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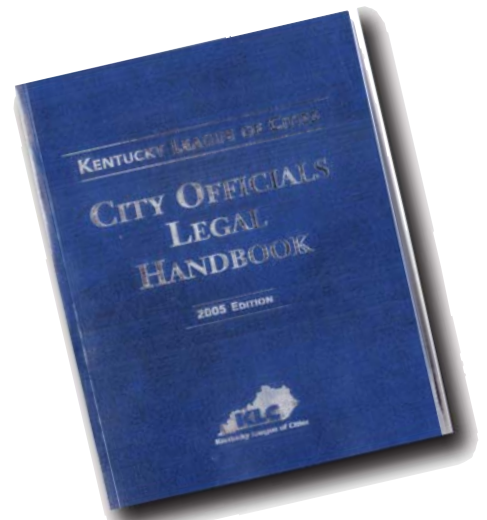
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LAW ABIDING

Book of Answers

Understanding many of the legal requirements and challenges of being a city official just got easier with the release of the 2005 *City Officials Legal Handbook*. The *City Officials Legal Handbook* is the book of first resort for many city officials across the Commonwealth. The 2005 edition includes updates of recent cases, attorney general opinions, and new legislation that is applicable to city governments.

In its 20 chapters, the publication covers the basics of city government as well as more complicated legal issues that city officials can face in the performance of their duties. Among the subjects covered in the publication are annexation, open meetings, open records, procurement, personnel, budgeting, taxation, planning and zoning, and local government ethics.

Order your copy online at www.klc.org or contact KLC's Doreen Caines at 1-800-876-4552. The price of the handbook is \$35 for KLC members and \$75 for non-members.

CERS Employees - Don't Forget to Vote!

Soon, you should receive a ballot that gives you the opportunity to vote for two CERS representatives on the Kentucky Retirement System Board of Trustees which sets policy and works in the best interest of current and retired CERS employees. These two new candidates can make a difference for local government employees.



William Thielen,
KLC General Counsel

The Kentucky League of Cities, as well as the Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association, the Kentucky Association of Counties, and the Kentucky Magistrates and the

Commissioners Association endorse **William T. "Bill" Thielen**, General Counsel for KLC and **Vince Lang**, Executive Director of the Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association, to represent *your* best interest.

Priority concerns once elected include: preserving affordable health insurance benefits for retirees; ensuring financial integrity of the retirement system; managing increases in the employer contribution rates; and representing all interests in a balanced fashion, not the interests of any one group.



Vince Lang, Executive
Director of the Kentucky
Judge/Executive Association

FRONT PAGE NEWS

For KLC Members, *Delivering Great Service Remains Our Top Priority*



Because the New Year brings new people into city government and new friends into the Kentucky League of Cities circle, this issue seems a good time to give an overview of what KLC does - and provides its members.

It's a nice way for our longtime members to also review what we offer, and what's on the horizon in terms of new services and initiatives. So, although there are no vows involved and no rice to throw afterward, **we offer here something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue.**

The Old ...

- ♦ *Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services (KLCIS)* is the largest insurer of municipalities in Kentucky, insuring millions of dollars worth of property and more than 2,000 police officers while providing employee health benefits for nearly 200 cities through partnerships with Anthem, Bluegrass Family Health, and others.
- ♦ Our *advocacy* team is a leading voice for city concerns in Frankfort, but we also work directly with city leaders to get them involved in influencing the legislature. There's strength in numbers, and our "Cities United!" campaign in 2004 was instrumental in the passage of HB413, which will provide an estimated \$8 million in public safety funding that goes directly to cities.
- ♦ Free *legal services*? You heard right. The KLC legal team provides at no cost an estimated \$500,000 market value of legal advice to cities annually.
- ♦ The *KLC Leadership Training Center* has trained more than 4,300 people in various seminars, retreats and programs since 2000.
- ♦ Our *Policy and Research Development* program provides \$120,000 of annual market value research for cities.
- ♦ We provide a number of economic development programs to help cities build sustainable, affordable and well planned infrastructures.

The New ...

