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West Point One Step Closer to its Vision

The City of West Point has actively pursued a vision for its community. From 1994 to 1995, the city prepared a new Comprehensive Plan to address the city's development needs. It highlighted Tourism and Historic Landmarks as the keys to West Point's future.

To implement the Comprehensive Plan, the City Planning Commission has fervently worked to update its Zoning Ordinance and Map. After the final public hearing, the City Council will have its opportunity to show support for its citizen's efforts in molding West Point's future.

Last year's massive flooding of the community dealt the city a stiff blow. With continued support, the community hopes to build on its recent successful tourism and community centered events and preserve its heritage for future residents.

Bardstown West End Sewer Project Nears Construction

On January 6th, the City of Bardstown received full release of funds, \$851,575, for a Community Development Block Grant that will extend sanitary sewer service to residents of the west side of the City of Bardstown. Areas to be served by new sewer lines include: Withrow Creek, Sunset Drive and Harvey's Country Village area.

In order to qualify for a Community Development Block Grant, at least 51% of the recipients must fall within the category of low to moderate income. Of the 171 homes, a total of 452 people, 61% are low to moderate income.

The City of Bardstown has pledged \$851,575 in matching funds for a total project cost of \$1,361,992.50. The project began when the Kentucky Department for Local Government approved the application for the Community Development Block Grant, completed and submitted by Lincoln Trail Area Development District, early in 1997.

City of Irvington Awarded Block Grant

The City of Irvington has been selected to receive \$493,195 in Block Grant funds to be combined with \$500,741 in loan/grant funds from USDA-Rural Development, for a total project cost of \$993,936.

The project will replace the existing undersized, tuberculated galvanized piping and deteriorated areas of the asbestos cement (transite) piping with approximately 29,000 l.f. of new 4 and 6-inch PVC water lines; provide steel casing and replacement lines for the existing uncased crossings at the CSX railroad, US Hwy. 60, and US Hwy. 79; remove and demolish the existing 50,000 gallon elevated water storage tank (constructed in 1934) which, has become unsafe and considered a health hazard for the community; and construct a new 112,000 gallon ground storage tank.

The first municipal water system in the city was installed in 1898, serving only a few homes and businesses. In 1934, the system was expanded with a 50,000 gallon storage tank, and transite pipe was laid and a 150,000 gallon storage tank was constructed in 1968. There are 567 customers who will directly benefit from the upgrades proposed in this new project.

During this reporting period, LTADD has welcomed

Patrick Haggerty, Community Development Specialist
Mike Karnes, Client Services Manager, and
Angela Nance, SDA Fiscal Officer.

In April, Nancy Addington (Associate Director) attended a training seminar on "Confronting the Mental Health Needs of Rural Elders." Rhonda Chesser, Aging Program Specialist, and HomeCare Case Managers: Rachel McKinney, Kay Shaw, Debbie Robinson, and Lynn Skaggs attended the Kentucky Association of Gerontology Conference in Bowling Green. In May, all of the HomeCare Case Managers attended "Health Watch: Emergency Response Systems" held at LTADD. Rhonda Chesser, Rachel McKinney, and Debbie Robinson attended training on "Caring for the Caregiver" in Lexington. In June, Debbie Robinson, Kay Shaw, Rachel McKinney, and Matt Keiser attended a "Medicaid/Medicare Update" in Cave City. In June, Matt Keiser, Kay Shaw, and Rhonda Chesser attended the Benefits Counseling Annual Training Conference in Lexington. Lynn Skaggs, Kay Shaw, and Matt Keiser, attended Alzheimers Disease Training conducted by U.K. Sanders Brown Center on Aging held at LTADD.

In November, Client Services Managers Julie Watson, Melanie Staderman, and Mike Karnes attended an OMTI training program on client/case manager relationships. In December, Employment and Training staff held their annual planning retreat primarily directed toward fine tuning program areas, duties and goals.

In September, Regional Land Use Planner Andy Nevin attended the KAPA Conference: "Common Ground, Balancing Community Values." In November, Patrick Haggerty, Community Development Specialist, attended the Governor's Housing Conference presented by the Kentucky Housing Corporation; one of the topics discussed was Renaissance Kentucky, a new downtown redevelopment/revitalization program. In October, Andy Nevin attended the Division of Water's Water Supply Planning Conference. In December, Andy Nevin attended the Governor's Water Resources Commission seminar entitled "Water Resources 2000", and was present for the "Kentucky Annual Economic Report 1998" presented by the Center for Business and Economic Research.

LTADD has said good-bye, and extends best wishes to Chris Berry, Revenia Buck, Linda Harrison, Beth Jefferson, Jennifer Mabe and Karen Wood.



