



Welcome to Fall! Fall is a beautiful time of year filled with trees changing colors and the weather being not too hot but not too cold. Take some time to visit the extraordinary locations that Louisville has to offer and enjoy the beauty of the season.

The Halloween Costume parade on Saturday was a big success. There were strollers, wagons, and fairies and dragons of all different ages walking throughout the neighborhood. Thanks to all who participated.

As always, if you have a question, concern or suggestion, please come to a City meeting, visit our website or email mayor@cityofwellingtonky.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRICK OR TREATING

October 31 from 4pm-dusk to follow with the schedule of Jefferson County and surrounding neighborhoods. Please be aware of the children and drive slow to keep them safe.

The holidays will soon be upon us. Keep an eye out for the Letters to Santa mailbox making its appearance on the big island after the Thanksgiving holiday.



CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 10th starting at 2pm Santa will be at the big island to greet residents and get their last minute wish list. Please join us in welcoming him.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

We encourage residents to leave their grass clippings and leaf mulch on the lawn. Lawn clippings are a good source of fertilizer and can also make excellent compost.

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

All owners or occupants of real property shall remove or cause to be removed within 48 hours after a snowstorm in the City, all snow and ice accumulated on the sidewalks and wheelchair/crosswalk ramps contiguous to the premises they own or occupy.

FALL YARD MAINTENANCE



As you are gathering up your leaves for disposal in the yard waste, please take a minute to see if any of your trees or bushes are growing in front of or around a street sign, reducing its visibility. If you find that a branch or some leaves are covering the




sign, please cut them back to ensure that the sign is visible, keeping Wellington safe for residents and visitors.

2023 TREE PROGRAM

The City has budgeted for several years now to offer willing residents a canopy tree (free) to provide shade and increase the value of their property while adding value to the neighborhood. Please contact commissioner1@cityofwellingtonky.com or at 502-345-3429 for more information and to receive a flag to mark the location of your tree. Below are the trees being offered this year and requests should be made before November 9th to allow for planting before the winter season arrives.

Fall 2023 City of Wellington Tree Order Form

	
Red Maple	Willow Oak

		
London Plane Tree	Tulip Poplar	Red Oak

Name _____ Address _____


Primary Phone# _____ Alternate Phone# _____

Location in yard (Front/Back) _____

Email _____

Turn in order forms to Carol Petrites at commissioner1@cityofwellingtonky.com

Any questions about trees, ask Frank Otte's Garden Center 454-4000



Security Rebate

In remaining diligent in inspiring security and safety the City is once again offering a rebate program to residents for security light(s) and/or cameras to continue keeping our neighborhood safe. Reimbursement is up to \$100 for a camera and \$50 for a security light. If you wish to be a part of the City's rebate program, please submit a picture of the item installed at your house and receipt of purchase to commissioner3@cityofwellingtonky.com.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00 AM

On Saturday night, clocks are set back 1 hour (i.e., gaining one hour)

Critter Control

Pay attention to your home. Once a month or at least quarterly tour your foundation vent screens and look for open holes. Pay special attention to Cable, HVAC, or Dryer vent entry points. If you spot anything, crinkle up some paper and shove it into the hole. In a couple of days check for activity. If you find activity, you have a problem! Check garage door seal for gaps and around sinks where waterlines comes from crawlspaces, these are especially appealing to mice & rats that like gaps in your foundation & crawl space. Check attic vents & dormers which should be metal, not plastic, so they aren't appealing to squirrels. Signals to look for include cone shaped holes in lawns, which can be skunks & raccoons looking for grubs & crane flies. Raccoons will also pull the grass back. Damage to vegetation is usually from rabbits, and mice droppings are often near doorways. Pay attention to noises. Rats are most active between 9pm & 3am, squirrels are most active between 6am & 4pm, and Skunks are most active during dark hours. Skunk's breeding is between Dec & Feb (~8 week gestation) and rats tend to breed Feb-Jun. What you can easily do: Do Not Feed or leave any kind of food outdoors!!! Don't bait around the foundation or yard and clean up fallen fruit. For mice use Victor spring-type traps with peanut butter. They work best when the trap is placed right next to a wall. For rats use larger Victor traps baited with slim-jims. However, don't initially set the trap for a couple of days; rats are more cautious. Less bait is better.