- ♦ Just like rust, technology never sleeps. So, while it's been around for awhile, our *Information Technology* team continues to develop new services while also taking a leading role in new

initiatives. KLC is teaming up with state government and other agencies to help bring high-speed broadband Internet access to every city in the state. And our groundbreaking reverse auction bidding program, done online, has already saved cities \$1.6 million in budgeted purchases.

- ♦ The *NewCities Foundation* has been in existence since 2001. It too continues to evolve and offer new programs and ideas to encourage cities to take a more visionary approach to thriving in the 21st century. This visionary approach empowers everyday citizens and thus restores strong civic engagement by strengthening a sense of community.

The Borrowed ...

- ♦ When cities need loans, the *KLC Financial Services Department* can provide tax-exempt financing with low interest rates and closing costs that are either low or nonexistent. Since 1987, KLC has financed more than \$500 million in capital improvement projects and equipment purchases.
- ♦ We also "borrow" the expertise and knowledge of others in partnerships that allow us to combine our best service with theirs. One example is our Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program offered through Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services and administered by the third party partner Moberly & Associates, based here in Kentucky. We also collaborate with a number of partners like KET, U of L, HUD and the Center for Technology Enterprise to constantly bring a variety of programs and initiatives to members.

The Blue ...

- ♦ Blue, as in covering the entire Bluegrass state. With a membership services staff of "*Road Warriors*" who regularly make trips to towns to visit city leaders, we can strengthen our relationships with you. We know of no better way to stay in immediate touch with the needs you have and the goals you've set - and to work with you to accomplish those goals.

To take full advantage of these and other services, and discover in more detail the services mentioned here, you can access us online at www.klc.org or phone us at 1-800-876-4552 or 859-977-3700. Just tell us what you're seeking and your call will be transferred to the appropriate department.

THE LAST WORD FIRST

The Three “R’s” for Cities



I hear often from civic and elected leaders from our towns and cities, desperate for even a small measure of hope, "How can my town survive and thrive in a world that is so changed?" "What are the one or two things we could do to restore a sense of vitality?" "How can we sustain our momentum when decisions made in Frankfort or Washington will have such an impact on it?"

What we need are cities that meet the needs of people who live in the 21st century reality. So how do we do that?

Well, we don't do it by stirring disagreements between cities and counties. Our Commonwealth, for far too long, has used such red herrings to divert attention from serious issues. We are in this together. Exploiting our differences - real or imagined - will only hold us back.

A good place to start is with the cold hard facts that cities and counties need a clearer delineation of their roles and responsibilities and adequate funding to provide the services people are demanding at the local level. They also need better options for combining services and raising revenue.

Here are three more obvious points:

1. We still come up short in providing incentives and encouragement for entrepreneurship or home-grown wealth.
2. Kentucky's fast-growing areas are witnessing an urban encroachment on rural areas while city cores deteriorate, resulting in a loss of population. The result is that we fail to nurture either our urban or our rural settings.
3. Successful communities define great regions, states and nations. We need better state and local partnerships that recognize this crucial fact.

Kentucky is a state of multiple - some say too many - jurisdictional boundaries. Turf wars are ongoing. It has been said that three things are present in every successful place: strong leadership, vision and regional thinking.

At the Kentucky League of Cities and the NewCities Foundation, we are weary of the platitudes and turf wars. What we want is action. For our part, we are willing to roll up our sleeves and offer our expertise and passion to make something happen. Our blueprint - the foundation of our legislative agenda and programmatic efforts - focuses on what we call the three R's.

- **Additional, and smarter, Revenue sources.** Despite our fixation with state tax reform, a strong need also exists at the local level. KLC strongly supports local tax reform as a necessary element of any tax reform package.
- **The Revitalization of our communities.** That includes: capitalizing on a community's unique features; building beautifully; and planning for growth that accents and balances community needs. What local leaders need is a tool kit - a legislative package that includes appropriate tax credits, enabling zoning legislation and other innovative solutions, many of which have been implemented successfully in cities around the country.
- **Regional thinking.** Today's reality calls for places that recognize the importance of local identity but which take advantage of using global strengths to meet local needs. What we need is a framework and incentive plan for bringing local leaders together for implementation. Such arrangements could include regional tax and revenue sharing.

