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LFUCG – LexCall: 311



August/September 2021

Towne Around Our Towne

Kristey's Commentary

Hello all! I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has stopped by or called to wish warm welcomes since I came to Merrick. I appreciate each of you and am beyond excited to be a part of the Towne family. I can't wait to see everyone at the Manager Meet and Greet and some of the upcoming social

events. How exciting to be able to have these again! I will keep this short and share a wonderful piece of literature about how Merrick Place came to be. Being new to our community, I loved reading the history of Merrick Place from the original founder, Neil Bortz. Hope you enjoy the history as much as I did.

The History of Merrick Place

As best I can recall, it was sometime in 1965 or 1966. Towne Properties was only four or five years old. We had been working with our good friend and partner, Bill McConnell, an appraisal engineer who was representing the thoroughbred farm owners in their negotiations over the federal government's purchase of the right-of-way for Interstate 75. Towne had been interested in finding an opportunity to build a state-of-the-art apartment community in Lexington. Bill had been looking high and low for just the right spot for us, but to date had been unable to find anything suitable. Then late one night, Bill called to tell me that Mr. Milan, owner of the Merrick Horse Farm on Tates Creek Pike, (yes, there was a creek there then), had just passed away. His wife, Belle, was anxious to sell – and many other buyers were anxious to purchase. Bill said we had to move quickly and we did. He put us together with J.W. Davis and C.B. McEachen, UK alums who were successful home builders in the Lansdowne area. We agreed that Towne would buy the 40 acres surrounding the Milan antebellum home for apartments and C.B. and J.W. would buy the remaining 100 or so acres for duplexes and single family homes. I got to work with architect/planner Tom Tilsley to see what we could do. I was in my early romantic mood. The plan had to be just right. It had to respect the rolling terrain, move as little dirt as possible and save the few but mature trees. It had to feel that the project wasn't just built there, but rather "grew" there.

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Kristey's Commentary (Continued)

