

# Sanitation

it a “Herculean task.”

Sanford is the general manager of the Mercer County Sanitation District and the executive director of the Lake Village Water Association. He was also elected chair of the Bluegrass Area Development District last year. Lake Village and the sanitation district want to hire someone to help Sanford.

At Thursday’s meeting, the district agreed to take over a plant which would be built to serve a proposed Dossett Lane residential development on Herrington Lake if it meets all specifications.

The project is still undergoing the zoning process, but sanitation district General Manager Mike Sanford said developers hope to begin construction within a year. If planning and zoning approve it, the plant could possibly produce 100 homes.

Sanford traced the proposed route of the approved project.

“We’re going to get the

whole watershed by the time we’re done,” he told the board of directors.

The next step would be a future project that serves Normans Camp and into Burgin along Curdsville Road.

The sanitation district would apply for the discharge permit. If approved, the project would run currently with Gwinn Island and the design of the Herrington Lake project.

The state has also approved funding for the Upper Salt River Watershed Plan.

Sanford said they will work with the Kentucky Department of Water and the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The district will hire an engineering firm to prepare the watershed plan, which will be completed by October 2027. Sanford said the district will reach out to property owners.

Sanford said that at Gwinn Island, they have worked with approximately 80 households over the past

month to get easements. They hope to finish the easements in the next few weeks. While some homeowners were holding out, Sanford said they could move around them.

“The priority now is getting the advertisement out,” he said.

The board approved allocating nearly \$25,000 for easement and engineering on the project. They also authorized advertising for bids.

The district will hire contractors to handle household connections. Sanford said it would allow them to get precise pricing, versus a blanket price for installation. They will move forward with work on connections after advertising for bidding.

“I want a plumber to actually visit the property before I hire them,” Sanford said.

Plumbers have to be licensed.

The district is also requesting qualifications for engineering for the Her-

rington Lake Force Main project.

Finally, the district authorized either Sanford or attorney Larry Catlett to reimburse a homeowner for the cost of removing trees. The trees were removed at a cost of \$795. The property owner is asking the district to reimburse them for the cost of two northern red oaks, which are \$1,265.

“These seem like expensive trees for public funds,” Sanford said.

Catlett, who attended Thursday’s meeting remotely, recommended making a \$1,000 offer.

“Next time I see you, we’ll have qualifications for Herrington Lake and bids for Gwinn Island,” Sanford, who told the board before they adjourned. “It’s going to be a big June.”

The Mercer County Sanitation District’s next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 12, at 2 p.m. in the Lake Village Water Association board room (801 Pleasant Hill Drive, Burgin).

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iff’s office will also attend monthly meetings and give the council a report.

The city will pay \$30,000 a year, about what they paid for a police officer when they had one. They will also sign over the city’s 2021 police cruiser. The city has been unable to fill the empty police officer position. The money will come from salary and benefits for a police officer.

The Mercer County Fiscal Court and the Kentucky Department of Local Government have approved the agreement.

At Tuesday’s meeting, Monroe noted that the county had requested changes. The cruiser will be returned if the MCSO cancels the contract by December of this year.

City officials noted that the MCSO had stepped up patrols in Burgin even before the interlocal agreement was ratified. Mayor Monroe said he had received a complaint about the MCSO pulling someone over.

“I’ve noticed a big difference,” Monroe said.

MCSO Chief Deputy Sean Brown said that once the agreement is signed, they will log patrols in Burgin. In the afternoons, an MCSO deputy helps with school traffic.

It’s a one-year contract that can be renewed without a new agreement once.

“If we cancel it, we don’t get our money back,” noted Councilwoman Melinda Wofford.

City Attorney John Wood said that was only for the first year. Wood said Burgin would get their money back if they canceled the agreement next year.