This vision can only be provided by local elected and civic leaders who believe passionately that a great place can rise from anywhere and take aim to make it so. We have an extraordinary opportunity - right now - to break out of our malaise and make our great Commonwealth a different kind of place.

Sincerely,


Sylvia L. Lovely
KLC Executive Director/CEO

“There are no traffic jams along the extra mile.”
-- Roger Staubach”

CITY POSTCARD

A Look at the City of Pineville



Mayor: Stanford Hendrickson

Population: 2,093

Location: Bell County in Southeastern Kentucky

History: Pineville was originally known as Cumberland Ford, and was used as a passageway to the west by virtue of a gap in the Pine Mountain Range. This area, called “The Narrows,” led to a shallow crossing of the Cumberland River, and was the site of the Commonwealth's first toll road. Pineville is also home to Kentucky's oldest state park, the

Pine Mountain State Resort Park. The park offers all varieties of outdoor activities including hiking, swimming, and golf.

Festivals: The largest annual event in Pineville is the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival held the weekend before Memorial Day. This festival was created in 1931, and includes concerts, a gala ball, a golf tournament, arts and crafts sales, and the crowning of a Mountain Laurel Queen and Princess.

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NLC NEWS

Wigginton, Kentucky Leaders Named to National Roles

On December 8, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Councilmember Jacques Wigginton was elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities (NLC) at its 81st Annual Congress of Cities Conference in Indianapolis.



Jacques Wigginton, LFUCG Councilmember

"I look forward to working with Jacques in the coming year," said NLC President Anthony Williams, Mayor of the District of Columbia.

"Jacques has been an outstanding leader in the National League of Cities and will be a valuable asset and resource to rely on as we shape national policies in the best interest of cities."

In addition to Wigginton, the following individuals from Kentucky have been selected by NLC President Anthony Williams to serve one-year terms on the following NLC Steering Committees, which evaluate problems, issues and policy options and potential actions in national municipal policy efforts.

- ♦ **Mayor David Cartmell**, Maysville - Community and Economic Dev.
- ♦ **Mayor Karen L. Cunningham**, Madisonville - Finance, Administration, & Intergovernmental Relations
- ♦ **Mayor Thomas E. Holocher**, Fort Mitchell - Transportation Infrastructure and Services
- ♦ **Commissioner Robert Coleman**, Paducah - Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources
- ♦ **Councilmember Kevin Kramer**, Louisville Metro - Information Technology and Communications

In addition, **Councilmember David Stevens** of LFUCG was elected Chair of the University Communities Caucus.

109th Congress Convened

The 109th Congress convened January 4, 2005. As the session progresses, the National League of Cities notes the following key issues as priorities to watch:

- ♦ \$80 billion supplemental spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan
- ♦ Aid relief for Tsunami victims
- ♦ Social Security reform
- ♦ Federal income tax code reform
- ♦ Tort reform/class action limitations
- ♦ Energy bill
- ♦ Bankruptcy reform
- ♦ Transportation reauthorization

FEATURED!

Bardstown's Mayor Hibbs Profiled as a Trailblazer

Bardstown Mayor Dixie Hibbs was the featured profile in the December 2004 issue of *Kentucky Monthly* Magazine. The article notes Mayor Hibbs' history of personal firsts in the city as Bardstown's first female councilmember, first female mayor, and first mayor to use a computer in her office.

CITY PEOPLE

We Do Make a Difference in Frankfort!



Morehead Mayor Brad Collins

As the new chairman of KLC's legislative committee, Morehead Mayor Brad Collins hopes to build on the momentum cities gained with the passage of HB 413 in the 2004 General Assembly.

That bill, which added a \$20 fee to traffic fines that would generate needed revenue for law enforcement agencies in cities across the state, was the result of perhaps the most concentrated and coordinated effort ever between KLC and its member cities.