I even pitched a tent in front of the manor house and spent a night to get a feel for the spirit of the land. It was spooky – and cold. In any event, Tom and I put together a presentation for the required zone change. Representing us at the hearing was to be attorney “Popa Bull” Gess, one of Lexington’s most respected citizens. (Bill also represented C.B. and J.W.) So several weeks later, I hustled to the zoning hearing in the Fayette County Courthouse, lugging my projector and slideshow, rough notes in my head, expecting to face a hostile crowd as I had several times previously for similar zone changes. (Single-family homeowners don’t want apartments, no matter how nice, in their backyard.) I arrived in the courthouse a bit apprehensive and not surprisingly about 10 minutes late. I sat down in the audience next to a gentleman also pursuing a zone change. Looking at the agenda to see where Merrick was listed, I saw we were first. But, alas, they were already on the third item. I thought for sure I would have to wait until the end to be heard, but I asked the gentleman what they might have said about Merrick. He quite matter-of-factly told me “Oh, they’ve already passed that.” Only in Lexington and only with Bill Gess. The gentleman shared that he, too, was nervous awaiting his turn. I told him he should have used Bill. It turned out that the gentleman (I’ve forgotten his name) was a founding partner in a brand new motel development company seeking permission to build in Lexington. The name of his new company was Holiday Inn! And they did get their zoning! We had no trouble from that moment on: Permits – no problem; construction financing – no problem, provided by Lexington’s old-fashioned southern banker and new friend, Jake Graves; legal issues – no problem, Popa Bull took care of everything. So we started construction with our Super, Avery Bennett, moving down into the manor house with his wife, Jan, and young son, Aaron, to run the job under partner, Lambert Agin. We opened up a two-bedroom model in Phase 1 in early October 1967. I was accompanied by my lovely new young wife, Susan, who several weeks later would deliver Adam, our first son. Rentals went reasonably well even though it wasn’t the best time of the year. Phase 1 consisted of 83 units, one-and two-bedroom apartments and two-bedroom townhouses. Once completed and rented, we moved on to Phase 2, 73 units with a similar mix. (We didn’t have enough credit to fund any larger phase at that time). Then came Phase 3 with 108 units where we expanded the unit sizes and offered three-bedroom townhouses and apartments. Next was Phase 4 with 140 units, in difficult economic times, when we designed smaller units to be more attractive to the 20-somethings. Then finally came Phase 5 with 52 units, a repeat of the Phase 3 mix. The last two phases were ably supervised by Walt Reuszer as Avery moved back to Cincinnati. During Phase 2 Avery produced our first – and the region’s first – exposed aggregate pool deck, behind the manor house, setting each stone by hand. Avery also found the Milan’s racing silks in the old barn, which now hang framed in the Inn, and Merrick’s tombstone, which he moved to the lawn in front of the Inn. After Avery moved out, we turned the manor house into our Clubhouse, featuring a little Pub, as we had first done in Mt. Adams at the Blind Lemon and were soon to do at Indian Creek and other developments. Finding the right Pub Operator was a bit of a struggle. Then fortunately we discovered Bob Murray, who was into horses, along with a lot of other things – a real character. I remember how when Bob first took over, he put a jar of pickled pig feet on the bar top. He also sold those calendars that were stapled to the bottom half of handkerchiefs to be proudly placed in the breast pocket of one’s suit coat – quite dapper. However, Bob, one step at a time, kept upgrading and adding on until the Merrick Inn reached its current size, becoming recognized as Lexington’s most popular restaurant. The Inn was and still is associated with the horse crowd. The Pub has also been a favorite place for international business travelers to enjoy some fine Kentucky bourbon. Young Bobby has done a great job in maintaining the Inn’s stellar reputation and creating other features such as the great outdoor patio. In all of Towne’s history, no project makes us prouder than Merrick. With John Jacob’s original landscaping touch and the ongoing good work of Merrick’s wonderful and dedicated staff, Merrick grows lovelier every year. Merrick is not an apartment complex. It’s what we hoped it would be – its own little village.” – Neil Bortz

Welcome New Residents

Caroline Dornfeld
Emily May

Robert Wilson
Michael Vieth
Emma Imes
Jerod Holsinger
Leslie McConnell
Amber Chaney
Barry Kopp

Marilyn Kopp
Charlene Hennessy
Sallie Prewitt
Krista Spear
Avery Weigel
Dylan Livingston
Conner Risner

Cassandra Meyer
Levon Kadamyran
Cynthia Spataro
William Embry
Leigh Velasquez
Derek Allen
Rachel Coote

Congratulations, Erin and Josh!

This past Memorial Day, Erin Robinson and her boyfriend, Josh Baker, got engaged. Erin and Josh first started dating in 2017 when he asked her out during a Christmas Party. This year, Josh proposed to Erin by taking her on a boat ride to a small island



Erin and Josh <3

where they first met. Josh anchored the boat and pushed Erin ashore via inner tube. It was on that island where Josh popped the question with a stunning ring he pulled from his backpack. Erin suspected a proposal might be on the horizon, but was completely shocked in that moment. She was even more shocked when she turned around and did not see a boat. The two had been so enthralled by their recent betrothal that they hardly noticed their boat floating away. Josh, however was cool, calm, and collected. He pushed Erin on her inner tube back towards the boat and the two returned to land to celebrate with family and friends. Erin and Josh are set to get married in November at the historic Carrick House. Sadly, we will be losing Erin from the Merrick Place community as her and Josh plan to move to Charlotte, N.C. Again, congratulations to the happy couple!

Activities

August:

3rd: Meet the Manager, 6-8 p.m.

You're invited to the Meet the Manager Event at the Clubhouse. Come and get to know your Community Manager, Kristey Wood. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. See you there!

4th and 18th: Senior Social Hour, 3-6 p.m.

