**Louisville Metro Council**

District 9 eNews

November 5, 2020

**Yard Waste Moves to Saturday!**

**Residents who normally receive Metro yard waste collection on Thursdays or Fridays will temporarily receive collection on Saturdays**until January 16, 2021**.**

This change is due to COVID-19 constraints on waste collection staff and operations. Garbage and recycling routes and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday yard waste routes are not affected.

*After January 16* and *until April 5*, the yard waste winter schedule will begin and all yard waste will be collected on the household's regular collection day ***BY METRO311 REQUEST ONLY***.

**Police Reform Efforts Continue**

Metro Council is continuing efforts to reform our police department.

At our last meeting, the Council passed an ordinance codifying eight best practices for when officers use force. I supported the ordinance.

Tonight, the Council will vote on a new proposed contract with the Fraternal Order of Police. While I fully support the pay increases in the contract, I am very disappointed that there has been no effort to change provisions for internal investigations and discipline, which serve as barriers to officer accountability and which limit transparency. I’ll be voting “no” for that reason. WDRB’s report on the contract and my concerns is [here](https://www.wdrb.com/news/louisville-councilman-new-police-union-contract-proposal-comes-up-short-in-6-key-areas/article_1b484066-0f4f-11eb-b18c-f3d3980466b7.html).

Finally, a Council committee is reviewing a proposal to create a Civilian Review and Accountability Board and Officer of Inspector General, to create a meaningful civilian oversight system for LMPD. I’ve been working on that proposal for some time and hope the ordinance will be approved very soon.

**COVID-19 Red Zone**Louisville continues in the COVID-10 Red Zone, with cases increasing at exponential rates in every ZIP code, putting everyone at risk, according to public health officials this week.  Since the start of October, Louisville’s daily incidence rate has nearly doubled from 25 cases per 100,000 population to 43 as of Tuesday.

Public Health and Wellness Director Dr. Sarah Moyer praised the efforts of residents taking action to prevent the spread of COVID-19 but urged caution that individual measures are no longer enough to curb the spread of infection in Louisville. “The individual actions are extremely important, and we encourage everyone to continue doing them", Dr. Moyer said.  But Dr. Moyer also called for community-wide actions.  “I am calling on business owners, non-profit, civic, religious, and community leaders to help us lead by example: cancel in-person events, have people telework if possible and put a pause on in-person meals, meetings and conferences. We all face a common threat – COVID-19, and choosing to take these actions now will save lives in our community.”

Dr. Moyer reported that the largest sources of spread of the virus are household contacts, as well as from gatherings like weddings and funerals, as well as gyms and restaurants. Dr. Moyer voiced concern about the impact the surge in cases will potentially bring to Louisville’s health care system.  "If we don’t start being more aggressive, our hospitals will be over capacity in the next two to three weeks.”

To see Louisville’s COVID-19 data dashboard, including total number of cases, deaths, testing locations and more, click [**HERE**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/zpyqCo2n8Lh8Y1V0hEelPe?domain=lnks.gd).

Click [**here**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/QOJUCpYoBMiyoJ0Bc3kLXC?domain=governor.ky.gov) for the Red Zone Recommendations.

**Large Item Collection Completed**

Large item collection in most of D9 was during the week of October 19 and all areas have been serviced.  If you set items out and they were not collected, there’s a good chance that the pile includes construction materials, which are NOT collected. In addition, workers do not pick out collectible materials that are intermingled with construction materials.

Lumber, drywall, cabinets, roofing material, toilets, sinks, and flooring are examples of construction materials that are not collected.   These items can be disposed of at the [Waste Reduction Center](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/waste-reduction-center) (fees apply).

Large items left out in our streets or alleys violate Louisville’s Property Maintenance Code.  Please help us clean up our rights-of-way.

**Utility Bill Assistance**

Help is available for people who need assistance with utility bills. Louisville Metro Office of Resilience and Community Services is accepting applications for the annual Subsidy Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) now through December 11, 2020, or until funds are depleted.

The Subsidy Component is designed to help low-income residents offset home heating costs based on a household’s income and primary fuel type, providing a one-time payment to the utility vendor. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, income eligibility has been increased to 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Appointments are also being accepted for the new Healthy at Home Utility Assistance Fund designed to assist people in danger of losing their natural gas, water, wastewater, or electricity.  Households who have an income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Line and have been economically impacted due to COVID-19 can apply. Households can receive assistance for the minimum needed to alleviate the water and wastewater crisis up to $500. Households can reapply until they reach the maximum benefit.

