



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at City Hall

Mayor's Award of Merit to Robert Manchester

Mayor Gayle Kaler presented the Mayor's Award of Merit, the highest honor from the Mayor's office, to Robert Manchester who recently retired from the Paducah Planning Commission after serving since 1987. Commissioner Carol Gault says, "There are going to be some big shoes to fill in that position. Thank you for your service." Manchester says, "I'm proud to have served Paducah." Manchester served as chairman from 1989 until his decision to retire from the board. In his service as chairman, he heard nearly 1500 cases. Before serving on the Planning Commission, Manchester served two terms on the Paducah Area Transit Authority Board. A reception in Manchester's honor was held at City Hall prior to the Commission meeting.



Paducah Tilghman Band of Blue Recognition

Mayor Kaler presented Paducah Tilghman Band Director Patrick Saddler with a Duke of Paducah for his leadership of the Tilghman Band of Blue. Earlier this month, the band won numerous trophies and a \$10,000 cash prize at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida. In all, the 76-member band brought back a dozen awards including the Grand National Championship title. The band earned a spot as the only band from Kentucky to perform, along with seven other bands from across the nation, during halftime of the bowl game. In addition to hours of rehearsing, the band worked hard to raise money for the trip to the

Gator Bowl. The band raised nearly all of the trip's \$80,000 cost. Saddler says, "I'm so proud of my students."

Donation of Independence Park to the City of Paducah (vote February 4)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced two ordinances regarding Independence Park. The first ordinance accepts the donation of the park to the City of Paducah from Independence Bank, and the second ordinance amends the Paducah Code of Ordinances to include Independence Park. The park is located at the corner of Lone Oak Road and Alben Barkley Drive (114 Forest Circle). It's a fenced park with a gazebo, benches, and climbing boulders for the kids. The gate to enter is park is off Forest Circle. Members of Independence Bank, City officials, and the community dedicated Independence Park on October 30, 2013. The site was originally intended for the bank's two-story signature location which has now been built just past the park on Broadway. After community members expressed concerns about the property being used for commercial purposes, the bank decided to donate the land to the City and build a park for the community to enjoy. To view a gallery of photos from the October 2013 dedication ceremony, visit

<http://paducahky.gov/paducah/independence-park>.



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Christmas in the Park Summary

Paducah Power System Director of Community Relations & Marketing Andrea Underwood updated the Mayor and Commission about the totals from the 2013 Christmas in the Park event. The 17th annual event resulted in the collection of more than 50,000 pounds of food and \$37,500 in monetary donations. Over the event's 17 years, more than 600,000 pounds of food and nearly \$500,000 of monetary donations have been collected. Underwood says, "That's a lot of food and money that has been contributed over the years, and we owe it to the people of this community." Underwood thanked all the volunteers who help with Christmas in the Park in addition to the schools that participate in the School Challenge and the hospitals who help with Stuff-A-Truck. Proceeds from Christmas in the Park are provided to Paducah Cooperative Ministry, the Salvation Army, and Family Service Society.

Quick Highlights

- Boards and Commissions: Drew Hulette, Lennis Thompson, and Alexandra Sherwood appointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Board. Roger Truitt appointed to the Electric Plant Board.
- The Mayor and Commissioners recognized the promotions of Paducah Police Captain Brian Krueger to Assistant Chief and Paducah Police Sergeant Brian Laird to Captain.
- Municipal order approved to apply for grant funding in the amount of up to \$21,000 from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety. The funds would be used to continue to present the "Heads Up Don't be In'text'icated" program the Police Department offers with the help of Hillary Coltharp who was seriously injured in 2007 in a collision caused by her texting while driving. No local cash match is required for this grant.
- The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce's 75th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting is this Friday.

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