June 20th. Individuals will meet at the foot of Broadway and pick up litter/trash along the KY banks of the Ohio River. A permit is not required – see details below.

They are requesting a dumpster to be set at the riverfront as they have in the past.

Marilee

Mark Thompson

Under 25 they are okay.

Marilee Richards

I got word today that the Jackson Purchase Foundation is having a river sweep this weekend, Saturday, June 20th. I have spoken with Michelle Hulen. This is Michelle’s first year for handling details for the sweep, I believe with direction from Kevin Murphy. Folks wanting to participate are directed to meet at the foot of Broadway where they will be given trash bags, gloves, and T-shirts. Michelle indicated there could be as few as 2 to 4 individuals, or 10 maybe a few more—could depend on the weather, too, how many would show up. With less than 25 participating and no planned activities taking place, they wouldn’t need a Special Event Permit unless you recommend they have one.

The Foundation has asked to have a dumpster set at the riverfront—in a location out of the way—where trash bags can be deposited as debris is collected. This particular sweep is more of a little pick up along the river banks.

I don’t see where we have issued a permit the last couple of years for the Orsanco litter sweep. If brought to our attention, we would have shared the information with other departments so all would be aware.

Please let me know if you want this to go through the permit process. Thanks.

Marilee
A11 - Storm Drain Stenciling Program Permit
August 21, 2015

Mr. Cary Winchester
AEP River Operations
2000 McCracken Boulevard
Paducah, KY 42001

Dear Mr. Winchester:

You are hereby granted permission to stencil storm drains in downtown Paducah for six (6) blocks along Broadway, Kentucky Avenue, and Jefferson Street on Saturday, August 29, 2015. You should contact Engineering/Public Works to confirm there are no issues with your undertaking. Also contact Erik Hickman, Storm Water & Drainage Engineer for instruction on painting the storm drains.

The stenciling will be done 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. starting at the parking lot downtown on Broadway. It is understood there could be up to 24 people assisting with the project—six teams of four people each.

The markings to be stenciled on the storm drains include a fish emblem, "Dump No Waste," and "Drains to River."

As the person requesting the permit, you will be responsible for leaving the area in the same condition that it was prior to the event. Your failure to do so will subject you to damages in an amount equal to the amount required to make necessary repairs, including labor costs.

By accepting and signing this permit, you are providing an indemnity to the City, as is required by the City’s ordinance, wherein you agree to indemnify the City and save it harmless from any damage to City property and further agree to indemnify the City and save it harmless from any claims of damage to persons or property incurred during or as part of the event. This permit is not valid unless it is signed.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Thompson
Director, Parks Services

C: Commissioners
   Jeff Pederson, City Manager
   Brandon Barnhill, Chief of Police
   Steve Kyle, Fire Chief
   Greg Cherry, Fire Marshal, Fire Prevention Division
   George Johnson, Police Department

   Steve Doolittle, Interim H.R. Director/Risk Mgr.
   Steve Ervin, Director of Planning
   Chris Yarber, Engineering/Public Works
   Les Evans, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
   Mary Hammond, Convention and Visitor’s Bureau
   Pam Souder, Engineering/Public Works

To validate this Permit, the requestor must sign both the original and File Copy provided. The File Copy must be returned to Parks Services (a stamped, self-addressed envelope is provided.) The (original) Special Event Permit should be available on site during the event.

Requestor — Cary Winchester (573-382-4628) Date

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
A12 - MS4 Update Presentation Slides
Kentucky 20+ Home Rule Cities
Large Cities Committee
MS4 Update
Skipp Kropp
Elizabethtown, KY
December 4, 2015

MS4 UPDATE

- National Enforcement Initiatives:
- Every three years, EPA sets national enforcement initiatives to focus civil and criminal enforcement resources and expertise on serious pollution problems affecting communities. The initiatives were chosen with state and public input and support EPA's six priorities.

MS4 UPDATE

- National Enforcement Initiatives: Keeping Raw Sewage and Contaminated Stormwater Out of Our Nation's Waters
- Focus in 2016 will be MS4 Communities
MS4 UPDATE

Recent MS4 Enforcement:
- The City of Rockford, Illinois Clean Water Act Settlement (proposed October 8, 2015)
  - The City of Rockford, Illinois owns and operates a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The city is authorized under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge stormwater to waters of the United States through its MS4 provided it complies with all provisions of the permit.

MS4 UPDATE

Recent MS4 Enforcement:
- Violations: The city failed to develop and implement a stormwater pollution prevention and management program that minimizes the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable in violation of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act and the terms and conditions of its NPDES permit.

MS4 UPDATE

Recent MS4 Enforcement:
- Injunctive Relief: The consent decree requires the city to implement several standard operating procedures (SOPs) when it developed to comply with various components of its NPDES permit. These SOPs include procedures for:
  - Inspection and maintenance of the stormwater system including stormwater controls such as detention basins;
  - Street sweeping;
  - Application of pesticide, herbicide, and fertilizer;
  - Review and approval of erosion and sediment control plans for construction projects and inventory of construction sites that discharge stormwater to the MS4;
  - Inspections of industrial and high-risk runoff facilities that discharge stormwater to the MS4;
  - Identification and elimination of illicit discharges into the MS4;
  - Monitoring and sampling;
  - Training of city staff and public education; and
  - Enforcement of city ordinances prohibiting the discharge of pollutants to the MS4.
**MS4 UPDATE**

- Recent MS4 Enforcement:
  - Civil Penalty: The city will pay a civil penalty of $329,395 which will be split between the United States and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

**MS4 UPDATE**

Other issues

GASB 34: “Governments should report all capital assets, including infrastructure assets, in the government-wide statement of net assets...”

