**Louisville Metro Council**

District 9 eNews

November 11, 2021

**Metro Council Tonight**

**ARP Funding**

Metro Council has a busy agenda tonight, with votes scheduled on funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Council redistricting and a contract for LMPD lieutenants.

Earlier this week, Council’s Budget Committee, which I chair, unanimously recommended approval of $182.4 Million of the $388 Million Louisville Metro will receive from ARP. By far the largest investment, $89 Million, is for affordable housing and services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. In addition to permanent supportive housing, with wraparound services to help people stabilize their lives, the funding will create and preserve affordable rental units throughout the community. The housing package also includes $8 Million for down payment assistance for first time homeowners and a successful program for repairs to keep people in their homes. Combined with $11 Million in HOME ARP funds that will be allocated after a community engagement process, we’ll be making an investment of $100 Million in housing. Affordable housing has been a priority for me. I’m grateful for these funds and the Council’s decision to use them in this way.

The ARP ordinance also appropriates $42.6 Million for public safety, including technology, performance, and accountability improvements for LMPD and a $15.8 Million expansion of the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods.

Premium Pay for public servants who worked throughout the pandemic is budgeted at $28.3 Million, with larger amounts for individuals who had regular interaction with the public while many of us were able to work from home. Public health efforts relating to the pandemic receive an additional $12.5 Million.

The full listing of recommended funding is [here](https://district9news.files.wordpress.com/2021/11/revised-11-09-21-schedule-a-american-rescue-plan-act-of-2021.pdf).

The ordinance we will be voting on tonight leaves $160 Million in unappropriated ARP funds. Work groups focusing on workforce development and making our neighborhoods healthier – potentially including funding for childcare, libraries, parks, youth programming and more - are continuing to work and will be making recommendations to put those funds to work.

**Redistricting**

New Metro Council districts have been proposed by a special Council committee. The committee was formed to work on the redistricting required after new census data was released earlier this year.

Population movement in Louisville Metro has been to the east for many years. To keep the population of districts as nearly equal as is reasonably possible, districts have also moved east.

This year, the proposal moves much of Clifton Heights, including most areas west of North Birchwood Avenue, University Avenue and River Dell Drive, to District 4. All of Butchertown would now be in District 4. Bowman Field and part of Seneca Park moves to District 8. Druid Hills and several areas east of Cannons Lane near I-64 and east of Hubbards Lane near Shelbyville Road are added to District 9. All of Irish Hill would also be in District 9.

While I would prefer that all of Clifton Hights remain in District 9, no one has presented an acceptable plan that could do that while making required changes to keep all districts roughly equal in population. For that reason, I’ll be voting for the redistricting proposal. I’ll of course continue to work on Clifton Heights neighborhood issues and there is no reason this change should keep the neighborhood from continuing to cooperate with surrounding neighborhoods.

The full proposed map and individual district maps are [here](https://louisvilleky.gov/metro-council/document/proposed-redistricting-maps-all-26-overall). This [map](https://district9news.files.wordpress.com/2021/10/louisville-metro-council-districts-current-and-proposed.pdf), prepared by Michael Schnuerle, shows areas proposed to be added and removed from District 9. More information about the whole process is [here](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/metro-council/redistricting-information).

**FOP Contract**

A proposed contract for LMPD lieutenants is before Council for approval tonight. I voted against the last FOP contract presented to us because I thought it included too many provisions which made it difficult for the Police Chief to manage the department and lessened accountability and transparency.

Everyone acknowledges that the contract we are voting on tonight includes significant reforms, which in my view and the view of many other members must also be included in the much larger contract for officers and sergeants that is currently being negotiated. I still have questions about document retention provisions in the contract and how they interact with a very much needed early intervention system to identify an officer who is likely to engage in potentially damaging behavior before the behavior occurs. I expect to get those questions answered at a meeting tonight.

LMPD salaries need to be increased to recruit and retain quality officers.

