

Slight increase draws fewer comments in Fox Chase

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FOX CHASE – There were few comments as the Fox Chase City Council was looking for suggestions on how to spend the increase in tax dollars.

However, the extra dollars produced by a slightly higher tax rate would generate few dollars for city projects.

City attorney Mark Edison said the public hearing, held 15 minutes prior to the regular May meeting, was required. The public hearing was advertised in the May 8 issue of The Pioneer News.

He estimated the city would generate \$300-\$400 in additional tax dollars.

Mayor Owen Taylor said that he would recommend any extra dollars be used to pay for the ever-growing garbage expense.

The city is the lone municipality in Bullitt County to pay the costs for sanitation service. The contract with Rumpke is around \$44,800, according to the mayor.

Former councilmember Lois Whitis said the garbage service is important to the homeowners in Fox Chase.

On a night in which the

council would approve the 2025-26 budget, there would be a carryover of \$250,000 in the general fund.

But councilman Ed Berger said one single catastrophic event could wipe all of the city's money.

For example, sinkholes are possible. Luckily, the sinking of Hebron Lane adjacent to the city's entrance on Fox Chase Drive, happened to a state highway. But Berger said it could happen in Fox Chase.

In the recent past, he said there have been small sinkholes which had to be repaired on city streets.

Taylor said the city is basically sitting on top of a rock quarry. A former quarry sits to the south and two quarries operate off Preston Highway to the east.

Resident Bill Broughton was concerned about the two small bridges that are located near the corporate limits.

Later in the regular part of the meeting, the council approved the upcoming budget by a 5-0 vote. David Selby was not present.

In the budget, the city would have \$360,100 to spend out of the general fund, including the carryover.

Fox Chase would have another \$56,000 set aside in a building fund. The municipal aid account would have \$7,000 and the local government economic assistance fund would have another \$400.

The city will receive \$53,000 from the insurance premium surcharge and another \$44,000 from property taxes.

The largest expense in the city's upcoming budget would be \$46,000 for sanitation service. General government services would be another \$25,000.

Compensation for the mayor and six councilmembers would total \$7,200 with the new city clerk, Joy Priddy, receiving \$5,000 a year.

In other business:

*Mark Krauss reported the latest numbers relating to the city's radar sign.

Over the past month, when motorists are facing the radar sign, the compliance rate is 84.71 percent. However, drivers approaching from the rear of the radar sign are in compliance over 69 percent of the time.

During the past month, he reported the police wrote one stop sign violation and several speeding tickets.

The sign can be moved to

different locations.

Taylor said he didn't know what to do to eliminate speeders. For example, he said Hillview has 21 officers, 12 speed radar signs and speed humps but that won't eliminate those who drive too fast.

Berger quickly said he would not be in favor of adding speed humps, an issue addressed several years ago.

*The council approved an ordinance related to the elimination of the planned unit development language in the current Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission regulations.

The planning commission is asking all local agencies to strike the PUD language from the regulations.

*Linda Cutsinger, who was the leading votegetter in the November 2024 general election for city council, said that her integrity had been questioned by some residents.

The business owner said that she had gotten calls and emails questioning her work on the city council. She said she had attended all the trainings required and was qualified to serve the role on the council, although she was questioned by some.

When elected, there was no intent to come in and make changes. Instead, she wanted to listen and learn what the council and mayor were doing with the intent to bring integrity to the town board and the city.

Several in the audience thanked Cutsinger and were sorry that others had a different opinion.

Cutsinger did seek Edison's opinion on a councilmember who walks out of a meeting and what would be the repercussion. David Selby, who was not in attendance at the May meeting, left prior to the conclusion of the March meeting.

Edison said there is nothing legally wrong with a city official leaving a meeting early. The only problem is if a number of them left the council without enough present to make a quorum.

The next meeting of the Fox Chase City Council will be on Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at the University of Louisville South Hospital Medical Plaza I in the Larry Belcher Community Room. The public is invited to attend.

Free Youth fishing derby set for June 7 in Bullitt Co.

The annual BULLITT COUNTY YOUTH FISHING DERBY will be hosted by the Kentucky Conservation Officer's Association, with the Bullitt County Rod and Gun Club, and Jim Beam Distilleries

There will be free entry, open to all youth, ages 15 and under -- along with their families.

During the Free Fishing Weekend, on Saturday, June 7, the lake will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All Youth participants must sign in to receive their ticket and be eligible for PRIZE DRAWINGS!

FOOD and DRINKS provided by the Bullitt County Rod and Gun Club.

Trophy Presentation following event for Big Fish, Most Fish, and Li'L Fish!

Learn to cast and identify fish species with Kentucky Depart-

ment of Fish and Wildlife Resources professionals!

Fish Cleaning/Preparing Demos throughout the day!"

Silent Auction! Handcrafted lures, antique rods and reels, and numerous pieces of gear! Donations and proceeds go directly towards sponsoring a child for Conservation Camp or to be introduced to Kentucky's hunting and fishing heritage!

