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**Vaccines and Boosters**

COVID-19 vaccination rates in District 9 continue to increase, with over 75% of residents having received at least their first shot. The life-saving vaccines are now widely available for everyone five years and older and boosters are recommended for many adults.

The recommendations for boosters are different depending on what vaccine you initially received. If you received Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines, and are 50 years old or older, the Centers for Disease Control says you **should** get a booster six months after your second shot. The risk of severe illness from COVID-19 [increases with age](https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html) and can also increase for adults of any age with underlying medical conditions. People who are ages 18 years and older **may** get a booster shot six months after their second shot based on their individual situations.

If you are 18 years and older and received J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine at least two months ago, you **should**get a booster shot, for a total of two shots. A single dose of the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine has lower vaccine effectiveness compared to two doses.

When you are eligible, you can get any of the COVID-19 vaccines.

There are several ways you can look for vaccination providers.

* Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov> to find a vaccination provider near you.
* Text your zip code to “438829” or call (800) 232-0233 to find vaccine locations near you.
* Check your local pharmacy’s website for vaccination appointments.

The best way to keep yourself and your family safe this holiday season and do your part to get the pandemic under control is to get fully vaccinated, including boosters when you are eligible. Much more about COVID-19 vaccines is at this CDC website: [Your COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/your-vaccination.html).

**Thanksgiving Service Changes**

Metro offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26.

There will be no residential garbage, recycling or yard waste collection within the Louisville Metro Urban Services District on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25. Residents who normally have garbage/yard waste collection on Thursday will have service instead on Friday, November 26. The regular Friday collection will be delayed until Saturday, November 27.

Collection will also be delayed in the City of St. Matthews. Residents in other areas outside the Urban Services District who rely on private haulers for garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection should consult those haulers about their holiday collection schedule.

Staffed recycling centers, the Waste Reduction Center, and the household hazardous waste facility, Haz Bin, will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26. Leaf drop-off will also not be available those days. All four services will resume on Saturday, November 27.

To view your collection schedule in the USD and stay informed about changes, download the [Recycle Coach app](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/FSPBCBBXO4T34OA1TknFDS?domain=lnks.gd) or use the app on the Public Works [website](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/avpFCDkZ64fQVkM1uQ4SM1?domain=lnks.gd).

**Clifton Heights Bradley Greenway**

On Tuesday, Louisville Parks and Recreation celebrated a newly transformed natural area in the Clifton Heights neighborhood. Click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOa4aLoCUqE) to watch a recap of the dedication. 

The newest official natural area, the Clifton Heights Bradley Greenway, located at 2731 Lindsay Avenue, is equipped with marked trail amenities and offers a 1/3-mile loop on a soft-surfaced path. The Greenway was acquired through a combination of Louisville Metro’s right-of-way and parcels donated or purchased, including from the Bradley family, and has been in the works since spring of 2008.   
  
Funding for the construction of the trailhead was provided by Metro Council District 9, in which the Greenway has been located. The trail dedication represents the first phase of development of the land in which the Greenway lies, and a future phase could involve the conversion of the current soft-surface trail to an accessible paved trail.   
  
The restoration of the Greenway has included the removal of litter and dumped debris as well as the removal of invasive plant species that previously overran the area, making it nearly impassable. These restoration efforts serve a dual benefit of improving habitats as well as creating, over time, a nice woodland area for all to enjoy.

Some of the restoration work was supported by youth participating in Louisville is Engaging Children Outdoors (ECHO), a program of Metro Parks’ Natural Areas Division, in keeping with the department's desire to increase use of park natural areas as spaces for outdoor recreation, environmental education and ecological stewardship. In addition, the Natural Areas Division has worked with neighborhood volunteers and the Clifton Heights Community Council over the years to improve the general woodland area in the park itself.

The restoration efforts were made possible with funding support from a variety of sources, including Metro Council District 9 when represented by Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh and me, Louisville MSD, Wilderness Louisville, Inc., and LG&E’s Plant for the Planet program.

