

Drakesborough

President's Message

You do the math!

Well it's March again and that can only mean one thing...yes time to pay your annual DHA dues. But this year I challenge you to think about writing that \$120 check with a different mindset; *as an investment.*

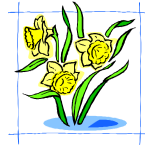
Let's do some math. \$120 per year breaks down to \$10 per month, \$2.31 per week or \$.33 per day. Where else can you spend \$.33 a day and have anything to show for it? No-where! But look what you get in return for investing that money in the DHA. You get a beautiful grand entrance to come home to. You get a commons area with a playground, tennis courts and picnic facilities for your children and family to enjoy. You get maintained street lights and signage to take those early morning or late evening walks. And most importantly, you get nine individuals volunteering their time to enhance your quality of life and to help protect the value of probably your biggest investment; your home.

Go ahead, do the math, there's not a better investment around.

Mark Vaughn
DHA President



Spring is Near



Spring Social

2 p.m. May 6 at the Commons

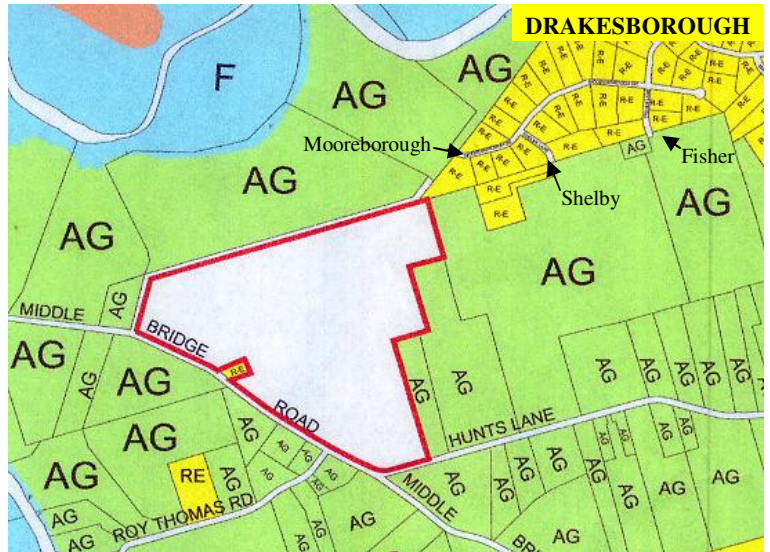
Neighborhood Yard Sale

7 a.m. to dusk June 2

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DHA Opposes Rezoning

We voted at our last DHA meeting to oppose the rezoning of 95 acres on Middlebridge Road and Hunts Lane with plans to develop 65 homes. This property also adjoins Drakesborough Subdivision (See map at right). The testimony at the hearing confirmed that approximately 700 cars would travel each day with many traveling down Hunts Lane via Cemetery Road. There is further concern that in the future once farmland is sold adjacent to our subdivision that roads could be developed bringing this traffic



onto the back portion of our subdivision on Fisher Lane and Mooreborough. The last Fiscal Court vote was a tie and this is now being appealed to the Warren Circuit Court. It is important that we make our opposition known to the court.

(See how the Magistrates voted on page 2.)

Our attorney, Flora Stuart, on behalf of the DHA, will be filing an Amicus Brief (Friend of the Court) and attaching petitions which will be distributed throughout our subdivision and neighboring subdivisions in the next few weeks. If you are interested in signing this petition, please contact any Board Member. You may also stop by the Law Office at 607 E 10th St., 782-9090, during office hours and the petition will be up front for your signature. It is our opinion that this proposed development threatens the beauty and character of our neighborhood, creates a safety hazard and will cause serious traffic congestion. If any of you want to volunteer to distribute these petitions, please contact any Board Member.

Flora Templeton Stuart

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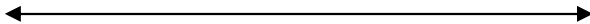
The Drakesborough Homeowners Association (DHA) is now dealing with a major problem that affects the very reason we moved into Drakesborough. The squirrel vaccination program, and the cicada problem have all been put on the back burner. If the rezoning south of Drakesborough goes through, housing developments are planned for the area that is now zoned as agriculture. The Board has been informed that this means a possible increase of 700 cars a day going through Drakesborough as people try to get to Cemetery Rd and I-65.

