

GARDEN | Plants featured are Ky. natives

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Waterfield remembers. "In the middle '80s, he offered an exorbitant sum for it, and the owner wouldn't take it through the realtor. I told the realtor to tell Mr. So-and-So that he better sell it because when my dad was gone, I wasn't going to want it that bad."

His father wasn't alive to see it, but in 1996, Waterfield finally bought the lot for "much, much less."

He demolished the building in 2006 and this summer transformed the empty lot into something he thinks his father would have loved: A community garden inspired by the waterways, rocks and plants of Kentucky.

"It's something of a memory garden of all the good times we've had building this company," he said of the 50-year-old business. "It honors all the good people we've had work here over the years, and it's something I hope the people of Frankfort can enjoy."

Waterfield knew he wanted water and limestone to be the garden's central features, so he contacted Andrea Wilson Mueller with Inside Out Design, and she ran with the project.

"Harry Lee wanted a fountain to symbolize the Elkhorn rapids and the native plantings, which inspired the entire design," she said.

"The garden contains 21 varieties of Eastern United States native or native cultivar plants with the majority of those being Kentucky natives or improved natives — all of which will be labeled."

In addition to the plants, the design includes pea gravel pathways, minimal



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Edil Nolasco with Inside Out Designs, Inc. places native plants in the Investors Heritage garden on Second Street.

LED lighting, an upright stone sculpture that weaves throughout the garden and a massive limestone boulder bubbler fountain.

Mueller praised Waterfield's vision. The newly-planted flowers and shrubs will take time to mature, and Waterfield says he looks forward to watching it grow.

Whitney and Garth, Waterfield's two children who work with him at Investors Heritage, said their father has been excited about the garden, so it's been fun to work with him on the project.

Garth said he's already seen people taking advantage of its beauty.

"For one of the homecomings, there were students down there getting photographs before the homecom-



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Investors Heritage bought the liquor store on Second Street in 1996 and had it demolished five years ago. This summer, they transformed the empty lot into a community garden inspired by native plants and waterways of Kentucky.

ing dance," he said. "I know they always head up to the Floral Clock, so maybe this

can be just another spot in town where people enjoy stopping."

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they're "on call 24/7." County Attorney Rick Sparks said he has to be available at all times — even in the wee hours of the morning — in case of emergencies.

"If the sheriff calls me at 1 a.m., I can't be like, 'I clocked out. Sucks to be you,'" Sparks said.

After the meeting, Perkins said he's on-call too but still doesn't know if he meets the 100-hour requirement.

"I agree with 24/7 ... if I'm at Walmart shopping, and somebody comes up and asks me about a road, I put down '1 hour' (in the log book)," Perkins said. "But I can't actually say there's 100 hours on average a month."

"I just don't know I can't find anyone to give me the answer."

Franklin County welcomes new HR Director

Someone who may have the answer — Jennifer Lewis-Bass, Franklin County's new human resources director.

The court voted to hire her at Friday's meeting, and Lewis-Bass said she was shocked when Collins called

her to give her the good news.

"I wasn't expecting that," Lewis-Bass said. "I was planning on resigning from my job on Monday, and I had to resign Friday."

For the past seven years, Lewis-Bass worked as an office manager for Franklin County Family Medicine. There, she said she put together policy manuals and dealt with personnel issues, skills she said will help her in her new position.

Bass, 50, said one of the reasons she applied for HR director is because the county offered better retirement benefits than a job in the private sector.

But with a starting salary of \$48,500, Bass said she's taking a significant pay-cut to get those benefits.

"I prayed ... and went back and forth, but I think this all happened for a reason," Lewis-Bass said. "They can bring something good

to me, and I can bring something good to them too."

Franklin County has never had an HR director before, but Collins said creating the position will help efficiency and ease his workload so he can focus on other things, such as the budget and his work as a judge-executive.

"I think this is something they need to have put into place," Lewis-Bass said. "I love to take something and make something out of it ... it's going to be a good fit."

Lewis-Bass starts Oct. 31.

In other business: Mike Nolan spoke about the Franklin County Humane Society and its trouble in finding people to fill the six vacancies on the board. Out of nine spots, only three are filled.

Nolan, the humane society's county representative, said part of the problem in getting people to apply is the controversy surround the society. He said rumors about the society's financial situation and conflicts with the staff have prevented people from wanting to be a part of the humane society.

Because of that, he said he's looking for new faces, particularly those involved

in business or capable of managing a non-profit agency.

"We need people ... who want to see the shelter run properly, who can do the fundraising, the management. We need people who have not been involved in all this silliness."

Those interested can nominate themselves by filling out a form on the humane society's website at www.fchsky.org. Candidates must be members of the humane society.

Three of the positions will be voted on at the board's Oct. 13 meeting. The other three will be voted on in December.

The Franklin County Fire Department requested to promote four of its firefighters because of vacancies from recent retirements. Forrest Palmer was promoted to engineer, and Eric Simpson, James Hodge and Mike Harrod were all promoted to lieutenant.



Jennifer Lewis-Bass

FBI combs landfill in search for Mo. baby

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — FBI agents scoured a Kansas landfill for the second time this week as the search for a missing 10-month-old Missouri girl entered its fourth day — and just hours after the child's mother said police accused her of being involved.

Agents and Kansas City police spent about two hours Friday at the Deffenbaugh Industries landfill in the suburb of Shawnee, FBI spokeswoman Bridget Patton said. She wouldn't discuss details but confirmed the activity was related to the search for Lisa Irwin, whose parents said was snatched from her crib in the middle of the night. Patton said it was the second time the FBI had been at the landfill, which investigators also searched Tuesday — the same day the baby was

reported missing — and it wasn't uncommon to search an area several times. Police said agents also went back to the family's home and used metal detectors to search the yard. Lisa's mother, Deborah

Bradley, said in an interview with The Associated Press earlier Thursday that police told her she failed a lie detector test and accused her of being involved in her baby's disappearance.

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