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addition to this year's celebration is a large, original "Recommended by Duncan Hines" sign that was found on Facebook Marketplace in Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

"We plan to loan it to Meltdown Ice Cream on the square to use during the week," she said. "It will fit in their window and will look great. It's just so nostalgic and really fits with their vibe."

Restaurant Week will return June 3-9. Butler said this year, more restaurants will offer special Duncan Hines-themed items, discounts and specials, including Duncan Hines-themed shots at Cliffs of Moher Irish Pub, Mellow Mushroom's Hot Brown Smackdown pizza, themed around Duncan Hines' favorite meal and an old-fashioned burger at the Corvette Museum's Stingray Grill.

CandleMakers on the Square will also have baking mix giveaways and will hand-pour Duncan Hines food-scented candles.

"We have also introduced a cute little mascot for the kids," Butler said.

The mascot, a duck named Duckin, is a "nod to the duck in the old Duncan Hines Festival logo" and is featured in a series of 15 short reels on the Duncan Hines Days Instagram page.

Returning this year is the Downtown Kickoff Party on June 7, which includes the Community Ice Cream Social at SoKY Marketplace at 6 p.m., featuring several local dessert and food trucks and live entertainment from Natasha Neely as Dolly Parton at the Marketplace Pavilion and snacks, food and music at the Ballpark Plaza connected via Hot Rod Alley.

The Classic Car Cruise-In at Fountain Square will begin at 4 p.m. and Uncle Duncan's Summer Stroll Parade will begin at 5 p.m. at Circus Square.

Butler said that 53 cars have already registered for this year's cruise-in, as compared to last year's 40.

At the Historic RailPark & Train Museum, Dine with Duncan on the Duncan Hines Diner Car returns and BG Trolley Tours hosted by Duncan will offer multiple tours, including a loop around the Downtown Kickoff at SoKY Marketplace.

"The Eats & Beats Music Fest is also back," Butler said. "We have 20 food trucks and have extended it to start an hour earlier in the day. We might also have a surprise performance added to the lineup. The idea is to add a little more every year so it is a festival that truly lasts all day."

The festival, which will be from 3 to 10 p.m. June 8 at Circus Square Park, will feature Bluegrass Hall of Fame

artist Sam Bush, Government Cheese, Girl Tones and Otis.

Admission to Eats & Beats is free and Butler said a new VIP ticket experience has been added. VIP tickets are \$75 and may be purchased at duncanhinesdays.com.

Also returning is Duncan's Duck Paddle Race and Regatta, scheduled for 8 a.m. June 8 at the downtown boat ramp. Butler said there are already 45 registered racers and this year, and she expects the number to surpass last year's 49 racers.

Butler said the numbers from last year's Duncan Hines Days indicated just how much people within and beyond the area "really embraced it."

Around 16,000 people from at least 28 states attended last year's event, based on tracking at the attractions and venues and from ZIP codes for tickets and purchasing, with at least \$2.28 million in spending brought to south-central Kentucky's economy.

Volunteers are still needed to help out, Butler said, and organizations, high school students who need service hours and "anyone with a heart for service" can sign up on the website.

— For more information and traffic impact, parking and event maps for the June 7-8 downtown events, visit duncanhinesdays.com. Additional information can be found on the Duncan Hines Days Facebook, Instagram or X pages.



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nearby residential zoning and worried that the developer's self-enforced "quiet hours" would not stop park residents from disturbing neighbors.

"As far as a quiet hour, Beech Bend has a quiet hour — come out there at 12 o'clock during the Harley drags," Vertrees told commissioners.

Resident Curtis Butler said he spent "many nights on this property growing up" and it is a "gorgeous" property that abuts Barren River. It includes a spring that brings up water from Glasgow and flows into the river.

"We want to keep it that way. There is wonderful fishing there, too, we want to keep that that way, too," Butler said. "My biggest thing though, guys, if this was across the street from you, would you allow this to come in?"

Other residents spoke of

traffic concerns with RVs traveling down Plum Springs Road and worried the park would attract long-term low-income or homeless residents despite its 20-day maximum stay.

Brown's attorney, Chris Davenport, did not immediately respond to the Daily News but spoke after the meeting's public comment portion to address concerns from residents.

He said the development is compatible with the area, which he said is unique due to the industrial zone around nearby Commerce Street. An entrance and exit, primarily for employees, will connect the park's roadways to that street.

Davenport said many residents may not realize how close their residence is to the zone and added the proposed development would create a steady transition from one end of the spectrum to the other.

"The fact of the matter is, as I said early on, this site is somewhat unique in that we have industrial and then we

have residential, and in large part we have a big vacant tract here," Davenport said. "As this board has heard me say before, zoning makes the most sense when uses flow from one intensity to the other — industrial, commercial, residential.

"Although I know the neighbors don't feel that way, that's in large part what would happen with this FLUM request if it's granted. In my opinion, it would make great use of this acreage, give it great utility given the challenges to topography, the river, those things that will actually accentuate a campground."