Our senior residents are invited to come enjoy food, drink, and good company! Merrick Place will provide drinks. Please bring a side or dessert for potluck style dining. Starting Aug. 4, Senior Social Hour will be every first and third Wednesday of the month, from 3 to 6 p.m.

7th: Merrick's Fun in the Sun Pool Party! 2-6 p.m.*

Come and make a splash at the Fun in the Sun Pool Party. Enjoy drinks, nachos, and margaritas poolside. It's a great time to come out and meet your neighbors. (Adults only, weather permitting*)

September:

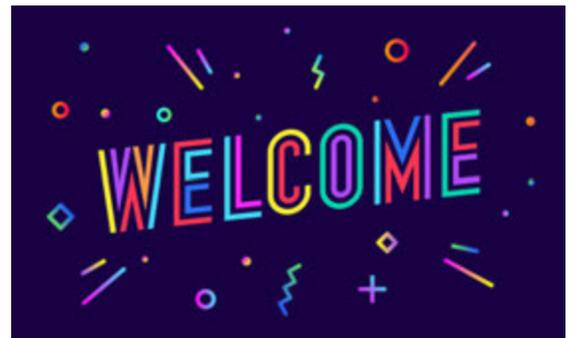
1st and 15th: Senior Social Hour, 3-6 p.m.

4th: Back to School Pool Party, 2-6 p.m.

Hey kids! Come join us for our Back to School Pool Party. Drinks and snacks provided.



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| Ian Stone | Andrew Whipkey | Abigail Desantis |
| Meredith Murray | Caroline Murphy | Dexter Corlett |
| Cody Ray | Mckenna Micke | Abigail Frazier |
| Heather Middleton | Elizabeth Harrison | Susan Capley |
| Anna Disponette | Mitsuru Ito | |
| Danielle Freund | Lisa Brin | |
| Becca Johnson | Peter Armato | |

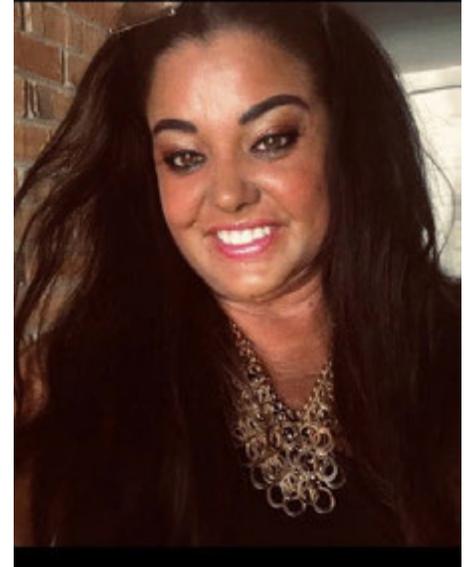


Feature Resident

Machelle Truax has lived at Merrick Place for over two years. She attended Lafayette High School here in Lexington. She also attended University of Kentucky where she enjoyed being a University of Kentucky Cheerleader. Machelle enjoys walking the grounds of Merrick Place with her Service Animal, Maverick. She also enjoys spending her free time at the Merrick Place Pool.



Maverick



Machelle Truax

Machelle enjoys spending time with her three sons: Jaxson, Barkley and Griffin. She also enjoys time with her daughter-in-law, Sunee. Family time is very important to her.



Jaxson, Barkley, Griffin

Machelle enjoys dining at Merrick Inn, Malone's, Drake's, and Starbucks. She loves washing her car, working out, cooking out, shopping, and getting her nails done. She enjoys looking at beautiful flowers and goes to the Arboretum.



Sunee

Machelle enjoys watching Dateline, Lifetime movies, detective shows, football and baseball. She loves listening to Country, Classic Rock, Pop and Hip Hop Music. She loves going to Buff City Soaps!

She mostly enjoys living at Merrick Place because she has met a lot of close friends here. She loves the neighborhood feel of our community and enjoys making weekend plans with her friend residents here at our Pool. She hopes to make Merrick Place her home for a long time!