**Yard Waste & Leaf Drop-Off**

There are multiple ways for people to dispose of leaves this fall. 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! **Never blow leaves into the street!**

In the Urban Services District, the following items are accepted in yard waste collection, which continues every Friday in most of D9:

* Leaves, twigs, straw, pine needles
* Shrubbery trimmings
* Branches and tree trimmings - must be less than 2 inches in diameter and less than 4 feet long
* Wood ash
* Seasonal items: Pumpkins and gourds free of decoration other than coloring, Christmas trees

Acceptable items may be tied into bundles or placed in durable metal or plastic containers, with 30-40 gallon capacity and handles, or **paper** yard waste bags, none weighing more than 60 pounds**. Yard waste in plastic bags is not permitted and will not be collected.**

Leaf Drop-Off Sites

The Metro Public Works free leaf drop-off sites will be open **Tuesday-Saturdays, now through December 11.**Drop-off will not be available on November 25 and 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Only loose leaves will be accepted. Containers used to bring leaves to the drop-off sites must be taken back by residents.

Locations and hours:

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

**Recycling Bins to Carts**Beginning January 1, 2022, waste collection crews in the Urban Services District (USD) will not collect recycling from the old 18-gallon bins.

**What should I do with my old recycling bin?**

Bins can be dropped off at the [Waste Reduction Center or one of our three staffed recycling locations](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/ff6RCL9104h5OlY4S6Csy9?domain=lnks.gd). Bins that are usable will be made available for organizations or schools to use for office or classroom recycling. Bins that are broken will be recycled. You may also keep your bin for other household use. Bins should NOT be placed inside your recycling cart to be recycled!

**Can I still use my bin until January 1, 2022?**

Although collection crews will empty the bins until January 1, 2022, Metro Public Works encourages residents to start using the cart only. This gives residents time to get used to the new policy and will also help identify who still needs a cart! Use your recycling cart's capacity wisely. Only recycle what is accepted, do not bag recyclables, crush containers, and flatten all cardboard. Flattened cardboard may be placed on top of the lid of your cart when set out for collection.

**What if I don’t have a recycling cart?**

If you participate in the USD recycling program and do not have a recycling cart at all, you may request one through [Metro311](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/5x8CCM8KN4uG8v6WfjFe46?domain=lnks.gd). If you already have a recycling cart (orange lid OR blue lid) but would like another, you may [purchase one](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/bB3oCNkKX4f1xwMXiD-J8q?domain=lnks.gd) or use a 30-40 gallon store-bought container with handles and a lid and marked RECYCLING.

For more information go to [Louisvilleky.gov/RecycleMore](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/9IlXCOYXL4ioXE24COhoV9?domain=lnks.gd).

**Monthly Pop-Up Drop-Off Event – November 20**

Pop-Up Drop-Offs are free recycling and large item disposal events for residents of Jefferson County. These events will pop up around the county once per month, from March through November. Use the Recycle Coach app to receive notifications about future events or view them on the app calendar. (Download the app in the [Apple Store](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/recyclecoach/id1071714967) or [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=mobi.recyclecoach.worldster.pack).) Or check the [Pop-Up Drop-Off website](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/0EhlCn5m7KCx6qNKUqb4UX?domain=lnks.gd) for updates.

## Saturday, November 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at UofL Shelby Campus, 440 N. Whittington Parkway.

### ACCEPTED ITEMS

* Electronics (up to 3 items) - recycled
* Metal & appliances (no refrigerators or any items containing coolant) - recycled
* Passenger tires (up to 4) - recycled
* Household recyclables (follow [curbside rules](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/UvACCo2n8Lh8KL3BcxcCNF?domain=lnks.gd)) - recycled
* Yard waste (follow [curbside rules](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/EiidCpYoBMiyxN3vu4S1t6?domain=lnks.gd)) - composted
* Large household items - landfill
* Paper shredding - recycled
* Prescription medication - disposed properly

### NOT ACCEPTED

* Garbage, loose debris
* Concrete, bricks, rocks
* Construction materials
* Refrigerators or items containing coolant
* Paint
* Batteries
* Tree trunks
* Light bulbs
* Boats
* Hot tubs
* Household hazardous waste
* Items from businesses
* Items on trailers greater than 10 feet in length

### COVID-19 POLICIES

* Staff will wear personal protective equipment, including face coverings, and will stay at least 6 feet away from citizens.
* Citizens should remain in their vehicle if possible and must wear a face covering if exiting their vehicle.