Attorney, Flora Templeton Stuart, who is on the DHA Board, has drawn up a petition that will be circulating among residents of Drakesborough and neighboring communities. Please see page one for directions on how you can add your name.

In the mornings, a major part of those 700 cars will be driving to work while shaving, putting on make-up and drinking coffee as they drive through Drakesborough. This will add to flat squirrels on the road as well as flat joggers, flat dog walkers, flat bicycle riders, and flat power walkers.

We want our children to be safe as they wait for their morning school busses and walk along our tree shaded country roads.

This is a major threat to our neighborhood and our next step for us is to sign the upcoming petition. The name "**John E Huntington**" will be on it. Hope it is next to yours.



The Magistrates Vote

The City-County Planning Commission voted 7-4 in November to rezone the Mill Creek area from agriculture to residential estate. The commission's decision was appealed to the Fiscal Court. In the second and final hearing of the Fiscal Court, the vote was tied 3-3, so the Planning Commission's decision was allowed to stand.

Voting for the rezoning:

Judge Executive Mike Buchanon
District 3 Magistrate Eddie Beck
District 6 Magistrate Robert Donoho

Voting against the rezoning:

District 5 Magistrate Terry Young
District 2 Magistrate Richard Morgan
District 4 Magistrate Tommy Hunt

Magistrate James "Doc" Kaelin was present, but disqualified from voting because he missed the first hearing due to illness.

Neighborhood Yard Sale

The Annual DHA Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 2, beginning at 7:00a.m. We will advertise and post signs. You are encouraged to put up balloons to attract buyers. Rain date is June 9.



DHA website has been updated—Check it out!

<http://www.drakesborough.com/>

Spring Social Fun for Everyone



Meet Both Your New and Old Neighbors. Bring Your Tennis Racket, Your Basketball and Your Football! Share in what makes our neighborhood special!

Our Spring Social is scheduled for Sunday, May 6 at the Commons. The fun begins at 2:00 p.m. There will be signs posted to remind everyone to come and visit with their neighbors. Board members will be in attendance and we will be glad to use this opportunity to discuss any issues of concern regarding our subdivision. Bring your chairs and relax. There will be activities for the kids including a craft. Enjoy the play area complete with fresh mulch. On the basketball court, let's see who outlasts the rest in a game of H-O-R-S-E.

DHA, Inc. will provide the main meal, drinks and paper products. Neighbors are asked to bring a dish to share: If your last name begins with A-K, please bring a salad or vegetable. If your last name begins with L-Z, please bring a dessert. The rain date, if necessary will be May 20th.



Vandalism, Thefts Put Neighborhood on Alert

As reported in the winter newsletter, new and improved holiday lighting was installed at the Drakesborough entrance after thieves made off with a number of light strings shortly before Christmas.

So it was quite a surprise to see more than half of the entrance in complete darkness a couple of days before the New Year. Vandals had torn down the holiday display and damaged our spotlights in the process.

Drakesborough resident Eddie Freeland, returning home that night, stopped to investigate the damage after he noticed light strings pulled off the shrubbery and stretched out on the lawn. He was soon joined by Kentucky State Trooper Matt Allen, who had been driving through the neighborhood looking for the vandals after noticing the damage.

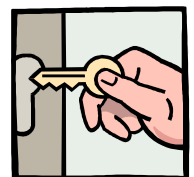
Trooper Allen, who grew up in Drakesborough, told Freeland that he had driven past the entrance 45 minutes before, and the lights were intact, so he placed the time of the vandalism at about 1 a.m. Trooper

Allen also noticed that light strings had been draped across Cemetery Road near the entrance, where they had been run over by cars.

It was too late to fix up that much damage for the remainder of the holidays, so the DHA board removed the remaining holiday decorations and began to repair the spotlights. For this year's holiday display, the board plans to consider decorations that are more secure.

The Sheriff's Department, noting the vandalism here and reports of cars broken into and stolen in the River-green neighborhood, has increased patrols here and advised residents to keep their houses and cars locked.

The DHA board issued an alert to the neighborhood, asking residents to be on the lookout for any suspicious activity and report it to the Sheriff's Department.



Dave Adams Smith
March 2007