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MARK YOUR CALENDERS: Neighborhood Yard Sale

Can you believe August is already coming around the corner! And that means our Pensacola Park Neighborhood Yard Sale!! So mark your calendars for the second weekend in August (which it will always be, every year). This year that is Friday August 12th and Saturday August 13th. The event will take place with anyone who wants to participate within the Pensacola Park District. Timing is up to the individual homeowner. PPNA will make an official announcement in the post in the upcoming months to remind everyone again, followed by additional details.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS: Neighborhood Potluck

Thirty years ago, on June 24, 1992, the Herald-Leader published a feature article entitled "Penmoken Park has feel of family." The article, written by staff writer Barbara Ward, stated in part: "Small-town life is gone in much of Lexington. But not on Penmoken Park, a quiet street right off whizzing Nicholasville Road. Unless you look for it, you might never find the street of 70-some houses built decades ago. But those who live there think it was well worth the search. On Penmoken Park, neighbors know your name, your children's names and probably even your dog's name. And they're working to make the street an even nicer place to live." The article mentions Jerry Moody, Robert Moore, Ethel Morgan (who had lived in the neighborhood 64 years at the time), John Mueller, Barbara Ramlow, Rexanne Sarkisian and her son David, and Anna Wientjes. Bring back memories, for some? The article notes that neighbors formed the Penmoken Community Club, aimed at making the lives of neighbors better. Residents set about to visit elderly neighbors, share gardening tools, replace broken sidewalks, and raise money for worthy causes. One of those worthy causes was the Manchester Center's Adopt-A-Family program, to which neighbors donated money, clothes, food, and toys. And the cherry on top: a neighborhood summer block party of food cooked on the grill, leisurely conversation, children's activities, and just plain ole fun. In encapsulating the value of get-togethers like this one, a neighbor said "The extended family of the '90s will be the neighborhood." Here we are today, 30 years later, with a much larger extended family – Pensacola Park Neighborhood. On our nine streets, we still tend to know our neighbors and even their dogs' names. And, in our troubled world, it seems to me that this sense of belonging to a community has likely never been more important.

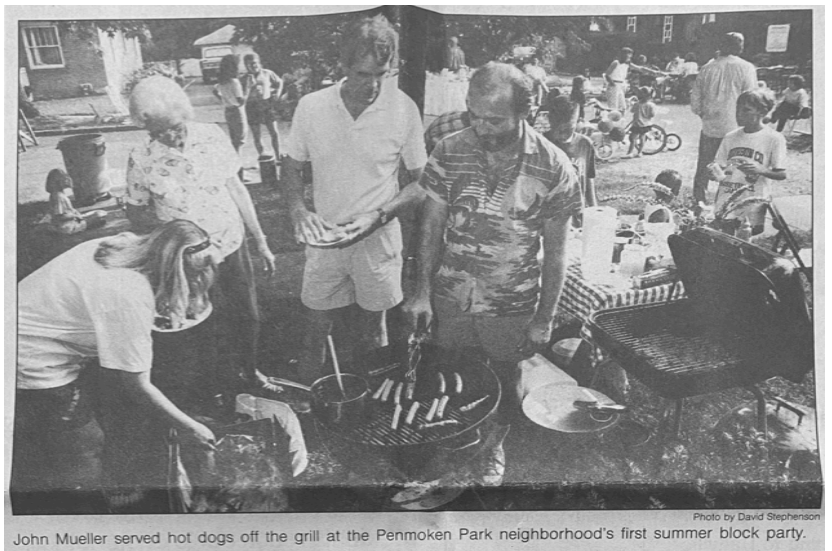


Photo by David Stephenson
John Mueller served hot dogs off the grill at the Penmoken Park neighborhood's first summer block party.



Photo by David Stephenson
Rexanne Sarkisian and her son, David, played bingo at the Penmoken Park block party.

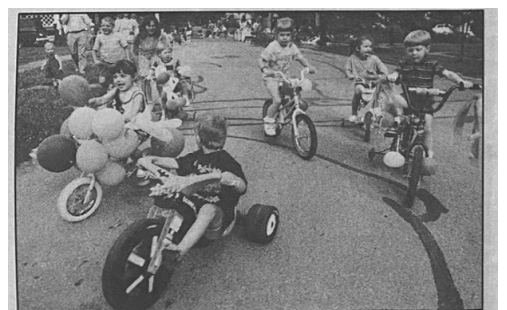


Photo By David Stephenson
Children decorated their cycles and had a parade for the neighborhood adults.

