



A monarch butterfly caterpillar eats common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) in Cumberland Hill

Cumberland Hill awarded two city grants for neighborhood upkeep, butterfly garden at front entrance

The Cumberland Hill Neighborhood Association (CHNA) has recently been awarded two grants by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, aimed at neighborhood improvement and environmental conservation. The grants will fund street pole painting, replacement of dead boxwoods, and the construction of a butterfly garden at the neighborhood's front entrance.

The first grant, part of the Neighborhood Action Match Program, will be used for essential upkeep. Dead boxwoods at the front entrance will be replaced with a selection of Kentucky native plants. These plants are not only aesthetically pleasing but also serve a functional purpose. They will act as a valuable nectar source for butterflies, complementing the forthcoming butterfly garden.

The second grant falls under the Neighborhood Enhancement Match Program, which focuses on beautifying major corridors in Fayette County, including Tates Creek Road, which runs adjacent to the Cumberland Hill neighborhood. The grant will fund the construction of a monarch butterfly garden, transforming an underutilized space at the neighborhood's front entrance into a haven for the iconic orange and black butterflies. Monarch butterflies are not only beautiful but also play a role in pollination and serve as an indicator species for environmental health.

Residents interested in contributing to these projects can look forward to a volunteer opportunity in the spring.

Pay your dues online

Pay With Venmo:

- Our handle is @CH40515
- Send \$60, and please include your names and street address in the notes section.

Pay With Credit Card or PayPal:

- Go to cumberlandhill.net
- Click "Pay Dues" at the top
- Use the form at the bottom

or:

Please make check payable to CHNA and send to:
CHNA
P.O. Box 24985
Lexington, 40524

What do your neighborhood dues go towards?

- Electricity to keep the lights on at the front of the neighborhood.
- Annual Christmas lights display at the front entrance
- Landscaping / mulching and sprinkler system for front entrance
- Maintenance of street signs
- Annual "Breakfast with Santa"
- Fourth of July Parade
- Neighborhood website, email system, and newsletters (like this one!)
- Annual CHNA Picnic

Upcoming Events

- **Breakfast with Santa**
Saturday, December 2, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. @ The Clubhouse
- **Christmas Decorating Contest**
Sunday, December 17
- **Special Someone Dance**
February -date to be decided.



A pawpaw tree at the Veterans Park planting site.



On top of the world.

The new obstacles at the Veterans Park Dog Park have already proven to be popular with dogs and kids alike.

NEIGHBORHOOD EAGLE SCOUT ENHANCES VETERANS PARK DOG PARK WITH NEW TUNNEL AND RAMP FEATURES

Cooper Longhofer, an Eagle Scout from the Cumberland Hill neighborhood, has recently completed a noteworthy community service project aimed at enhancing the Veterans Park Dog Park. The project involved the construction of a dog tunnel and ramp, adding new elements of fun and exercise for our four-legged friends.

Longhofer led a team of volunteers to design and build the structures, showcasing leadership and community engagement—hallmarks of the Eagle Scout program. The new additions to the dog park are already a hit among local pet owners and their furry companions.

This project not only benefits the community but also stands as a testament to the positive impact that young leaders can have in their neighborhoods. Don't miss out—take your pup to Veterans Park to enjoy the new features!

Front island beautification

Neighbors Jackie Wagoner and Mark van Landingham volunteered their time and skills to make improvements at the front entrance. They thinned out monkey grass, put down new mulch, and planted new flowers and shrubs, including mums.

Thank you Jackie and Mark!



Jackie Wagoner and Mark van Landingham cleaned up the islands at the front entrance.



PRUNING STREET TREES

According to LFUCG regulations, street trees need to be pruned to a height of at least seven feet above sidewalks and 12 feet above streets. This allows for vehicles to pass under them on the street and pedestrians to get by them on the sidewalk.



As Thanksgiving approaches, projects like these remind us how grateful we are to live in a community like Cumberland Hill.

PRESIDENT MATT AMICK CELEBRATES THE EXCEPTIONAL SPIRIT OF CUMBERLAND HILL'S RESIDENTS AMIDST A RECENT FLOURISH OF NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, it's a fitting time to reflect on the remarkable sense of community that makes Cumberland Hill such a special place to live. There's an abundance of reasons to be grateful, and they're evident in the various projects that have recently come to fruition in our neighborhood.

We've been fortunate to receive two grants aimed at neighborhood improvements and environmental conservation.

I'm also excited to mention the recent Eagle Scout project that has enhanced the Veterans Park Dog Park with a new dog tunnel and ramp. This initiative was led by a young resident of our community.

Let's not forget the tree planting site at Veterans Park, which recently celebrated its two-year anniversary, a project led by Linda Klink that CHNA had a hand in.