**Metro Council Redistricting**

Mayor Greg Fischer has signed the ordinance for new Metro Council districts, required after the decennial census last 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, as the law requires, districts have also moved east. This year, the ordinance moved much of Clifton Heights, including most areas west of North Birchwood Avenue, University Avenue and River Dell Drive, to District 4. All of Butchertown is now in District 4. Bowman Field and part of Seneca Park moved to District 8. Druid Hills and several areas east of Cannons Lane near I-64 and east of Hubbards Lane near Shelbyville Road were added to District 9. All of Irish Hill is also now in District 9.

The Center for Neighborhoods has created a tool to determine your new District.

Clicking [here](https://cfn.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=e2b8c1b1d65a419f86ca641b21ccb773) takes you to a map where you can enter your address.

**Light Up Louisville – November 26**

Light Up Louisville is the official starting point for the holiday season in Louisville. This event has become a holiday tradition for many residents and their visiting friends and family. It is a day full of excitement, entertainment and community.

Light Up Louisville, always held the Friday after Thanksgiving, is Friday, November 26 with events beginning 4:00 p.m. in Jefferson Square Park at 6th and Jefferson Streets.

This year’s events will include Santa’s workshop, Vendor Village, holiday photos, live entertainment, parade, Santa’s arrival, toy drive and more.

**For more information, please visit** [www.lightuplouisville.org](http://www.lightuplouisville.org)**.**

**25th Annual Santa Sprint & Stroll 5k – December 4**

Sign up now for the 2021 Santa Sprint & Stroll 5k. Join United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) as they celebrate the 25th year of hosting this fun and memorable event. This year’s run and walk is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, at 9:00 a.m. at Hogan’s Fountain in Cherokee Park. Packet pickup and in-person late registration is on Friday, December 3rd at United Crescent Hill Ministries, 150 State St., from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Cost is $25 per person.

The annual Santa Sprint and Stroll raises funds for UCHM’s vital community programs - including senior services, emergency assistance and youth programs. When you sign up for the Santa Sprint, you are helping UCHM give the community members in need a gift that keeps on giving all year long. Click [here](http://www.rivercityraces.com/upcoming-events-1/2021/12/4/25th-annual-santa-sprint-amp-stroll-5k) to sign up today for this great event:

* Scenic course in Cherokee Park
* Long sleeve cotton blend shirt
* Refreshments served after the race
* Age Group Awards with five year categories for Top 3 Finishers in each
* Photos with Santa

**Shop Small Saturday/Shop The Avenue - December 4**

Small Business Saturday kicks off the holiday shopping season in Louisville on November 27. It’s a day to celebrate the best the city has to offer and help out businesses that have struggled during the pandemic. When you support a local business, you’re also supporting your city and neighborhood. Economists have estimated that 48% of each purchase at local independent businesses is recirculated locally, a much higher percentage than at large chain stores.

On Saturday, December 4, the Frankfort Avenue Business Association is sponsoring a day of activities on The Avenue. “Fa-La-La on Frankfort Avenue” will include photos with Santa at Gelato Gilberto (2240 Frankfort); from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; a Santa Dog Walk from Urban Village Veterinary Clinic (2530 Frankfort) at 1 pm; Christmas Carols on the Avenue beginning at Ostra (1758 Frankfort) from 2:30 – 3:30; and Holiday food and drink specials at a number of the wonderful restaurants and bars along The Avenue in the evening.

Check here for more details - [Frankfort Avenue Business Association - Home (wildapricot.org)](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/3hM8C4xvVXuGX12lT41QGU?domain=faba.wildapricot.org) - and join the fun on Frankfort Avenue on Saturday, December 4.

**Light Up St. Matthews – December 4**

The Annual Light Up St. Matthews is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. This holiday event features musical entertainment, letters to Santa, pictures with Santa, train rides, ice skating, activities for the kids, and fun for the entire family. Free cookies and hot chocolate are available for everyone to enjoy. No matter the weather, most activities are held under a big tent. The event concludes at 6:00 p.m. when the switch is thrown and Brown Park “Lights Up” with thousands and thousands of colorful holiday lights.

