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Dear Editor,

I would like to take this oppportunity to congratulate the citizens of the Town of Kilmarnock as they celebrate their 75th anniversary of the town's incorporation. I am sure that the town has changed much over that span of time I am also sure that what did not change was the friendliness and the neighbors watching out for each other. I know it was one of the things that attracted us to the area.

The town is in the midst of change now.. The Main street project was billed as one to lift the whole area up. Right now, it is a little difficult to move around town, but that is temporary. Of concern, is the project coming to the North end of town. Kilmarnock is looking to become "Anywhere, USA" . Go to FOLCVA.org to see the 156,487 square feet and 801 parking space sketch. What businesses throughout the county will be affected by this project? I have seen the soil evaluation vehicle in the area near the site. There are dates of starting construction and opening floating around, some on pretty good authority.

The question that I have is how will this change the whole county and the quality of life of it's citizens? There are many things going on below the surface. It is past time for all of us to become involved and to express our desires to our elected and appointed officials. Change is here and will not be denied. How that change comes about is what we need to try to influence. No one person or group has all the answers, but collectively we need to determine our future or it will be done for us. Please get involved now and make your input heard by the peopple making the final decisions.

Happy Birthday, Kilmarnock.

Charlie Costello