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OP-ED: What it's like to be an Epidemiologist in the Time of Covid by Madison Liford

I am an epidemiologist at the University of Kentucky. I have lived in Pensacola Park for two years—first on Pensacola Drive and now Wabash. Working as an epidemiologist during the COVID-19 pandemic has been a unique experience. Largely, COVID has impacted my life in the same ways it's impacted everyone else's: cancelled vacations, empty social calendars, remote work. As an epidemiologist, I focus primarily on occupational safety and drug overdoses. My work is more interested in the impact of COVID on these areas than the virus itself. Still, in the public health world, the presence of COVID is palpable. Collaborative meetings and workgroups have been sidelined as colleagues are pulled into COVID-related work. There is a general feeling of an overarching burden stretching resources to capacity.

The biggest impacts of COVID for me as an epidemiologist have been personal. I always loved sensationalized stories about novel outbreaks like Contagion or 28 Days Later, but I never considered epidemiology as a legitimate career until I started working as a HIV/AIDS focused Peace Corps volunteer after college. Epidemiology wasn't on the radar of my friends and family either. My friend Laura would ask repeatedly, "epidemiology, is that working with insects?" COVID certainly changed that. My profession was thrust into the spotlight. Now everyone knows what an epidemiologist is.

I never would have predicted that a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic would occur in the first few years of my career. While I recognize the devastating impact COVID has had for so many, I also have to acknowledge the privilege of working in public health through this historic event. Surprisingly, one of my largest takeaways from COVID has been the response of those around me. Social media has created a platform for public opinion. It is a novel experience to hear people comment on my profession. Ultimately, I'm glad people care enough to talk about public health. I hope this pandemic highlights the importance of public health and that this heightened interest carries beyond COVID.

Pensacola Park Emblem

The votes have been cast; thank you so much for everyone who partook in the voting. We had over one hundred people write in! It was neck and neck with Option A (with the railroad track) and Option B (with the leaf), so we went back to Cricket Press and asked them to merge the two, and this is what they came up with. Which is now our OFFICIAL emblem for our historic Pensacola Park neighborhood, and will be representative of our neighborhood association and our non-profit as well. In the next couple of weeks we will be distributing flyers for people who would like to order: (A) a flag (along with color options); (B) a plaque (metal or plastic); and/or (C) a sticker. Costs and additional information for each option will be included in the flyer. Great to see so much positive neighborhood interaction!! And we are very excited to start seeing these around unifying our neighborhood.



Upcoming Grants:

The Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association has won another grant to beautify the green space at the end of Penmoken. As mentioned earlier, the initial grant was rescinded due to COVID and cuts in government spending, but now that things have started to slowly return to some semblance of normalcy, the grant application period was reopened. Our proposal for the circle includes trees, a path, a sitting rock circle, and a plaque for Jake Gibbs, our late councilman. If you would like to volunteer your time to help design, plan, and/or implement the design for the space please reach out to us. We would love volunteers. We are aiming to have an unveiling ceremony next spring/summer.

Reach Out to Your Future Councilwomen

November 3rd is fast approaching. Don't forget to vote!
If you are still undecided about the candidates running for 3rd district council, Hannah LeGris and Jessica Mohler, now is a good time to reach out to them with any questions you may have. Hannah's direct email is Hannah@hannahforcouncil.com. Jessica's is Votejessicamohler@gmail.com.

Hannah has also reached out to our association to set up a zoom meeting with the neighborhood. So on Thursday October 15th at 6pm EST, residents of Pensacola Park are invited to attend a virtual meeting where they can have a chance to interact, ask questions, and share their ideas and concerns about our city with Hannah. It will be very informal.

ZOOM meeting info:

Topic: Hannah LeGris - Candidate Meet and Greet - PPNA
Time: Oct 15, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
INFO: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83671830932?pwd=a0JuczI4TnZnZUZlSzhpcXZ6bJJZz09>
Meeting ID: 836 7183 0932
Passcode: 485893

Questions from the neighborhood (if you have any questions, please email us at pensacolapark@gmail.com):

Q: I believe I saw an LFUCG code enforcement vehicle pulled in front of my house. How do I tell if code enforcement has been called on my property?

A: The simplest way to find out if you have had code enforcement called on your property is to call them at 859-258-3270. They will be able to tell you if someone has reported your property in violation of anything, they can also inform you if it has been in violation in the past (and you may have never known). Other than that, if you do not wish to call in, just wait for a letter in the mail. Code violations are usually reported within 1-3 business days.

Q: I would like to replace my existing vinyl windows with new ones. Since they are replacement windows, can I still replace in kind and do I need to get a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)?


A: From our understanding, you will always need to get a COA when doing work on the exterior of your home (there are some exceptions which involve general upkeep, but replacement would generally trigger a COA). As to if they would allow new vinyl windows to replace old vinyl windows, this would more than likely be a case-by-case scenario, and we strongly encourage anyone with historic questions to reach out to Amelia Armstrong, with the Lexington Historic Preservation office, at 859-258-3265. Also please be aware that if you are not satisfied with the outcome of a historic staff answer, you can always take up your case with the Board of Architectural Review (B.O.A.R.)

Q: I am new to the area. Can I join both WGPL and PPNA?

A: Yes, if you live within the respective boundaries of either organization you are FREE to join. WGPL is one of 250 registered neighborhood and homeowner associations in Lexington-Fayette county. The streets included are Wabash, Goodrich, Pensacola Drive, and Lackawanna (which makes up its acronym). In contrast, the Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) oversees Pensacola Park, which is listed as a local, state, and historic place. It includes the WGPL streets, along with Nicholasville Road (from Goodrich to Suburban), Penmoken, Rosemont (down to the railroad tracks), and Suburban. Both organizations seek to better the neighborhood and would love your involvement.

THE PENSACOLA
PARK GARDEN

Squirrel proof bulbs are essential for urban landscapes. Plant spring bulbs now. Some of the most reliable bulbs are daffodil, allium, snowdrops, bluebells, hyacinth, and grape hyacinth. Hint: Squirrels love tulips and crocus.




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ABOUT PENSACOLA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND PENSACOLA PARK PRESERVATION SOCIETY



Pensacola Park Preservation Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 formed by Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association in order to bring together residents and businesses located in the Pensacola Park Nationally Registered Historic Boundary, for the common good of (1) preserving the historic integrity and resources of the area; (2) creating an environment that promotes sustainable and appropriate growth for the neighborhood; (3) providing historic education and assistance to those in the Pensacola Park Neighborhood for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic homes, structures, and landscapes; and (4) Unifying and being representative of all the original streets in the Pensacola Park Historic boundary. Also check us out online at www.pensacolapark.org, and follow us on Facebook @ Pensacola Park Preservation Society.

If you have any questions or would like to submit topics or op-eds to Pensacola Park Post, please feel free to write us at pensacolapark@gmail.com. If you would like to stop receiving the free monthly post, please write us and put "stop post" in the heading, along with your physical address. Thank you.