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Enterprising Cities, Enterprising Awards

*KLC Celebrates Cities,
People and Programs
at the 76th KLC
Annual Convention*



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FRONT PAGE NEWS

Enterprising Cities, Enterprising Awards

KLC Congratulates Kentucky's Enterprising Cities at Annual Convention

Each year, the Kentucky League of Cities presents the Enterprise Cities Award to cities that have demonstrated entrepreneurship, innovation and excellence in local governance. Projects are judged in seven key areas:

innovativeness or creativity of the program, long-term value to the community, adaptability to other cities, use of public/private partnerships, ability to achieve project benchmarks, community/citizen participation in planning

and/or initiating the project, and efficiency of the program.

KLC is pleased to announce the 2005 Enterprise Cities Award winners in each of the four population categories:

One of a Kind Streetscape

Population Under 5,000
Horse Cave (pop. 2,253),
Mayor JoAnne Smith

Horse Cave Streetscape Project - The Horse Cave Streetscape Project changed the commercial district's narrow streets and broken sidewalks into an appealing downtown area for residents, shoppers, tourists and businesses.



The city/citizen driven project is bringing historic buildings and the city back to life.

Bringing Sights and Sounds Back to Life

Population between 5,001-15,000
Glasgow (pop. 13,614), Mayor Darrell Pickett

The Plaza Theatre - Through a collaborative effort, the Mayor, city council, city leaders, residents and businesses raised funds to restore the 1,200 seat Plaza Theatre to its previous glory as a part of a coordinated downtown revitalization and long term economic development effort. The theater is now considered

the region's premier community performing arts center.



Creating Nature's Classroom

Population between 15,001-40,000
Madisonville (pop. 19,300), Mayor Karen L. Cunningham

Madisonville City Park Serenity Path - In 2004 the City of Madisonville, the Community Improvement Foundation and the Kentucky Division of Forestry joined forces to create the Falcon O. & Ernestine Baker Serenity Path, a scenic lakeside walkway for the community. The Path also serves a deeper purpose as a living classroom which aligns

with Hopkins County Schools curriculum and the Kentucky Core Content.



One-Stop Shop Helping Development

Population over 40,000
Louisville Metro (pop. 700,000),
Mayor Jerry Abramson

Metro Development Center - The recently opened Metro Development Center is a "one-stop shop" for development-related business for local developers, builders and homeowners. Metro government agencies that provide assistance and guidance to developers,

builders and homeowners began moving into one building late last year, after having been spread out in five different buildings six blocks apart.



The Other Entries . . .

KLC also salutes Kentucky's other enterprising cities who entered the competition

Population under 5,000: Augusta (Riverwalk); Carlisle (Vanlandingham Park); Carrollton (Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility); Crab Orchard (City of Crab Orchard Economic Development Program); Harlan (The Harlan Center); Hyden (Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Line Extension); Marion (Downtown Revitalization); Midway (Lee's Branch Creek Bluegrass PRIDE Project); Olive Hill (Volunteerism Efforts); Paintsville (Playground

Enhancement Project); Springfield (Community Services: City/School Partnerships); Windy Hills (Rudy Lane Sidewalk).

Population between 5,001-15,000: Edgewood (Adopt-A-Unit Iraq Troop Adoption); Frenchburg (PRIDE Wastewater Collection Improvements); Hillview (Spotlight on Youth); Mount Sterling (Mattie Lee Housing Project); Prospect (Real-Time Resident Notification via E-mail Alerts); Taylor Mill

(Neighborhood Emergency Assistance); Versailles (KCTCS and Versailles: A Permanent Partnership).

Population between 15,001-40,000: Ashland (A Cleaner Ashland); Erlanger (Advanced Life Support); Fort Thomas (Central Business District Revitalization Project); Frankfort (Cove Spring Park/Nature Preserve); Paducah (Heritage Place).

Population over 40,000: Owensboro (New Ways Property Maintenance).

Thank you to our distinguished judges, whose enterprising enthusiasm for cities is an asset to Kentucky: Mayor Brenda Allen, Campbellsville; Mayor David Cartmell, Maysville; Mayor Karen L. Cunningham, Madisonville; Mayor Stacia Peyton, Dawson Springs; Mayor Elaine Walker, Bowling Green; Councilmember Anthony Bishop, Elizabethtown; Daryl Love, Ashland, Inc.; and Keith Kappes, Morehead State University.