RING IN THE HOLIDAYS

We encourage neighbors to invest in Louisville's economy by patronizing our unique local businesses.

Louisville Zoo

Boo at the Zoo (Thursdays-Sundays until October 29th) 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm. A Louisville tradition for over 40 years, Halloween-time transforms the Zoo into a living storybook, complete with some of your favorite characters brought to life, fun music and a safe place for trick-or-treating for kids 11 and under. This party experience is designed to give you all the merry you love with none of the scary. Special ticket required.

Louisville Mega Cavern

Lights Under Louisville returns with more than 40 themed displays, multiple projection areas, over 900 lit characters, new exciting themes, two laser locations, multiple light tunnels, holiday music and over 6,500,000 points of light and the only domestic holographic Santa that will immerse visitors in a megadose of holiday cheer. It's the only underground light show of its kind on the planet!

Light up Louisville

Saturday, December 2nd from 4pm-9pm is a free annual event that will kick off the holiday season in the city. The Lots of Lights Parade brings holiday cheer to Jefferson Street, aka Santa Claus Lane, with dozens of brightly lit groups singing and dancing in the street

In the spirit of giving, this offers a great opportunity for volunteer ideas; participate in a food pantry, soup kitchen or drop off some goodies to the local police or fire department to show support and thanks.

FIRE SAFETY DURING WINTER STORMS

Be prepared this winter season. Winter storms can lead to house fires. Use these tips to know what to do before, during, and after a storm.

- Test all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month to make sure they are working properly.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street so that firefighters can easily locate your home.
- Be prepared in case the power goes out by having flashlights and fresh batteries on hand. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather by monitoring local forecasts.
- Check on neighbors.
- Be ready if the heat stops working by using extra layers of clothing and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least three feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room or go to bed.
- If you use a generator for power, it should be placed outside away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- If you see downed wires, stay away and dial 9-1-1.

SMOKE DETECTOR REMINDER FOR WINTER SEASON

To prepare for the fall and winter season, a reminder that smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors should have their batteries changed every six months. Many folks do this on a fall/ spring schedule. The detectors themselves should be replaced every ten years.

BE A BATTERY HERO/DISPOSE OF BATTERIES SAFELY

Did you know? If thrown in the trash or recycling, batteries may catch fire and pose a threat to people and property. Some batteries also contain toxic metals, such as cadmium, lead, or mercury, which can pose a threat our health and the environment. With so many different kinds of batteries, it can be confusing to know which batteries can be recycled. Jefferson County (location) is making it simple by accepting all batteries for recycling. If it lights up, makes noise or moves without a plug, it has a battery. Be a battery hero! Put all batteries in their place by dropping them off at (location) household hazardous waste collection site for safe disposal. It's free!

New to Wellington? A Commissioner will deliver a welcome packet to you. Welcome packets include lots of information to help residents get acquainted with the City and learn about City services, trash service, government operations, rental laws and more. For additional information on events, there is a Newsletter posted every Spring and Fall. You can access it at cityofwellingtonky.com.

Parking

Please remember there is no overnight parking allowed on the city's streets between the hours of 12:00am until 6:00am. Also be aware that there are several places that do not allow parking on the streets at any time, these areas are marked with signs. Typically it is one side of every street to allow for emergency vehicles if needed. With increased foot activity, and as always, do not block the sidewalk with your vehicle. Vehicles cannot be parked in yards or grass or any area of property that is not a driveway or garage.

