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# Pensacola Park Post

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Happy New Year to the neighborhood! We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and we wish everyone a happy New Year!

Thank you also to all those who donated to the neighborhood in December!! If you haven't already donated, please consider making a contribution to the PPNA organization. You can deposit your donation in the green box at 107 Lackawanna. Thank you for your support!

## FAYETTE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD by *Jesse Voigt*

I wanted to write and extend a thank you to all the people who voted for me to be in this elected position. Thank you for your votes. I ended up showing a real strong turnout, which was humbling, but I would be lying if I didn't also brush my shoulders off, as conservation has always been a passion project of mine, and I am glad others felt so too. There are many things I have planned for this conservation board position, but I also know two things intimately from my experience running construction projects, and helping with this neighborhood association. Change can take time and it takes a team (or a village). So if there are people in the neighborhood who have conservation ideas and would like to bring them to my attention, please feel free to write me at [voigt.fccd@gmail.com](mailto:voigt.fccd@gmail.com). My first goal is to implement a No Mow May campaign to help the pollinators. Wish me luck!

## PLANT ADVICE

After the extremely cold weather we recently experienced, you are likely concerned about your outdoor shrubs and other plants. East River Nursery ([eastrivernursery.com](http://eastrivernursery.com)) offers the following advise. Wait until the cold weather is over, then:

- Carefully prune off damaged leaves, shoots, and branches. To avoid pruning living branches, scratch the stem to look for green tissue beneath the outer layer.
- Gently water, but avoid overwatering in winter's cold weather.
- Avoid fertilizing until the plant has recovered.

## SUMP PUMP OH NO!

Sump pump scares are no fun! With the reallocated plumbing lines in our neighborhood that now daylight into yard pop-ups, some of you may have experienced a frozen pop-up that led to a back up of water or a busted pipe. If you managed to avoid it this round, this advice will come in handy in the future. Since the pop-ups daylight, they will always have a reserve of water in them, which unfortunately will freeze in extreme weather conditions. One thing you can do is to put a bucket over your pop-up during this time. Another is to pour hot water on top of the pop-up periodically throughout the day. While a third option may be to turn off your sump during the extreme cold, unless you are diligent about remembering to turn it back on, you run the risk of forgetting and getting an uh-oh moment during a heavy rain. We also recommend that all homeowners invest in a backup for their sump pump. Some of these run on electricity, some on a water loop. Call your local plumber for more details! Sumps can and will fail, so be prepared!

## KEEP AN EYE OUT

In late December a neighbor's house camera caught a man trespassing and stealing items out of their garage at the intersection of Nicholasville Road and Rosemont. The incident has been reported to the authorities, and law enforcement informed the neighbor that this was a person of interest in the neighborhood for other theft and currently has a felony warrant out on them. Please see attached photo that the camera took of him; on the PPNA Facebook page, you can see a video of him trespassing. Please keep an eye out on your property and your neighbors' property, and if you happen to see this individual, please inform law enforcement.



## **HISTORY CORNER: The development of Pensacola Park adapted from Janie-Rice Brother's research on our neighborhood**

After the Civil War, redevelopment in Lexington was stagnant. The city limits extended only a mile in every direction from the courthouse at Main and Upper, and Lexington's earlier distinction as the "Athens of the West" had faded as the cities of Louisville, Covington, and Newport exploited their proximity to water. As a landlocked city, Lexington's population and municipal growth ebbed in comparison. During the 1880s, however, Lexington enjoyed numerous improvements: an expanding railroad, telephone service, a municipal waterworks, and a streetcar system.

The Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical Arts College moved to the south side of Lexington in 1882, after being founded in 1866 on Henry Clay's former farm, Ashland. This relocation signaled the beginning of a change in the development of the south side of town as well.

Pensacola Park would not have developed when it did, without the arrival of the Interurban Railway. The first generation of streetcar in Lexington came in 1882, with the Kentucky Legislature's incorporation of the Lexington Street Railway. Previously, mule or horse-drawn streetcars had been operating since the 1850s and Lexington's mule-car system covered nine miles around town. This first streetcar system ended at the gates of the Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical Arts College, at Colfax Street on South Limestone. The electric streetcar debuted in Lexington in 1890, and 12 years later, interurban lines were introduced.

A year after the electric streetcar was introduced, the area that would become Pensacola Park belonged to George W. Bain. The Bain name was well known in Lexington at the time. Colonel Bain, although cited by one source as a "developer," spent most of his time traveling the country as a lecturer on the Temperance circuit, having "given the abstinence pledge to thousands of men all over the country."

In August 1891, Bain sold approximately 58 acres two miles from downtown Lexington on the west side of Nicholasville Pike to Ed S. Riggs. The farm changed hands again the next year when Riggs sold the property to L. B. Fields, who in turn sold the parcel in 1894 to the Louisville Savings and Loan Building Corporation. In 1898, the parcel would be purchased by L. C. Price, as he accumulated acreage in order to form his Penmoken Farm.

Price, a retired businessman with the dry goods firm of Price & Cassell, entered the horse farm industry in the last decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Penmoken Farm was featured, along with other Bluegrass farms, in the 1904 publication *Country Estates of the Blue Grass*. Price's farm of about 200 acres concentrated on Shetland ponies and the farm was described as "a delightfully interesting place...the boys and girls of the Bluegrass love to linger, for there are a half dozen or more herds of the finest ponies in the land." In addition to his "welcome and interesting diversion" of a farm, which remained in agricultural use until 1919, Price was instrumental in furthering the development of Lexington's south side.

The call for annexation and city services to outlying areas in Fayette County grew stronger at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. As discussions regarding annexation grew more heated, addition studies were undertaken to ascertain how Lexington should expand. The City of Lexington, naturally, wanted to add landmass and tax dollars to its coffers.

In 1906, the Kentucky Legislature passed a law changing the way second-class cities (of which Lexington was one) could expand their city limits. That same year the city limits were expanded, for the first time since 1792. Instead of just one mile from the center of town, the city limits now radiated out 1.5 miles from downtown Lexington. This action added \$6 million in city revenue and increased the population by at least 10,000. Penmoken Farm's days were numbered. *To be continued.*

### **HOW TO ORDER A PENSACOLA PARK EMBLEM**

Please visit our website [www.pensacolapark.org](http://www.pensacolapark.org) to order any emblems, or write us at [pensacolapark@gmail.com](mailto:pensacolapark@gmail.com). Payment is via paypal, check, or cash. There are three types of emblems you can order:

- Flag. Comes in three colors: 2'x3' Black, Green, Red (\$85)
- Metal Plaque. Comes in two sizes: 8x8 (\$165) and 5x5 (\$80)
- Stickers. Comes in eight different colors (\$2 each)



### **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO PENSACOLA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**As an organization we do not currently collect any neighborhood association dues, instead we function off of grants, fundraisers, and donations from the neighborhood. Donations allow us to go after matching grants, buy trees to increase our canopy, improve street conditions, throw community events, and be able to print this newsletter. If you would like to donate, you can either:**  
**(1) Drop off Cash or Check to our GREEN PPNA mailbox at 107 Lackawanna Rd / (2) Use Paypal @ [pensacolapark@gmail.com](mailto:pensacolapark@gmail.com)**

### **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](http://www.pensacolapark.org), and follow us on Facebook @ Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association.

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](mailto: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.

**Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) and Pensacola Park Preservation Society (PPPS), our nonprofit. PPNA/PPPS represent ALL streets in Pensacola Park Historic District, including: Goodrich, Lackawanna, Nicholasville, Norfolk, Penmoken, Pensacola, Rosemont, Suburban, and Wabash.**