CITY CHRONICLES

Cities Make Great Stories



Have you seen the movie *Elizabethtown*? Filmed in several Kentucky cities, it is the story of a young man named Drew who is devastated professionally, then loses his father, a native of Elizabethtown, Kentucky. At the lowest point in his life, Drew goes to Kentucky to bring his father's body back to Oregon. In the process, the experiences and people he encounters in Elizabethtown teach him a lot about himself and cause him to consider what's truly important. Though reviews are mixed, Kentucky's strong values are portrayed very positively.

Those of us in the "city business" know the importance of community. But we can never forget that our communities truly are what WE make them. I always come away from our KLC convention with a renewed sense of appreciation for your work and a rekindled enthusiasm for our work at KLC. Cities of all sizes are doing remarkable things, constantly making the places you live better. This year's flourishing convention host city, Louisville ("Looavul"), and its Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson certainly illustrate that nicely.

Over the past few weeks KLC and NewCities have been actively telling the stories of Kentucky cities at numerous events throughout the state and around the country. We met with various leadership groups in central Kentucky including the GOLD Local Issues Conference, and new Board President and Morehead Mayor Brad Collins joined me to participate in the Kentucky Housing Association Conference. NewCities Executive Vice President Tom Prather joined me in working with KCTCS and other partners as we continue to build on critical relationships. Representatives of KLC provided testimony on the Judiciary Committee on Eminent Domain and the National League of Cities allowed me to serve as their spokesperson on this issue during the October 14 Power Lunch program on CNBC television.

In addition, NewCities has taken a solid national stage and is under contract with the city of Moscow, Idaho for a 2005-2006 pilot program. Their local response to community building has been remarkable with more than 1,000 Moscow citizens in attendance at the kick-off, "community conversations" and community charettes events.

We know your work is challenging. As we approach the legislative session and a new year, we will continue to carry the "Cities United!" message to the legislature, key constituents and the public. At KLC, we see a large part of our role as advocating for the value of cities, for the budgetary and operational issues, but also for what Drew felt in *Elizabethtown*, the sense that we all need someplace to belong.

Finally, I want to thank Maysville Mayor David Cartmell for his excellent work as our KLC Board Chair this past year and welcome Morehead Mayor Brad Collins as he takes over in that role. Both truly personify the best in local leadership and I'm humbled to work with them.... It's like a Hollywood story.

Sincerely,

Sylvia L. Lovely
Sylvia L. Lovely, KLC Executive Director/CEO

NATIONAL SCENE

Mayor Cartmell Testifies in D.C.



KLC President and Maysville Mayor David Cartmell had the opportunity to speak before the Congressional Sub Committee on Federalism and the Census with testimony on brownfields remediation while recently in Washington. In his testimony he:

- ♦ touted the establishment of a Kentucky Chapter of the National Brownfields Association
- ♦ encouraged expansion of the brownfield tax credits to governments in addition to private property owners
- ♦ encouraged a faster turnaround time for preliminary environmental tests by creating a national model for a streamlined remediation process

For a complete copy of the written testimony, please visit our website at www.klc.org.

1. Congressman Mike Turner (R-Ohio), Chair, House Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census with Maysville Mayor David W. Cartmell.
2. Mayor Cartmell testifying before the Congressional Sub Committee.



NEWCITIES NEWS



NewCity Moscow was officially launched on September 22, 2005 with several hundred people in attendance at Friendship Square in downtown Moscow, Idaho. Sylvia L. Lovely delivered the keynote message challenging the citizens of Moscow to work together to become engaged in determining the future of their community.

1. Mayor Marshall Comstock presents Sylvia L. Lovely with a Key to the City of Moscow, Idaho.
2. Mayor Marshall Comstock, Sylvia L. Lovely, and NewCities Executive Vice President Tom Prather chat at a reception held in City Hall.
3. University of Idaho President Timothy P. White meets with Sylvia L. Lovely and Tom Prather at Friendship Square.



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Discounted Deadline: October 28, 2005

Hailed as "The Online Oscars" by *Time* magazine, the Webby Awards celebrate the evolution of the internet as the driving force shaping popular culture, business, and society today. The government category honors sites that enable online citizen action, offer self-help information, publish government documents and forms, and provide access to services provided by government agencies. No organization is too big or small to enter. Winners will be honored at a gala ceremony in New York City in June 2006.

TECH EDGE

Cities Referring Cities to Save!