Items donated by local avid sportsman and patron of the Outdoors, the late Sid Anthony

You can click the link below to register for the event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1301982277039?aff=oddttdcreator>

It will be held at the lake at Bernheim Forest across from the entrance to Jim Beam Distillery on Highway 245 in Shepherdsville.



Students were recently honored for their work in the classroom by the Bullitt County Scottish Rite Club. Among those honored was Dawson Bell of Riverview Opportunity Center.

Worship Together

Spend some quality family time together. Worship at the church of your choice. Our community has a number of churches and a variety of denominations for you and your family.



HEBRON LANE CHURCH OF CHRIST
1/4 Mile E. of Preston Hwy.
Services:
Sunday Morning 9:00
Sunday Evening 5:00
Wednesday Evening 7:30
Ron Halbrook, Evangelist & Danny Linden, Evangelist
957-5115
hebronchurchofchrist.com

Davidson Memorial United Methodist Church
Come As You Are!
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Bob Sweeney
265 S. Buckman St.
Shepherdsville
(502) 543-4422

1st Christian Church
317 Fairlane Drive
Mt. Washington, Ky. 40047
Phone 502-538-4257
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Traditional Worship 10:30 A.M.
"Hymns from the Hymnbook"
Wednesday Evening 6:00 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer Time
Larry G. Oetzel, Evangelist
"The end of your search for A New Testament Church"

Vision Valley Baptist Church
"We preach Jesus."
Independent, Soul-Winning, KJB, Bus Ministry
Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.
850 Fisher Lane,
Mt. Washington, KY
502-904-0616
visionvalleybaptist.org
On YouTube: Vision Valley Baptist Church
Pastor Tim DeVries

ST BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH
211 West Oak Street
Lebanon Junction
543-5918
Father Adam Carrico, pastor
Mass Schedule
Sunday.....9AM
Tues. & Thurs.8:30AM
Sunday Confessions
8:15-8:45

ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
187 So. Plum Street
Shepherdsville
543-5918
Father Adam Carrico, Pastor
Mass Schedule:
Saturday 4:30 P.M.
Sunday 11 A.M.
Mon./Wed./Fri. 8 A.M.
Confession
Saturday 3:45-4:15 P.M.
Sunday 10:20-10:45 A.M.

Overdale Global Methodist Church
515 Overdale Drive
Rev. Don Craig
957-4567 Church
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Food Pantry Third Tuesday of Month

First Baptist Church Shepherdsville
254 S. Buckman St.
502-543-7721
Sunday Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
To learn more about FBC, our activities and ministries go to our website
www.fbcshp.org

First Baptist Church Mt. Washington
320 N. Bardstown Rd.
538-7361 or 965-6539
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
www.fbcmw.org

Kings Baptist Church
989 Kings Church Rd.
Worship 10:30am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Evening Worship 6pm
kingsbaptist.net
538-6902 • 904-9264

"Sharing the Love of the Lord"
IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1810 West Blue Lick Road
Shepherdsville, KY 40165
SUNDAY
Bible Study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 11:00 AM-6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study & Youth 6:00 PM
Pastor: Carl M. Thomas
ImmanuelbcShepherdsville.org

Bethel United Methodist Church
7357 Hwy 44 E.
Mt. Washington, Kentucky
Sunday worship service...9 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study
Children: 6 p.m.
Adults: 7 p.m.
Rev. Wallace Votaw
538-8116
BethelBullitt.org
"Welcome Home"
@BethelUMCKY.com

Eastern Gate Baptist Church
3699 N. Preston Hwy.
Shepherdsville
1 Mile South of Hebron Lane
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting..7:00 p.m.
Rev. Jeff Anders - Pastor
955-1288
Southern Baptist Convention

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
155 Stringer Lane
Mt. Washington, KY 40047
538-4933 • 955-5366
Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Tues. & Fri. 8:30 a.m.
www.sfmw.com
Rev. Dale Cieslik, Pastor

Sunnyside Baptist Church
2722 Knob Creek Rd.
Shepherdsville
922-4848 • Church Clerk 543-2160
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 11:00am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night 7:00 pm
Everyone is Welcome!
www.sunnysidebc.com

VBS June 16-20
6-9pm
Vine Hill Baptist Church
2078 Clermont Road
Magnified!
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm
Sunday School 9:45 am
Bro. Greg Crenshaw, Pastor
www.vinehillbaptist.net

Mt. Washington Church of Christ
Entrances on Hwy. 44 off Sunnyside Drive
Services
Sunday morning Bible Study 9:45
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:30
Preacher-- Sam Fowler
"Growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ"

You Belong at the
Lebanon Junction Church of Christ!
10989 S. Preston Hwy
Sunday: 10 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM
Wednesday: 7 PM
Call or Text
270-401-3096

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to get your church listed.