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Kentucky League of Cities to Honor Paducah with Enterprise Cities Award for Fountain Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization Project

Photo: Newly constructed home that is for sale at 1606 Harrison Street in Fountain Avenue Neighborhood (call Planning Department at 270-444-8690).

PADUCAH – The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) will honor the City of Paducah with an Enterprise Cities award for the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization project at the Tuesday, November 1 City Commission Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Sadieville, Kentucky Mayor and KLC President Claude Christensen will be at the meeting to present the award along with KLC Community Development Manager Tad Long.



Paducah Mayor Gayle Kaler says, “Healthy, vibrant neighborhoods are the foundation of a healthy community. The revitalization of the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood came about through collaboration and the strategic use of programs and partners. Paducah is proud to be recognized by the Kentucky League of Cities for our efforts in Fountain Avenue, a neighborhood that is now reborn.”

"Our awards are an ongoing way KLC can recognize the great work officials and employees are doing, year after year, in our Kentucky cities," said Jonathan Steiner, KLC executive director/CEO.

The Enterprise Cities Award recognizes city projects or programs making a true impact on their communities. The award program sponsor, Collins & Company, Inc., will provide \$1,000 for each winning program to help continue its success.

Launched in 2007, the multi-year Fountain Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization project had as its goal the rehabilitation of a 20-block neighborhood. When revitalization commenced, approximately 80 percent of the structures were in disrepair. The neighborhood has been improved with an increase in home ownership, dozens of new or rehabilitated structures, and a decrease in the crime rate. City and state incentive programs have spurred development.

Since 2007, 36 new homes have been constructed in the neighborhood. So far, 84 existing homes have seen rehabilitation investments of more than \$10,000 with 47 of those homes having investments of more than \$50,000. There has been more than \$13 million in public and private reinvestment in the



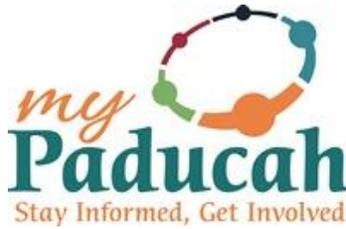
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neighborhood. Fountain Avenue, Park Avenue, North 13th Street, and the alley between Monroe and Jefferson comprise the boundaries of the neighborhood.

KLC has prepared an eight-minute video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_pF1CLufqM) honoring all the 2016 award winners. For more information about KLC, visit www.klc.org.

For more information about the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood including available lots and homes, call the Planning Department at 270-444-8690 or visit www.fountainave.com.

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