Towne's 60th Anniversary

Towne Properties is celebrating 60 years of creating, owning, and managing great places to live, work, shop, and play. Towne has been the owning and managing company of Merrick Place since the very beginning.

The initial idea for Towne Properties began with the purchase of a few row houses on St. Gregory Street in Cincinnati, Ohio by founder Neil Bortz. (Those houses later became the row homes of the Towne logo.) But it wasn't until June of 1961 that Bortz would found Towne Properties with partners Lambert Agin and Marvin Rosenburg. These men went on to initiate the renovation of the Mount Adams subdivision in Cincinnati. Towne's Home Office now resides at the top of Mt. Adams in an old monastery building.

Amid the '60s and '70s, they acquired a collection of award-winning garden apartment communities, one of which was Merrick Place. By the mid '70s, Towne started building and selling condominiums and offering third party property management services. In the mid '80s, they ventured into office centers, recreational properties, and shopping centers – including the well-known Kenwood Towne Center in Cincinnati. During the '90s, with former Mayor of Cincinnati and partner Arn Bortz, Towne Properties helped to lead the Renaissance of downtown Cincinnati, developing spots such as Fountain Place in the heart of the city and the backstage entertainment district.

Today Towne owns and/or manages thousands of apartments, HOAs, retail and office space, a marina, a nationally ranked tennis club, and so much more. We here at Merrick Place are proud to be among those Towne communities. Towne Properties' 60th Anniversary Celebration will take place this September at the Cincinnati Music Hall.



Announcements

- Social events are coming back! Keep a look out in the calendar and activities section for upcoming events. You don't want to miss out on the fun.
- Welcome to Kennedy Williams, Social Director, and Madison Bowles, Leasing Agent.
- We are pleased to announce the release of the Towne Resident App, a mobile application for residents with the following functionality:
 - Manage your profile
 - View ledgers
 - Pay rent and other charges
 - Submit and track maintenance requests
 - View announcements & events from the community
 - Manage and sign documents

Downloading and using the app is easy. It is available on the Google Play and Apple App store by searching for Towne Resident App. You can access the app using your username and password from the online

resident services portal. Need to register? You can do that in the app as well, or ask one of your office staff for help.



Please watch your speed



Do not litter



Towne Resident App



Please pick up after your pets

A Letter From John

It's summertime, and I want to remind everyone about our Annual Patio and Balcony Contest. I hope everyone will make your outdoor space beautiful! I will be looking for first, second and third place winners. They will be announced in the next newsletter.

I would like to remind those who have firewood on their balconies to either burn or remove it. This helps prevent insect infestation.

Warm weather brings people out to green space more. I'd like to remind all of our dog owners to please be respectful of your neighbors and the environment, and pick up after your dogs! This helps greatly in keeping Merrick Place beautiful.

During the summer, we will have more of our children outside playing. Sometimes with all the mowers, mulching and other loud equipment, it is difficult for the kids to hear cars coming. Please keep in mind our speed limit is 12 M.P.H. Please slow down and drive safe.

Reminder to fill out the Annual Resident Survey. I would personally like to thank you for making Merrick Place grounds the best in the company! We work hard to make Merrick Place beautiful and we appreciate your support! Thank you!

As always, if I can be any help, call the Office and let me know. I want to thank all of our residents for your support and cooperation.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer!



Johnny M. Leach

Maintenance News

Lately, it seems there has been some confusion on our work order system. Let me try and clear some of it up. When a web work order is complete, our system will notify you, as most of you know. Sometimes you will be notified your work order has been completed when it has not. The reasons for this are: There is a duplicate work order, it has been assigned to a contractor, or the order is going to another department. When a work order is assigned to a contractor or another department, a hard copy is printed and given to them since they do not have access to our system. When the hard copy is printed, we take the work order off of our phone to make room for more. If for some reason the "completed" work isn't done within a certain amount of time, call our Office for an explanation.