And finally, a big thank you goes out to all residents for doing the everyday things that make our neighborhood a great place to live. From tree-trimming to sidewalk repair, to just saying a friendly hello to a neighbor.



CHNA President Matt Amick (left)

AN AUTUMN CELEBRATION AT VETERANS PARK

On a recent autumn afternoon, members of the Cumberland Hill community came together at Veterans Park to celebrate the second anniversary of the planting of 120 native trees. The event marked a meaningful end to the school's fall break and served as an opportunity for community engagement and environmental stewardship.

Located behind Linda Klink's home on Watermill Lane, a refreshments table welcomed attendees, situated just 100 feet from the young grove of trees. The event was part of Lexington's annual Tree Week festivities.

Volunteers assisted children in attaching permanent ID tags to the trees, while a few additional saplings were planted to expand the existing grove.

The event was not just about tree tagging; it also included games for children and the distribution of cake slices, adding a festive touch to the occasion. Designed to be accessible and kid-friendly, the gathering served as a testament to the community spirit that defines Cumberland Hill.

Volunteers played a crucial role in the event's success, helping with games and the tree-tagging process. Klink says there will be another volunteer opportunity on Saturday, November 11.

As Thanksgiving approaches, events like this provide a tangible reminder of the many reasons to be grateful for living in such an engaged and caring community.



Fall colors on Longbridge Lane.

City leaf vacuuming will not be occurring this year.

"Again this year, the City will offer expanded weekly collection instead of a once-a-year vacuum approach. The City used this method in 2022. Given the unpredictable and extended nature of leaf fall, many residents found the expanded weekly service better met their needs than a one-and-done approach."

- City of Lexington

With fall here, you may wonder what to do with a yard full of leaves. You have options:

1.

Keep them! It's free fertilizer:

Mow leaves back into your lawn. It is great for your soil and often easier than raking. Mow regularly, especially if the leaves are wet.

2.

Let the city take them:

If you have city waste service, they will pick up yard waste each week on your regular collection day. That material is turned into mulch.

2023 CHNA BUDGET

Landscape/Maintenance	\$ 10,000
Utilities	\$ 2,100
Insurance	\$ 850
Operating Expenses	\$ 250
Capital Improvements	\$ 3,564
Neighborhood Activities	\$ 2,200
Website & Email System	\$ 700
Newsletter/Postage	\$ 1,900
Welcoming Committee	\$ 300
Total	\$21,864



NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU

SIDEWALKS: CORRIDORS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Seamless, continuous sidewalks are more than just a convenience; they're a crucial element of neighborhood safety, especially in high pedestrian traffic areas like Cumberland Hill. Whether you're heading to the pool or taking the kids to Veterans Park, well-maintained sidewalks provide a safe and accessible path for all residents. Gaps or disrepair in sidewalks can pose hazards, forcing pedestrians into the street and increasing the risk of accidents. As we prioritize the well-being of our community, let's not overlook the importance of continuous sidewalks in fostering a safer, more walkable neighborhood for everyone.

What is a sidewalk violation?

Chapter 17-147, of the LFUCG Code of Ordinances states, "It shall be the duty of each owner of real estate abutting on any sidewalk to repair, at his own expense, all holes, uneven surfaces and other defects in the sidewalk upon which his property abuts."

Simple cracking does not automatically place a sidewalk into non-compliance. Horizontal and/or vertical displacement, which does or could cause a safety issue, takes priority. When officers are advised of such a violation, they will mark the area of the sidewalk that needs to be repaired or replaced with pink paint. They will then provide formal notice via U.S. mail to the property owner. Owners have 90 days to make the needed repairs or provide the case officer with information which justifies a time extension. (The criteria used to determine if a sidewalk is in violation can be found on the Notice of Violation you were sent.)

Source: LFUCG Code Enforcement

What do I do if I get a sidewalk repair notice?

Receiving a sidewalk violation notice can be concerning, but it's important to act promptly to ensure community safety and comply with local regulations. Residents typically have 90 days from the receipt of the notice to make the necessary repairs. The first step is to assess the extent of the damage and consult with a qualified contractor to get an estimate for the repair work. It's advisable to obtain multiple quotes to ensure you're getting a fair price. Once you've selected a contractor, schedule the repairs as soon as possible to meet the 90-day deadline.



SIDEWALK REPAIR

In most cases, the Sidewalk Replacement Grant Program, which is managed and distributed by Code Enforcement, can provide assistance to residential property owners. This grant may reimburse a reasonable amount (currently \$5 per square foot) of cost related to the replacement of any residential sidewalk which has been placed under notice by Code Enforcement.

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**DID YOU KNOW?
THIS BURR OAK AT
VETERANS PARK IS OVER
300 YEARS OLD.**



CHNA Board Members Adam Bohland and Kathy Stichnot at the 2023 Annual Picnic in September.

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