The council also appointed two people to the code enforcement board. Burgin hasn’t been involved in county planning and zoning for years, and judging by several public meetings on the issue, there is no political will to rejoin it. That has left the city large-

ly powerless in enforcing any kind of building codes, including dilapidated properties. Mayor Monroe said that the city first created a code enforcement board in 2020, but was suspended. On Tuesday night, the council voted to appoint former Burgin City Councilman John “Skippy” Stamp to a two year term and Cherish Moore to a one year term. Stamp and Moore will join Margie Brothers, who has been appointed to a three-year term.

Monroe said the code enforcement board will be empowered to take offenders to court.

“They’re going to start citing people,” he said Tuesday.

The Mayor said the board would make decisions on what needs to be done. Monroe said he would not interfere with the board. He said the ordinance excludes elected officials, including the mayor and council, from it.

In other business, the Burgin City Council:

- Discussed flooding.

Mayor Monroe thanked the staff, contractors and council for helping during April’s catastrophic flooding.

Burgin City Hall took donations for people impacted by the flooding. Monroe said they’d been accused of misusing the money.

“We can account for every dime,” Monroe said.

Councilwoman Melinda Wofford asked if there were receipts.

“It’s all being kept,” Monroe said. He said the city had copies of the checks and cash. He said there was \$4,400 in the account.

The mayor said they did not want an outside organization handling things for Burgin. He said some donors had requested anonymity.

“That is one of the reasons I kept it hush-hush,” Monroe said.

Wofford suggested allowing another agency to handle it moving forward.

The mayor also announced that the University of Kentucky had completed the first round of testing to find a possible solution to the flooding, which has plagued Burgin for years. Monroe said he was meeting with UK on Tuesday, May 27, to discuss the findings. After the meeting, Monroe said he would try to set up a town hall meeting so they could explain it to the rest of the community. The second round of testing—flow testing—will happen in the second week of June to see how much water the spring can take. The next phase is to drill test wells to see how much water they’re dealing with.

- Gave a second reading to amend the ordinance for alcohol, restricting the sale of individual drinks at bars. The amendment would not impact restaurants and would still allow beer trucks at festivals.

Burgin City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, June 3, so staffers can attend alcohol training.

- Awarded \$500 scholarships to Burgin Independent graduates Abigail Kuhn, Kelsie Peavler, and Gabrielle Thompson. The council also approved a \$500 contribution to Project Graduation.
- Discussed complaints about the city cemetery. Monroe said they had received complaints about grass and weed-eating at the cemetery. The mayor said he hired two men to help. On Tuesday, the council approved employing the two seasonal workers at \$10 an hour for up to 10 hours a week. The money comes from the cemetery fund.

Monroe said they would start posting information on the cemetery monthly, as well as at each entrance.

Janet Sanders complained about several issues at the cemetery, including scratches on relatives’ headstones which she attributed to weed trimmers as well as

trash cans not being emptied and grass not being mowed. Sanders provided the council with images.

Wofford said they had received complaints last Mother’s Day. Monroe said it wasn’t mowed because it had rained 14 days before Mother’s Day.

Sanders also complained about flowers she’d planted between headstones and around a tree being cut down.

“They cut my flowers down,” Sanders said. “Only mine. Not anywhere else.”

She asked to be reimbursed for the flowers.

“I donated them,” Sanders said. “They were my flowers.”

Councilwoman Sarah Moran said she understands why Sanders is upset.

“The flowers around the tree were not approved,” Moran said. “I don’t think it’s fair for city taxpayers to pay for flowers that were not approved.”

The city council did not approve reimbursing Sanders for the flowers.

Sanders said she had not been given a copy of any rules when she purchased the plots 20 years ago.

“These rules don’t really pertain to me,” Sanders said.

According to the attorney, a city ordinance restricts where flowers can be planted. They can be planted within a border around the headstones, but permission is needed from the city.

City Attorney John Wood asked Sanders to write a plan and give it to the mayor for his signature.

The City of Burgin will hold a Family Fun Day, including a ribbon cutting for the new pavilion at the park at 308 Main Street, Burgin, on Saturday, June 7, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Burgin City Council will be Tuesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Burgin City Hall (117 Maple Street, Burgin).