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When the Deep Thought computer was about to compute the Answer to Life and the Universe, representatives of the National Union of Philosophers, Luminaries and other Thinking Persons demanded that it stop... or else there would be a national philosophers' strike.

Deep Thought responded: "And whom would that inconvenience?"

-Douglas Adams' Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy

KHC ANNOUNCES Affordable Housing Trust Fund Availability

Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) recently announced the 9th round of funding availability from the Kentucky Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF). The AHTF was created by the 1992 General Assembly to address critical housing needs of very low-income Kentuckians. Funds are provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and KHC.

"The AHTF has allocated \$1.6 million in approximately 60 counties through competitive grants administered by KHC to recipients all below 60 percent and four-fifths below 30 percent of the area median income," said F. Lynn Luallen, KHC chief executive officer. "This record makes the AHTF one of the most successful tools in addressing the housing needs of very low-income Kentuckians."

Local governments, housing authorities, nonprofit agencies and state-wide housing assistance organizations are eligible to compete for these funds on a statewide basis. Project selection is based on type of need, community cooperation, willingness to serve very low-income persons, additional funds leveraged, construction costs, geographic distribution, permanency and affordability of housing and housing/services experience.

Eligible activities include acquiring, rehabilitating and/or constructing new housing; meeting specified matching fund requirements; and supporting administrative costs. Project selections are determined by members of the AHTF Advisory Committee who are housing industry professionals and state and public officials appointed by James Goldberg, chairman of the KHC Board of Directors.

A copy of the application packet or the application on disc can be obtained by contacting Faye O'Dell or through the local Area Development District office. Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to Specialized Housing Resources Department, Kentucky Housing Corporation, 1231 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 20, 1998.

KHC, the state housing finance agency, also offers homeownership education, low-interest mortgage loans, multifamily housing production financing and a variety of rental assistance and housing rehabilitation and repair programs. For more information about KHC, call (502) 564-7630, (800) 633-8896 or (800) 247-2510 (hearing-impaired).

Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC), the state housing finance agency, was created by the 1972 General Assembly to provide housing opportunities for low and moderate-income Kentuckians. KHC is a self-supporting, public corporation. Through the sale of tax-exempt Mortgage Revenue Bonds and receipt of fees for administering federal rental assistance, KHC offers lower than market rate home mortgages, multifamily housing production financing, homeownership education and a variety of rental assistance and housing rehabilitation and repair programs. KHC prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, gender, familial status, religion, age or disability.

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AGING PROGRAM Update

Meade County HAWAIIAN LUAU

The Meade County Senior Center's Annual Hawaiian Luau took place on Tuesday, July 29. The Senior Center had a great turnout of 116 people to take part in this festive event. Ms. Rhonda Chessner, Aging Program Specialist, was honored to be a judge for the best dressed contest.

The winners were:

Best Dressed Couple
Mr. & Mrs. William Finley.
(By the way, Mr. Finley
is 98 years old!)

Best Dressed Woman
Ms. Jessie Edge

Best Dressed Man
Mr. Chester Brooks



The success of this great day was due to Mrs. Margaret Greenlee, Meade County Senior Center Director, along with her staff and outstanding volunteers! They should be praised for their continuing enthusiasm and ability to motivate everyone who walks through their doors!!!!



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The Economic Census: *If You Snooze, You Lose*

Millions of businesses still have their Economic Census forms.

That's right, the 1997 Economic Census. No other source of business statistics is as comprehensive or as authoritative, and it's absolutely a lost opportunity if the 5.5 million businesses who received forms last December don't send them in. The forms are due February 12.

The information businesses provide helps to build economic indicators, like the gross domestic product (GDP), that America uses to chart its future — figures you need to make good business decisions.

Don't believe us about the importance of this census? Then listen to people who should know about it.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan knows well the value of the Economic Census. He says it is "indispensable to understanding America's economy" and "insures the accuracy of the statistics we rely on for sound economic policy and for successful business planning."

We also take notice when Tom Donohue, President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, says, "I know that the last thing businesses need is another form, but the census is not only important in its own right, it is pivotal to the proper interpretation of a whole host of other statistics."

The fact is, you could probably find a testimonial for the Economic Census just by talking to your local chamber of commerce, the president of your association, or the marketing person down the hall.

Returning the Economic Census is so important, it's required by law. It's also good business.

The bottom line is that we all have a stake in a complete and accurate Economic Census. The time it takes to fill out the form is time well spent.

If you snooze, we all lose.

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February 16
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President's Day, LTADD Office Closed
LTADD Board of Directors Meeting
DLG Budget Workshop, LTADD
Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers

March 18
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26

LTADD Board of Directors Meeting
Lincoln Trail Private Industry Council Meeting
Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association
Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers

April 4
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15
22
23

Change to Daylight Savings Time
Good Friday, LTADD Office closed 1/2 Day
LTADD Board of Directors Meeting
Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association
Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers

Since most dates are tentative, please refer to meeting notices or call the LTADD office for correct dates, times and locations prior to traveling to attend.