"I think it made a huge difference," said Collins, who noted that police officers as well as city officials made their presence felt. "There was a sea of blue that showed up at every committee meeting and every vote, both in the House and Senate. We had mayors, councilmembers and a huge amount of police officers who showed up. And that was due to the efforts of the Kentucky League of Cities."

Because the 2005 legislature may have to focus primarily on getting a budget passed, Collins doesn't know if any particular city issues will get strong looks this session. But he notes that it is

vital to continue to build the kind of presence and connections that were strengthened last year in KLC's "Cities United!" campaign.

"We are laying the groundwork right now to give cities more options," Collins said, referring in particular to home rule issues. "We had a good showing by cities in the 2004 session - and it just shows that when a huge amount of officials come together as a unit for a cause, it works. Our legislature listens to that."

Jerry Deaton, KLC director of governmental affairs, has suggested that a comprehensive tax reform package might not be able to be pushed until 2006 - but Collins says that makes it all the more important to maintain a strong presence in the 2005 General Assembly.

"We've planted the seeds," Collins said, "and the legislative committee and legislative team at KLC are putting this together and working on it diligently."



Got Buttons? Call Tresa Short at 1-800-876-4552 to order.

FROM THE FIELD

City of Eminence Stewarding Downtown Dollars

The **City of Eminence** dedicated its reconstructed City Park in the heart of the city as a part of the annual **Light-Up Eminence!** celebration in December. The dedication recognized each of those who supported main street renaissance through the purchase of memorial bricks in remembering military veterans, businesses and individuals. The bricks help offset the cost of the City Park construction. The idea for the park and the brick memorials was the brainchild of Eminence Mayor Doug Bates.

Under the program, for every dollar allocated by the city, four dollars in grant money has been made available, allowing Eminence to maximize its investment in the downtown area. The result of the multi-year effort has been attractive construction of new sidewalks, improved drainage and the relocation of some utilities underground. In addition, local businesses and property owners have been able to take advantage of 50-50 matching dollars in state facade grants to modernize and brighten their structures.

The modernization of downtown Eminence is a good illustration of what smaller communities are doing to improve infrastructure and increase business activity downtown.

City of Mayfield

The **City of Mayfield** recently joined with Graves County officials to create a monument to its WW2 Veterans. Local schoolchildren participated in "carving the rock" and kept pieces of the stone as mementos of the experience. The monument was erected in the city's oldest park, Harmon Park.

City of Georgetown

Congratulations to the **Georgetown-Scott County Parks and Recreation Department** which was named the 2004 Outstanding Department by the Kentucky Recreation and Park Society. The award is based on a number of criteria including outstanding achievement, facilities and programming.

City of Hodgenville

The Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site and the Lincoln Museum, along with the **City of Hodgenville**, is gearing up for the bicentennial celebration of Lincoln's birth in 2009. A number of special efforts include the acquisition of the 228-acre Lincoln Knob Creek Farm. The park will feature free daily tours of the birthplace site and nature walks on the Knob Creek Farm beginning April 2, 2005.

City of Owensboro

The **City of Owensboro** dedicated its newest and largest park, a 52-acre facility which includes a football complex, on January 6th. During the dedication, Owensboro Mayor Tom Watson announced the city would name the park **Waymond Morris Park**, in honor of the retired mayor and former KLC Board Director.

Morris left a strong legacy in Owensboro and served as an elected official longer than anyone in the history of Owensboro. He was a member of the Owensboro Board of Commissioners from 1984 and rose to serve on many state and national leadership bodies, including the National League of Cities before his retirement in 2004.



(Left) Children from Mayfield's Sparks Elementary began work on the city's WWII memorial at the beginning of the school year. The dedication was December 7, 2004. (Center) WWII veterans gathered for the emotional monument dedication at Harmon Park. (Right) Retired Owensboro Mayor Waymond Morris and his wife, Alyce, share a laugh with former mayor Waitman Taylor at Morris's reception.

LEGISLATIVE FLASH

New Thinking on Economic Centers - House Concurrent Resolution 56 Proposed



Guest column by State Rep.
Steve Riggs (D-Jeffersontown)

Kentucky needs to invest in communities which have the best chances for economic growth. The "office-based" economy is what is growing in America.