The event is held at Brown Park in St. Matthews, located at the corner of Kresge Way and Browns Lane, next to Baptist Health Hospital. Free parking for the event is at the Baptist Health Louisville doctors building, 4007 Kresge Way, directly across from the hospital with easy access to the park via a signaled crosswalk.

Get a great start to the holiday season with family, neighbors and friends, and best of all, … it’s FREE!

This event is held rain or shine. For more information, please visit <https://www.stmatthewschamber.com/light-up/>.

**UCHM Christmas Connection Sponsorship**

Christmas is just around the corner! Are you interested in giving back this holiday season? If so, consider sponsoring a child by donating $125 to United Crescent Hill Ministries’ Christmas Connection Program. **Your donation of $125 will be used to purchase retail and grocery gift cards to cover a child’s gifts and food needs over the holidays.**These gift cards allow families to prioritize their needs, as well as give them the dignity of providing for their family in the best way that they see fit. In 2020, the community helped UCHM provide Christmas support to over 100 children.

If you are unable to donate the full $125 to sponsor a child, please consider making a smaller donation to go towards the program. Any amount is meaningful and will go to support a family during the holidays.

If you are interested in donating or sponsoring a family, **please click** [here](https://www.uchmlouky.org/christmas-connection-sponsorship-sign-up/) **to donate online through Paypal by selecting “Christmas Connection Program”**in the drop down menu. You can also send cash or a check to United Crescent Hill Ministries at 1**50 State Street.** If you have questions or are looking for other ways to help, please contact Katie Litanga at [klitanga@uchmlouky.org](mailto:klitanga@uchmlouky.org).

**St. MAM Adopt-A-Child Christmas Program**

This holiday season, please consider adopting one of the St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM) children, and provide a “requested” holiday toy plus a Target or Kohls gift card for $50.00. *All gifts need to be put into gift bags with the child(ren)’s information and delivered to St. MAM no later than December 2.*

Please contact Sarah Banks for a list of available children, by phone at 893-0205 or by email [sarahbanks@stmam.com](mailto:sarahbanks@stmam.com).

**Gardens Aglimmer Holiday Light Show**

Tickets for the Waterfront Botanical Gardens “2021 Gardens Aglimmer” holiday light show are now available. Enjoy a sparkling winter wonderland of swans, snowflakes, deer, Moravian stars, oversized flowers, light bursts, candles, and a multicolor tunnel of lights. Wander the Beargrass Creek Pathway under icicle arches and a waterfall stream aglow. Visit Santa and his sleigh in the Graeser Family Education Center and Mrs Claus’ Cottage in the new Ellen T Leslie Botanical Classrooms\*.

Hot beverages and cookies are available for purchase from Khalil’s in the Jingle All the Way Cafe.

The event runs on the following dates:

* December 2, 3, 4
* December 9, 10, 11
* December 16 through 23
* December 26 through 30

(Gardens Aglimmer is closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day)

Nightly Slots Available: 5:45pm, 6:30pm, 7:15pm, 8pm

Once you arrive, you are welcome to stay as long as you like, however, 45 minutes is ample time for a thorough visit. The lights turn off at 9pm. For more information, please visit <https://waterfrontgardens.org/gardens-aglimmer/>.

**Yard Waste & Leaf Drop-Off Continues**

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 (Saturday this week, because of the Thanksgiving holiday):

* 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.

**D9 Community Conversation – December 14**

The last D9 Community Conversation for 2021 is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, at the historic Whitehall House & Gardens, 3110 Lexington Road, beginning at 6:30 pm. Special guest is Major David Allen with LMPD’s 5th Division. *This is an in-person meeting, and masks and social distancing will be required.*

A virtual option will also be available. More information will be available in the next eNews.

Please mark your calendar and join us – and bring along a friend or neighbor!

# Mammogram Screenings – December 15

On Wednesday, December 15, 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.

