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MAYOR'S TIDBITS

Tom Bozarth

It is hard to believe that my first term is up as Mayor. The last four years have gone by really fast. I am proud that the previous two Councils and I have worked well together and have accomplished a lot of our goals. I want to thank Sheila Redmond, Matt Warfield, Diana Queen and Charlann Wombles for their years of service to the City of Midway. They worked hard and always had Midway's best interest at heart.

As we move forward to the New Year and a new City Council, I look forward working with Sharon Turner, Doris Leigh, Aaron Hamilton and our three new kindred spirits, Dan Roller, Joy Arnold and Rebecca Moore. I expect to have the same working relationship with this council as I have had with the previous two City Councils. We can accomplish a lot by working together.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





City of Midway

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Tom Bozarth, Mayor

December 13, 2010

Re: Kentucky American Water Increase

Dear Citizens of Midway:

As some of you are aware, Kentucky American Water has petitioned the Public Service Commission (PSC) for a 37.5% rate increase to their customers. Kentucky American's reason for the rate increase is for the building of the new water plant in Owenton and the water line extension from Owenton to Lexington. On July 27th the City of Midway sent a letter to the PSC opposing the rate increase for Kentucky American. In early September the PSC allowed Kentucky American to start charging for the proposed rate increase with the understanding that if they do not allow the increase or grant a portion of the increase the amounts charged would have to be credited to the customers account with interest.

Twenty-five years ago the City of Midway water source was depleting. The Midway City Council at the time investigated alternative water sources. It had discussions with the Frankfort Plant Board, Georgetown Municipal Water Works and Kentucky American. It was decided that Kentucky American was the best solution to solve Midway's water needs. The City of Midway entered into a forty-year contract with Kentucky American in 1985 to purchase all its potable water from Kentucky American. Midway still has fifteen years left on the agreement.

What does this mean to your water bill? It means that Kentucky American rates will increase from \$8.95 per 1,000 gallons to \$11.64 per 1,000 gallons. Here is an example of the average water bill:

Current Rate:

$\$8.95$ 1,000 gallons water + $.27$ school tax + $\$14.60$ sewer + $\$11.90$ garbage (residential) = Total $\$35.72$

New Rate:

$\$11.64$ 1,000 gallons water + $.35$ school tax + $\$14.60$ sewer + $\$11.90$ garbage (residential) = Total $\$38.49$

Midway cannot absorb this utility rate increase and must pass it onto our customers. Neither the City Council nor I are happy that we have to impose this rate increase and we have made Kentucky American and the PSC aware of our opposition and disappointment with the proposed rate increase. I am attaching a copy of the letter sent to the PSC.

Sincerely,

Tom Bozarth

Mayor

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Tom Bozarth, Mayor

July 27, 2010

VIA FACSIMILE (502-564-9625) and U.S. MAIL

Mr. Jeff R. Derouen, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 615
Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: Kentucky American Water Company
Case No. 2010-00036

Dear Mr. Derouen:

On behalf of the City of Midway, Kentucky, which purchases its water from Kentucky American Water Company, the City is strongly opposed to Kentucky American Water Company's proposed rate increase of 37%. As a purchaser and provider of water, the City of Midway would be required to pass this rate increase directly on to its citizen consumers. Such a rate increase would seem to be unprecedented.

Given that the rate of inflation is less than 1% for the current year, and that the Consumer Price Index for the past twelve months has increased only 1.1%, the rate increase proposed by Kentucky American Water Company is abhorrently high and is unreasonable, unjust and unfair to consumers during these difficult economic times especially when unemployment is at a modern day unprecedented high. A rate increase to customers should be in line with current economic conditions and certainly should not exceed five percent (5%) which is well above inflationary and consumer price index increases over the past twelve (12) months.

Please submit this letter of opposition to Kentucky American Water Company's proposed rate increase to be considered by the Commission as part of the public comment process.

Sincerely,

Tom Bozarth
Mayor

cc: Mark C. Frost
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TREE LIGHTING!!!!!!



SANTA TRAIN!!!!!!



