

# MIDWAY

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## MAYOR'S TIDBITS

### MIDWAY MAYOR TOM BOZARTH NAMED 2011 CITY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

The word "fortitude" comes to mind when describing Midway Mayor Tom Bozarth. Mayor Bozarth worked diligently with the Kentucky League of Cities for more than two years to ensure the passage of House Bill 119, which provides incentives to officials who obtain training related to the operation of city government. In the 2010 session, a similar measure ran out of time in the legislative process.



City officials in Midway take training very seriously. Elected officials there have a nearly 100% participation rate at KLC; 2009 and 2011 City Officials Academy, thanks in part to encouragement from Mayor Bozarth. "City officials are all volunteers, and government work is not their livelihood. This is a different arena and we encourage everyone to get good training to ensure they are well equipped to represent their citizens," Mayor Bozarth said.

In addition to helping secure the passage of HB 119, the mayor is also celebrating Midway's reclassification by the legislature as a fourth-class city.

"The reclassification allows Midway more home rule privileges related to alcohol issues," Mayor Bozarth said. "As a fifth-class city we were

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## MAYOR'S TIDBITS CONT

under the guidance of the county judge. Now we can control the fees and keep the funds in our city.”

For his efforts, Mayor Bozarth has been recognized as the 2011 City Advocate of the Year. This award recognizes a city official who has excelled in grassroots advocacy and inspires other city officials to engage the state legislature in discussing and promoting policies that support city government. The award will be presented at the 2011 KLC Conference & Expo.

“I’d like to thank Sen. Thayer and Rep. Rollins for their help as well as Mayor Claude Christiansen of Sadieville. It was a team effort to make it happen,” Mayor Bozarth said.

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## 10 COUNTIES RECEIVE FUNDS FOR HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS

Ten Kentucky counties have received grants to help link schools and local farms and try to serve healthy meals in school cafeterias while supporting local farmers.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health Obesity Prevention Program awarded the \$54,000 to Calloway, Carlisle, Daviess, Fayette, Madison, Marshall, Mercer, Owsley, Perry and Woodford counties.

Local health departments will set up teams of food service directors, classroom teachers, farmers and community advocates to implement activities to help improve nutrition.

Shop your local farmers market.

Monday’s 3PM until 6PM – Railroad Street Midway



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## IAN K. THURMAN NAMED ABC INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, on Friday, named Ian K. Thurman Investigator of the Year.

Thurman, who is a Police Training Officer for the ABC Enforcement Division, was selected for the award by his peers. The award is presented for outstanding service and dedication in the mission of the ABC.

"I am very proud of Ian," said Mike Razor, director of the Enforcement Division. "He is very deserving of this recognition. Being selected by one's peers for Investigator of the Year is a great honor." Now in his sixth year with ABC, Thurman has served in Louisville and Lexington. He currently trains new recruits and assesses their progress. Thurman previously served as a probation and parole officer for Kentucky prior to joining the ABC Enforcement Division.

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## MCDANIELS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MIDWAY



The House of Representatives recognized the McDaniels for their work with the Thoroughbred Theater in Midway – thanking them for their contributions to Midway. They also recognized John and Jim McDaniel as outstanding Citizens.

From left to right: John McDaniel, State Representative Carl Rollins and Jim McDaniel.

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## EAGLE SCOUT, CURTIS GRAHAM

Midway Mayor, Tom Bozarth and Midway City Council presented a Resolution to Curtis Ryan Graham to recognize his achievement of Eagle Scout.

Grandparents, mom - Sheri Graham, Eagle Scout Ryan Graham, Mayor Bozarth



# MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - MAY 30, 2011



Judge Anthony M. Wilhoit – guest speaker.

Midway again hosted the Memorial Day Service at the Midway Cemetery on Monday May 30, 2011. Mayor Tom Bozarth welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speaker Judge Anthony M. Wilhoit. Music was provided by Catherine Borland and Councilmember Aaron Hamilton. Midway Boy Scout Troop #40 presented the Flags and played the Call to Colors. Larry Craig, Magistrate assisted with the recognition of local Veterans. Father Raymond Stratman gave the closing benediction. Lauren Perry Smith played Taps.