**The Changing Face of Metro Council – November 15**

The League of Women Voters will host a community forum on The Changing Face of Metro Council. How is Metro Council Working? Featuring Metro Council Members: President David James, Paula McCraney, Bill Hollander, Anthony Piagentini and Nicole George on Monday, November 15, 2021. Check in and networking at 5:30 p.m. and program from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at The Lang House, 115 S. Ewing Avenue.

This community forum will take a look at how each council member addresses budget priorities, conflicting goals and voices, discretionary funds, conflicts and more. Council members will respond to questions.

This forum is free and open to the public, but seating is limited to 50 people. Masks must be worn. This community forum will be recorded for delayed viewing.

Reservations are required and may be made online by clicking [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-changing-face-of-metro-council-tickets-191311898037), or by calling (502) 895-5218 or email at LWVLouisville@gmail.com.

# Mammogram Screenings – December 15

On Wednesday, 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 (502) 852-6318. 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. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

**Apply Now for LIHEAP’s Fall Subsidy**The Louisville Metro Office of Resilience and Community Services is accepting appointments for the annual Fall Subsidy Component of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) now through December 10, 2021, or until funds are depleted.

During LIHEAP Subsidy, individuals or families in Jefferson County at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines who are responsible for home energy cost, whether directly or as an undesignated portion of rent, are eligible for assistance.  Residents can apply regardless of the status of their utility bills.

The Subsidy component provides households a one-time benefit based on income levels and housing category. Payments are be made directly to the heating vendor (i.e. LG&E).

Appointments are required in advance to apply.

For more descriptions about the drop box locations, income eligibility and other instructions, call the automated LIHEAP information line at 991-8391 or visit [louisvilleky.cascheduler.com](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/Yae1CW6Kp4svm46EhMcgmY?domain=lnks.gd).  Residents may also visit [louisvilleky.gov/LIHEAP](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/N707CADXW4IMARZQTQcV2T?domain=louisvilleky.gov) for more details.

**LMPD Porch Piracy Prevention Tips**

It’s holiday shopping season and many packages are arriving at people’s homes and work places. LMPD needs your help to prevent porch piracy and to report it if it happens. Please click [here](https://www.facebook.com/LMPD.ky/videos/986846488844273) for important tips from LMPD.

**Tobacco Retailer Licensing**By January 1, 2022, all retailers selling tobacco, tobacco-related products, and/or electronic smoking devices and paraphernalia in Jefferson County, will need a tobacco license issued by the Department of Public Health and Wellness (LMPHW).

Here are some things for retailers to know:

* Apply for the license by visiting the Accela Citizens Access (ACA) webpage: <https://aca-prod.accela.com/ljcmg/Default.aspx>
* The license costs $10 and the first license application will also include a one-time $25 zoning verification fee.
* Once an application has been submitted; a business can expect their license to be reviewed within 4-5 business days.
* The applicant should print the license and hang it in a conspicuous location inside the establishment. They can print a copy from the ACA or from an email which we will send them.
* The licenses expire every year on December 31, so they must renew their license annually.
* For any questions about the licensing or for assistance applying, applicants may call either 502-574-6650 (LMPHW) or 502-574-7445.

For more information, please visit the LMPHW [website](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/health-wellness/license-retailers-selling-tobacco-vaping-products).

**Wild Winter Days at the Zoo**

The Louisville Zoo’s Kroger Wild Winter Days run now through February 28, 2022, with discounted winter admission and a Dare to Care food drive.