**ABC Notification for 2009 Brownsboro Road**

Below, please find an Alcoholic Beverage License memo and Courier Journal Legal announcement for a NQ Retail Malt Beverage by the Package and Quota Retail Liquor by the Package license(s) being applied for, located at 2009 Brownsboro Road (Farm Stores). The ad ran in The Courier Journal Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

* [New location or ownership change](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/jMcKCG6Xz4soxG4JsEVfJe?domain=lnks.gd)
* [Courier Journal ABC Ad](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/fw3CCJ6Kz5sPG5w8c5BqHI?domain=lnks.gd)

**FOG and the Holidays**

Louisville MSD would like to remind residents about the dangers of FOG: Fats, Oils and Grease. The traditional Thanksgiving meal means plenty of fats, oils and grease are left behind, and it’s important to emphasize proper disposal of FOG, to prevent serious damage and clogs to pipes in homes and to the sewer system.

No matter the time of year, there’s plenty that residents can do from home to help ensure safe, clean waterways! Tips are available at [https://louisvillemsd.org/athome](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/w2trCzp4QZuv1r5zf4MXMO?domain=louisvillemsd.org).

**Know Waste Ambassador Program**

**Want to help Louisville improve our waste reduction efforts?**

**The mission of the Know Waste Ambassador program is to educate participants about waste reduction and disposal systems and empower them to make meaningful change for themselves and their community.**  
  
Know Waste Ambassadors are required to attend virtual classes and facility tours. Classes will be once per week for 7 weeks in January and February and will be recorded (specific day/time to be determined). Participants will be provided volunteer opportunities and encouraged to be creative in how they engage with neighbors and community members on the topics of waste reduction and recycling.  
  
**Know Waste Ambassador Requirements**

* Attend orientation session and six in-depth trainings on recycling, composting, waste management systems, and other waste initiatives. (These will take place on a weekday.)
* Participate in educational tours of local waste facilities. (These will take place on a weekday.)
* Fulfill a set number of volunteer hours and tasks annually to maintain certification. (Programs and events may take place on weekdays or weekends.)
* Attend periodic sessions to stay up to date, provide feedback, and meet other Know Waste Ambassadors.
* Be willing to share what you learn from the program with your community.
* Background check required prior to volunteering at events or programs.

Click to [Apply now!](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/xkN_CyPA7YsEMRJgIBhQYI?domain=lnks.gd) Questions, please [contact the Solid Waste Education Department](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/7mLMCzp4QZuv2An3iOHE2V?domain=lnks.gd).

**Evolve502 Scholarship and Application Information**

Evolve502 Scholarship is an investment in the City’s young people, allowing every eligible JCPS graduate to pursue their college and career goals at no cost. The scholarship application period is currently open and closes on July 15, 2022.

The Evolve502 Scholarship is a last dollar scholarship program. It covers a student’s tuition after federal and state aid have been applied. For more information and to apply, please click [Scholarship | Evolve502](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/SY3sCOYXL4iojVR5hEEhkm?domain=evolve502.org/).

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

We publish this newsletter every other week, with the next edition scheduled for December 9. 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 25 & Friday, November 26:** Thanksgiving Holiday - all Metro offices are closed. No collection on Thursday, collection will be delayed by one day.

**Friday, November 26:**Olmsted Parks Conservancy is hosting four locations as part of the 11th Annual Free Coat Exchange in Shelby, Central, Iroquois and Elliot Parks. Volunteers are needed from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please email info@olmstedparks.org. Anyone needing a coat can come to any of these locations between 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, November 26:**Whitehall House and Gardens, 3110 Lexington Road, will host a candlelight tour from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. See the mansion by candlelight, beautifully decorated by local designers and florists. Light refreshments and live music will be provided. Admission is $12 for adults and $5 for children ages 6 to 12. Tickets will not be sold at the door, so be sure to make your reservations in advance! For more information, visit [**http://www.historicwhitehall.org/candlelight-tour**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/46e-C31rEWuVPRZpcvIYpF?domain=historichomes.us2.list-manage.com).

