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Horseshoe Bend to add 300+ homes to Clinton

By Katherine R. Dougan

The pathways trod by Tennessee Walking horses for more than fifty years are soon to be walked by families in the Horseshoe Bend subdivision, with the Board of Aldermen unanimously approving the plat for Horseshoe Bend by a vote of 7-0 at the March 3 meeting.

Bruce Kirkland, who will be the owner and developer of the 332-home subdivision, plans to build and develop quality new homes at Horseshoe Bend, which is located on Pinehaven Drive next to Windsor Plantation and across from Southern Oaks subdivision. Windsor Plantation subdivision is also built and developed by Kirkland Properties, LLC, of Ridgeland.

"We chose to keep the property as Horseshoe Bend, because that's what it's always been called," Kirkland said. "We wanted to keep the memory of the land and family [the Stephens family] going on." Kirkland plans to name various streets in the subdivision after different sentimental names related to the Stephens family, he said.

Lowell Floyd Stephens and his wife, Juanita "Flap" Stephens, along with their sons, Bruce and Craig Stephens, owned and operated Horseshoe Acres Farm for more than fifty years, where they raised, trained and sold



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Horseshoe Bend subdivision will add 332 homes to the north side of Clinton, off of Pinehaven Drive.

Tennessee Walking horses. During the years of operating the farm, the Stephens family, their grandchildren and children of many friends traveled to Tennessee and various southern states for horse show competitions and activities.

And Kirkland is in a great position to know what Clinton families want in a home, as he has built and developed in excess of five hundred homes in Clinton. He also built most of the

homes in Indian Trails, almost all of the houses in Ridge Point subdivision, as well as the homes in Windsor Plantation and some in Southern Oaks. Additionally, Kirkland spoke to real estate agents, adjacent property owners and City officials, and also listened to what people wanted and what they need in homes of their own.

"We're trying to make it really nice and have it complement all of the other developments in the area. We want

to develop a quality development that is going to have houses that can be priced where a starting family can afford to live in Clinton," Kirkland said. "We feel this development is exactly what the city and people of Clinton have asked for."

The 146.5 acre tract for Horseshoe Bend is zoned Residential 1 (R1) and is set up for 332 lots to be developed.

In addition to preserving the memories of the Stephens family farm, the two lakes on the property will also remain, and the surrounds will enhance the beauty of the property.

"We will have common areas in the development. We'll have sidewalks throughout; larger than normal, with common areas, retention areas, detention areas and several landscaped areas," Kirkland said.

"I am extremely excited for the addition of Horseshoe Bend to our community," Mayor Phil Fisher said. "This developer has a long history of successful developments in our community. The addition of new properties for sale will enhance the continued recruitment of retail, restaurant and jobs to our city. Retail follows rooftops."

Approval of the final plat for Horseshoe Bend brings the total new approved residential units to around 600.

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Board to discuss proposed "Safe City" resolution on March 17

By Katherine R. Dougan

A group representing the "Safe City Clinton" organization has asked City officials to consider adopting a resolution that the group said "promotes life in the womb." The group will bring the proposed resolution before the public and Board at the March 17 Board of Aldermen and Mayor's meeting.

The resolution currently appears on the group's website, however, it has not yet been endorsed or adopted by the Board or the City. At the Board's March 2 work session, Pastor Ryan Sullivan of Grace Community Church in Jackson and Casey

Stevens of Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton, who are supporters of the resolution, met with Board members and Mayor Phil Fisher at to informally discuss the resolution proposed by the organization.

Safe City explains their proposed resolution on their website, however, it is presented in a manner that appears as though the City stands in support of the resolution. Currently, this is not the case.

The first time the proposed resolution will be officially brought before the City is at the March 17 meeting, at which time the Board will discuss and citizens are encouraged to at-

tend to express their opinion about the proposed resolution.

Stevens, a lifelong Clintonian, said he read the Safe City Resolution and realized it was something the city of Clinton "could and should get behind." The resolution as proposed by Safe City states:

"The City hereby recognizes and declares the humanity of the pre-born child and urges the citizens of Clinton to encourage the humane treatment of all human beings, including the preborn child, as well as to promote and defend the dignity of all human life."

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