MIDWAY RENAISSANCE



MIDWAY RENAISSANCE WELCOMES JUDY STALLONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Mark and I instantly fell in love with the "walk-ability" of Midway, the diversity of restaurants, the unique character of the downtown area and shops, and the friendly people. It is my hope that as a board member of Midway Renaissance I will be able to continue a relationship between this organization and the ministerial association as well as assist in finding creative ways to continue to put Midway on the map as a "unique" and friendly community."



Meet Judy Stallons – Pastor of Midway United Methodist Church

Judy and her husband, Mark, moved to Owenton, KY from southern Illinois in January of 2009 as she worked to complete her studies at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore. She grew up in southwestern Michigan, and has also lived in Ohio and Illinois. They have two grown sons: Jason, 26, who is a Doctor of Physical Therapy in Edgewood, KY; and Benjamin, 23, who is finishing a bachelor's degree in Biology at South East Missouri State. Jason is married to Erin, a physical therapist at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, and Benjamin is engaged to Samohya Turner, also a student at SEMO.

Prior to full time ministry, Judy had worked as a Community Health Educator, an R.N., an Elementary Music teacher, and regular classroom teacher in grades K-5. She graduated last May with her Masters of Divinity degree and was commissioned as a pastor at the Kentucky Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. At that time, the Bishop appointed her to Midway to serve the United Methodist congregation here.

Judy was elected to the Renaissance board at the annual membership celebration on November 11th. She joins current board members Randy Thomas (President), Becky Moore (Vice-president), Pam Thomas (Secretary), Sarah Rathbone (Treasurer), Cecelia Goss, Blythe Jamieson, Bob Rathbone, Joy Arnold, and Phil Gerrow.

Judy was nominated to the board by Mary Seeger Weese, Pastor of Midway Presbyterian Church. Midway Renaissance is forever grateful to Mary for her generous service of four years on the board and her services as liaison to Midway's faith community. We are thankful, as well, for her friendship and all the good work she continues to perform in Midway.

OUT ON A LIMB

Larry Hanks

*"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, behold, everything is softer and more beautiful." –
Norman Vincent Peale*

CHRISTMAS TREES

Tree characteristics include a full, symmetrical shape with limbs strong enough to support lights and ornaments. Non-prickly needles with a healthy, green color and pleasant fragrance are also important. Many different species available. There are several steps one can follow to keep their Christmas tree fresh for the longest possible time after purchase.

Care for cut trees:

1. Make a new cut at the end of the trunk about an inch above the old one.
2. Keep the cut end standing in water, whether you decorate the tree immediately or store it to decorate later. If you store the tree, keep it in a cool, shaded place. Check the tree's water level frequently, and refill as necessary. Fresh evergreen trees can take up an amazing amount of water -- up to a gallon during their first 24 hours off the tree lot.
3. Your tree will last longer indoors if it's located away from direct sun, radiators or heat vents, fireplaces, television sets and other sources of heat. Take care to place your tree in a location that won't block any room exits.

A fresh tree that receives good care should remain in safe condition indoors for ten days to two weeks.

Caring for a "live" tree, one that has a rootball:

1. Before you take the tree in the house, dig a hole for the tree where you expect to plant it after the holidays. Put the soil in a wheelbarrow and park it in the garage. You'll need loose soil to back fill the hole, and the soil outdoors might be frozen after the holidays.
2. Keep your live tree in the house for as short a time as is possible. I strongly recommend no more than five days. Keep the ball moist while in the house, but not in a tub full of water. You don't want the ball to dry out completely, but by the same token it shouldn't be soggy all the time either. If it has been wet thoroughly, don't water again until the ball begins to dry out.
3. After Christmas move the tree outdoors as soon as possible and plant it immediately. If the tree can not be planted leave it outside and pack bags of leaves or bales of straw around the ball. The root ball should be exposed to a minimal amount of sun and wind.

I have some clients that decorate their tree and leave them outside on their patio, near the front door or in front of a window so the tree can be viewed from the inside without exposing the tree to the inside elements. This arrangement is best for the tree. If you choose this method, protect the root ball so it does not freeze.