GASB 34: “Infrastructure assets that are part of a network or subsystem of a network are not required to be depreciated as long as the government manages those assets using an asset management system that has certain characteristics and the government can document that the assets are being preserved approximately at (or above) a condition level established and disclosed by the government.”

**MS4 UPDATE**

What’s the point?

GASB 34 Implementation Guide:

“25. Q—Footnote 67 states that the government that has the primary responsibility for managing an infrastructure asset should report the asset. What is the significance of ownership to the responsibility for managing and maintaining an asset?

A—The guidance in footnote 67 applies only in instances when ownership is unclear. Ownership of land and buildings, for example, can usually be clearly determined through review of appropriate documents, such as deeds, easements, and contracts. Ownership of infrastructure associated with land, such as roads, sidewalks, and sewers, may not be as clearly documented. In such cases, the government with primary responsibility for managing the asset should report the asset.”
MS4 UPDATE

What's the point?
• Do you violate GASB 34 if you don't inventory stormwater infrastructure?
  — Courts will decide
• MS4 Permit Compliance Failure - See US and State of Illinois v. City of Rockford

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MS4 UPDATE

ELIZABETHTOWN, KY
DECEMBER 4, 2015
SCOTT SOUTHALL

CLEAN WATER ACT PHASE II PROGRAM
WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

40 PLUS YEARS AFTER CWA:
MS4 PROGRAM: QUALITATIVE & QUANTITATIVE DATA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OF THE MOAs

WHAT IS NPDES PHASE I & II?

- PROGRAM BORN FROM THE CLEAN WATER ACT
- PHASE I VS. PHASE II COMMUNITIES
- FEDERALLY MANDATED BY THE EPA AND ADMINISTERED THROUGH KY DOW
- INTENT IS TO PROTECT AND/OR IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR NATION'S WATERWAYS

40 YRS AGO - Clean Water Act

10,000 - 100,000
100,000+ POPULATION RULE

Bye for Phase II permit
THE BIRTH OF A NEW ACRONYM: SWQMP
Storm Water Quality Management Program

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ARGOUND. WHAT WAS LACKING WERE DEDICATED PROGRAMS OR REQUIREMENTS TO EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE BMPs TO ADDRESS STORM WATER RUNOFF AND DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS ON A COMMUNITY-WIDE BASIS AND RAISE THE AWARENESS THAT STORM WATER MANAGEMENT GOES BEYOND THE CONSTRUCTION SITE AND AFFECTS US ALL.

6 MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURES (MCM)

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)
4. Construction Stormwater Runoff Control (CSPC)
5. Post Construction Stormwater Management
6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

5 yu guidance plan to come out of draft
**SWQMP: MCM 3 - ILICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION (IDDE)**

WHAT IS AN "ILICIT DISCHARGE"?
Discharges from MS-4s often include wastes and wastewater from non-stormwater sources.

A study conducted in 1987 in Sacramento, CA, found that almost one-half of the water discharged from a local MS-4 was not directly attributable to precipitation runoff.

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**SWQMP: MCM 4 - CONSTRUCTION SITE RUNOFF CONTROL**

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**SHOW AND TELL**

*THE GOOD – THE BAD – THE UGLY – AND ONE*
Can't afford to build bigger after either needs & stormwater impact. Focus on minimizing these structures. Only 15% of cost of project is implemented. 85% in regret of system over its lifetime.

"Low impact development" makes infrastructure
LID Integrated Management Practices
WATER AS A RESOURCE: 1" RAIN OVER 1000 SF = 623 GALS

Stormwater is longest infrastructure that is managed.
Well produce 623 gallons of water
SWMP: MCM 6 - GOOD HOUSEKEEPING FOR MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

Why is Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Necessary?
The Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for municipal operations
minimum control measures (MCM) are a key element of the local acid
management program. This measure requires the local acid operator to
minimize and continuously monitor the amount and type of
nitrogen and phosphorus that are discharged into the
waterway and (2) results from citizen lack of environmental
management land development and flood management practices or
poor maintenance of storm water systems.

While this measure is meant primarily to reduce or prevent receiving water
carrying by draining residential or highway pavement, it also can result in a
cost financing for the entire MCM operator, due proper and timely
maintenance of the storm water system and clean motor crew from damage caused by

CLIFF NOTES FROM THE UPCOMING PERMIT

- MCM 3, 4, 5, 6 - MAP YOUR SYSTEM
- MCM 3 - IDDE - DATA COLLECTION
- MCM 3 - REPLACE (IN STREAM MONITORING) WITH WATERSHED PLANNING
- MCM 6 - TRAINING QUALIFIED INSPECTORS & CONTINUE EDUCATION
- ENFORCEMENT

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Thank You

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Vice-President for Sustainability
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Skipp Knopp
EPA has a national enforcement establishment for 2015. Fiscal 2016
Region VIII will be MS4 Communities.

- Rockford: sued on MS4 settlement proposed October 2015
  2Kinds of damages
  a. $500,000 - Civil penalty for Rockford
  b. $229,500 - Civil penalty for Rockford

- Des Moines, Iowa going to trial 2016. Setup upstream counties
  - GASP 34 - report capital assets including infrastructure

"Water of the U.S. definition
Western KY work. Publishes updates of the based stormwater programs
10-15 communities in KY have water quality use for awards. WQ 34
safety