

# NEWSLETTER

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## Mayor's Message

The Northeast Regional Library is one step closer to completion as we broke ground September 21st. The occasion was celebrated by many community leaders and all who spoke were very appreciative of the Lyndon City Council and its decision to grant \$500,000 to help purchase materials for the collection. The anticipated opening date will be sometime in late 2018.

The railroad has brought people, goods and prosperity to the area for nearly a century and Lyndon owes much of its growth to the rails. In 1871 Alvin Wood built a depot on his land so that he and his neighbors wouldn't have to go to St. Matthews to catch a train. Trains began making regular stops at Lyndon, helping to transform it from woods and potato fields into the home-rule city it is today. CSX Transportation now operates the rails that bisect Lyndon which radiate out to Chicago, Nashville, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Lexington.

This past summer, many of you have called City Hall expressing concern over the trains that have sat idling and in some cases blocking intersections for great lengths of time. Trains blocking intersections are a nuisance to your everyday routine and could also hinder emergency response. I have an unobstructed view of the tracks from my back porch and looking at graffiti laden rail cars is not something I want to become accustomed to. Taking your concerns seriously, Lyndon Fire Chief David Howser, District 7 Councilwoman Angela Leet and myself hosted a meeting with a representative from CSX.

Much of the blame for our recent issues were placed on newly appointed CEO Hunter Harrison of CSX. After his appointment in March, he promised to run the company's 21,000-mile network more efficiently by idling excess equipment, closing some freight yards and running trains on a tighter schedule.

He has conceded that the program is off to a rocky start but the short-term problems will lead to improved service in the long run. Lyndon is not the only City affected by this shake up, much of the east coast served by CSX is experiencing the same issues and most cases are much worse than ours. We asked for an open line of communication with CSX and its representatives so that we may be informed of any potential issues before they happen so that we can keep our residents and emergency response crews informed. Please be patient with the process, I believe that these issues will be fleeting and you will see things return to what we call normal.

Be sure you are following the City of Lyndon on Facebook and visit our web page to find up to date information. We are planning 'Light Up Lyndon' for November 22 so mark your calendars. Expect Santa Claus to make an appearance at Romara Place as well as a children's train ride!

As we enter the holiday season, may we reflect upon the many things we should be thankful for. It is a great time to reach out to neighbors and friends and do something kind for them. May you all have a joyous and festive holiday season.

All the best,

Brent Hagan



## A Special Memoriam

### Louise Ray

The City of Lyndon honors a lifelong member of this community, Louise Ray, 86, who passed away on September 2, 2017. Mrs. Ray always had a smile on her face when she would visit City Hall. She was very generous in providing historical information through pictures, articles she had kept or from her own personal archives. She also donated items to Romara Place so the City could display pieces of history. We will miss her sweet nature and stories of growing up in Lyndon. The City extends our sympathy to the Bob Ray Co. family.



## New Food Pantry

Are you or anybody you know struggling to feed your family? If so, then we have good news. Covenant Neighborhood Ministries has finally finished all the paperwork required to operate a food pantry here in Lyndon. We are partnering with Dare to Care and our vision is to help individuals and families who need food by starting pantries in local areas. Our first pantry will be open at Lyndon City Hall, 515 Wood Rd., on the following Wednesdays in 2017: Nov. 1, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6 from 11am-3pm. Please visit the City of Lyndon's website for up-to-date information. [www.cityoflyndon.org](http://www.cityoflyndon.org)

I am Lisa Hebert, the executive director of CNM and my phone number is (502) 439-3505. Al Saunders is our director of programming and his phone number is (502) 310-8626 and you may call either one of us to let us know you are coming so we can prepare for you.

### Covenant Neighborhood Ministries

## Coyotes

*"Coyotes in Kentucky have co-existed with man for the past 40 years, people just weren't aware of their existence" said Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Spokesman Mark Marraccini. "There are a few isolated incidents of coyote problems, but overall, pets and livestock have some minor risks".*



Generally, coyotes will avoid human contact and reports of being attacked by the predator are extremely rare. But keep in mind, they are a wild animal and very unpredictable. One thing to remember is these animals can become more aggressive at times when food sources become limited. If you do have a coyote problem in your area, here are some tips to help reduce or eliminate these conditions.

- **Remove pet food sources.** If you feed your pets outside, remove the food when you leave
- **Remove other food sources.** Keep tight fitting lids on your trash and recycling bins and don't let rubbish accumulate on your property.
- **Clear brush piles.** Coyotes use low-growing shrubs/brush piles to hide, with proper trimming this can eliminate an area in which the animal feels safe.
- **Keep pets safe.** Small animals, such as a cat or dog are the predator's No. 1 food source. Keep the area well-lit and supervised.
- **Respond aggressively.** If you see a coyote on your property, shout and make loud noises. Do not let them feel comfortable on your property.
- **Call a licensed professional.** If you should encounter a coyote problem, contact an animal control expert who can fully assess/address the problem this will ensure a humane removal of the animal.

Do not call Metro Animal Control, they do not respond to these issues. Call Kentucky Fish & Wildlife:

**1-800-858-1549**

## Reminders



**Leaf removal** - It's around the corner. Your notices with pick-up dates will be in mailboxes mid to late October. The City is providing 2 services per resident again this year, one in November and one in December. PLEASE READ your notice for rules.

**Snow Removal** - I know it's hard to think about but it will come sooner or later. Please be aware of snow plows and do not park on the streets so plows can effectively do their job.

**Large Item, Trash Removal** - Remember, you get a 1 large item removal per week with your garbage service. It is important to note you MUST call Rumpke (502-568-3800) ahead of time to have these items removed. Rumpke sends a special truck through for larger items only if it has been scheduled. Mattresses MUST be wrapped in plastic because of the bed-bug epidemic. You can use the plastic from your new mattress to wrap and seal the old one in for proper removal.

## RECYCLING



Below is the recycling calendar...

**October 2017 through June 2018**

October 2017	November 2017	December 2017
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22 23 24 25 26 27 28	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
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January 2018	February 2018	March 2018
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	11 12 13 14 15 16 17
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	18 19 20 21 22 23 24
28 29 30 31	25 26 27 28	25 26 27 28 29 30 31
April 2018	May 2018	June 2018
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
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## Local Eagle Project

Recently, a young Lyndon resident and a member of St. Matthews Boy Scout Troop 325, Ashton Westfall, attended a City Council meeting asking for ideas to complete his Eagle Project. The Council proposed that he clean debris and trash from Beargrass Creek. On September 23rd, Ashton and his troop along with myself and some other volunteers walked through the creek within Lyndon City limits. We gathered enough trash and debris to fill a large dumpster. I am very proud of Ashton and his troop for the effort they gave on that hot day. They made a big difference and we are grateful our youth are interested in keeping our city and its waterways clean!

Thank you!  
Mayor Hagan





## *"Light Up Lyndon"*

### ***Santa Claus is coming to town!***

Experience a small-town, holiday celebration at Romara Place with refreshments, face-painting, music and train rides for the children. Don't forget to get your picture with Santa!

***November 22, 2017***

***5:30 Pm- 7:30 Pm***

***501 Romara Place***

Shuttle service provided  
from City Hall at 515 Wood Rd.  
and the Mary Grace Jaeger  
Center at  
502 Wood Rd.



### **Monthly City Meetings**

**6:00 PM**

**Caucus  
3rd Monday**

**Council  
4th Monday**