With rising fuel and other costs, it has never been more critical for cities to use programs like electronic sealed bidding to save money and resources. Collectively, Kentucky cities have saved millions using the KLC Information Technology electronic sealed bidding program. KLCIT encourages cities to contact officials that have participated in the program to learn more about its advantages!

For example, Louisville Metro has conducted 19 online auctions and has saved more than \$565,000 by using the KLCIT program - an average savings of 6.2% - on things like IT equipment, police cars, ammunition, phone service, street salt, and their parking garage security contract.

Recent examples include:

Central City - first online bidding event

Two new sanitation trucks

Six suppliers \$15,620 below benchmark price

Contact: David Rhoades, City Administrator at 270-754-5097 or centralc@muhlon.com.

Louisville Metro - 17th online bidding event

Minimum purchase of 15,000 tons of salt

Four suppliers 4.2% or \$22,500 on a minimum 15,000 tons of salt

Contact: Craig Bowen, Director of Purchasing at 502-574-6988 or craig.bowen@loukymetro.org.

Somerset - fourth online bidding event

New backhoe for Water/Wastewater Division
Five suppliers 5.9% savings below benchmark price

Contact: Charles Dick, Water & Wastewater Division Manager at 606-678-6646.



What are you waiting for?

Savings Stats with Electronic Sealed Bidding:

- ♦ 57 participating governmental entities
- ♦ \$2.1 million savings to cities
- ♦ 15% average savings on IT equipment
- ♦ 7.8% average savings below benchmark estimates for all purchases

To get started contact Kirby Ramsey, Chief Information Officer at 800-876-4552, ext. 3752 or kramsey@klc.org.

- ♦ Indiana Counties - Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington

The total MetroSafe initiative is expected to be a \$71 million project, fully complete in 2007. With the Barret Avenue facility operational, city officials will now turn attention to the project's second phase, to be located downtown at 410 S. Fifth St., in the former Federal Reserve Building. When it is complete, the downtown MetroSafe facility will become Louisville's primary emergency-communications center, with the Barret facility as a backup communications center.

"When fully implemented, MetroSafe will put our community among the top tier of American cities in terms of emergency preparedness," Abramson said.

BIG IDEAS/INNOVATIONS

Louisville's MetroSafe Communications Hub Connects Emergency Responders in Region

The Gulf Coast disaster dramatically illustrates the importance of interoperability and multi-jurisdictional communication.

In September, Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson announced the activation of MetroSafe, a regional communications system that will link various agencies and regional emergency responders in several jurisdictions.

"The implementation of MetroSafe is a significant step in creating a safer community for all of us," Abramson said. "Connecting our first responders means better emergency response and increased coordination in a crisis."

The new Barrett Street MetroSafe facility now serves as the central emergency-communications, 9-1-1 and dispatching hub for Louisville, bringing together Louisville Metro police, urban and suburban fire, EMS, EMA, public-service agency

call takers and 32 dispatchers that had previously been based in four different locations. The basement of the former Jefferson County Police headquarters underwent an \$800,000 renovation to create the communications facility that is equipped with a \$7 million radio-communications system.

Through the MetroSafe system, Louisville Metro personnel are now able to communicate with emergency personnel with the following jurisdictions:

- ♦ Kentucky State Police and Indiana State Police
- ♦ Jefferson County Sheriff
- ♦ Cities - Anchorage, Jeffersontown, Shively, St. Matthews
- ♦ Kentucky Counties - Bullitt, Henry, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble

Grayson, Miller Seen as National "Rising Stars"



Secretary of State Trey Grayson

Congratulations to Secretary of State Trey Grayson and State Treasurer Jonathan Miller, who have been recognized by the Aspen Institute as two of "the true rising stars" of American politics. They are two of only 24 young elected officials selected for a new fellowship program honoring public leaders. Among many other accomplishments, Grayson and Miller co-

chair the Cradle to College Commission, established in 2004 to examine a new financial aid proposal to provide children born in Kentucky with a college savings account soon after their birth.