To examine this issue in Kentucky, I have introduced House Concurrent Resolution 56, which will establish a legislative task force to examine metropolitan issues. In 2003, the Rural Issues Task Force was created to examine rural issues.

Ashland, Bowling Green, Lexington, London, Louisville, Northern Kentucky, Owensboro, Paducah, Somerset, and other regional population and employment centers are well poised as economic engines in Kentucky because they have the best infrastructure to attract high-paying jobs. A major factor contributing to this reality is that they are the state's centers of higher learning and business. Approximately 75 percent of Kentucky's population lives in counties designated metropolitan or micropolitan areas. The dynamics and configuration of the Commonwealth's modern commercial and industrial make-up are a reflection of Kentucky cities and counties, both metro and micro, as the clear economic engines of our state. In turn, by better investing in these economic engines, the surrounding communities tiering from them will begin to enjoy enhanced opportunities for growth that will spur an upward spiral of greater prosperity across the Commonwealth.

State policy must encourage this kind of spearhead and ripple effect by emphasizing and investing in our economic engines. We have had a very effective Rural Issues Task Force for many, many years, but there is no metropolitan issues task force. We need this kind of forum to bring together metropolitan area legislators who have a common bond. Recent census data shows we are 73 percent metropolitan and micropolitan and 27 percent rural.

Kentucky will grow like it should only when we begin addressing metropolitan issues from their rightful perspective as Kentucky's economic drivers. I agree with Governor Fletcher on this issue.

A new report by the consortium of Northern Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville,

shows that Kentucky's largest urban areas, Louisville, Northern Kentucky and Lexington, generated over half of the state's general fund revenue in Fiscal Year 2003 but received less than 35 percent of non-transportation state spending. I agree with the consortium that the state has erred by spending too little to fuel its economic engines and spending more in less successful and sparse regions.

At least 70 percent of Kentuckians live in and around metropolitan areas, but we reinvest a mere one-third of the state's general fund taxes back into these areas that have the potential to drive forward the state economy. We need to

FACTOID

What is a House Concurrent Resolution?

The Legislative Research Committee defines a concurrent resolution "as expression of opinion or request by both houses of a legislature, without the force of law."

Since Rep. Riggs' resolution was filed in the House, it is called a House Concurrent Resolution (HCR).

Read the full resolution and track all the latest on legislative matters as they happen at www.lrc.ky.gov.

create new policy that will invest the state's resources in the areas where a majority of our people live and work, and that is in these standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSA) and surrounding counties.

As these large areas grow, they will likely spur economic growth throughout our state. Surrounding areas prosper when metropolitan areas are first healthy and vibrant.

Resource: Dr. Paul Coomes' 80-page report, co-written by researcher Barry Kornstein, recommended ways Kentucky could improve the competitiveness of its major metro areas, according to a November 18 Lexington Herald-Leader article. Two recommendations offered by the report are raising the state's tax on cigarettes and cutting income taxes.

BIG IDEAS/INNOVATIONS

KLC Puts Further Focus On You!

Everyone at KLC is dedicated to serving members. In 2005, membership services are even more of a priority, with several service enhancements already underway.

The Membership Services Committee is a standing committee created by the KLC Board in 2004. The committee is responsible for communicating with the members regarding the viability of existing KLC programs and services and for the purpose of determining the need for and recommending the development of additional programs and services.

In addition, KLC has redesigned its approach to membership - in the field and in the Lexington office with dedicated membership services staff. This fall, KLC also obtained membership feedback with online surveys and focus groups to discern how to better serve you.