Special thanks to: Alex Morgan and Walter Titze, passing out the programs; Boy Scout Troop #40 – Mike Hagan, Scoutmaster Presentation of the Flag and Call to Colors; Catherine Borland for singing the National Anthem; Councilmember Aaron Hamilton for singing Amazing Grace; Judge Anthony M. Wilhoit – guest speaker; Mrs. Jonelle Fisher for the wreaths placed at the Veterans Monument; Midway Baptist Church use of chairs; Linda Nelson for maintenance of the flowers around the monument; Joe Fisher, Donna and David Forman for placing the flags on each veterans grave; John McDaniel for use of the sound system; Midway Girl Scout Troop #1038 and Scout Leader Elaine Hagan for the hospitality tent; the Employees of Midway for help with the programs, and for help with cleaning up, setting up and breakdown for the service; Lauren Perry Smith for playing Taps.

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# MIDWAY RENAISSANCE

## FRANCISCO'S FARM ARTS FESTIVAL NAMED AMONG TOP TEN EVENTS FOR SUMMER

One of the Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Events for June, Francisco's Farm Arts Festival has garnered yet another award – The Kentucky Travel Industry Association includes the Festival among its Top Ten Events for Summer. The Festival, which showcases 130 juried artists from 16 states, will be held June 25 & 26 at Equus Run Vineyards.

The fine art and craft Festival offers convenient parking, indoor restroom facilities, music, food, wine, and special exhibits. All areas are accessible. Equus Run Vineyards is nestled on 35 acres along the Elkhorn Creek just three miles from downtown Midway. The Vineyard was voted by CNN Travel as a Must See Hidden Treasure of the US.

"Shall we go to the Festival first and then go downtown, or go downtown first and then go to the Festival?" Event coordinator Marcie Christensen poses this question on the festival's website and encourages visitors to enjoy both the event and historic downtown Midway. On Festival weekend, DamselFly Galleries will also showcase Artists in the Courtyard beside the gallery. Thousands of Festival-goers are introduced to Midway through this event, and return to shop and dine throughout the year.

Organizers named the festival for Col. John Francisco, the original owner of the property on which Midway stands. The event has won state, regional, and national awards each year.

Francisco's Farm Arts Festival is a not-for-profit production of Midway Renaissance, Inc. The 2011 Festival opens June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am, and closes at 6pm. Sunday hours are 10am to 5pm. Admission is \$3 per person (children 12 and under free) and Saturday visitors may return free on Sunday. No pets are permitted at the event. For more information, visit [www.franciscosfarm.org](http://www.franciscosfarm.org).

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## RECYCLING INFORMATION

Blue recycling bags are available at City Hall.

What items do I put in the blue bags?

Aluminum and steel food cans

Corrugated cardboard

#1 & #2 plastics

Newspapers

Magazines

Junk Mail

Phone Books

Fiber Board e.g. cereal/cracker boxes (excluding freezer and beverage boxes)

E-recycling – is accepted at no charge – drop off during regular business hours.

Also, no charge for appliances, batteries, used motor oil, antifreeze, anything metal or steel.

Solid waste fees are:

Brush - \$03/lb

Household garbage, CDD, etc. \$04/lb

Tires \$08/lb

Note: Woodford County Recycling Center does NOT take glass of any kind for recycling.

Woodford County Recycle Center

(859) 873-0660 or (859) 873-0878

220 Beasley Rd., Versailles, KY 40383

# MIDWAY TOWN HALL MEETING

In February 2011 – The Mayor, City Council Members, City Attorney and Clerks held a work session to compile a list of goals for the next two years. On May 2, 2011 a Town Hall meeting was held at Midway Baptist Church to review and discuss the goals with the Citizens of Midway.

## Full Occupancy

- Aggressively assign an enforcement of building codes and tax incentive to repair
- Tax incentive to lessen property tax to lower downtown rent for business & apartments
- Add link on city website under economic development that lists homes and business for lease or sale
- Commit to shop locally
- Be sure zoning is conducive for mixed use downtown
- Normal water/sewer rates
- Local citizens don't patronize local businesses
- Have more things that people want – unique above others
- Make building more affordable
- Make local people shop downtown
- Increase taxes on empty buildings and properties
- Repair railroad tracks
- Foreclosures and empty downtown buildings must be cared for
- Continue to keep downtown beautiful to attract new business or keep current business
- Rent apartments above business
- Provide entertainment
- Provide advertising at the airport in the form of a kiosk stand
- Provide some other type of advertising at the Horse Park to promote interest in downtown Midway
- Return the post office to full time hours
- We need a corps of volunteers, like Habitat, to provide repair services on a volunteer or sliding scale of some sort. That might make a little dent in upkeep -- it's awful hard to find somebody to do anything