Jefferson County residents meeting eligibility can call the automated scheduler at 502-991-8391 or visit online at [louisvilleky.cascheduler.com](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/MH-YC73yY4UyNP33u3TN3p?domain=lnks.gd).

More information is [here](https://louisvilleky.gov/news/appointments-now-being-accepted-liheap-and-new-healthy-home-utility-assistance-program).

**JCPS Meal Pick-Up Schedule Changing in November**

Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) meal sites will undergo several scheduling changes in November in observance of holidays:

* The new evening pick-up time will be 3 - 5 p.m. instead of 4 - 6 p.m. at the eight sites currently offering evening meal distribution:
	+ Butler Traditional High School
	+ Carrithers Middle School
	+ Eastern High School
	+ Greathouse Shryock Traditional Elementary School
	+ Male High School
	+ Seneca High School
	+ Valley High School
	+ Westport Middle School
* Roosevelt-Perry Elementary School will resume evening pick up on Tuesday, Nov. 10.
* Farnsley Elementary School will no longer offer evening meals.

On Thursday, Nov. 19, JCPS Nutritional Services will distribute a special Thanksgiving meal and on Tuesday, Nov. 24, families will receive five of each meal for every child to cover them for the holiday break.

Since Sept. 1, the 130 meal sites at schools across the district have served an average of 16,800 children each Tuesday and Thursday. The number of children served has steadily increased each week.

Click [here](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/1R6QCpYoBMiy6AWyUPnwW6?domain=nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com) for a list of schools distributing meals from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

**Free Tree Giveaway – November 7**

TreesLouisville and the Cave Hill Cemetery Heritage Foundation will be hosting a free tree giveaway on Saturday, November 7from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Cave Hill Cemetery (Baxter/Broadway entrance). Seventy-five one-gallon potted trees of each of four species will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis (no pre-registration) to residents of Jefferson County. Species include Persimmon, Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak, and Nuttall Oak.

This will be a contactless pickup event -- TreesLouisville/Cave Hill staff and volunteers will load trees into participants' cars or truck beds. For the safety of both event staff and tree recipients, all attendees will be required to wear masks.

# Waste Tire Collection Event – November 5, 6 and 7

Take advantage of this opportunity to properly dispose of unwanted tires. Any Kentucky resident is eligible to participate in this event EXCEPT tire retailers, scrap/salvage yards, and recycling facilities. Check out this short [video about the event](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/72D5Cv2xRVh4xQMruLr0RE?domain=lnks.gd).

### **November 5, 6, 7, 2020**

### Thursday & Friday, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### 1030 Phillips Lane, across from KY Exposition Center

**Tires must be separated by type prior to arrival.**

**Accepted:**

* Tires on or off rim
* Truck, light truck, and passenger
* Tractor and farm implement
* Bicycle, motorcycle, golf cart, ATV

**Not Accepted:**

* Foam filled
* Calcium filled
* Off road construction
* Rubber tracks
* Solid tires with or without press on rims
* **Any tires generated outside of KY**
* **Tires from tire retailers, scrap/salvage yards, and recycling businesses**

Questions? Call Pete Flood at 574-3290 or email pete.flood@louisvilleky.gov.

[https://louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/waste-tire-collection-event](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/NzApCwpy2WuPKBYgUZWuCD?domain=lnks.gd)

**Volunteers Needed to Clean the Banks**

**of the Middle Fork of Beargrass Creek – November 7**

Picking up trash along our waterways is a little thing that can make a big difference for our streams. Louisville MSD, Louisville Metro Parks and Kentucky Watershed Alliance (KWA) are hosting a “COVID-19 cautious” volunteer effort to improve water quality in the Middle Fork of Beargrass Creek.

This free event is Saturday, November 7, from 8:30 AM to noon. Volunteers must wear a mask and practice social distancing during the event. MSD, Metro Parks and KWA will provide trash bags, gloves, a free t-shirt, a sanitizing station, and trash pickup.

To keep the groups to 10 or less, please register one of five locations online [here](https://bit.ly/31olNbh).