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Vine Grove's Future

Found in New
Comprehensive Plan

The City of Vine Grove recently completed its Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. The process began with input from city residents through the use of a survey. The survey asked for opinions on many planning issues facing Vine Grove. The Vine Grove Planning Commission then used the survey results to focus on those issues residents felt were most important.

In the form of new goals and objectives for the city, the new plan then began to take shape. After additional public comment, the Planning Commission then began the lengthy process of working on plan text. With chapters on population, housing, the economy, transportation, public facilities and land use including detailed maps for parks, major streets, existing land use and future land uses, the plan illustrates Vine Grove's vision for the future.



The plan not only serves as a guide for future growth, it also includes policies to address current needs throughout Vine Grove. The Planning Commission hopes it will serve the city well. Lincoln Trail ADD staff helped to complete all phases of the comprehensive plan and were pleased to be involved in the process. For copies of the plan please contact Vine Grove City Hall.

MEADE COUNTY



UNITY and PROGRESS

Meade County to Zone

UNINCORPORATED AREAS

Later this year, Meade County will implement Planning and Zoning throughout the county. This tremendous step has taken years to prepare. It began with an independent committee to study whether Meade County needed to address its population growth. After examining development issues for several months, the Committee recommended that the County move forward with Land Use Planning.

A Planning Commission was appointed from several members of the original committee. They began to strive toward implementation. Beginning with goals and objectives to form the foundation, the Commission worked on its Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Upon plan completion, efforts were focused toward a Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map that would implement the Comprehensive Plan.

After enacting the Zoning Ordinance and Map, the Planning Commission hopes to complete a set of Subdivision Regulations that will provide guidance for the process of dividing building lots for development. The Subdivision Regulations are an additional tool to implement the Comprehensive Plan. Lincoln Trail ADD staff helped to complete all phases of the Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance and were pleased to be a part of the planning process.

Bardstown Housing Committee



The Bardstown Housing Committee has been working with Lincoln Trail Area Development District on Rehabilitating houses in the City of Bardstown for the past two years. Thirty-two families filled out questionnaires and applications two years ago to begin the process. In 1996, the City of Bardstown was approved for a Grant under the HOME Rehabilitation program.

Over the past few months, the City of Bardstown, the Bardstown Housing Committee and Lincoln Trail Area Development District have been working diligently to further the Grant process. Although this process is long, helping families is the bottom line.

The Housing Committee must deal with such issues as who will receive assistance and what roles participants will play in the Grant process. The HOME Grant will be used to rehabilitate seven houses badly in need of repair. Families, who qualify under the grant, will not have to repay the city or HUD.

It is the intent of the Bardstown Housing Committee to replace three homes with manufactured housing and rehabilitate four others. If all goes well, construction should begin in May.

COMMUNITY

Corridor Assessments *Kentucky Highways 210, 245, and 313*

As part of the Fiscal Year 1998 Annual Work Program under the contract with the Ken-



tucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC), the Lincoln Trail Area Development District (LTADD) is currently working on corridor assessments for the following Kentucky Highways: KY 210 (from Hodgenville to Campbellsville), KY 245 (from Bardstown to Interstate 65), and KY 313 (from Interstate 65 to Brandenburg). One of the main objectives of the KyTC's long range transportation planning process is to identify "key corridors" throughout the state where a significant amount of future funding may be directed. With this initiative in mind, LTADD has begun to identify the "critical corridors" within the Lincoln Trail district.

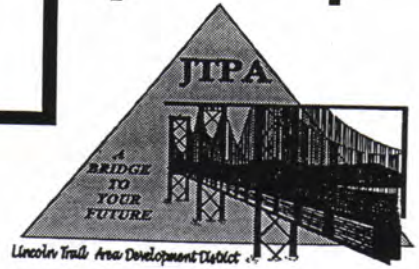
The purpose of conducting these assessments is to evaluate the unique character of each of these corridors in terms of traffic flow, safety concerns, land use as well other issues identified throughout the process. The assessment will also identify proposed and other possible improvements to each of the corridors. It is also very important for these corridors to be identified as "critical" to the district in terms of traffic movement, economic development, and other important issues and/or problems related to each particular corridor.

The Lincoln Trail ADD transportation planning staff will be seeking the assistance of local officials and committees affected by these corridors over the next few months to gain input into the issues of each particular corridor.