As the process progresses, we'll tell you more about KLC Membership Services, but in the

meantime, contact Robyn Miller, Membership Services Manager (rmiller@klc.org or ext. 3745) or Joe O'Nan, Member Services Coordinator (jonan@klc.org or ext. 3750) at 1-800-876-4552 with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

The following city officials have agreed to serve on the 2004-2005 KLC Membership Services Committee:

- ♦ **Mayor Karen L. Cunningham**, Madisonville, Chair
- ♦ **Mayor Mary Pate**, Beaver Dam
- ♦ **Edwinna Baker**, City Clerk, Lawrenceburg
- ♦ **Donovan Blackburn**, City Manager, Pikeville
- ♦ **Anita Johnson**, Councilmember, Jeffersontown
- ♦ **Mayor Stephen Gilmore**, Ashland

INSURANCE NEWS

Dog Days - New Canine Mortality Policy

You have a very valuable asset and a considerable investment in your canine. KLCIS has added a new line of canine mortality insurance to its existing canine liability coverage.



Just as you could lose a building to fire, tornado or flood, you could also lose a canine to an accident, gun shot, illness or disease. The Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services already provides insurance for liability if the animal injures someone, and now we are introducing a new program for canines which will protect your city in the event of the loss of your canine to accident, illness, disease, theft or disability.

The coverage is the most comprehensive in the marketplace and includes:

- ♦ Mortality - Accident, Illness or Disease
- ♦ Limited Theft
- ♦ Veterinary Fees
- ♦ Disability

The application process is simple. For a free premium estimate over the phone, call Marty Nemes, Lydia Heathman or Heidi Lynn at 1-800-876-4552 or visit www.klc.org/news_release.asp?id=214 to download a form.

MEET ME AT KLC

Staff Profile

Nancy Wylie

Municipal Finance Advisor
Joined KLC August 1993



As Municipal Finance Advisor, Nancy Wylie assists member cities obtain financing for city projects through KLC's Financial Services Department. For the past 11 years, cities have benefited from her expertise by taking advantage of economies of scale through tax-exempt bond pools.

Nancy says, "We have helped many cities through our loan and financing programs. We finance projects that otherwise could not be afforded by many cities." She cites the satisfaction of being able to help cities improve their communities with funding projects through KLC as motivation to continually improve herself.

Nancy received her BA from Midway College. Aside from her work at KLC, she serves on the YWCA Board.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Educate, Celebrate, Participate

FEBRUARY 2005

- 17** Abandoned, Blighted, and Tax Delinquent Properties
 Elsmere Senior Center
 Elsmere, Kentucky
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MARCH 2005

- 15** Abandoned, Blighted, and Tax Delinquent Properties
 Pikeville Fire Department Training Facility
 Pikeville, Kentucky
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

KMESHA SAFETY CONFERENCE

February 23-25, 2005, Hopkinsville, KY
 (Feb. 24 spent at Ft. Campbell)
\$195 for KLC members



Great topics, speakers and special events for anyone with safety responsibilities, interests or concerns. Topics include safety workshops, FATS system, case studies, hands-on training, legal and HR issues and more.

February 24 at Ft. Campbell - recycling, water, fire, security, airfield, urban warfare and a special visit to the airborne training center.

Register online at www.klc.org or call 1-800-876-4552.

Hotel Information: Best Western, Hopkinsville, 270-886-9000

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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome 2005 and Another Opportunity to Shape the World Around Us and the Communities We Call Home



Every election cycle brings new promise, hope, and the votes of the hopeful. Now that the New Year is with us, it's time for the reelected to continue their service and the newly elected to join the ranks.

We also pause at this time, to look back at the year behind us and dream forward about the year to come. I hope one of our goals for the New Year will be an even stronger commitment to local governance.

These few years following 9/11 have brought more attention to community and have drawn us closer together, but recent census reports show that people have not been drawn away from the east and west coasts or from major urban areas. That means Kentucky will continue to face the challenge of creating jobs and preparing workers in an economy that is predicted to deliver most of its prosperity to our larger urban centers. What role can local governance play in the battle to ensure Kentuckians a share of the prosperity of the future? Government can be expected to continue to play a key role in promoting economic prosperity. This

will increasingly include initiatives that relate to education and provide for public safety and security. As the economy continues to create more jobs, it will be the role of all of us to build and promote quality communities to attract them. Success will increasingly be determined by those of us who take control of our own destinies.

