

City Commissioner charged with DUI

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The Madison County Sheriff's Office has confirmed the arrest of Richmond City Commissioner Jim Newby on July 3.

According to the Madison County Detention Center inmate log, he was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and disre-

garding a stop sign. The log also indicates that he has been released.

The Sheriff's Office offered no statement other than confirmation of the arrest.

The Register has reached out to the City of Richmond and Newby for comment. They have yet to respond.

For his part, Newby made a post on social media about the arrest.

"Hey folks, I guess you've learned

by now that I made a mistake last nite. I dont give reasons or excuses for anything I do. I own everything I do. Good or bad. When I first ran for commissioner the first thing I said was Ive done things in my life that Im extremely proud of and Ive done lots of things Im not so proud of. All of those things made me what I am," on me. Thx"



JIM NEWBY

the post reads. "Please dont let one nite define what you think of me. As long as Im up there I will always keep doing what I do. I'll never change who I am but I still learn lessons every day. I realize Im in a high position in the community and I'll always keep fightin' for ya. Please dont give up

Dry Dock requests public support in building new door



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Rebecca Pinson (left) and Ray Hunter (right) stand outside the front door of the Dry Dock. They're currently asking the community for support to replace that door.

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Nearly 50,000 people have passed through the front door of the Dry Dock since last October. The recovery community center on Four Mile Road in Richmond has been a beacon of support for those battling addiction through the decades.

The Dry Dock hosts over 20 meetings a week for the 12 Step Program and other mutual aid support groups. While the Dock isn't an affiliate of Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, they do host meetings for both groups. They're also home to one of

the first ever in-person meetings places in the country for Love Addicts Anonymous.

"I'm grateful that there was someone there for me when I was the person coming through that door. I'm grateful I get to be that person for somebody else now, that I get to make that transition a little bit easier, a little bit softer," said Rebecca Pinson, a peer support specialist for the Dry Dock.

For the first time ever, the Dry Dock is asking the community for support. Thanks to a grant from the Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program, they'll be able to

replace the door for their facility on Four Mile Road.

"We were approved for a new commercial steel door. The current door is a residential door. It's pretty banged up. We haven't had any problems with it in awhile, but we have had people try to break into it. It just needs replaced," said Dry Dock President Ray Hunter.

The grant only covers the cost of the door, not the installation. It's also a reimbursement grant, meaning the Dry Dock has to pay for the door and installation before they are

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FLOOD

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water out of the house. "We had to move our cars," Rob Stenstrom said. "We got towels and rugs to block all the entrance ways. We got bags of mulch and sand. By that time, the rain had stopped."

More than three feet of water, however, ended up in the house's crawl space, which had to be pumped out.

The same frantic scene played out that morning all along Goggins Lane.

"We couldn't even see the fences in our yard," said Cheryl Macomber, who lives on the corner of Sundae Drive. "The water was over the road. It came up the stairwell (into the house). Everything was floating."

Water flooded into the home's basement, which is where Macomber's violin shop was located.

"It ruined everything," she said. "My instruments were up in my showroom. So, I saved those," Macomber said. "All my tools, though, spilled out onto the floor. We got them out of the mud, but they are rusting and molding already."

As few days later, her family and friends — some of which came from

California — and members of the church she attends were there to help clean out the basement.

They hauled the water-soaked remains of her workshop, piece by piece, to the curb.

"There were some very nice antiques, but now, they are gone," she said.

Macomber moved to Madison County from California in 2020. She's witnessed Irvine Lick rise before but was still shocked by what she witnessed on June 27.

"It does flood, just not like this," the violin maker said. "Every year it gets worse."

Macomber and the Stenstroms believe they know why the flooding is getting worse.

They point to recent property development in the area, most notably the City of Richmond's Regional Sports Complex.

The 280-acre, \$60 million project sits on top of an elevated surface between Goggins Lane and Bates Creek Road and features turf soccer and football fields, pickleball, tennis and basketball courts, a playground and a pavilion. The city broke ground on the park in 2023 and recently announced the opening of the facility would be pushed

back to later this year.

"As soon as they started building (that park) my mother said, 'Nothing has ever happened, but you watch. That water has nowhere to go, but down here,'" Audra Stenstrom said.

Lots of water poured down from the regional park onto Goggins Lane and into Irvine Lick during the historic flash flood.

"That wasn't an act of God. It was an act of people," Rob Stenstrom said. "It's the infrastructure. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure it out."

Water washed over the road, forcing first responders to rescue stranded motorists from their cars.

"It was like waves coming into the garage," Audra Stenstrom said.

The water, which didn't come over the road, still reached the other side.

The main drainage pipes from the park go under Goggins Lane and direct the flow towards Irvine Lick.

"It all goes into that creek," Macomber said. "They could have taken that water down (further). I was shocked. I thought they would have figured that out. They just dumped the water on us."

According to Jill Williams, Madison County's

Deputy Judge Executive, local officials responded to more than 1,500 emergency calls and performed 68 water rescues in just more than two hours.

The City of Richmond and the county both declared a state of emergency and three people died in the flooding, including a drowning on Bates Creek Road.

"I'm 51 years old and I saw places flood where I've never seen rising water before," Richmond Police Chief Rodney Richardson said during a press confer-

ence on June 29. "It was truly tragic."

Richmond's City Manager says the tragic events of June 26 were a direct result of a catastrophic and historic weather phenomenon.

"We had 10 inches of rain in 24 hours," Rob Minerich said. "I can assure you that the park did not cause the flooding (on Goggins Lane)."

Minerich said the city worked with Bell Engineering to design the drainage system at the park,

which includes retention and detention ponds.

"It probably holds water better than it did before," Minerich said.

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2. the amount of the claim;
3. the basis for the claim;
4. the date the claim arose or is alleged to have arisen; and
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A claim against 712 Washington, LLC will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after the publication date of this notice, as provided by KRS 275.325.

MURDER

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Office in Frankfort for an autopsy.

Around 7:54 p.m. on the night of the 6th, Deputies with the

Madison County Sheriff's Office were called to 219 Barker Lane East after reports of shots fired.

Their preliminary investigation found that McClure and Matthews were involved in a domestic dispute. The coro-

ner's office pronounced Matthews dead at 8:35 p.m.

McClure is being held in the Madison County Detention Center. The case remains under investigation by the Madison County Sheriff's Office.