Enjoy your summer,
Billy Clark



Community Classifieds

Fax/copier services are available to our residents at the Clubhouse during normal leasing hours. Hands in Hands, LLC Senior Care and

Personal Services: Gina Smith: 859-361-5612.

Client Services: Basic organization and declutter, light household chores, assist with laundry, plan/prep meals, holiday decoration and cleanup, gardening, house-sitting, check-ins or plant maintenance, vehicle care, parent sitting/check-ins, pet sitting/walking, running errands. "If your need is not on the list, just ask!"

Interested in swimming lessons? Call the office about swimming lessons with a certified lifeguard.

Jennifer Goodman JGoodman Designs Mixed Utility Art (859) 913-0608. (See Photo)

Personal Fitness Trainer: 859-421-4114

Cleaning Services: Mary

Morris: 859-539-9160

C. Buxton Designs: 859-533-0443 (call/text)

We do custom fun and unique art for all types of occasions. We do paintings, stationery, portraits and many other mediums. Call to discuss your next project. We can do as simple or elaborate as you like to suit your individual needs.

New residents! Please help your mail carrier out! Fill out a card listing all occupants so the mailman can deliver. Thank you! We only list services by our residents, we don't endorse them. Call the Merrick Office to list an item for sale or services provided.



JGoodman Designs

Happy Birthday!