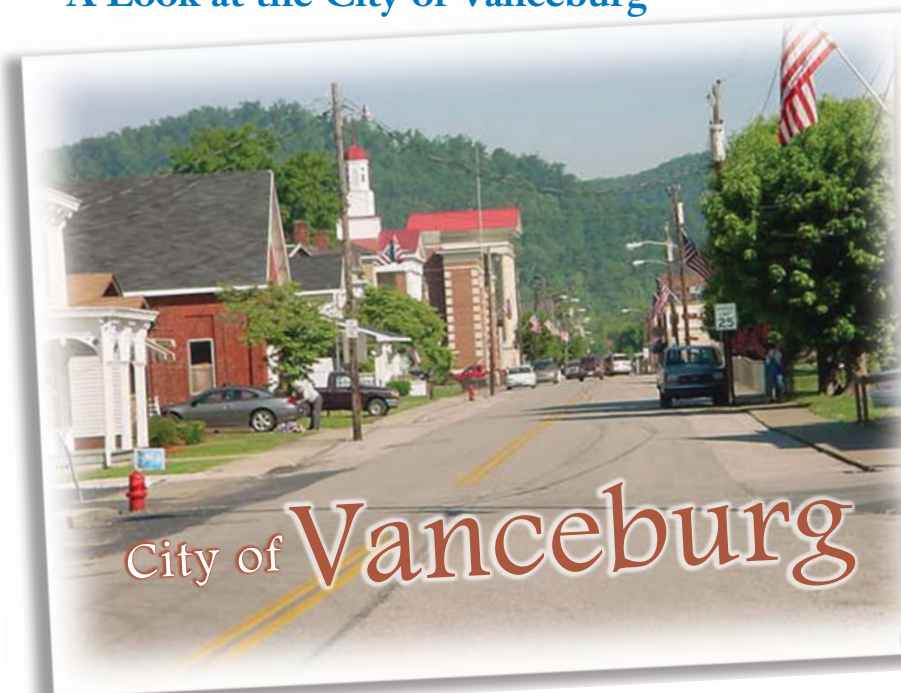
Congratulations to Secretary Grayson and State Treasurer Miller who represent the bright future of Kentucky and the nation.



State Treasurer Jonathan Miller

CITY POSTCARD

A Look at the City of Vanceburg



City of Vanceburg

Mayor: William T. Cooper

Population: 1,733

Location: Vanceburg, a "friendly river town," is the county seat of Lewis County, and is located on the banks of the Ohio River.

History: Vanceburg was founded in 1797 on 55 acres along the banks of the Ohio River and named for Joseph Vance, one of the founders. Most of the earlier settlers were from Ireland, Scotland and Germany. There are riverboat and railroad stories that will make you laugh, some will

make you cry. Vanceburg was completely covered by the floods of 1913 and 1937 and recovered. Visitors are greeted by flag draped streets and the only monument erected to the Union Soldier south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Festivals: Vanceburg hosts a number of events throughout the year including free concerts in the park during the summer months on the 2nd Friday of each month. Special celebrations are conducted for Memorial Day and the 4th of July, in addition to a fall festival and a candlelight tour during the holiday season.

STAFF NOTES

Thanks and Good-bye to Thielen and Ryen



William A. "Bill" Thielen will be retiring from KLC in October after 23 years of continued service. Prior to joining the Kentucky League of Cities, Thielen served in a variety of legal and legislative positions in all three branches of government at both the state and federal levels.

Bill joined the KLC team in 1982 as General Counsel. In that position, he served Kentucky cities by ensuring that KLC operations and service programs met all legal requirements. In addition, under his leadership, KLC's legal services department grew dramatically to a staff of four professionals and a full time law clerk, and now responds to more than 2,000 inquiries annually from city members. In conjunction with the Leadership Training Center, Bill also helped to create Kentucky's most comprehensive municipal legal education program, with training and education offerings and publications designed specifically for municipal local law and legislation.

Throughout the Commonwealth, Bill has long been acknowledged as one of the preeminent experts on local government law and legislation among policy makers and the media. His expertise has helped craft legislation that will positively impact cities and citizens for years to come.



Dag Ryen, senior Policy Analyst, retired October 19. Dag came to KLC with a background as a foreign journalist, along with experience in government work. Through his work with the policy and research department, he has explored and analyzed the complex details of local and state government everyday and provided assistance to the KLC members, legislators, media and other audiences. In addition to the work he has done for KLC, Dag has also served as adjunct professor at the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce and the Eastern Kentucky University Political Science Department.

FROM THE FIELD

Five Kentucky Communities Named Among America's "100 Best" for Young People

Lexington, Louisville, Mt. Sterling, Murray-Calloway County and Ohio County have been named five of America's 100 Best Communities for Young People by the **America's Promise Alliance**. The 100 Best competition recognizes local communities for their innovative, successful and visionary work to support and nurture young people. The America's Promise Alliance was founded by former Secretary of State General Colin L. Powell.