* Cherokee Park at Lexington Road
* Cherokee Park near Big Rock
* Arthur K. Draught Park
* AB Sawyer Park
* Forest Green Trail

# Leaf Drop-Off – Begins November 10

Mowing over leaves to mulch them back into your lawn is a great option for reducing waste. Mulching not only returns vital nutrients to the soil, but experts say that it can help your grass grow even better the following year!

Of course, residents with yard waste collection can also set them out in containers or paper bags. And all Louisville Metro residents will have the option to dispose of them for free at one of three drop-off sites beginning Tuesday, November 10.

Metro Public Works is offering a free leaf drop-off service November 10 through December 12. **Drop-off will not be available on November 26 and 27** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Only loose leaves will be accepted. Containers used to bring leaves to the drop-off sites must be disposed of off-site by residents.

### Leaf drop off sites:

* Public Works Yard, **10500 Lower River Road** (enter from Bethany Lane) Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
* Public Works East District Operations Center, **595 North Hubbards Lane** Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
* Waste Reduction Center, **636 Meriwether Avenue** Tuesday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**MSD Update on New FEMA Floodplain Mapping**

New Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood maps become effective February 26, 2021. At that time, any related flood insurance requirements will also take effect. The new preliminary FEMA maps remove approximately 1,400 properties from floodplain maps and add 1,100 new properties to the maps. Flood insurance is still recommended even if your property is removed from the mapped floodplain, as the flood risk is only reduced, not removed. Check with your insurance agent to determine the right amount of flood coverage needed. Note that your lender still retains the right to require flood insurance if they feel it is necessary.

If you live in an area newly affected by a flood risk map change, review your options with your insurance agent as policies purchased 30 days before the effective map date may be eligible for a lower-cost flood insurance policy. Buildings newly mapped into the floodplain may be eligible for a lower premium during the first 12 months after a map change. Buying an insurance policy before the new flood map goes into effect will save more money. Your insurance agent can give you more information on how to save.

To see the new floodplain maps or check your property’s status please visit:

[www.lojic.org/preliminary-firms](http://www.lojic.org/preliminary-firms).

For flood insurance questions, contact your insurance agent. MSD Floodplain staff can answer your questions about floodplain mapping. You may contact them at 502.540.6000 or floodpermits@louisvillemsd.org.

**Sustainability Summit – November 12**

This year, the Louisville Sustainability Council’s 2020 Annual Sustainability Summit will focus on equity, inclusion, and education. The theme of the Summit is “Climate Crossroads: Exploring the intersection of Climate Change and Social Justice.” This will be a virtual event to stay safe & healthy.

The summit will highlight the deep roots of climate change and race, health, gender, and equity, providing a platform for local, regional, and national speakers with diverse backgrounds and expertise; specifically highlighting women and experts of color. This will be a space for unpacking and understanding through productive, progressive conversation followed by action steps you can take today.

Sign up online by clicking [here](https://www.louisvillesustainabilitycouncil.org/summit).

**Neighborhood Summit – November 14**

Ticket sales for the 2020 Neighborhood Summit are underway.  This year's summit will be completely virtual and will take place on Saturday, November 14, beginning at 9 am.

The summit, sponsored by the Center for Neighborhoods, is a day-long conference that showcases community building success stories and celebrates neighborhood development across the Louisville community. Through interactive workshops, engaging keynote speakers, a regional vendor fair, and networking breakouts, Neighborhood Summit attendees learn about community achievements, make valuable connections, and come away inspired. The keynote speaker this year will be Jim King, the President of Fahe – a nationally recognized organization membership of 50+ community-based organizations serving Appalachia.

[Click here to register](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/XXJwCv2xRVh4xyEATXlSWz?domain=c4n.secure.force.com) or visit the Center’s website [www.centerforneighborhoods.org/neighborhood-summit](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/F65xCrkqBOf6EDr2c7ITrH?domain=centerforneighborhoods.org)  for more information.

Registrations are $10 but, as in the past, scholarships are available to those who need it. Please contact the Center at (502) 589-0343 to know more about how to receive a scholarship.

# Louisville Loop Cleanup and Tree Planting – Nov. 14

Ensuring parks are usable is more important than ever!  Did you know that our environment can impact violence? This is even more so when there are limited opportunities for leisure and exercise.  Help keep parks clean and beautiful by participating in a Louisville Loop cleanup on Saturday, November 14.  The tree planting and cleanup aims to address an area of the loop that has a reputation for being confusing as well as a bit of an eyesore.  In order to adhere to COVID-19 safety regulations, RSVP's for the event are mandatory.  Participants will receive a One Love Louisville t-shirt!  If interested, RSVP at 502-780-1794 or email joseph.newland@louisvilleky.gov.