Also on Thursday, Commissioners approved a request from the Warren County Board of Education to rezone 30.05 acres on Hedge Street just outside Smiths Grove from agricultural to public zoning.

The full CCPC board will meet next on July 18.



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**Office of the Warren County  
Property Valuation Administrator  
Joshua R. Hardy, PVA**

### 2024 Real Property Assessment Roll Open Inspection Period

In compliance with KRS 133.045, Warren County Property Valuation Administrator, Joshua R. Hardy, announces **the 2024 Warren County real property assessment roll will be open for public inspection May 28<sup>th</sup> - June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024** at the Office of the PVA located at the old Warren County Courthouse, 429 E. 10th Ave. 3rd Floor, Bowling Green, KY 42101. This year, the assessment roll may be inspected 24 hours a day at [www.WarrenKyPVA.com](http://www.WarrenKyPVA.com) or in person by appointment from May 28<sup>th</sup> - June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### Assessment Appeal Process

Any taxpayer who wishes to **appeal** an assessment **must first** complete an **Informal Assessment Review** with the PVA or designated Deputy PVA by calling the Office of the PVA at 270-843-3268 or email at [PVA@warrenpva.ky.gov](mailto:PVA@warrenpva.ky.gov). Assessment reviews may be held prior to or during the public inspection period (May 28<sup>th</sup>-June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024). **Assessment Review deadline is 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

If, during the informal assessment review with the PVA or designated Deputy PVA, an agreement cannot be reached, a conference record form will be provided from the Office of the PVA. The taxpayer may then use the conference record form to file a formal appeal at the County Clerk's office with the Local Board of Tax Appeals no later than one business day after the close of the open inspection. The last day to file an appeal is June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Taxpayers dissatisfied with the Local Board of Appeals valuation, may appeal to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals. Any taxpayer failing to appear before the local board, will not be eligible to appeal to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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dard of 70 parts per billion for ground-level ozone, based on scientific evidence that 70 ppb would nearly eliminate adverse health effects of smog exposure.

Complying with the new plan would threaten closure of coal-fired power plants in Kentucky.

After the EPA formally denied Kentucky's implementation plan, then Attorney General Daniel Cameron petitioned the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Cameron asked the court to rule the EPA's denial of Kentucky's plan illegal.

"Denying State Implementation Plans, like Kentucky's, to make room for a rigid federal plan is another attempt by the Biden Administration to force its green policies on Kentucky and other states," Cameron said at the time.

In June 2023, the Sixth Circuit temporarily blocked the EPA from rejecting Kentucky's proposal to regulate air quality within its borders. Now, the court is deciding whether to make the EPA block permanent or lift it.

The court heard oral arguments in the case May 8.

### ORAL ARGUMENTS

Matthew Kuhn and Jared Bentley represented the Attorney General's office and the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, respectively.

Bentley criticized the EPA

for "moving the finish line" with its rule making. He told the panel of judges that the EPA initially told them to use 2018 modeling that had a standard of one part per billion.

However, after they submitted the state implementation plan, the modeling was updated, and Kentucky's plan was out of compliance with the new, more stringent standard. Twenty other states faced the same issue.

"Their final approval said that we did not provide an adequate technical justification, and our technical justification was what they told us to rely on," Kuhn said.

Jeffrey Hammons represented the EPA in the courtroom. He said that even if the state was right to challenge the updated modeling and screening threshold, the EPA "still had a reasonable basis to disapprove Kentucky's submission even under that 2011 base modeling and under one part per billion screening threshold."

Kentucky was still linked to downwind air quality issues in Hartford County, Maryland, Hammons said.

Also, Hammons argued that Kentucky's plan barely included any technical analysis that explained how proposed power plant closures would reduce the state's overall emissions.

"When a power plant closes, the electricity has to come from somewhere, so does that mean existing sources are going to increase their emissions or a new plant is going to be built?" he said.

"All of those are information that the agency would need before it can approve Kentucky's conclusion that these power plant closures are going to be enough."

### KENTUCKY'S FIGHT FOR COAL

The lawsuit is just one in several steps Kentucky has taken to resist closure of fossil fuel-powered plants.

In 2023, the legislature passed Senate Bill 4, which banned the retirement of coal-fired electric generators unless it can be proven that retirement won't have a negative impact on consumers' energy costs or electric grid reliability.

The General Assembly has also passed legislation requiring state pension investments to not include any environmental, social, political or ideological interests.

This session, lawmakers attempted to pass a resolution declaring Kentucky a "sanctuary state" from federal fossil fuel and air quality environmental regulations.

Supports said they felt threatened by EPA rules targeting greenhouse gas emissions that would require fossil fuel power plants to shut down or an aggressive shift to alternative energy generation.

Under the resolution, state agencies would not have been allowed to collect fines or penalties on behalf of the EPA. After passing committee, the resolution did not receive a floor vote.