## City Park

- Amphitheater
- Maintain and develop new trails, better markers
- Bridge
- Old Ballpark 2 parks
- Restore spring water - Bradley
- Maintain the woods and promote
- Handicap accessible
- Swimming pool
- Larger Pavilion
- Walking Trail
- Trees - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Park
- Walking path area, fitness path with wildflowers and garden, dog run
- Install bathrooms with runner water
- Stage for concerts and integrated walkways
- Participation a problem
- Don't spend money – keep the park maintained
- Not a high priority goal
- Signage
- Star watch and star gazing night
- Dog park
- Connect Northside drive through the city park with walking trails – pedestrian bridge
- Restore the Spring house

# MIDWAY TOWN MEETING CONT

## Community Events

- Fall Festival
- Expand to bring West Main
- Antique Booths @ Lehman's Store yard
- "Little" Woodsongs @ Anne Hart
- Additional events @ courtyard @ Midway
- Christmas Event
- Bourbon Chase
- Homecoming
- Railroad development
- Public Accessible restrooms (7 days a week)
- Welcome Center
- Communicate better with citizens about city events
- Stop Light – Stephens
- Bingo Event
- Advertising more for fall festival, have a theme
- July 4<sup>th</sup> festival
- Open the businesses
- Fall Festival
- Repair Gretz Street Wall
- Francis Form return
- Spotlight local musical talent
- Midway family night, Midway day
- Expand community buy-in for all aspects for the festivals or events
- Encourage volunteerism
- Always up the quality of the festivals
- Attempt partnering with the college for activities
- Opportunities for all the arts at every possible event
- Claim FF as Midway

## Recycling

- Connect with Lexington's recycling program model
- Involve young people – churches, scouts
- Explore the recycling providers
- Write a grant and access funds
- Recycling at downtown attractions
- Increase items accepted including glass
- More community education
- Have Lexington come and education us about regional recycling
- Electric Car outlet
- Support new consignment shop
- Research how other communities recycle
- Glass – do the green thing
- Partner with other communities
- Household hazardous waste
- Glass

# MIDWAY TOWN MEETING CONT

- Education
- Find a way to recycle in partnership with Lexington
- A place to collect glass
- Clothing, other reuse - Midway Baptist
- Expand to Lexington or Richmond program
- Batteries, phones etc. at city Hall
- Find a use for glass
- Have a list of recycling materials

## Water and Sewer

- Rain water program for outside watering
- Task Force – Look up Stockton, CA
- Google: prioritizing water
- Incrementally replace infrastructure do not sell assets
- Water task force. Sell to American Water Co
- Sewer and Grant Money – Rain Barrels
- ROBO Call on Boil water
- Replacement of East iron/ rusty water
- Study plan, credit for 5-10 year plan
- Summer sewer rate
- Credit for rain barrels
- Understand the problems
- Paying for 2 sewer treatment facilities
- Not enough users
- Very old system
- KAWCO, Versailles, Frankfort, Georgetown
- Still higher fees
- Conduct water survey
- File a complaint, downtown and website
- Do we know where all lines are?
- Underground water
- Study water before any construction
- More rain gardens
- Trees
- Healthy creek research



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# OUT ON A LIMB

The question is not, "Can they reason?" nor, "Can they talk?" but rather, "Can they suffer?" - Unknown

## THE EMERALD ASH BORER, HEMLOCK WOOLY ADELGID AND NOW ANOTHER INTRODUCED INSECT PEST THREATENS OUR FORESTS AND LANDSCAPES. WHEN OR WILL IT EVER END?

Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anaplophora glabripennis*)



Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anaplophora glabripennis*) likely arrived in the United States nestled deep within hardwoods cut into crates and pallets used to import goods from Asian countries. Infestations were discovered in Brooklyn, New York in 1996 and quickly spread to Long Island, Queens, and Manhattan. In 1998 infestations from a separate introduction were discovered in Chicago, Illinois. The pest was also detected in Jersey City, New Jersey in 2002 and Middlesex/Union counties, New Jersey in 2004, Staten and Prall's Island, New York in 2007, and most recently Worcester, Massachusetts in 2008. In 2008 the Chicago and Jersey City infestations were declared eradicated and eradication efforts continue at the remaining sites.

