**Louisville Metro Council**

District 9 eNews

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**Ethics Ordinance Changes**

**Financial**disclosure is required of public officials and candidates because it enables the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government. While state law requires every city and county to require financial disclosure, Louisville Metro’s requirements are inadequate and not in keeping with disclosures required by other municipalities in Kentucky.

Louisville Metro’s disclosures focus on actual, self-reported conflicts, not potential conflicts. Sources of income, most property ownership, creditors and more are not covered by Louisville’s law, despite being included in a Kentucky League of Cities Model Ethics Ordinance and in the laws of most cities and counties, including many suburban cities right here in Jefferson County. This week, I filed an ordinance to change that. You can read it [here](https://louisville.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5399206&GUID=8CE61770-4E27-48A9-8F1B-3BFB14A2C268&Options=ID|Text|&Search=ethics). The ordinance will have first reading at Metro Council tonight and could be considered by a Council committee next week. I hope it will pass in time to require more disclosures from candidates, including candidates for Mayor of Louisville, before the May primary election.

WLKY reported on the ordinance this week: [Louisville ordinance would strengthen financial disclosures (wlky.com)](https://www.wlky.com/article/louisville-ordinance-stronger-financial-disclosures-elected-leaders/38954821).

I am also working on an ordinance which would require lobbyists seeking to influence Louisville Metro decisions to register and make disclosures. That’s done in every state, including Kentucky, and in many cities. No registration and disclosure is required in Louisville under current law. I hope that will change. The lobbyist ordinance will be filed later this month.

**Random Gunfire Prohibition**

When constituents hear gunfire in Louisville they assume that it is illegal. But that’s not always the case. While many cities in Kentucky and around the nation prohibit random gunfire in city limits, Louisville has no such prohibition. I hope that will change, with an ordinance Council members Pat Mulvihill, Nicole George and I filed this week.

The ordinance has exceptions for self-defense, legal hunting, firing ranges, permitted and safe outdoor locations for sport shooting and more. LMPD believes it will give officers an additional tool to stop random gunfire, including around holidays like the Fourth of July and New Year’s Eve, which annually causes significant property damage and has caused injuries in Louisville. More about that “celebratory” gunfire [here](https://spectrumnews1.com/ky/louisville/news/2022/01/13/celebratory-gunfire-in-louisville).

The current proposal is [here](https://louisville.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5376112&GUID=0A641555-ED78-4265-8C08-10AFDB9AD7EC&Options=ID|Text|&Search=firearm). You can read more about it in this WDRB story: [Ordinance would make random gunfire in Louisville illegal | News | wdrb.com](https://www.wdrb.com/news/ordinance-would-make-random-gunfire-in-louisville-illegal/article_f5baaf82-7fa0-11ec-98ab-3ff3de642810.html). The ordinance will have first reading at Metro Council tonight and may be considered by the Council’s Public Safety Committee next week.

**Yard Waste Resumes Week of February 14**

The Omicron surge in COVID-19 cases appears to have peaked in Louisville. While many are still ill and off work, the decline in cases is allowing private and public services to get closer to normal. Yard waste in Louisville’s Urban Services District (USD) is one such service.

Louisville’s Solid Waste Management Department appreciates everyone's patience as yard waste collection was suspended because of COVID-related staffing shortages. Yard waste collection is scheduled to resume on Monday, February 14, but will follow an every-other-week schedule through winter. In the D9 portion of the USD, that means yard waste can be set out for collection on Friday, February 18 and every other week after that. See below calendar for details on yard waste and recycling dates. Use the [Recycle Coach app](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/u8jmCgJD8zT5vBPLizgvTS?domain=lnks.gd) to check your schedule for all services- garbage, recycling, yard waste and large item collection!

**The free Christmas tree and yard waste drop-off sites will remain open until curbside collection resumes.** The last day for drop-off will be Saturday, February 12. All yard waste must be in compliance with [curbside guidelines](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/eEqLCkRjBEI3DwYMfpYBmf?domain=lnks.gd). Containers used to bring yard waste to the drop-off sites must be taken back by residents.

**DROP-OFF HOURS & LOCATIONS**

Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Waste Reduction Center closes at 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

* **East District Recycling Center,**595 N. Hubbards Lane
* **Public Works Yard,**10500 Lower River Road (enter from Bethany Lane)
* **Shawnee Park,**230 Southwestern Parkway (Athletic Complex)
* **Waste Reduction Center,**636 Meriwether Avenue

**Junk Pick-up in District 9**

It’s time to clean house and get ready for another large item collection if you live in the 9th District Louisville Metro Urban Services District (USD). You may begin setting out your junk on Friday, February 25, in the afternoon. All junk must be set out by Monday, February 28, at 6:00 a.m. Some items (hazardous materials, construction debris, etc.) are not collected and these guidelines are being strictly followed. For collection guidelines, please click [here](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/services/junk-and-bulk-trash-disposal).

To sign up for large item set out reminders by email and text, or to find out if you are in the collection area, click [here](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/recycle-coach-disposal-calendar-alerts-and-more) and enter your address. After selecting your address from the list of suggested addresses, you can view collection dates by month, or sign up for reminders.

**Self-Service Recycling Drop-Off Locations**
[The self-service recycling drop-off locations](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/f0UJClYkXGiqWMOBUOXYwa?domain=lnks.gd) are getting an upgrade. Each site will transition from one or two 30-yard dumpsters that had to be removed to be emptied to several 8-yard dumpsters that can be emptied into a truck on site. This allows the emptying process to be more efficient and to occur more frequently. The new design will help prevent illegal dumping. Larger dumpsters were notoriously filled with illegal materials, like construction debris, causing contamination to the recyclables. New signage is clear and consistent showing what is accepted and what is not.

