

# NEWSLETTER

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Ladies and gentlemen...boys and girls...all aboard the 2017 *Lyndon Summer Train Festival*. This is our annual summer festival Lyndon has hosted for over 25 years with a new name and theme. This year we begin celebrating and focusing on our rich train history. Enjoy photos of bygone eras and a huge display of model trains by the KY-IND Model Train Association. Don't forget to register to win a Family Pass for a ride on the French Lick Scenic Railroad.

The festival will also have all that is familiar...fantastic food, music (*Louisville Crashers* on Friday night and *Wulfe Brothers* on Saturday night), entertainment (clowns, jugglers, a Train Engineer Magician), commercial vendors and arts and crafts. There will also be train rides, an inflatable and games for the kids, a beer garden for the adults and it all culminates with Zambelli Fireworks on Saturday night.

The *Lyndon Summer Train Festival* is filled with two days of fun and activities.

Friday, June 16, 2017	4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Saturday, June 17, 2017	Noon – 9:30 PM

All activities are held at Lyndon's Robsion Park with ample **FREE** parking.

For additional information, schedule of events, or vendor applications, please go to [www.eventualities.org](http://www.eventualities.org) or call (502) 241-1175. As always, you can visit Lyndon's website at [www.cityoflyndon.org](http://www.cityoflyndon.org) for all city events.

## Mayor's Message

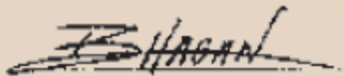
Lyndon Residents,

I am deeply conscious of the great honor of this position and the responsibilities which I now undertake to represent the City of Lyndon as Mayor. Lyndon is well served with a dedicated and responsive City Council who put the interests of Lyndon residents first. We are also fortunate to have a city staff second to none, carrying out the day-to-day tasks that make our city run efficiently. Together, as a team, we will continually move to improve and strive to thrive!

In the first few months of my term I have had the pleasure of meeting with so many citizens. Although I wish I had the time to personally visit with everyone, it would be nearly impossible so we urge our residents to stay in touch. There are many ways to stay informed- including this newsletter, social media and our website which is being updated. We are excited about including our citizens in our decision making! Please let us know how we're doing, comments and feedback will always be welcome.


Summer is right around the corner and planning for the annual summer festival is well underway. This year the Lyndon Summer Train Festival will be the best yet. The train is a part of our community that we want to embrace; it is our past as well as the present, so we have themed our festival to reflect them. A wide variety of free entertainment is being planned for this summer, so you are sure to find something to enjoy. Look for details on Facebook or our website as entertainment bookings are confirmed.

Lyndon is a very diverse community and all socio-economic classes are represented in some fashion. It is important for all of us to remember that whether the borders that divide us are picket fences or an apartment wall, we are all neighbors. Do your part to keep Lyndon a great place to live and raise a family!



Brent Hagan  
Mayor

## Property Maintenance



Another growing season is officially in full bloom with such color and beauty. While it is an amazing sight to see, it comes fast and furious.

We want to remind residents to keep their properties maintained all year but especially during the growing season. Grass grows very fast during these rainy months as we all know. City Hall receives many calls about tall grass this time of year. City ordinances are consistent with Louisville Metro stating grass cannot exceed 12 inches in height so please cut your grass regularly to avoid citations. Plantings near streets can also pose a problem during the spring and summer months. Keep an eye on plants that could be growing into the street or obstructing view of traffic. Also, since our winter never provided a good, long freeze, bugs may be a bigger issue this spring and

summer. Keeping plants and grass maintained will help keep bugs and other critters at a minimum. Tall weeds and standing water is a perfect breeding condition for mosquitos.

It is obvious the warmer the weather, the more we do outside. Another issue that seems to be a trend in warmer months is the accumulation of trash and junk. It is also a law to keep trash and junk from piling up or spreading around your property. Piles of junk or debris can attract vermin and potentially be a health hazard.

We know as citizens of Lyndon, you take pride in your city and enjoy the quality of life that is provided here. Let's continue to focus on being good neighbors and keeping your yards maintained for the health and happiness of yourself and others.



# Our Response to the Heroin Epidemic

Many of you have probably heard of the astronomical spike in heroin overdoses in Louisville Metro. During the first 45 days of 2017 there were over 1,000 overdoses in our larger community; on one single day in January there were 45 with two resulting deaths. This problem is epidemic and seems to be growing. This department has responded to multiple overdose calls for service, including overdoses in convenient store restrooms, vehicles in area parking lots and, of course, residences. Last December we responded to two full cardiac arrest heroin overdoses in our home city of Graymoor-Devondale.

Heroin is an opioid produced in many countries around the world. It is both physically and psychologically addictive. Heroin abuse results in a number of negative side effects; the two most critical are suppression of the central nervous system and suppression of the respiratory system. In addition to the inherent dangers of heroin, dealers are now cutting heroin with one of two very potent drugs, both thousands of times stronger than heroin itself. Addicts never know the quality of the substance they are purchasing so the risk of overdose and death is very high.

The additives used to cut heroin present increased danger to first responders. Just the small amount absorbed through the skin when touching a driver's license, for example, or administering care to an overdose victim can be fatal to an officer, firefighter or medic.

The Graymoor-Devondale Police Department is now equipped with Naloxone (commonly known as Narcan) for administration to overdose victims who are not breathing. We believe this is consistent with our values and mission.

We want you to know that Naloxone is available over-the-counter at most local pharmacies without a prescription. Every community is affected by this growing problem and almost everyone knows someone whose family is or has faced the challenge of drug abuse. If someone you care about, family or friend, is a heroin user we encourage you to acquire this product to keep on hand.

Feel free to contact us if you would like additional information on this or other subjects.



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## Graffiti

Some people believe graffiti is a harmless artistic activity. It's not! Instead it hurts communities by decreasing feelings of safety, lowering property values, draining tax dollars, and sending a message that no one cares. The City has a comprehensive police enforcement program; however, even the best programs benefit from public involvement. Public assistance in identifying taggers via confidential phone calls is very helpful. Residents, businesses, and visitors should call City Hall (502)423-0932 or Graymoor-Devondale Police (502)327-2677 to report graffiti as quickly as possible, noting vital information such as a description of the tagger(s) and vehicle. Under no circumstances should vandals be directly confronted, since they can be very dangerous and possibly armed. Be observant but be safe!

## New Payment Options

We will now accept credit/debit card payments for property taxes, business licenses, and alcohol beverage licenses. The cards that will be accepted are Master Card, Visa, Discover, and American Express. You may pay online through a link on our website, [www.cityoflyndon.org](http://www.cityoflyndon.org), in our office, or by phone. There will be a convenience fee of 2.5% for credit cards and 1/5% for debit cards. The minimum convenience fee for property tax payments is \$3.95 and \$1.95 for business and alcohol beverage licenses.



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## Easter Egg Hunt



### Upcoming Lyndon Events

- 2017 Lyndon Summer Train Festival –  
June 16th and 17th



#### Monthly City Meetings

6:00 PM

**Caucus**  
3rd Monday

**Council**  
4th Monday