Issues

History

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Wellington

Our lovely city has been in existence since the 1940s. Many may not know that most of our properties were actually a part of the Farmington grounds. We have several residents who have lived here for years and may be able to share stories, pictures or basic history of where we live. We would like to include these in future newsletters. Please send any information, stories, and/or historic pictures to commissioner1@cityofwellingtonky.com.

Update of Info to Receive City Notifications

Update your Email Address and Subscribe to Receive City Notifications
Go to the [City website](#) and click on "[Subscribe to Updates](#)" to update your email and subscribe to the topics you prefer to receive notifications about.

REACH Alert / Register Your Email Address Today!

We understand the importance of communicating with you especially with items such as power outages, police actions, upcoming meeting, community events and any important information to convey to our residents. As such, we initiated a new notification service called REACH Alert to immediately share this information. If you don't register, you won't receive our messages. All you need do is:

1. Go to www.reachalert.com and click on Sign Up
2. Network Name: type Wellington and click on our name when it appears
3. Follow the prompts and enter your preferred contact information.
When you enter your address, click on it from the drop-down list.
Upon completion, REACH Alert will send a confirmation message to you by that means.
If you don't receive the confirmation or have problems registering,

please contact REACH Alert at (877) 307-9313.

BEFORE YOU DIG

Remember that you or your contractor should call 811 before digging on your property. They will be able to locate electric or water lines to your pool, lines to septic tanks, electric lines to sheds or landscape lighting, lawn sprinkler systems, invisible pet fencing and more.

City of Wellington Facebook

The City of Wellington Facebook page was created for neighbors in Wellington to keep each other informed of community events, block watch news and general information. It does not serve as a public forum. It is a closed group available to current residents only. If you have a concern regarding a city ordinance, please contact a City commissioner. All requests to join must include the resident's physical street address for verification.

City Council meetings

Are generally held on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Until further notice, the meetings will be held in a conference room on the 2nd floor at Assumption High School. All are welcome to attend, however, you must be placed on the agenda if you wish to address any issue(s). Please contact mayor@cityofwellingtonky.com a few days in advance of the meeting to be placed on the agenda.

Projects, PODs and Permits

No PODs or dumpsters may be placed on your property without first obtaining a permit. Please contact a Commissioner in advance. All permits are subject to approval by the City Council and must be submitted in writing. Please download the correct permit from cityofwellingtonky.com and mail/email the permit in 10 days prior to the dumpster/pods arrival.

The Little Libraries on the big island are always looking for donations. Please restrict books placed in the little library to those for the younger children.

Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste Pick-up

(Adjust dates - mention holidays)

Household waste is EVERY week. For the foreseeable future, we will be on an alternating schedule for yard waste and recycling pickups. The schedule is below. **Please mark your calendars to help remember the schedule.**

Nov 7 - Yard Waste	Jan 16 - Yard Waste
Nov 14 - Recycling	Jan 23 - Recycling
Nov 21 - Yard Waste	Jan 30 - Yard Waste
Nov 28 - Recycling	Feb 6 - Recycling
Dec 5 - Yard Waste	Feb 13 - Yard Waste
Dec 12 - Recycling	Feb 20 - Recycling
Dec 19 - Yard Waste	Feb 27 - Yard Waste
Dec 27 - Recycling	Mar 5 - Recycling
Jan 3 - Yard Waste	Mar 12 - Yard Waste
Jan 9 - Recycling	Mar 19 - Recycling

ADDITIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT (WM) INFORMATION

General Information

WM picks up on Tuesday of each week usually between 7AM - 7PM. Trash containers and recycle bins are to be placed at the curb no earlier than Monday evening, the day before Waste Management System's pick-up day. The trash and recycle haulers are expected to be returned to resident backyards no later than 11:59pm Tuesday evening. These items shall not be placed or left in either the city easement or curbside between WM collection dates.