# Virtual Networking Night on Criminal and Juvenile Justice – November 17

One Love Louisville is hosting a virtual networking night on Criminal and Juvenile Justice on Tuesday, November 17 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Come share, connect, learn and #BeThe1 to help create a safer Louisville. RSVP is required online [here](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/124300593421).

Questions, please contact Joseph Newland at joseph.newland@louisvilleky.gov or 502-780-1794.

# SWMS Know Waste Webinar Series

Check out the upcoming Know Waste Webinar series! Virtual webinars will be Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. October 22 - November 19. Take note - the webinar on November 5 will be in Spanish! Sign up to attend at [KnowWasteLouisville.org/webinars](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/8_fJC31rEWux4vykU7bcpH?domain=lnks.gd).

**Notice of Planning & Design Public Meetings**

For basic details for all of below case/s, please visit [https://aca-louisville.accela.com/LJCMG/Welcome.aspx?](https://aca-louisville.accela.com/LJCMG/Welcome.aspx). Click on the “Planning” tab. Then enter either the case number in the “record number” box or the address.

You can also click on the notice below to go to the application page.

For specific case information, please call or email the listed case manager. If you have any questions, please contact Planning & Design directly at 574-6230.

**Case No. 20-VARIANCE-0122**

*You are invited to attend a review of a variance to allow an addition to an existing structure to encroach into the required infill front yard setback.*

Subject Property: 434 Lighfoot Road

Case Manager: Zach Schwager (Zachary.Schwager@louisvilleky.gov)

Meeting Type: Board of Zoning Adjustment

Meeting Date: Monday, November 16, 2020

Time: Meeting will begin at 1:00 PM

Location: Online meeting - <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/upcoming-public-meetings>

Don’t have internet access? Please call 574-6230 to find out how to connect to the meeting by telephone.

If you wish to submit comments on this case, please submit comments (in writing) to the case manager by 5:00 PM on Friday, November 13, 2020.

**D9 ABC Notifications**

Please find an Alcoholic Beverage License memo and Courier Journal Legal announcement for a NQ2 Restaurant Retail Drink and Sunday Liquor Drink license(s) being applied for, located at 1722 Frankfort Avenue (Morning Fork Louisville).  This is the former North End Café location. The ad ran in The Courier Journal Friday, October 30, 2020.

* [Courier Journal ABC Ad](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/2O8TCjRg5DIAQYJNFGiPAH?domain=lnks.gd)
* [new location or ownership change](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/cGlLCkRjBEI4zk0Gf4NuOf?domain=lnks.gd)

Please find an Alcoholic Beverage License memo and Courier Journal Legal announcement for a Quota Retail Liquor by the Package, Quota Retail Liquor by the Drink, NQ Retail Malt Beverage by the Package, NQ4 Retail Malt Beverage by the Drink, and Sampling license(s) being applied for, located at 2115 Frankfort Avenue, (Frankfort Avenue Liquors).  The ad ran in The Courier Journal Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

* [new location or ownership change](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/kcSXCYEYrgsgBGp0tzRTAR?domain=lnks.gd)
* [Courier Journal ABC Ad](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/EUV3CZ6GvjsxBO8mSEqqtU?domain=lnks.gd)

# E-Scooter Safety

A new report issued by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety finds that among electric scooter or “e-scooter” riders who sustained injuries, nearly three out of five sustained their injuries while riding on the sidewalk — and about a third of these riders got those injuries in places where sidewalk riding is prohibited.

Riding an electric scooter is prohibited on Louisville sidewalks and presents dangers both to pedestrians and scooter riders.

Click [**HERE**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/3iTwCZ6Gvjsx1Px7Fo7L8-?domain=lnks.gd) to read the full article.

**Deadline to Claim Stimulus Payments**

The IRS has determined that there are thousands of individuals in Jefferson County who are eligible for the IRS Economic Impact Payment (stimulus payment) but who have not yet received this payment.  That includes 620 tax “non-filers” in 40206 and 553 in 40207. The deadline for tax “non-filers” to apply for the payment is Saturday, November 21.  More information can be found [here](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment).