Two drinking water systems in Kentucky, the **Lebanon Water Works** and **Carrollton Utilities**, have won awards for outstanding performance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The 2005 Safe Drinking Water Act Excellence Awards, launched by EPA earlier this year, are intended to highlight systems that demonstrate effective operations and maintenance as well as a commitment to maintaining and protecting drinking water and public water supplies.

The **City of Glasgow** adopted a company from the 101st from Fort Campbell, which will soon be deployed in Iraq.

LAW ABIDING

Environmental Lawsuit

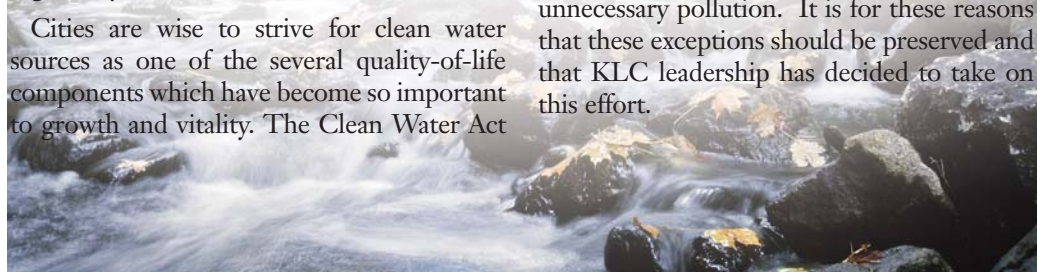
The KLC Executive Board recently voted to intervene as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by several environmental groups challenging Kentucky's new water quality regulations. These regulations were approved by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency in April of this year. The Kentucky Waterways Alliance, the Cumberland Chapter of the Sierra Club, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, and the Floyd Fork Environmental Association have sued the EPA and the Kentucky Environmental and Consumer Protection Cabinet to have these regulations declared void on the basis that they fail to meet the standards set forth in the Clean Water Act. Simply stated, they argue that there are too many exceptions to the application of anti-degradation rules to allow for meaningful enforcement of the provisions of the Clean Water Act. Since some of the exceptions are beneficial to cities, KLC will work to preserve them as options within the regulatory scheme.

Cities are wise to strive for clean water sources as one of the several quality-of-life components which have become so important to growth and vitality. The Clean Water Act

and Kentucky regulations are designed to further this goal and minimize further degradation of existing water sources which will no doubt benefit everyone. However, the added requirements imposed by this law constitute an unfunded mandate and, as with all things "city," there must be a balancing of needs with available resources.

Where processes are otherwise in place to regulate the discharge of pollutants and require consideration of alternatives to degrading water quality, cities should not be required to undergo a duplicative process. These additional requirements would create the unnecessary expenditure of more money and resources.

The exceptions to the Kentucky regulations for regional wastewater treatment facilities (commonly known as 201 plans) and storm water plans are designed to avoid such a duplicative effort since the permitting process for both provides adequate protection from unnecessary pollution. It is for these reasons that these exceptions should be preserved and that KLC leadership has decided to take on this effort.



SHOW ME THE MONEY

Urgent - Municipal Road Aid and Bond Money for City Streets

Officials of the Transportation Cabinet reported that many cities have not yet returned the one page form that the Cabinet sent them in April. The form must be completed and returned to the Cabinet for projects eligible in the first \$25 million phase of municipal road aid and bond funding. By contrast, the officials reported that many counties have completed and submitted their forms and are awaiting receipt of the monies. Several legislators on the subcommittee ask the Transportation officials for a report showing which local governments in their legislative districts had returned the forms and for which projects.

The Kentucky League of Cities urges cities, which have not done so, to complete the forms as soon as possible and to include the required information on all projects for which monies from this funding source is needed. The lack of eagerness in submission of the form for this funding might be misconstrued by members of the General Assembly as a sign that funding of this type or funding for other purposes may not be needed in the future.

If there are any questions regarding the completion of the form, regarding how to receive a new form if the original cannot be located, or regarding information about a specific road project to be included on the form, please contact Ginger Wills, the Executive Director for the Transportation Cabinet's Department of Intergovernmental Programs. The email address for Ms. Wills is Ginger.Wills@ky.gov or you may call 502-

564-2060. The Kentucky League of Cities is happy to assist you with any questions you might have regarding this funding source or submittal of the required form.