Staci Birch-Pettit

Carrie Newton

Johny E Selby

Audriana Wells

Francesca Corsi

Cole Montgomery

Sarah Justice

David Houge

Tracy Springate

Leigh Velasquez

Alween Varghese

Melissa Jordan

Darryl Manley

Jimin Shin

Mary Midkiff

Lonny Hill

Elizabeth Davis

James Story

Joan Smith

Sophie Anvar

Dominique Floyd

Tamara Revskaya

Betsey McConathy

Magdalena

Wanda Carole Siler

Jason Graves

Tyler Conn

W. Daniel Deatruck

Nowicka Mook

Amber James

Hyosun Kim

Kennedy Williams

Gertrude Conaway

Alexander Vice

Brandi Pratt

Caleb Blakeman

Dan Bodner

Gerald Bratz

William Embry

Hanna Thornton

Meredith Murray

Crystal Florida

David Smith

Mitsuru Ito

Candice Smith

Rebecca Mach

Catherine

Alyson Hamby

Jenifer Goodman

Chandler Gibson

Melissa Johnson

James York

Mary Van Kesteren

Elizabeth Smith

Randy Leche

Jordon Kilcoyne

Sonja Howard

Justin Warren

Michael Bruce Lane

Nick Pridemore

Alejandro Chavez

Gordon Guthrie

Robert McKee

Shelby Brown

Danielle Anderson

Hayley Leff

Megan Warren

Fang Han

Anne Oram

Brianna Grimm

A'riel Embry

John Ferguson



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Rent Due	2 12 pm: 2021 Summer Camp, WBB	3 Kentucky Summer Classic @ Kentucky Horse Park 6-8 pm: Meet The Manager, Club	4 11:15 am-1 pm: Professional Women's Forum @ Copper Roux 3-6 pm: Senior Social Hour, Club	5 4:30 pm: Ladies' Night, MI 7:15-11 pm: Sam Morrill @ Comedy Off Broadway	6 5-9 pm: Blake Jones Live @ Talon Winery	7 12:30-11 pm: Aid The Industry Wish Fest 2021 at Wildside Winery 2-6 pm: Fun in The Sun Pool Party, Pool
8 7:15 pm-12:15 am: Raanan Hershberg @ Comedy Off Broadway	9 5-8 pm: Chance McCoy of Old Crow @ The Burl	10 7-9 pm: Live Big Band and Jazz @ Ecton Park	11 7 pm-12 am: Dustin Sims @ Comedy Off Broadway	12 4:30 pm: Ladies' Night, MI 7:15 pm-12:15 am: Kelsey Cook @ Comedy Off Broadway	13 6 pm: Steven Cade @ Talon Winery	14 12 pm: Crave Food/Music Festival @ Masterson Station Park
15	16	17 Bluegrass Festival Horse Show @ KY Horse Park	18 3-6 pm: Senior Social Hour, Club 7:30-10 pm: Jim Gaffigan Comedy, Rupp	19 4:30 pm: Ladies' Night, MI 7:15 pm-12:15 am: Matt Rife @ Comedy Off Broadway	20	21 10 am-6 pm: Woodland Art Fair @ Woodland Park 7:30-9:30 pm: Robert Cray @ Grand Theatre
22 2-6 pm: Karl Shannon's Somewhat Car Cruise @ Waveland	23 7-8:30 pm: Brent Cobb & Nikki Lane @ The Burl	24 11:30 am-1:30 pm: Matchbox 20 w/ The Wallflowers @ Lex Green Circle	25 Khja Horse Show @ Ky Horse Park	26 4:30 pm: Ladies' Night, MI 7:15 pm-12:15 am: Josh Wolf @ Comedy Off Broadway	27 Kentucky Summer Horse Show @ Ky Horse Park 7-9 pm: Summer Nights in Suburbia @ Moondance Amphitheater	28 Railbird Festival, Kee
29 4-7 pm: Jazz on The Porch The Baja Yetis @ Talon Winery	30	31 7:15 pm-12:15 am: Michael Yo @ Comedy Off Broadway	Locations Clubhouse, Club Commodore		Pool, Pool Guardhouse, GH Keeneland, Kee Leasing Office, LO	

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Locations Lexington Opera House, LOH Merrick Inn, MI		Rupp Arena, Rupp Tennis Court, TC Volleyball Court, VB Whitaker Bank Ballpark, WBB		1 Rent Due 3-6 pm: Senior Social Hour, Club 8-9:30 pm: Buckcherry @ Manchester Music Hall	2 8 am: Bluegrass Classic Dog Show @ Kentucky Horse Park 4:30 pm: Ladies' Night, MI	3 6:30-8:45 pm: The Magic Hour: Paint and Sip @ Pinot's Palette
5 LABOR DAY ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS AT SUNSET	6	7 7 pm: Lexington Legends Vs. West Virginia Powe, WBB	8 8-10 pm: Backstreet Boys, Rupp	9 4:30 pm: Ladies' Night, MI 8 pm: Black Jacket Symphony, LOH	10 7 pm: Lexington Legends Vs. Gastonia Honey Hunters, WBB	11 PATRIOT DAY 6-8 pm: Expansion Music Festival @ The Burl
12 7:45 am: Sight Triathlon/Duathlon @ The Club at Spindletop 7 pm: Lexington Legends Vs. Gastonia Honey Hunters, WBB	13	14	15 YOM KIPPUR BEGINS AT SUNSET 3-6 pm: Senior Social Hour, Club	16 4:30 pm: Ladies' Night, MI 7-9 pm: Southland Jamboree @ Moondance Amphitheater	17 7:30-10 pm: Michael Cavanaugh, LOH	18 7 pm: Jennifer Westwood & Dylan Dunbar @ The Break Room
19 10 am-2 pm: Lexington Farmer's Market on Southland Drive	20 10 am-7 pm: High Hope Steeplechase @ Kentucky Horse Park	21 7:30 pm: Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers, LOH	22 AUTUMN BEGINS 7 am: Kentucky National Horse Show @ Kentucky Horse Park	23 4:30 pm: Ladies' Night, MI 7-8:30 pm: Steely Dead @ The Burl	24 9 am: The 4th Annual Bourbon Burn @ Kentucky Horse Park	25 11-12 am: Lexington Pride Festival @ Masterson Station Park
26 4-7 pm: Jazz on The Porch @ Talon Winery	27	28 3-6 pm: Bluegrass Farmers Market, 1837 Plaudit Pl	29	30 4:30 pm: Ladies' Night, MI	September	