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CITY OF PADUCAH, KY



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Quality of Life: Executive Inn and More

PADUCAH, KY— Government 11, the government access channel of the City of Paducah, has a new segment airing for *Quality of Life*, the program hosted by Mayor Bill Paxton. In this segment, Mayor Paxton interviews Downtown Development Director Steve Doolittle and Parks Services Director Mark Thompson about several large-scale projects underway in the Paducah area. Those projects include the Executive Inn, a pavilion, a sports park, extension of the greenway trail, and riverfront development.

During the past couple of months, the City Commission approved the purchase of three prominent items: the Executive Inn, a pavilion, and land for a sports park. Doolittle provides a timeline of the upcoming liquidation and demolition projects for the hotel and explains the need for a pavilion to host vendors for the 2010 AQS Quilt Show and Contest. The 37,800 square foot pavilion will be located on the empty property located at 4th and Executive Boulevard. Regarding the greenway trail, Thompson is thrilled to announce that work on the next two phases will start this spring. Currently, the public is enjoying Phase I which is a 1.75 mile section running from Noble Park to County Park Road. Phases II and III will extend the trail under U.S. 45 toward the Expo Center.

The multi-use sports park will not be completed for several years. However, the Commission approved the purchase of 165 acres off Sheehan Bridge Road. A private fundraising effort led by David Hutcheson is underway. Thompson shows a preliminary layout of the park that includes soccer fields, baseball fields, a small lake, playgrounds, and walking trails. To donate to the sports park, send your donations to

Paducah Sports Park Fund
Parks Services Department
P.O. Box 7265
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-7265

Quality of Life: Executive Inn and More begins airing Monday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m. on Government Channel 11. It can be seen this week on Wednesday, January 27 at 10:00 p.m.; Friday, January 29 at 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, January 30 at 8:30 a.m. A low-resolution version of the episode and programming schedules are available on the City's



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website www.paducahky.gov. For more information about *Quality of Life* or other programming on Government 11 call Tom Butler at 534-3208 or Pam Spencer at 444-8669.

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