**Monday, November 29 - Saturday, December 4:**Just Creations, 2722 Frankfort Avenue, Community Shopping Nights to benefit Louisville not-for-profit organizations from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. During these special nights, Just Creations will donate 15% of the evening's sales to the group. For more information about the program, please email info@justcreations.org or call the store at 897-7319. Not-for-profit organizations this week are Africa Student Fund, Broadway Baptist Church, Volunteers of America and Wellspring.

**Wednesday, December 1:**Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host a meeting of the minds at 7:00 p.m. Join members of the community as they think about and discuss current topics. Contact the branch for full details at 574-1793.

**Thursday, December 2:** Carmichael's Bookstore will host bestselling author Dr. Brene Brown for a special one-night only event to launch Atlas of the Heart at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom. For more information, please click [here](https://www.carmichaelsbookstore.com/event/bren%C3%A9-brown-launch-atlas-heart).

**Saturday, December 4:**Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host a winter craft day from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for all ages. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1793.

**Saturday, December 4:**Market on Mellwood, 1860 Mellwood Avenue, from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This family-friendly market provides shoppers a chance to support local businesses while completing their holiday shopping. The Holiday Bazaar will be indoors for the comfort of vendors and visitors alike. Parents will have the opportunity to take their children’s pictures with Santa from noon until 3:00 PM. Additionally, kids are invited to join Mrs. Claus from 1:00 – 4:00 PM for Crafting with Mrs. Claus. Kids can also bring their letters for Santa and drop them off at one of the specially marked drop boxes.

**Saturday, December 4:** Free computer tune up and repair at the St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue. This service will be offered the first Saturday of each month from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Help will be limited to the first FIVE people to make a reservation by email to taylor\_rae@hotmail.com. Participants must bring any additional devices that they may need such as a keyboard, monitor, and mouse for desk tops. If participants are bringing a laptop, please bring your battery charger. For details visit [www.computertuneupandrepair.weebly.com](https://computertuneupandrepair.weebly.com/about.html).

**Saturday, December 4:** Whitehall House & Gardens will host a Victorian Christmas Tea at 3:00 p.m., doors will open at 2:45 p.m. at 3110 Lexington Road. Enjoy Irish tea and a delicious array of tasty sweets and savory tea sandwiches served in the Whitehall mansion, beautifully decorated for the holiday season.  This popular event is perfect for all ages and everyone is invited to attend. Tickets to the Tea are $45 per person.  In order to keep guests safe, space will be extremely limited and reservations are required.  For more information or to purchase tickets, please email us at [*whitehall@historichomes.org*](mailto:whitehall@historichomes.org) or call (502) 897-2944.

**Monday, December 6 - Saturday, December 11:** Just Creations, 2722 Frankfort Avenue, Community Shopping Nights to benefit Louisville not-for-profit organizations from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. During these special nights Just Creations will donate 15% of the evening's sales to the group. For more information about the program, please email info@justcreations.org or call the store at 897-7319. Not-for-profit organizations this week are Family & Children's Place, Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Peterson-Dumesnil House, Survivors of Torture Services and Family Health Centers Americana.

**Tuesday, December 7:**Whitehall House & Gardens, 3110 Lexington Road, will host a holiday wreath workshop from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Participants will join Amy Streeter, owner of Susan's Florist, at Whitehall to create a beautiful holiday wreath to adorn their front door this season.  Amy will provide the grapevine wreath, mixed greens, pine cones, ribbon and other fun textures to inspire creativity.  Participants will learn how to make a festive bow for all gift giving and some design tips on using holiday greens throughout their homes. The cost for the class is $60 per person. Reservations must be made in advance and can be made at <https://www.historicwhitehall.org/wreath-class>. For more information, call Whitehall at 502-897-2944.

**Wednesday, December 8:** Carmichael's Bookstore will host Alec Ross in conversation with Matthew Barzun at 7:00 p.m. This will be a virtual event. For more information, please click [here](https://www.carmichaelsbookstore.com/event/alec-ross-conversation-matthew-barzun).

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