



City Flash

The City that Moves Mountains

Pikeville, KY

Horse Trail Comes to Pikeville

The City of Pikeville held a groundbreaking ceremony on August 27, 2012, to kick off the new horse trail at Bob Amos Park.

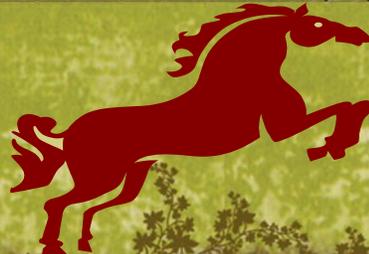
The 2.39-mile trail will be open to the public on horseback or for hiking from a Bob Amos Drive trailhead. The trail traces through the forested area and provides a great view of the beautiful downtown and awe-inspiring Cut-Through Project, which was named as part of the Kentucky Department of Travel and Tourism's "There's Only One" program earlier this year. Riders will have an option to make a loop or continue to Island Creek.

Plans include a horseback riding ring complete with a ramp to allow citizens with disabilities to ride a horse. Additional facilities include a barn to accommodate up to 20 horses, feed and supply house, signage, picnic tables, and parking area. This will provide convenient access to recreational opportunities for people of all abilities. Summit Engineering will design the trail.

In addition, to meeting the recreational and healthy activity needs of citizens, the project will spur economic development in the tourism industry by providing another option in the City's growing adventure tourism offerings. According to the 2005 Kentucky Equine Study by the American Horse Council, approximately 100,000 horses in Kentucky are used for recreational riding and approximately 18,500 individuals participate in pleasure riding. Most riders enjoy being in nature and viewing wildlife.

"These investments are part of the City Commission's commitment to improving the quality of life for citizens," said City Manager, Donovan Blackburn.

The Horse Trail will complement the ongoing adventure tourism opportunities available in the City of Pikeville and Pike County.



Randy Jones Memorial Park

What better way for remembrance...

A memorial stone was set in place at Hillbilly Christmas in July Randy Jones Memorial Park on September 25, 2012, Randy's 62nd Birthday.

Randy was the voice of East Kentucky Broadcasting Stations and the co-founder of Hillbilly Christmas in July.

The memorial park is located behind the RV Park, on Bob Amos Drive. The playground is equipped with specialized equipment that can accommodate any child or adult who faces physical challenges. The park has a special surface which will allow easy access for wheelchairs and walkers.

With fundraising, donations, volunteers, and \$500,000, made the park possible. Children were playing on the playground when concrete arrived, those children now have their handprints in the concrete laid at the playground.

The park is the only kind in the state of Kentucky, the Hillbilly Christmas in July members plan to expand the playground in the near future.

Hillbilly Christmas in July Randy Jones Memorial Park



Founded by: Hillbilly Christmas in July, Inc.
With special thanks for the generosity and tireless support of all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and The City of Pikeville.





Pikeville Martial Arts



Martial arts are codified systems and traditions of combat practices. They are practiced for a variety of reasons, including self-defense, competition, physical health and fitness, as well as mental, physical, and spiritual development.

The term martial art has become heavily associated with the fighting arts of eastern Asia, but was originally used in regard to the combat systems of Europe as early as the 1550s.

Testing or evaluation is important to martial art practitioners of many disciplines who wish to determine their progression or own level of skill in specific contexts. Students within individual martial art systems often undergo periodic testing and grading by their own teacher in order to advance to a higher level of recognized achievement, such as a different belt color or title. The type of testing used varies from system to system but may include forms or sparring.

Various forms and sparring are commonly used in martial art exhibitions and tournaments. Some competitions pit practitioners of different disciplines against each other using a common set of rules, these are referred to as mixed martial arts competitions. Rules for sparring vary between art and organization but can generally be divided into light-contact, medium-contact, and full-contact variants, reflecting the amount of force that should be used on an opponent.

The students are a head of schedule! Most of them are already up for promotion to yellow belt. They have learned the first 10 forms 15 self defense techniques and 10 sparring techniques. Students have already started on the first yellow belt bow form. All seem eager to learn and improving more with every class.





HAPPY HALLOWEEN



NIGHTMARE ON MAIN STREET III

The **SPOOK-TACULAR** event begins

October 23, 2012 at 6:00pm

East Kentucky Exposition Center

City Hall & Administrative Office Closing...

Offices will be **CLOSED**

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

for the Presidential Election...

Offices will resume normal business
hours on

Wednesday, November 7, 2012.