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man awarded \$1.4 million for community projects that promote the use of recycled Kentucky waste tires and help support healthy, outdoor activities for Kentucky families.

Funding for 37 projects in 31 counties include benches, picnic tables, and poured-in-place surfacing for walking trails, walkways, fitness areas, and playgrounds using recycled waste tires.

“This program takes a problem—waste tires in Kentucky—and turns it into opportunity,” said Gov. Beshear in a press release. “These projects support our New Kentucky Home and

provide outdoor resources like walking trails and updated playgrounds that support an active lifestyle for our families.”

Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman said the program continues to grow in popularity.

“This year, we had 52 applications from across the Commonwealth,” Goodman said. “Not only are we able to help grow tire-recycling markets across the state and encourage proper management of waste tires, but we’re also supporting our communities in creating recreational opportunities.”

Grant funding comes from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, established in 1998 by the Kentucky General Assembly to receive fees collected from new tire sales. The fund helps manage the approximately 5 million scrap tires generated in Kentucky each year and promotes the development of markets for recycled tire products.

Anderson-Dean Community Park is located at 1501 Louisville Road. Their phone number is 859-734-9167. For more information, email Stephen.anderson@anderson-deancommunitypark.com or visit their website at anderson-deancommunitypark.com.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

- Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Bataan Post 6935 will be placing flags on cemeteries on Thursday, May 22 and Saturday, May 24.
- The Battle Cemetery Decoration Day will be Sunday, May 25, from noon to 2 p.m. Trustees will be present collecting donations for upkeep of the cemetery.
- The Mercer Chamber of Commerce has begun planning for the 2025 Christmas parade on Friday, Dec. 5. This year’s theme is the Nutcracker. Those wanting to participate can follow the Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/events/1460291258103745/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/1460291258103745/?active_tab=discussion).

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# OBITUARIES



**RYAN BUSH**

Ryan Neil Bush, 29, of Nicholasville, died Monday, May 12, 2025, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Born March 24, 1996, in Danville, he was the son of Carl (Sherry) Bush of Harrodsburg and Deborah Satterly (Evan) Fenwick of Harrodsburg.

He was a stay-at-home dad who enjoyed time with his son.

Survivors in addition to his parents include: his partner, Kylie Wagner Parkinson of Nicholasville; one son, Aiden Neil Bush; four brothers, Damon Bush, Jaron Sallee, Jake Sallee and Jesse Sallee, all of Har-

rodsburg; two sisters, Jessica Cordray of Danville and Jodie Egner of Harrodsburg; paternal grandparents Michael and Lena Bush; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jackie Satterly and Bessie Satterly.

Funeral services were held Saturday May 17, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home and Cremation Services with James Baker and Bo Venable officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be send to the family at alexanderandroyalty.com.



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**The Harrodsburg Water Department has completed their Annual Drinking Water Quality - Confidence Report.**

This report is to provide customers with important information on the quality of drinking water. Notification of availability will be distributed to customers on their upcoming water bill. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the 2024 Annual Water Quality Report, contact the Harrodsburg Water Department at 734-2383 or the Harrodsburg Water Treatment Plant at 748-5198.

This report can also be viewed at [www.tapwaterinfo.com/harrodsburg.pdf](http://www.tapwaterinfo.com/harrodsburg.pdf).

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The Mercer County Fiscal Court invites bidders to submit a SEALED BID for: CRUMB RUBBER POURED-IN-PLACE PLAYGROUND MAT, to be installed at Anderson Dean Community Park. Sealed bids will be accepted through Monday, June 9th, 2025 at 4pm. Bids will be opened publicly in the Fiscal Court Meeting at 10am on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025. For questions regarding requirements or specifications for the bid request, please contact Missey Ellis at 859-743-6300 or at [mellis@mercercy.com](mailto:mellis@mercercy.com). Sealed bids MUST be returned by mail or hand delivered to the Mercer Co Judge Executive’s office at 207 W. Lexington Street, Harrodsburg KY 40330.

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