The preferred hosts of the Asian Longhorned Beetle are hardwoods including several maple species (Norway, sugar, silver, and red maple), box elder, horsechestnut, buckeye, elm, London plane, birch, and willow. Females lay their eggs in depressions in the bark. The larvae then bore into the cambial layer and deeper into the heartwood of the tree, where they form galleries. The feeding damage weakens the tree and may kill it if the infestation is heavy. The larvae mature and pupate near the surface of the bark and adults emerge from characteristic round holes approximately 3/8" (nearly dime size) in diameter. Adults are 1-1.5" long, shiny black with white markings on the body and antennae, and the antennae are considerably longer than the body. Their life cycle produces new adults every year, rather than every 2-4 years like most other longhorned beetles. The Asian Longhorned Beetle can fly hundreds of feet, perhaps farther when assisted by the wind.

Ohio is at risk for introduction of this pest because of its lake Erie and Ohio River ports and abundance of favorable host species. Since Ohio is a border state to Kentucky our trees are at risk of being attacked. A survey was performed in 2006 but no detections were made. In 2007 a dead Asian Longhorned Beetle was intercepted in a warehouse in Cincinnati. A survey of the surrounding environs revealed no evidence of infestation. In the fall of 2009 and again in 2010 a suspect beetle was captured in a warehouse in the Cincinnati area (more specific Mason). The specimen was

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# OUT ON A LIMB CONT

confirmed to be an Asian Longhorned Beetle. A survey of the surrounding wooded environs by ODA (Ohio Department of Agriculture) and USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) personnel revealed no evidence of infestations. An expanded survey of the area is currently under way by USDA, ODA, and OSU (Ohio State University) personnel.

\*Portions of the information contained in this article were taken from publications prepared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ohio State Department of Agriculture and the University of Kentucky Department of Entomology.

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## **Tis' the Season.....**

### **What is an outdoor warning siren?**

Woodford County can experience severe weather year round. An Outdoor Warning Siren aims at signaling to people outdoors who cannot hear warnings through broadcasts that a tornado warning has been issued. The sirens are not meant to warn people indoors, although you may hear the siren inside if you live close to it.

### **What is the difference between a watch and a warning?**

A watch is issued when the risk of hazardous weather or hydrologic event has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain. It is intended to provide enough lead time so those who need to set their plans in motion can do so. Watches evolve into warnings, advisories, or they are canceled. Warnings are issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, is imminent, or has a very high probability of occurrence. A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property. The National Weather Service is the single official voice when issuing warnings for life-threatening situations.

### **Who decides to sound the sirens, and when will I hear them?**

Sirens are sounded when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for Woodford County or if a tornado is sighted by a first responders or a trained weather spotter. Sirens can be sounded from either the City of Versailles Dispatch Center (which services the entire County) or by Emergency Management. Sirens are tested twice per month, the first and third Wednesday at 11:00 AM unless threatening weather is in our area

### **What should I do when I hear the siren?**

Take immediate cover when you hear a siren. Seek further information from local media (television or radio). Go indoors to a safe room at ground level or below with as few windows as possible. Basements are typically the best option. If you are in a vehicle and unable to exit your vehicle and see a tornado approaching, drive at a right or left angle from the approaching tornado. Tornadoes almost always move in a nearly straight line. The best option is to seek shelter in a near by structure. If you are outside, do not take shelter under a bridge. Instead, lay flat on the ground in a ditch or depression below ground level, if possible.

### **How will my family be alerted indoors at night?**

Everyone must take personal responsibility to monitor radio and television weather reports when severe weather occurs. We recommend that households and businesses have a Weather Radio, which sounds an alarm when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning. If you buy a radio, we strongly recommend you purchase one that is capable of being programmed for Woodford County using SAME technology. The NOAA Weather Radio is an all Hazards Alert System. The SAME code for Woodford County is 021239.

### **Do first responders have advance notification of severe weather?**

The first responders in Woodford County, just like all other communities, receive severe weather information from the same media outlets as the public. The combination of information from the National Weather Service and local radar sites in Lexington provide the most accurate and up-to-date information available for everyone.

### **Where are the sirens located in Woodford County?**

Woodford County has eleven outdoor warning sirens located at: Versailles City Hall, Highland Avenue Water Tower, Kuhlman Drive in the Versailles Industrial Park near the soccer complex, Midway Fire Department, Midway Industrial Park, Sycamore Park, Beasley Drive at the Recycling Center, Mortonsville Water Tower, Millville Baptist Church, between Hometown and Southside Elementary Schools, and Hometown Road near Faith Baptist Church.