In celebration of this past event, and also of finishing planting the Penmoken Circle in honor of our late councilman Jake Gibbs, **Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association is planning a potluck on June 25th (Saturday) from 5-7pm at the Penmoken Circle (come rain or shine).** We will close down the street at the end of Penmoken entering into the circle. Neighbors from all of the Pensacola Park Neighborhood district (from Goodrich to Suburban) are encouraged to bring your favorite dishes, a set of lawn chairs, and a smile. PPNA will provide tables.



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CANDIDATE Q&A:

Every election Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association reaches out to the candidates to ask them a series of questions generated from the neighborhood. This year is no different. We will post in the upcoming newsletters responses from the candidates who sought to engage with our neighborhood efforts. If you do not see a candidate below, they have not responded to our request to meet our neighborhood nor answered our questionnaire. If you see a “no response” followed by a date, they did not respond to the questionnaire but have scheduled a time to meet with our neighborhood. The full Q&A can be found on our website (www.pensacolapark.org) under the 2022 LFUCG Candidate Q&A tab along with the scheduled date and time for the candidates who are coming to meet the neighborhood in person.

2nd Question Asked: *In February 2020, Louisville Metro Council passed the 100% renewable-energy ordinance setting out the goals of 100% clean electricity for Metro operations by 2030, 100% clean energy for Metro operations by 2035, and 100% clean energy community-wide by 2040. Similarly, Frankfort recently passed a resolution that calls for 100% clean renewable electricity for City government operations by 2023, 100% clean energy for City government by 2030, and 100% clean renewable electricity community-wide by 2030. At the moment, Lexington has no plans for transition to renewables despite having been named “BigFoot” for having the largest per capita carbon footprint in the nation. What will you do to remedy this situation? What renewable energy goals will you propose for Lexington (LFUCG and the community), and what actions and what policies will you implement to achieve those goals?*



Response by At-Large Candidate, Bill Farmer Jr.: No Response. Meeting July 7th 7pm at Hunter Pres.
Response by At-Large Candidate, Chuck Ellinger: No Response Meeting June 2nd 7pm at Hunter Pres.



Response by At-Large Candidate, James Brown: In the 2021 City Budget discussions, I supported a Sustainability Coordinator position for LFUCG. I believe this new position is focused on developing policies and initiatives that will help LFUCG and our community reduce its carbon footprint and become more environmentally responsible. I will work with my colleagues to review the Louisville ordinance and Frankfort’s resolution to see if we can pass similar legislation to set hard targets and aggressive goals for our community.



Response by At-Large Candidate, Richard Moloney: For the past 10 years, the City has focused on energy efficiency and established the Energy Improvement Fund, which has saved more than \$2.5 Million in utility costs across government. We are now doing more distributed generation, such as solar panels on City buildings. I am supportive of renewable energy initiatives within government and throughout the community.



Response by At-Large Candidate, Dan Wu: I will work with LFUCG’s newly hired sustainability coordinator to create new sustainable & environmentally focused policies, including “greening” government & city buildings & prioritizing contracts to companies with sustainable practices. I will continue to pressure entities like KU to stop destroying our tree canopy & work with organizations like Trees Lex to increase that canopy. I will push for “Green scores” & “Walkabilities scores” for new developments to make sure we build environmental sustainability into all future growth.



Response by District 10 Candidate, Dave Seigny: I do find that environmental challenges create the biggest long-term global threat to life-and they pose a greater threat to those on margins. As a councilperson, I would support policy to improve recycling access (excited that we have brought back paper recycling curbside), encourage smaller amounts of garbage and increased composting, pursue biking and walkability, lower the footprint of public and private transportation, and have our city buildings running with the lowest carbon footprint we can. I think one thing that will get addressed in the next 5 years is either a renovation or replacement of city hall-which most agree is old and inefficient. A renovation is a perfect time to address issues that can help us care for our environment and create a long-term annuity. I believe the Comprehensive Plan is the place where a statement about carbon neutrality can best be made as this document seems to be one that most policy supports. Most of the plan will be in place before I take office, but I hope environmental health is part of it.



Response by Incumbent Mayor, Linda Gorton: No Response. Meeting Sept 1st 7pm Hunter Presbyterian Church.



Response by Mayoral Candidate, David Kloiber: I am highly supportive of any goals to increase our access and dependence on renewable energy. That being said, the option of partial municipalization of the electric company that Louisville is looking into to achieve their goal does not seem like a great fit for Lexington. Currently the city is looking into the placement of solar panels to increase energy efficiency, and has even had the issue of solar energy farms/production reviewed in committee recently. I think there are always steps we can take to move us towards our goal, but without support for a growing infrastructure of renewable energy from the state and federal level, it will be difficult for Lexington to reach the same goals of 100% renewable energy given our location and available resources.

ABOUT PENSACOLA PARK PRESERVATION SOCIETY AND PENSACOLA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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 Neighborhood Association.

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