Regarding the second \$25 million phase of municipal road aid and bond funding monies scheduled to be available next spring, Deputy Secretary Jim Adams said that, while there is no deadline per se, there is a limited amount of money. In order for a local government to receive consideration of funding for any given project, an application must be on file. The applications for the second phase of funding will be mailed by the Kentucky Department of Transportation in December of 2005 with funding to begin in the Spring of 2006. We would urge all cities that have identified specific transportation related projects to participate in this program. The application to be completed for funding consideration during the later phase requires more specific information including a project narrative and cost estimate. Early application submittal allows for more time to provide additional information and/or to make changes should the need arise. Obviously, once the available money is gone, funding of projects must cease.

Again, if there are questions or if assistance is needed, please contact Ginger Wills at the e-mail address and/or phone number given above. If you have questions for KLC, contact Robin Cooper, Membership Services Director, at 1-800-876-4552 or email rcooper@klc.org.

2005 Innovator Awards Nominations

Each year, **Southern Growth Policies Board** honors innovative southern initiatives that are improving the quality of life in the southern region with the Innovator Awards. Deadline for nominations is November 23, 2005.

Each nominated initiative must fulfill the criteria in the following areas that reflect

attributes such as uniqueness, use of technology, proven benefit or success and entrepreneurial.

For information or to nominate a program in your city, visit www.southern.org/main/innovators/nonform.shtml.



CONVENTION SNAPSHOTS

Cities Without Limits!



“And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear our presence automatically liberates others to do the same.”

- KLC President Brad Collins, Mayor, City of Morehead, quoting Nelson Mandela (photo to left - Collins with his granddaughter, Danielle Staton)



76th Annual Convention Candid!

(From Front Cover) 1. Sylvia L. Lovely with KLC President and Morehead Mayor Brad Collins and Immediate Past President and Maysville Mayor David Cartmell; 2. Delegates visiting during luncheon; 3. Enterprise City Winners;

4. KLC's Jerry Deaton with Williamstown Mayor Glenn Caldwell; 5. Board/Delegate Reception at Churchill Downs party;

(This page) 6. KLC officers being sworn in; 7. Mayor Cartmell with the City of Maysville contingency; 8. Retiring KLC General Counsel Bill Thielen; 9. KLC's Ryan Adkins with Mary Rose Evans of Parkway Village; 10. Secretary of State Trey Grayson leads a Cracker Barrel session;

11-13. Kentucky State Representatives Jim Wayne (11), Steve Riggs (12) and Dennis Horlander (13) receive "Friend of Kentucky Cities" Legislative Awards; 14-15. Mobile Workshops;

16. GOLD Commissioner Ellen Williams; 17. Acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert; 18. Interim Joint

Committee; 19. Exhibit Hall; 20. KBC-LEO Officers with Rep. Darrell Owens and Rep. Reginald Meeks;

21. Mayor Brad Collins with wife Linda at the KLCIS baseball themed Hospitality Party; 22. Fort Mitchell Mayor Tom Holocher with wife and Fort Mitchell Councilmember Janet; 23. Versailles Mayor Fred Siegelman with his band, Catch 22; 24. Mayfield Councilmember Spencer Brown; 25. Mobile Workshop.

(Photo top right) A. Governor Ernie Fletcher, KLC's Sylvia L. Lovely and Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson; (Photo bottom left) B. Radcliff Councilmember Jeannette Stephens tests her skills with KLC's virtual Firearms Training System

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Public Officials Essential Skills Institute Recipients

Congratulations to these outstanding city officials who were recognized October 5 at the Public Officials Essential Skills Institute (POESI) City Achievement Awards Luncheon during the convention. The KLC/NewCities Leadership Training Center established POESI to assist city officials in continually improving local governance while recognizing their individual efforts to become stronger leaders.

POESI AWARDS - GOLD LEVEL AWARDS



Edwinna Baker, City Clerk, City of Lawrenceburg
Susan Barto, Mayor, City of Lyndon
Donovan Blackburn, City Manager, City of Pikeville
Kenny Book, Commissioner, City of Winchester
Brad Collins, Mayor, City of Morehead
Stacia Peyton, Mayor, City of Dawson Springs
Lucy Ricketts, Councilmember, City of LaGrange
Roger Rolfes, City Administrator, City of Edgewood
Mark Waggoner, Councilmember, City of Mayfield
John Ward, City Administrator, City of Calvert City