For questions, please contact the Legal Aid Society at (502) 584-1254 or online at [www.yourlegalaid.org](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/U_cKCpYoBMiyMvzVsYtPvx?domain=yourlegalaid.org).

# Mammogram Screenings – December 8

On Tuesday, December 8, the 9th District office, in partnership with U of L Hospital and the James Graham Brown Cancer Center, will offer mammograms at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S. Peterson Avenue.  To make an appointment, please contact my office at 574-3908.  Mammograms are for women age 40 and over. There is no cost to eligible women without insurance.  Women with insurance will need to bring their card so a claim may be filed.

**MSD reaches key milestone for project near Lexington and Grinstead**

Those driving on Lexington Road just west of the intersection with Grinstead Drive may have noticed the colorful construction fencing with a “Bumblebee” printed on it. That location is a key site for MSD’s underground Waterway Protection Tunnel project.

Bumblebee is a moving, mechanical drill longer than a football field – that has been excavating a stormwater storage tunnel 18 stories below Louisville for more than a year. Bumblebee recently completed its first phase of the project when it broke through to the drop shaft after its more than four-mile journey from 12th and Rowan streets, west of downtown, to this site near Lexington and Grinstead.

Now the project moves to its next underground phase, which will include lining the entire inside of the tunnel with 12-inch thick concrete and preparing it to store up to 55 million gallons of stormwater and wastewater.

When complete later next year, the Waterway Protection Tunnel will function by storing the stormwater and sewage that combine during heavy periods of rain, and help prevent sewer overflows that pollute area waterways, harm wildlife and plants, and create the risk of exposing people to harmful bacteria and pathogens.

In addition, when MSD’s work at the tunnel shaft site near Lexington and Grinstead is complete, it will convert the site to a landscaped public trailhead, and restore access to the popular Beargrass Creek Greenway Trail for walkers, joggers and cyclists.

For more information on the Waterway Protection Tunnel, visit [LouisvilleMSD.org/tunnel](http://www.louisvillemsd.org/tunnel).

**Pre-Order Peonies for the Spring**

Whitehall House & Gardens is offering a limited selection of peonies for pre-order. Select your peonies now and you can pick them up in the spring prior to the public Peony Sale. For more information and to see the varieties offered, please visit our web site at <http://www.historicwhitehall.org/peony-sale>. Orders must be placed by Monday, November 16.

**Ninth District Events!**

Below are some Ninth District calendar events!  To view a full listing of events, please visit the **District 9 Blog** at <http://district9news.wordpress.com/>.  If you would like to submit events to be considered for the blog calendar please email [Kyle Ethridge](https://louisvilleky.gov/node/235661) or call 574-1109.

**Thursday, November 5:** SWMS will host Know Waste Webinar Series. Virtual webinars will be on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. through November 19. Sign up to attend online at <https://www.louisvillewastedistrict.org/webinars>. The topic on November 5 is Basura Y Reciclaje (in Espanol).

**Friday, November 6:** Early morning yoga at Waterfront Botanical Gardens from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. at the Graeser Family Education Center, 1435 Frankfort Avenue. Cost is $15/$10 for WBG members. Please bring your own mat and follow social distancing protocol. To register, please click [here](https://waterfrontgardens.org/event/early-morning-yoga-at-the-gardens/2020-08-07/).

**Thursday, November 7:**Crescent Hill Community Council Neighborhood annual meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S. Peterson Avenue.

**Tuesday, November 10:**Clifton Community Council virtual Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Contact michael.oleary@twc.com for more information.

**Thursday, November 12:** SWMS will host Know Waste Webinar Series. Virtual webinars will be on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. through November 19. Sign up to attend online at <https://www.louisvillewastedistrict.org/webinars>. The topic on November 12 is Reuse and Repurpose.

**Saturday, November 14:**Just Creations, 2722 Frankfort Avenue, to host a Holiday Kickoff. $5 mystery boxes will be available for purchase and free entry into a door prize with any purchase. For more information, please call 897-7319.

**Tuesday, November 17:** Greater Louisville Sierra Club November Program at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a presentation by Jeff Young from Ohio Valley ReSource, author of an important new book, Appalachian Fall: Dispatches From Coal Country on What’s Ailing America. This will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Click the following link to sign up, <https://tinyurl.com/OHVRes>.

**District 9 LINKS**

* [www.district9news.wordpress.com](http://www.district9news.wordpress.com)
* <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/district9>

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