DEVELOPMENT

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Employment & Training News



J T P A Surfing the Internet ... Looking for Missing Clients

JTPA participants are required to answer a brief follow-up survey, conducted by the Employment Training Institute, 13 weeks after they have completed their training. In the past, we have tried various methods of tracing those who have moved and did not leave forwarding addresses. One or two clients can greatly effect the performance standards we are required to meet by the Federal regulations. In order to reduce this problem, we are utilizing the Internet to trace individuals who have moved from the district. One individual was located in New York City. A call was placed to confirm that this was indeed our client. This individual was then able to be contacted by ETI and completed.



Performance Standards

Performance standards for the 96-97 Program Year have been calculated and the final reports completed. Federal regulations require that each Service Delivery Area meet at least four of six standards. Five of those standards have been met by the Lincoln Trail Service Delivery Area. The Private Industry Council members and Employment/Training staff are already busy working on next years performance. The goal, of course, is to meet all six.

PEOPLE

TRAINING

BUSINESS

INDUSTRY

Partnership

Action

Employment-Training Retreat

The entire Employment/Training staff spent a day away from the office on December 22. This was the date of their annual section planning retreat. Each year, the staff members join to discuss problems, changes, solutions, division of duties, and goals.

Old programs were discussed and evaluated. Ideas for implementing new programs were shared and responsibilities were assigned. Goals decided on will be typed and posted for all staff members to refer back to when measuring progress. While the day was enjoyed by everyone, it was also a productive one, filled with many accomplishments.

Watermelon???

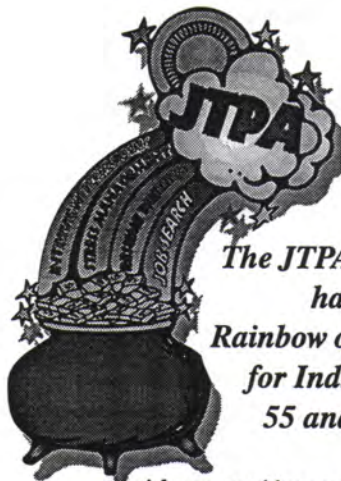


The Summer Youth program for this year has come to an end with a total of 261 youth being served throughout the eight-county area. All of the summer youth projects were completed and participants involved in the projects have returned to school.

In celebration of a successful summer, *Watermelon Parties* were held in all eight counties. Employers, local officials, and youth participants were all invited to share in the festivities. Door prizes were awarded and pens with notes of appreciation were passed out to all in attendance.

Northern Kentucky Visits

On Oct. 27 and 28, Employment and Training staff members from the Northern Kentucky Area Development District visited with staff members of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange ideas in areas of client services, financial operations, and MIS procedures. The two day exchange of ideas began with an informal question/answer meeting facilitated by OTR staff member, Sharon Britton. Upon completion of group meetings, the NKADD staff members paired off with their LTADD counterparts for an indepth exchange of ideas specific to their job interests. The meeting was deemed a success by all participants and plans have been made to join together again, possibly including staff from other interested Development Districts.



*The JTPA program
has a
Rainbow of Services
for Individuals
55 and Over*

The L. I. F. E. course for older workers is off and running. Each client receives two weeks of intense training in the areas of job hunting, interviewing skills, resume writing and attitude. Participants choose what type of work they are interested in and are assisted in numerous ways to gain employment in that area. At this time, all previous participants have joined the workforce and become self-sufficient individuals. Because the L.I.F.E. program allows clients to enter and exit based on individual needs, we are always willing to recruit new members. Currently, we have several positions waiting to be filled.

Training In Columbus

Employment and Training staff members, Julie Watson, Mike Karnes, and Melanie Staderman attended a two-day training seminar in Columbus, Ohio, November 18-19. The training program, offered through OMTI training programs, dealt with the issues of trust and commitment. Information on these topics was not limited to the client/case manager relations alone, but also included interpersonal and organizational relationships between employers/employees and coworkers.

Welfare to Work

The Employment/Training staff has joined with other local community service agencies to develop a welfare to work plan. This latest effort to get people off the welfare rolls and into jobs will take some of the focus off training and replace it with a greater emphasis on job retention. Training programs and needed services are being developed to help local citizens find, obtain, and retain employment. Examples of services being considered are various methods of transportation, child care, substance abuse treatment, life skills, and employability skills. Case management will also be provided to participants for six months after gaining employment.

PIC Private Industry Council QUARTERLY REPORT

The Lincoln Trail Private Industry Council devised a new schedule for the meetings to occur each quarter. The Full Council, Executive Committee, and the other committees will meet quarterly in different months. The committees will meet the first month in each quarter. In the second month of the quarter the Executive Committee will meet. During the last month of the quarter the Full Council will meet on the third Wednesday. The only exception will be around Christmas. The Full Council will meet in November and the Executive Committee will meet in December. This is to avoid any scheduling conflicts during the holidays.



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