POESI AWARDS - SILVER LEVEL AWARDS



Jeanette Aldridge, Commissioner, City of Pembroke
Donovan Blackburn, City Manager, City of Pikeville
Spencer Brown, Councilmember, City of Mayfield
Arthur Byrn, Mayor, City of Mayfield
Glenn Caldwell, Mayor, City of Williamstown
Elsie Carter, Mayor, City of LaGrange
Shannon Cox, Commissioner, City of Winchester
James Gay, Commissioner, City of Danville
Mark Hart, Councilmember, City of Falmouth
Ronnie Hensley, Councilmember, City of Dawson Springs
Paul Meier, Mayor, City of Crestview Hills
Bridgette Milby, Asst. City Manager/HR Director, City of Danville
Joyce Stakelin, City Clerk, City of Mount Sterling
J.P. Wiles, Mayor, City of Somerset

Gary Williamson, Mayor, City of Mount Sterling
C.R. Wirthlin, City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Crestview Hills
Kevin Woosley, Councilmember, City of LaGrange

POESI AWARDS - BRONZE LEVEL AWARDS

Brenda Allen, Mayor, City of Campbellsville
Garry Barber, City Administrator, City of Marion
Greg Beam, Mayor, City of Camargo
Donovan Blackburn, City Manager, City of Pikeville
Kathy Carter, Commissioner, City of Frankfort
Janie Casey, City Clerk, City of Greensburg
George C. Cheatham, Mayor, City of Greensburg
Terry Crowley, Commissioner, City of Danville
Jim Eadens, Mayor, City of Hillview
David Elliott, Chief of Police, City of Calvert City



Gene Flaughter, Mayor, City of Falmouth
Charles Grimsley, Councilmember, City of Columbia
Tom Hardesty, Mayor, City of Shelbyville
Johnny Jackson, Councilmember, City of Mayfield
Jean Knight, Councilmember, City of LaGrange
Helen Lee, City Clerk, City of Fulton
Rick Mineer, Councilmember, City of Falmouth
James New, Commissioner, City of Cynthiana
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Peggy Stephens, City Clerk, City of LaGrange
Steve Stone, Councilmember, City of Greensburg
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John Walton, Mayor, City of Elkton
Denise Watts-Wilson, Councilmember, City of LaGrange
Wanda Wilson, Councilmember, City of Earlington
Bob Winstead, Councilmember, City of Madisonville
Phil Worsley, Councilmember, City of Lyndon
Donna Yeager, Councilmember, City of Independence



KLC's Sylvia L. Lovely and Maysville Mayor David Cartmell present Pikeville City Manager Donovan Blackburn with a special POESI award honoring his completion of all three POESI levels in a single year.

Above and Beyond!



The **Above and Beyond Award** recognizes someone who has dramatically contributed to the overall success of the Leadership Training Center. This year the award was presented to **Melissa Barry**, Director of Louisville Metro Housing and Community Development and **Carl Malysz**, Deputy Director of Louisville Metro Housing and Community Development.

Convention Session on Drugs Stimulates Shared Thinking and Ideas

One of the KLC convention's highest attended sessions reflects the overwhelming interest in the drug abuse issue in Kentucky communities. "Dealers Take All- How Communities are Taking a Stand Against Drugs" featured an expert panel including (from left to right in photo below); David Jones, Chief Investigator, Office of the Attorney General; Dan Smoot, Law Enforcement Director, Operation UNITE; Frank Rapier, Director, Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA); Mayor Charlie Beach, III, City of Beattyville and Teresa Barton, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.



Moderated by Sylvia L. Lovely, Executive Director/CEO, KLC, the session included updates on current and planned initiatives and evolved into a group dialogue, with panelists and convention delegates exchanging ideas. A list of nearly 20 ideas and potential "next steps" for consideration was developed and included significant measures like expanding policing powers to include school drug testing for students and staff and creating community drug abuse information clearinghouses for resources.

One message came across clearly - drugs are a public health issue. Kentucky is addressing the issue on three fronts - education, treatment and enforcement. For example, on the enforcement front, Kentucky has developed drug courts and utilized undercover operations to roundup street-level drug dealers. These programs have resulted in a 94 percent conviction rate in the court system.

Paducah City Commissioner Robert Coleman asked "What is driving our society to turn to drugs? What is creating the demand?" Panel members agreed that this was the most difficult question to answer.