The Zoo is proud to team up with Kroger and Dare to Care again to help struggling families in our community. Guests who bring at least one canned food item per person **may purchase tickets at the Zoo windows for $9.50 per adult and $6.50 per child/senior ticket.**

To date, the Zoo has collected nearly 25,000 pounds of food thanks to the generosity of its guests. That is the weight of two African elephants like Mikki.

The discount is available at the gate only, not valid for online purchases. The offer is not valid for special fee-based programs, for prepaid groups, field trips or with other discounts. No refunds will be provided for tickets prepaid in advanced or purchase online. Multiple cans are appreciated but only one discount per admission; additional cans do not provide additional discounts.

Some of Dare to Care Food Bank’s most needed items are canned meats like tuna, as well as canned fruit, beans, peanut butter, soup, rice, cereal, fruit juice, pasta and canned vegetables. Please avoid glass containers. More details are available at [www.louisvillezoo.org/wildwinterdays](http://www.louisvillezoo.org/wildwinterdays/).

The Zoo is open daily year-round. Fall/winter hours continue through March 20, 2022, 10 a.m. ─ 4 p.m. (stay until 5 p.m.). The Zoo is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.

**Get Involved with Metro Parks**Volunteer
Become a Louisville Parks and Recreation volunteer. Volunteer as a group or as an individual. Join in for a one-time project or become a long-term volunteer.

Service opportunities include Community Center recreation, youth athletics, Iroquois Amphitheater, landscaping and gardening, Jefferson Memorial Forest, seasonal tree plantings, Riverside, and The Farnsley-Moremen Landing Historic Home.

For more information visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/parks/volunteer-opportunities> or call (502) 574-6403 or email LMPRvolunteer@louisvilleky.gov.

Job Fair
Metro Parks is hiring – please plan to attend their job fair on Saturday, November 20 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Beechmont Community Center, 205 West Wellington Avenue.

Metro Parks will be conducting on-site interviews for maintenance, recreation, golf, aquatics and more. Immediate recommendations will be made.

Interviewees will have access to computers for applications. Please bring your driver’s license for background checks.

**A Lucky Find**By: Jay Ferguson, Louisville Water Museum Education Specialist

Construction Inspector Tony Gathof was on the Frankfort Avenue Main Replacement job site when he found something unexpected.

### The original Frankfort Avenue main was the third supply line into the city in 1877, and Gathof was on the watch for foundry marks on the 36-inch cast iron pipe, but out of a bucket of excavated dirt came something maybe even more interesting — a horseshoe.

With the help of Frank Lessiter, editor of American Farrier’s Journal, and Steve Kraus, Head of Farrier Services at Cornell University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, the shoe was identified as a light hind shoe with an extended heel for a driving horse hitched to a wagon or carriage. The extended heel shortens the horse’s stride and helps prevent it from clipping its front shoes.

Click [here](https://louisvillewater.com/a-lucky-find) to read the entire story.

# Call for Artists: Applications open for City Hall exhibition

# Louisville Metro Council and the city’s Commission on Public Art (COPA) are searching for new artwork to proudly display in City Hall as part of the fourth annual Art in City Hall exhibition.

The annual program, which is administered by Louisville Forward, invites artists to submit original, two-dimensional works of art through an online application process by tomorrow, November 12. The submissions will be reviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of Metro Council and COPA representatives.

Up to six artists will be selected for the exhibition. The chosen artwork will be on display for one year in City Hall’s entrance lobby, hallways, and public spaces.

Each artist selected to participate in the exhibition will receive a $500 honorarium.

**CLICK HERE TO APPLY:** [https://louisvilleky.gov/government/arts-culture/art-city-hall-call-artists](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/n5vlC82zW4hxpRQmsEkmVV?domain=lnks.gd)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [https://louisvilleky.gov/government/arts-culture/art-city-hall-call-artists](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/vb7rC0RoEQIlw34nFpGbo5?domain=lnks.gd)

**Notice of Public Hearing – Childcare Regulations**

You are invited to participate at the Planning Commission public hearing on changes to the Land Development Code regulations for childcare facilities. The hearing is Thursday, November 18.