Large Waste | Junk Pickup

Wellington does not have designated "junk pickup" days. They will pick it up on the same day as regular service, however, you must call Waste Management in advance at (502) 966-0117 to make them aware so they have resources available. You will need to let them know you are on the City of Wellington account.

Yard Waste

Yard waste must be in yard containers or paper bags which are purchased specifically for yard waste. Limbs or branches should be tied in manageable bundles no longer than four (4) feet long and placed at the curb the night before your scheduled Waste Management System pick-up

day. Unbundled items will not be picked up.

Homestead Exemption

Property owners who are 65 or older are eligible to receive the Homestead Exemption on their primary residence. If you are eligible, the exemption amount is subtracted from your property's assessed value, reducing your property tax liability. Only one exemption is allowed per household. The Homestead Exemption applies to your Jefferson County and Wellington tax liability. For information, contact the Jefferson County PVA Homestead Department at 574-6380.

Keep Taxes in Wellington

Just a reminder for all new neighbors:

Every homeowner pays an Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) whenever purchasing or renewing any of the following insurance policies:

- Homeowners (property and casualty)
- Automobile
- Fire and allied perils
- Life
- Business Insurance
- Inland marine

The City of Wellington tax dollars from these policies pay for our sanitation and recycling services, fire protection, police protection, street paving, sidewalk repairs and much more. Because the City of Wellington is located within Jefferson County, often these funds are diverted to other tax jurisdictions in error.

Please check your insurance policy declarations page to confirm the Insurance Premium Tax they are paying is directed to "City of Wellington 40205" and not "Louisville Metro" or "Wellington KY 40387" as the recipient of the tax. Monies going to either of those jurisdictions do not benefit our City. The Insurance Premium Tax fee is a source of revenue for Wellington and assures the money you are paying will be used within the City, which makes it possible for our City ad valorem property taxes to remain low!

LG&E Reading Dates

Following are the upcoming meter reading dates:

November 20-22

December 20-26

What is Metro311?

Metro311 is YOUR connection to YOUR government. As a division of Louisville Metro Emergency Services, 311 connects you to the city government and resolves your non-emergency issues. They are the city's customer service center for reporting issues such as: potholes, property maintenance, property violations and associated complaints.

City of Wellington

If you need to address a concern, please reference the meeting protocol on our [website](#). The City always welcomes feedback. Feel free to email mayor@cityofwellingtonky.com anytime with questions, concerns, suggestions, etc.

Find us on [Facebook](#)! This is a closed page for current residents only. You must provide your street address on your request to join. Nonresidents will find pertinent City information on our [website](#).

Sign Up for Our District Councilman Cassie Chambers-Armstrong Newsletter

Learn more about news and events that are happening in our surrounding area and district. These only come once a month and are full of great information! Click [here](#) to subscribe to receive Cassie's updates.

Important Numbers for Quick Reference**Strathmoor Village Police (patrols Wellington):**

- **For Strathmoor Village Police directly, dial 502-574-5471 and request a Strathmoor officer.**
 - **For non-emergency issues, dial Strathmoor Village Police's line at 502-432-8900.**
 - **Add these numbers into your contacts.**
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Louisville Police Department: If you have an emergency, please call 911
For non-emergencies (car break-ins, door-to-door solicitors, etc.) call 574-7111

MetroCall 311: Phone: 311

Louisville Fire Dept: 502-574-3701

Waste Management (Garbage/Recycling/Yard Waste): 502-966-0117

/ [Website](#)

All household pickups are on Tuesdays with alternating weeks providing recycling and yard waste pickups.

Louisville Water Company: 502-583-6610

MSD (Sewers/Drainage): 502-587-0603 / [Website](#)

Animal Control Services: 502-473-7387

Inspections, Permits, and Licenses (IPL): 502-574-3321

Before You Dig: Call 811

Suggestions and comments for Future Newsletters?

Please email us at contact@cityofwellingtonky.com with any other information you would like to see in these newsletters.

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