**Louisville Metro Council**

District 9 eNews

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**Happy Holidays!**

Happy Holidays to you and your family! Metro Council offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31. More information on Metro closures – and some changes in Metro services - are listed below.

**Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Holiday Schedule**

Because Christmas and New Year’s Day fall on Saturday, there will be no change in the Metro Urban Services District (USD) solid waste collection services this year. Collections will occur on Friday, December 24 or Friday, December 31.

This is the collection schedule for District 9 addresses in the USD.

* Friday, December 24 - place out yard waste
* Friday, December 31 – place out recycling and yard waste

**Staffed Recycling Centers:**

The full-service recycling locations, along with the Waste Reduction Center and Haz Bin, will have special holiday hours. On Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31, the centers will be closing early at 1:00 p.m. On Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1, the centers will be closed. They are located here:

* East District Public Works Yard, 595 N. Hubbards Lane
* Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Highway
* Central Government Center, 7201 Outer Loop
* Waste Reduction Center, 636 Meriwether Avenue
* Haz Bin Hazardous Waste Facility, 7501 Grade Lane

**2022 Winter Yard Waste Schedule**

Since the amount of yard waste generated is far less in the winter, the schedule for yard waste collection in the Urban Services District (USD) is adjusted for a more efficient collection. This year, from mid-January to mid-March, yard waste will be collected EVERY OTHER WEEK on the opposite week of recycling. Residents do NOT need to make a request for yard waste collection. The [Recycle Coach](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/CTv3CkRjBEI3qKpXUqQkml?domain=lnks.gd) calendar reflects the new schedule. Residents can view and print a calendar by entering their address at that site. They can also set reminders using the app.

**During the weeks without yard waste collection**, all Louisville residents are invited to drop off yard waste for FREE at the [Waste Reduction Center](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/Al_MClYkXGiqzVvPfxatAf?domain=lnks.gd). Yard waste must be bagged and bundled according to [curbside collection rules](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/UdNkCmZ08JFLRgrPsjc76r?domain=lnks.gd). Accepted material includes leaves, twigs, straw, pine needles, shrubbery trimmings, Christmas trees, and branches and tree trimmings that are less than 2 inches in diameter and less than 4 feet long. Material may be in reusable containers, in paper or compostable bags, or bundled for easy off-loading. (Businesses will be charged a fee as usual.)

Here’s the schedule for yard waste collection in the District 9 portion of the USD:

* Friday, January 7
* Saturday, January 22 (collection delayed due to holiday)
* Friday, February 4
* Friday, February 18
* Friday, March 4
* Friday, March 18 (regular weekly collection begins)

**Waste Reduction Center**

636 Meriwether Avenue

Open Tuesday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Residential yard waste will only be accepted for free during the weeks of January 11, January 25, February 8, February 22, and March 8 when there is no curbside collection.

Regular weekly yard waste collection will resume the week of March 14.

**LWC Work to Impact Stilz Avenue**

Beginning January 3, work on Louisville Water’s Frankfort Avenue Main Replacement Project moves to Stilz Avenue. The contractor will have two crews working. One crew will be working on Stilz Avenue, requiring the closure of Stilz between Frankfort Avenue and Grinstead Drive until April.

The second crew will be completing the main installation and tie-ins on Frankfort Avenue. One east-bound lane on Frankfort Avenue will remain open. Frankfort Avenue business also remain open – please visit them!

Hillcrest Avenue will partially reopen at Frankfort Avenue soon and that may allow other changes to improve traffic flow. Follow our social media sites (links below) for more information as it is announced.

More information from Louisville Water is [here](https://louisvillewater.com/frankfort-project).

**Sign Up for Crime Mapping Alerts**

Thanks to everyone who joined us in-person or on Facebook Live at our D9 Community Conversation last week. Special thanks to Fifth Division Major David Allen and to Whitehall House and Gardens for hosting the event.

One question at the event was how residents can keep up with reported crimes in their neighborhoods. It’s easy! You can sign up for email reports of crime on and around your street through Crime Mapping.

Visit <https://www.crimemapping.com/home> and search for crime around a specific address, zip code, landmark or through a specific agency in Louisville. You can click on a specific graphic for details about the crime. You can also sign up for email or text alerts for an area.

As always, if you notice any suspicious behavior, please contact LMPD at 574-7111, or 911 if there is an emergency. If you have general questions for LMPD’s Fifth Division, which serves most of D9, please email 5thdivlmpd@louisvilleky.gov.

**Recycling Carts Reminder**

Beginning January 1, 2022, Solid Waste Management Services recycling crews in Louisville’s Urban Service Districts (USD) will not collect recycling from the old 18-gallon orange bins. If you recycle and do not have a recycling cart, request one today from Metro311 at 574-5000. (This applies to residents with city waste collection services only.) To place a request online, visit [Louisvilleky.gov/311](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/Ptn-CVO2o6sjlZN3TvWOhk?domain=lnks.gd).

Residents who have already made a request but have not received a cart may [contact Public Works](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/eYZBCW6Kp4swj4ROC7Dxcv?domain=lnks.gd). Include the address in the form submission.

**Cannons Lane LG&E Work Continues**

Back in August, I provided an update from LG&E regarding the replacement of the Cannons Lane Regulator Station, which serves as one of the major gas supply points to LG&E’s high-pressure distribution system. The project scope includes replacement of piping, regulation equipment, valves, control equipment, electrical systems, emergency electrical power, and buildings. A new regulator station is being constructed adjacent to the existing regulator station, located at 554 Cannons Lane.