Learn how to participate online at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/upcoming-public-meetings>.

You may also participate in person at the Old Jail Auditorium, 514 W Liberty St, Louisville, KY 40202. If you are unable to participate online or in-person, please call 574-6230 or use the link above to learn how to connect to the meeting by telephone.

Proposed changes to the childcare regulations will be considered by the Planning Commission no earlier than 4 p.m.

To review proposed changes and submit comments, please visit the website below and complete a brief questionnaire: <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/changes-childcare-regulations>.

**D9 Blog and Social Media Sites Provide Updates**

We publish this newsletter every other week, with the next edition scheduled for November 25. For up-to-date announcements between newsletters, we update our blog, Facebook page and Twitter feed. You can access the blog [here](https://district9news.wordpress.com), and, if you wish, sign up for blog updates by email at that site (they are relatively rare, so we don’t overload mailboxes). You can also like the “[**Councilman Bill Hollander**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/JxDcCn5m7KC3Ow7xH92YGKy?domain=lnks.gd)” Facebook page and follow “[**Bill Hollander” on Twitter**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/FF0KCo2n8LhPq9r8S1MsWzn?domain=lnks.gd).

**Ninth District Events!
Thursday, November 11:**Folksinger John McCutcheon will be in concert at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church Sanctuary, 2800 Frankfort Avenue at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 on the day of the show and can be purchased on the church’s [website](https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/f7c416aa-6467-456a-9ce5-1e9990f9c5cd), in the church office, or at the door the evening of the concert. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Masks will be required regardless of vaccination status. Questions, please call the church at 896-4425.

**Saturday, November 13:** Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host a Saturday morning book discussion of Moby Dick by Herman Melville at 10:30 a.m. Copies of this book are available at the Crescent Hill Library circulation desk. There are a limited number of digital copies of this book available for download from the library's website. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1793.

**Sunday, November 14:**Louisville Water Tower Park tours on the hour from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. See pieces of water mains more than 150 years old. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children (6-18 years old). For more information, please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/louisville-water-tower-park-waterworks-museum-open-day-tickets-158317380547?aff=ebdssbeac).

**Tuesday, November 16:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host a movie discussion group at 2:00 p.m. The St. Matthews Movie Discussion Group will be watching Planes Trains and Automobiles. Questions, please call the branch at 574-1771.

**Wednesday, November 17:** Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host a Crescent Hill afternoon book discussion on Save Me the Plums by Ruth Reichl at 1:00 p.m. When Condé Nast offered Ruth Reichl the top position at America's oldest epicurean magazine, she declined. She was a writer, not a manager, and had no inclination to be anyone's boss. Yet Reichl had been reading Gourmet since she was eight; it had inspired her career. How could she say no? Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1793.

**Thursday, November 18:**An Art Affair Fundraiser benefiting St. Matthews Area Ministries, presented by Belmont Village Senior Living. The event will run from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Belmont Village Senior Living, 4600 Bowling Boulevard. Tickets are $25 each. Click [here](https://stmam.com/an-art-affair/) for more information and to register.

**Friday, November 19:** Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center, 201 Reservoir Avenue, will host a free family swim from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. No registration is required. All children must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older. Questions, please call 574-1498.

**Sunday, November 21:** Just Creations will host Llamarama 2021 from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. For this one-day shopping event for kids, Just Creations is offering families the opportunity to make an appointment with an elf for a special shopping time for their children. Several time slots will be available each hour to allow for safe shopping and distancing for families. Call the store at 897-7319 or email to make a reservation.

**Monday, November 22:**Clifton Heights Bradley Greenway official ribbon cutting at 2:00 p.m. on Lindsay Avenue near Pryor Avenue. Please join me at this celebration!

**Tuesday, November 23:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host a night owls book discussion on News of the World by Paulette Jiles at 6:30 p.m. In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction from the author of Enemy Women that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust. Questions, please call the branch at 574-1771.

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