

# PERSONELLITIES

## Benefits Corner

### Kentucky Retirement System Pre-Retirement Education Programs

PREP is a comprehensive retirement education program that explains KRS benefits for Tiers 1 and 2; Tier 3 (Participation 1/1/2014 and after) and proposed legislative changes will not be discussed. The session is designed for members who are within TWO years of retirement. The PREP program will also feature a full demonstration of the Member Self Service website. The next session in this area is:



Tuesday, March 14 • Barren River State Park, Lucas, KY

Advance registration is required for the PREP program.

Go to the KRS home page at [www.kyret.ky.gov](http://www.kyret.ky.gov) and click on the "Prepare for Your Retirement" link at the bottom right of the page.

### Flexible Spending Accounts

Meritain will accept run-out claims for 2016 service dates until **March 31, 2017**. Any funds rolling over from 2016 will appear on the Meritain website after the run-out period. **IMPORTANT REMINDER: Employees MUST complete a paper claim form to submit claims for 2016 during the run-out period.**

In order to submit a claim for 2016 the funds must be from the 2016 plan year. Employees CANNOT file 2016 claims with 2017 funds. Claim forms are located on The CLICK.

### Health Reimbursement Accounts - Correction

Correction to the information included in the February newsletter. HRA claims must be filed within **12 months** of the service date (the March 31, 2017 deadline for HRA was stated in error). Claim forms are located on The CLICK.

Please contact Lori Gray, Benefits Manager, with any questions via e-mail [lori.gray@bgky.org](mailto:lori.gray@bgky.org) or by phone at (270) 393-3644.

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Luck is what happens when  
preparations meets opportunity.  
-Seneca

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## Fire Safety Tip

When you change your clocks on Sunday, March 12 for Daylight Savings Time, don't forget to change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries as well. Remember also to check your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries at least once per month throughout the year to ensure they are working properly. Feel free to call the Bowling Green Fire Department at 270-393-3702 if you have questions about the placement of your smoke detectors or any fire safety issue.

# Focus on...

## Public Works Department: Smallhouse Road Widening Project

### Background & Goals

The City of Bowling Board of Commissioners approved funding in Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 for the improvement to a section of Smallhouse Road from Campbell Lane through the signalized intersection at Highland Way. These improvements include widening the road to three lanes, as well as the installation of curb, gutter, and sidewalk. The ultimate goal is to continue these improvements to Scottsville Road in the near future.

In 2008, the City completed a feasibility study for the entire Smallhouse Road corridor from Campbell Lane to Scottsville Road that determined these improvements would be necessary in order to manage current and future traffic demand while also improving motorist and pedestrian safety. After considering several alternates such as 5-lane and a 4-lane roadway sections, staff determined that adding the third lane and sidewalk on one side would address congestion concerns at both the intersections with Highland Way and with Campbell Lane as well as along the corridor. The current design has included an 8 foot multi-use path on one side of the proposed roadway.

Additionally, the widening will impact various utilities in the area. Water line and gas lines will be relocated at various locations along the project to allow sufficient room for the new infrastructure.

While any modifications to the current roadway configuration will have impacts to adjoining properties and motorists utilizing the roadway, the City is confident that we are proposing the most cost effective solution that will minimize these impacts to the greatest extent possible.

### Status

Construction began in December 2016. Charles Deweese Construction, Inc. is the general contractor for Phase I. Crews have begun excavation on the two major stormwater retention basins on the project and this work will continue through the month of January. Excavation for roadway widening has started along the northbound lane of Smallhouse Road near Campbell Lane. Storm sewer installation is scheduled to begin in early February. Temporary lane closures will be required, so motorists should expect short term delays. Please use caution when driving through this area due to construction crews and equipment operating in close proximity to the roadway.

Looking north towards Living Hope:



Looking north towards Living Hope:



Looking south towards Campbell Lane:



Looking north towards Living Hope:



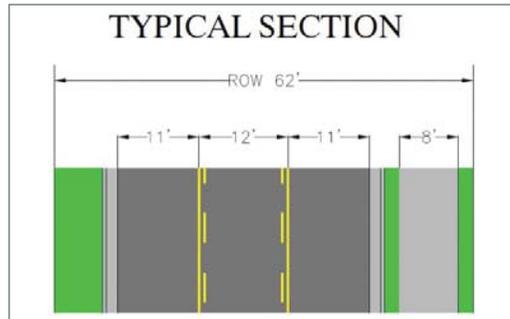
**Timeline**

Construction will include water line utility relocation as well as any roadway widening, sidewalk construction and necessary traffic signal modifications. Construction is expected to continue through August 2017. Motorists are advised to take caution when traveling this area as crews will be working near the travel lanes and some delays should be expected. The roadway will remain open throughout construction with the exception of periods where utility and storm line crossing will be necessary. Advance notice will be given if closures are necessary.

Additionally, funding was provided in 2017 to begin design on Phase II widening. This section will pick up near Highland Way where Phase I ends and continue through Ridgcrest Way. Survey and design of this portion began in December 2016 and is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2017 with property acquisition to follow.

**Project Details**

Below is a typical section showing proposed width of traffic lanes, sidewalk and right-of-way for the improvements along Small-house Road.



The following exhibits show the corridor and any property affected.



# Irish Tea Cake



- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar for dusting

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9-inch round pan.
2. In a medium bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, mixing until fully incorporated; stir in the vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; stir into the batter alternately with the milk. If the batter is too stiff, a tablespoon or two of milk may be added. Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan.
3. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes in the preheated oven, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack, then turn out onto a serving plate. Dust with confectioners' sugar right before serving.

## March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Samuel Rzepka Gordana Hasanagic	<b>2</b> Steven Wilson Michael Carter	<b>3</b> Seval Hajdarevic	<b>4</b> Michael Nade
<b>5</b> Clayton Shuffett Christopher Stafford	<b>6</b> Derick Fair	<b>7</b> Melvin Norris	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Marcia Davis Shawn Whitlow Thomas Kinman	<b>10</b> Melissa Pesterfield	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> David Carter	<b>13</b> James Craft Justin Brooks	<b>14</b> Robert Stamatis Benjamin Dahmer Bryan Katzman	<b>15</b> Travis McQuern Christen Graves	<b>16</b> French Bailey Jeffrey Pedigo	<b>17</b> Elvira Ramic Ellen Lightfoot Anthony Graves	<b>18</b> Matthew Johnson
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Mervin Hochstetler Michael Keffer Adrienne Stewart	<b>21</b> Samuel Barnett	<b>22</b> Kevin DeFebbo Wade Hughes Timothy Kickert Alicia Allen	<b>23</b> Brandon Gilliam	<b>24</b> Ronnie Ward Mary Hudson Eliott Potts	<b>25</b> Charles Butts
<b>26</b> Lynn Hartley	<b>27</b> Linda Montell	<b>28</b> David Lyne	<b>29</b> David Cardwell William Sanders Kevin Meredith	<b>30</b> Paul Correa	<b>31</b>	