LG&E anticipated Phase I would be complete in November, but work continues. The expected completion date for Phase I is now January 31, 2022. Phase II will begin around June 2022 and is expected to run through July 2022. There may be periodic lane closures associated with material and equipment load outs.

**Appointments Now Accepted for LIHWAP**

Do you or someone you know need assistance in paying Louisville Water and MSD bills? Louisville Metro Office of Resilience and Community Services is now accepting appointments for the new Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, or LIHWAP.LIHWAP is atemporary emergency water/wastewater program intended to help low income households and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Similar to the longstanding LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), LIHWAP will assist Jefferson County households within 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, but with water and wastewater benefits instead of home energy.

LIHWAP is federally funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

LIHWAP will consist of two components:  1) the Crisis Component which provides assistance to eligible households experiencing a home water service crisis, and 2) the Subsidy Component which provides assistance to all eligible households regardless of the status of their water bill.

The Crisis Component operates from now through June 1, 2022, or until available funds have been expended.  The Subsidy Component will begin operating January 10, 2022, however pre-registration opportunities are available for elderly and those with disabilities who meet the other eligibility criteria.

**How to apply:**
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/ezyzC31rEWuYGj95t2OPf9?domain=louisvilleky.cascheduler.com).

For more information, please click [here](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/resilience-and-community-services/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap).

**Know Waste: Packaging from Online Shopping**

Online shopping means we have a lot of extra waste at home. From bubble wrap to cardboard to padded envelopes and air pillows, the list goes on. The best thing to do is reuse the items - refill the boxes, pack fragile items with bubble wrap or air pillows, mail something else in the envelopes, or use items for craft projects. (Or you can always donate to someone else to reuse.) But if you find yourself needing to dispose of them, here's some useful information:

**Cardboard Boxes**

Recycle your cardboard! Flatten the boxes to conserve space in your recycling container. Or take them to one of our [recycling dumpsters around town](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/KHTACjRg5DI1yBvGtvnf0R?domain=lnks.gd). Don't put them out for Large Item Collection ("junk") because they won't get recycled. Consider putting cardboard in your container last - even flattened cardboard can take up valuable space.

**Bubble Wrap, Air Pillows**

These can be recycled with plastic bags at participating retail stores. Keep them out of your home recycling containers and drop-off recycling dumpsters.

**Padded Envelopes**

To know what to do with these, you have to know what they're made of. Some envelopes have paper surrounding bubble wrap. These cannot be recycled since they are made of a mix of materials. Some are all plastic and can go with the bubble wrap (see above). If the padding is made of all paper, the envelope can go in your home recycling containers or drop-off recycling dumpsters.

**Styrofoam**

Large blocks of Styrofoam can be recycled at Foam Fabricators, 950 Progress Blvd, New Albany, IN. They must be clean and free of tape and stickers. They do not accept any other form of Styrofoam. And Styrofoam is NOT accepted in curbside recycling or drop-off recycling dumpsters.

And if you shop in person, help the environment and BYOB - bring your own bag!

**Volunteers Needed for the 2021 Tax Season**

For the past several years (with a year off because of the pandemic), the District 9 office has hosted a tax preparation site at United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM), offering free tax preparation to individuals and families under a certain income bracket. Each year the site depends on volunteers to help prepare taxes and greet clients. We have a few dedicated volunteers that help us out every year, but we need more! We hope you’ll consider joining the team!

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2021 tax season (January-April 2022) please email volunteer@labcservices.org. Make sure you indicate you would like to volunteer at the UCHM site. Volunteers are needed to help prepare taxes AND greet clients. If interested in volunteering, please sign up by completing this [Volunteer Application](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=m2GYTy0gP0GMzzYdVyE7zbEKxT7HN3dIhB7iBk93nXlUOTUyMlFaVkYyOFNSV1JYUFMzSzVPTjI1TS4u).

**KIPDA Seeks Public Comment**

The Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA), the region’s designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is a federally mandated transportation policy-making organization made up of representatives from local and state governments and governmental transportation authorities. Public engagement and input are some of the basic components of transportation planning and it is intended to further inform policy makers.

KIPDA is seeking public comment from December 14, 2021, through January 28, 2022, for an update to its Public Participation Plan. You can submit comments or join a public meeting on January 25. More information is [here](https://www.kipda.org/transportation/core-products/public-participation-plan/).

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

We publish this newsletter every other week, with the next edition scheduled for January 6. 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!
Friday, December 24:** Christmas Eve Holiday - Metro Offices are closed. No collection delays. Regular collection on Friday.

**Wednesday, December 29:** Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host a Crescent Hill Afternoon book discussion at 1:00 p.m. Plan to discuss I Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephron. With her disarming, intimate, completely accessible voice, and dry sense of humor, Nora Ephron shares with us her ups and downs in I Feel Bad About My Neck, a candid, hilarious look at women who are getting older and dealing with the tribulations of maintenance, menopause, empty nests, and life itself. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1793.

**Friday, December 31:** New Year’s Eve Holiday - Metro Offices are closed. No collection delays. Regular collection on Friday.

**Sunday, January 2:**St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host the Art of Alternative Movie Posters Exhibit. Posters will range from golden age movie classics to Disney masterpieces to Marvel movies and more. They will also be having raffles to giveaway two posters. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Tuesday, January 4:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host an adult book discussion on A Simple Favor by Darcey Bell at 2:00 p.m. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Wednesday, January 5:**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, January 6:**Crescent Hill Community Council Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S. Peterson Avenue.

**District 9 LINKS**District 9 Blog: [www.district9news.wordpress.com](http://www.district9news.wordpress.com) District 9 Website: <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/district9>

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