OUT ON A LIMB CONT

Safety Tips:

1. Check electric lights to make sure cords aren't frayed or worn, and keep metallic ornaments and tinsel away from bulb sockets. Avoid combustible decorations, and make sure electrical circuits aren't overloaded.
2. Always use the proper step stool or ladder to reach high places.
3. Read labels before you use materials that comes in jars, cans and spray cans.
4. Never place lighted candles on a tree or hang popcorn chains and candy canes on the tree when small children are present. They may think that other tree ornaments are also edible.
5. Monitor the tree for freshness.
6. After Christmas or if the tree is dry, remove it from the house, but don't throw it away....it still has many uses. Create a Winter Bird Feeder by placing the tree in the garden or backyard and trim with orange slices, bread, cranberries, bird seed and suet. Trim off the lower branches so they don't provide a hiding place for cats or other predators. It can also be used as garden mulch.
7. As tempting as it may seem, never burn any part of a Christmas tree in a wood stove or fireplace.

Larry Hanks is a American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) Registered Consulting Arborist and International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist. Questions, suggestions or comments are welcomed at wlhanks@earthlink.net.

*Portions of this article were taken from several educational publications and web sites.

MIDWAY WOMAN'S CLUB

Announcing the Annual Christmas Home Outdoor Decorating Contest!

The Midway Woman's Club Christmas Decorating Judges will be driving every street in Midway, looking for the best decorated homes and businesses this Thursday, December 16th, starting at 7:00 pm.

There are several categories of judging. Who knows? Your house or business could be a winner! There is NO CHARGE for this contest. All winners will be listed in next week's Woodford Sun.

Be sure to leave your lights* on Thursday, December 16th, starting at 7 p.m.

*Holiday lights or other lights (porch lights, spotlights, etc.) to show off your decorations.

MIDWAY CITY HALL

City Hall will be closed for Christmas on December 23 & December 24.

City Hall will be closed for New Year Year's on December 30 & December 31.

A GRATEFUL HEART

Diana Queen

"I pledge the allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..." This pledge has served as a powerful reminder to me of my oath and duty as a councilmember for the citizens of Midway. As my term of office now comes to its end, I am deeply moved by the honor and privilege it is to have spoken those very special words and to have fulfilled my oath.

Thank you for your trust and allowing me to serve as your councilmember for the past four years. I have learned so much throughout my service on behalf of my friends and neighbors. I have aspired to be a good steward of our funds, your trust, and your community vision for the future.

Undoubtedly, we are making Midway one of the finest small towns in Kentucky and in America. We exemplify excellence and hospitality in all we endeavor to create. We have created regional tourism, established the arts, developed a beautiful downtown, become a culinary destination, cared for our children, elderly, and for our poor. Best of all... we have done this together!

Midway's progress continues through the many hands and hearts that have carried it forward in these uncertain and tenuous economic times. A caring and devoted Mayor, a dedicated city council, talented city clerks, hard working employees, exceptional volunteers, merchants, and citizens. All who continually do their best to make our city better every day!

I applaud their service; I am touched by their commitment, and warmed by their friendship for helping me to become a more effective leader for the community. I appreciate all their great support over the years.

I leave this role with a sentimental heart but knowing I will do more in the years ahead. I have great peace in knowing it is left in good and competent hands for the future.

Happy Holidays and Peace!

MIDWAY LIBRARY

Free Yoga Classes for Beginners

Tuesdays, January 4-25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Midway Branch Library, 400 Northside Dr., Midway

Feeling run down from the holidays? Yoga is the perfect exercise to rejuvenate both body and mind! This cumulative series of yoga classes taught by Sheril Drummond will be an introduction to the ancient practice of yoga, and is designed for the beginning student. Signup is required, and attendance for all four weeks is encouraged. For the class: wear comfortable stretchy clothing. Yoga mats will be provided, but participants should bring a blanket or a pillow, a strap, and yoga blocks if possible. Sheril Drummond has been teaching yoga for three years for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Kentucky. Sign up required for this free 4-week program. Please call 846-4014 to sign up.

"Daniel Boone: Pathfinder" Chautauqua

Thursday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Midway Branch Library, 400 Northside Dr., Midway

Daniel Boone was a legend even before his death, but much of what Americans think they know about him is off the mark. Neither a backwoods bumpkin nor an epic slayer of Indians, Boone was an intrepid explorer and natural leader whose actual exploits amply justify his larger-than-life reputation. Join us for a special Kentucky Chautauqua presentation with presenter Scott New. Please call 846-4014 to register for this free presentation. For all ages. Sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council.