I truly believe that change begins in our local communities. I hope we all begin 2005 with a new commitment to our neighbors, both across the street and across the Commonwealth. We can make Kentucky even better in this New Year by giving all our efforts to the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Mayor David Cartmell
 City of Maysville
 President, KLC Board of Directors



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COA HIGHLIGHTS

City Officials Academy

Nearly 200 city officials from throughout the Commonwealth participated in the **Playing by the Rules; 2005 KLC City Officials Academy**, held January 19-21 in Lexington.



“This Academy far exceeded my expectations!”

- Wayne Potts, Councilmember,
City of Mayfield



1. Crestview Hills Mayor Paul Meier and Minor Lane Heights Councilmember Benny Wartford, chat with KLC Counsel for Member Legal Services J.D. Chaney; 2. KLC President and Maysville Mayor David Cartmell (left) chats with COA Keynote Speaker Phil Wilkins and KLC staff; 3. COA participants during a session; 4. COA participants from the City of LaGrange; 5. (left to right) Smiths Grove Commissioner Jessie Varner chats with KLC's Anthony Wright and Greensburg Assistant City Clerk Janie Blakeman-Casey; 6. Bowling Green Mayor Elaine Walker at the COA Toga Party Wednesday evening.



PLAYING BY THE
RULES

SHOW ME THE MONEY



Homeland Security Funding: Applications Due February 11, 2005!

To download an application, visit www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov.

Funding Facts:

- ♦ \$31 million - amount Kentucky received for FY 2005 homeland security projects
- ♦ \$23 million - amount earmarked for local jurisdictions and state agencies
- ♦ February 11, 2005 - applications due
- ♦ March 2005 - awards made

Kentucky Director of Homeland Security Keith Hall said that 2005 funds will be awarded (as in 2004)

through a competitive process and that other areas of funding this year will include enhanced interoperability, community assessments and planning. The state will use its portion of the money largely to focus on further building communications infrastructure that will eventually allow both state and local agencies to become interoperable.

Questions? Call Joel Schrader at 502-564-2081 or email joel.schrader@ky.gov.

Need help with your application? Call KLC's Joseph Coleman at 1-800-876-4552 or email jcoleman@klc.org.

Recovery Kentucky to Combat Drug Abuse and Homelessness in our Communities

An initiative launched by the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD), the Department of Corrections and the Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) will help Kentuckians recover from substance abuse that often leads to chronic homelessness. The finance package includes a \$4 million in GOLD's Community Block Grants, \$3 million from the Department of Corrections and \$2.5 million in Local Income Housing Tax Credits from KHC.

The initiative is a service based model that provides shelter, counseling, peer support, daily living skills, job training and challenges to practice sober living.

To apply: Applications and information are available through GOLD at www.gold.ky.gov or by contacting GOLD's Recovery Kentucky Coordinator Mark Williams at 1-800-346-5606.

Recovery Kentucky Training - No Charge!

The Kentucky Housing Corporation, in conjunction with the Governor's Office for Local Development and Department of Corrections, is hosting a free Recovery Kentucky program training that will provide information on funding sources, program guidelines, financial and physical models and the application process.

When: Wednesday, February 9, 2005, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., ET

Where: Louisville Marriott East, 1903 Embassy Square Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky 40299

There is no cost for this workshop. If you are interested in attending, please register online at www.kyhousing.org by using the RegOnline link, or contact KHC's Recovery Kentucky Contact Tiffany Marthaler at 502-564-7630, ext. 406, or at tmarthaler@kyhousing.org.

Overnight accommodations can be made by contacting the Marriott East at 502-499-6220. Special rates apply through February 2.

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Earth Day Awards - April 22, 2005 at the Governor's Mansion!

Kentucky's Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) is accepting nominations for the 2005 Community Sustainable Development Earth Day Award. KLC is pleased to join EQC as a sponsor for the Awards which recognize Kentuckians, programs and projects that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment.

For nomination information, go to www.eqc.ky.gov/eday or call 502-564-2150. Deadline for entries is March 15, 2005. Awards will be presented by the Governor on Earth Day, April 22.

