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A cool time
downtown



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Friday Night On Main In August

The Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourist Commission hosted Friday Night On Main on Friday, Aug. 7. **Above:** Whitney Johns and James Johns enjoy some ice cream and some of the Eagles' greatest hits by the band Night Flyer. The tourist commission will host the first weekend of the Lawn on Main (126 South Main Street) starting Friday, Aug. 21, at 4 p.m. and running to Sunday, Aug. 23, at 5 p.m. In addition to food trucks, there will be live music and karaoke on the opening weekend.



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Jesse and Linda Pike seemed to be having a great time downtown.



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Stephanie Carpenter was all about the bubbles Friday night.

Planning and zoning
commission approves
College Street rezoning

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Residents of the Audubon subdivision in Harrodsburg may get some relief from the recent flooding issue that has been plaguing the neighborhood, but it remains to be seen how happy they will be with at least one potential solution.

At their regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 6, the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission approved a zoning change for 1.51-acre tract on College Street from R-1 (residential) to B-2 (business). The property is owned by Richard Reed, Tiffany Zammit and Stuart and Janice Martt.

Attorney Robert L. Gullette Jr. of Nicholasville represented the applicants during a public hearing conducted by the planning and zoning commission Thursday. Gullette said the property fronts U.S. 127 and is located across the street from Walmart. He presented the commissioners with a conceptual building plan and a map.

Monty Rhody of Rhody Engineering and Land Surveying said the applicants would like to build a 6,000-square-foot commercial building with parking and a stormwater detention pond.

Residents of Audubon subdivision have recently complained about flooding in the neighborhood.

"We'll make sure every bit of the water from this development goes into this pond," said Rhody, who also said there would be buffering.

Gullette introduced text messages between himself and Kylie Donnally, the executive director of planning and zoning, to indicate that all requirements under state law had been met.

Gullette said the zone change would be in agreement with the comprehensive plan. He also said the property, which has access to 127 but not to the rest of the subdivision, is currently inappropriately zoned. Gullette produced two affidavits from local realtors agreeing

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Harrodsburg
to draft data
center
moratorium

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The City of Harrodsburg is drafting a data center moratorium.

At its regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 10, the Harrodsburg City Commission approved City Attorney Norrie Currens drafting a data center moratorium similar to the one being enacted by the Mercer County Fiscal Court. It was noted that the fiscal court has no jurisdiction over

the city and the city commission has no jurisdiction over the county.

The Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission read a text amendment to the zoning ordinances concerning data centers at the end of last month.

The amendment creates a new zoning designation, Industrial Technology Zone (I-T), which is intended for "emerging technology uses requiring large physical foot-

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Fiscal court
give second
reading to
data center
moratorium
MAGISTRATES SELECT NEW
PROPERTY TAX RATE

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People applauded after the Mercer County Fiscal Court gave second reading to a temporary moratorium on data centers.

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 11, the fiscal court unanimously approved the data center moratorium after voting to amend some of the language from the first draft, which includes striking the language dealing with projects that had previously filed, because so far no one

has filed an application to build a hyperscale data center in Mercer County.

The Harrodsburg City Commission voted Monday to draft a moratorium on data centers. The county moratorium takes effect immediately upon passage and remains in effect for 12 months, but the fiscal court can terminate the moratorium earlier by subsequent ordinance—which would include the text amendment to zoning ordinances approved by the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission on

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Scott Elder resigns
as HPD chief;
Fraddosio named
interim chief

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Chief Scott Elder has resigned from the Harrodsburg Police Department effective Aug. 31.

"It has been an honor to lead a department made up of dedicated, hardworking pro-

fessionals who put their lives on the line each and every day," Elder said in his resignation letter. "Together, we have worked to strengthen public safety, build relationships, and serve our citizens with integrity and professionalism. I am proud of what we have accomplished, and I am

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