Jerry Deaton, KLC's Director of Governmental Affairs said the next steps for KLC will be to determine an appropriate time and place for the KLC membership to convene to further discuss opportunities with state and local leaders to develop effective local policies and programs to address this statewide problem. For a full summary of the session, ideas and contact information for resources, visit www.klc.org.

Beyond the Humanitarian: Implications of the Hurricanes

A number of Kentucky cities have and continue to support organized efforts to help those people and communities affected by the recent hurricanes. A KLC convention Cracker Barrel titled "After the Hurricanes: We Know They are Effecting Your Budget - Now What?" confirmed that Kentucky communities, like those across the nation, are also feeling the budgetary and operational effects of the tragedy. Observations included several key points to be further monitored and explored:

- ◆ scale backs in local services are a reality, particularly if high oil and raw material prices continue to increase
- ◆ the importance and attractiveness of a rail line adjacent an industrial park or site is on the rise
- ◆ cost efficiency measures are a fact of life for city leaders now more than ever

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Educate, Celebrate, Participate

NOVEMBER 2005

- 9 Local Government Code Enforcement**
Danville City Hall, Danville, Kentucky
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (EST)
\$79.00, Special Rate \$69.00
3 Hours Leadership Center/HB 55 Credit
(Special rate available to any city with KLC liability and/or property insurance.)

DECEMBER 2005

- 6-10 National League of Cities Congress of Cities**
Charlotte, North Carolina

Upcoming Event: *Alliance for Regional Stewardship National Conference on Local Government Collaboration and Lessons from Merger Workshop*
Louisville Camberly Brown Hotel, November 8-11, 2005

Collaborative Government: Is your Community Ready? Delegates from across the U.S. will discuss successful models of local government collaboration. Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson will participate in a workshop titled "Lessons from Merger" detailing the Louisville merger experience as part of the conference.

For more information about the conference, contact the Alliance for Regional Stewardship at 303-477-9443. For specific information on the merger workshop, contact Joan Riehm, Deputy Mayor, Louisville Metro at louisvilleworkshop@loukymetro.org or 502-574-8141.

For more information or to register online, visit KLC's website at www.klc.org/leadership. With questions, contact Karen Butcher at 800-876-4552, or kbutcher@klc.org.

We Want to Hear from You!

To submit a story or commentary for KLC *Direct* departments, please contact the KLC staff listed or go to www.klc.org. For overall feedback, contact Terri Johnson at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3784, or tjohnson@klc.org.

INSURANCE NEWS

114 Cities Receive KLCIS Safety Grants: Helping Build Safer Cities

The Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services (KLCIS) helps members increase public safety with a number of proactive programs and services. Over 114 cities were recipients of the safety grants and received award letters and notices on September 15, 2005. They were awarded funds for safety equipment, training, police car video systems and other equipment to improve public and employee safety. The total number of applications for in-car video cameras was 65; 35 of which were for the MPH Industries, Inc. models. Some unique examples of safety grants expenditures include:

The Campbellsville-Taylor County EMS has had difficulty with the logistics of how to safely transport obese patients while avoiding back injuries to their EMS staff. The solution was "POWERFlex", a lift-assist cot that can transport patients in excess of 700 pounds and uses two cylinders to lift. The request was granted for the full amount.

The **City of Springfield** applied for and was granted funds towards the purchase of one registration for the upcoming 2006 KMESHA Conference. The conference will be held at the Somerset Center for Rural Development on March 1-3,

2006. Sessions will include meth lab awareness, fall protection, and a tour of the Summerset Houseboat Factory.

The **City of Lynch** has a small police department - one chief and only one officer. Most police departments in small cities depend on grant programs such as ours to help fund projects... or do without. Mayor Thomas E. Vicini requested an in-car video camera system from MPH Industries and was approved for funding. These in-car video systems are fundamental to police liability lawsuits.

Morehead Utility Plant Board (MUPB) has applied, and received funding, each year the KLCIS grant program has been held. This year was no different - training for natural gas, safety equipment, and confined space entry equipment were all awarded.

KLCIS is now in the process of accepting invoices for reimbursement. If you have any questions, contact KLCIS Safety Grant Administrator, Kathleen Von Mann at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3764.

Insurance Audit Complete!

The Kentucky Office of Insurance has completed an exhaustive six month audit of all operations of the Liability, Property and Workers' Compensation programs. There were no recommendations or citations for change in claims reserves, financial practices or claims administration. Members can feel confident that the program is well run.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Bill Hamilton at bbamilton@klc.org or 800-876-4552.

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