Thanks to a partnership with the Waste Management District, a front loader truck and enough dumpsters for all 14 sites were purchased. The new recycling dumpsters have been placed at Cyril Allgeier Community Center and the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center parking lot so far. The transition will continue for the remaining locations. [Watch MetroTV's announcement video](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/CcAQCmZ08JFLVM1mf1BqL3?domain=lnks.gd)

**Permits Required for Street Tree Work**

Nothing makes my phone ring more than the removal of trees in public rights-of-way. Unfortunately, not everyone seems to know (or care) that removal of a public tree without a permit is prohibited by Louisville ordinance and subject to a fine of up to $1,000.

Public trees include any tree in Louisville Metro’s right-of way, generally including, among other areas, trees in the soil between the sidewalk and the curb.  Topping, severely pruning or otherwise disfiguring a public tree is also prohibited.

Louisville’s public tree ordinance is [here](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/louisvillemetro/latest/loukymetro/0-0-0-65763).

**D9 Community Conversation – February 22**

The February D9 Community Conversation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, at the St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, beginning at 6:30 pm. I’ll be available for discussion of anything on your mind. *This is an in-person meeting, and masks and social distancing are required.*

If you prefer to watch virtually, you can tune in live on the [**Councilman Bill Hollander**](https://www.facebook.com/councilmanbillhollander) Facebook page. You can submit questions ahead of time to my Legislative Assistant, [Kyle Ethridge](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/contact-legislative-assistant-kyle-ethridge).

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

**Tax Preparation Appointments Available**

The Louisville Asset Building Coalition (LABC) is providing FREE tax preparation services again this year. There are in-person and drop off appointments available. The service is FREE if you earned $66,000 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) or less in 2021.

To make an appointment at United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM), please call (502) 574-5687 to see if you qualify and make your appointment. Drop off only appointments are available every Friday through the end of tax season between 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at United Crescent Hill Ministries, 150 S. State Street, in Clifton.

Other locations throughout Louisville offer appointments too. To make an appointment please call (502) 305-0005 or click [here](https://louisvillekyvita.cascheduler.com/apptonline/landing.html?client_code=LOUIVITA) for an online appointment. Click [here](https://district9news.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/2022-labc-site-brochure.pdf) to view the brochure of other locations.

In order to access free self-file assistance, please visit [www.labcservices.org](http://www.labcservices.org) and click on the “Free Tax Help” option.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Free Income Tax Preparation Assistance

Tax preparation assistance is also available through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program, which provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. Assistance will be available by appointment only at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 2822 Frankfort Avenue.

Appointments are available every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. from February 2 through Apr 13, 2022. For an appointment call 502-208-6731 or visit the web scheduler at <http://www.aarp-tax-aide-lou.org/Sites/sites.html> For more information and a full AARP schedule, please visit [www.aarp-tax-aide-lou.org](http://www.aarp-tax-aide-lou.org).

**Seneca Park Signage**

Recently constituents have contacted me regarding improper use of the walking path in Seneca Park. As a result, Olmsted Parks Conservancy installed new signage to indicate that the path is not intended for rollerblading or bicycling.

“No rollerblades or bicycles on the walking track, please.”

As always, I appreciate the constituents who pointed out the problem!

**Café LOUIE 2022 Schedule**

Café LOUIE is back in 2022to connect citizens to their elected representatives, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. each Saturday morning through March 26. While sessions in January and on February 5 have been virtual, organizers hope to return to in-person sessions after that date.

Elected officials will be given a brief time for prepared remarks and to answer a few pre-selected questions submitted by attendees.  You can submit questions on the form at the bottom of this page: [Café LOUIE | The Library Foundation (lfplfoundation.org).](https://www.lfplfoundation.org/cafe-louie/)

Every Café LOUIE is open to the public. I will be participating at events on February 26 at the St. Matthews Library and March 26 at the Crescent Hill Library. The events are streamed at this Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CafeLOUIE/>.

**Take the Annual Needs Assessment Survey**

It's time to gather feedback for the Louisville Metro Office of Resilience and Community Services' Annual Needs Assessment. This survey will help the agency prioritize funding and create innovative strategies to meet the needs of low and moderate income individuals in our city and improve the living conditions of all Jefferson County residents.

Please take a moment to complete the survey [HERE](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/95qiCPNKg4cAWMmmSZZ59Q?domain=lnks.gd).

**Crescent Hill Fourth of July Planning**The Crescent Hill Community Council needs **your** help planning the 4th of July Festival. They will be having a kickoff meeting on Thursday, February 10th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Help is still needed in the following areas: Art Fair, Children’s Fun Zone, Cake Booth, Pet Contest, Publicity, Fund-Raising and Logistics and more!

If you are interested in helping in the planning of one of these areas, please join in at the meeting and/or contact Cynthia Thomas, 4th of July Festival Chair at cynthiathomas01@gmail.com.  This is a great way to get involved in the neighborhood.

**Apply for the LSC’s Louisville Sustainability Fund**The Louisville Sustainability Council (LSC) opened the 2021-22 grant cycle for the **Louisville Sustainability Fund** in November 2021**.** This fund offers grants to support innovative, entrepreneurial projects and programs to plan for the impact of climate change on our most vulnerable citizens, while supporting community equity and resilience. Recipients will receive between $500 and $5,000 toward their project and will have access to LSC events, programs, mentors and the opportunity to partner their work with the LSC initiatives. **Apply for the 2021-22**[**Louisville Sustainability Fund**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/LJwKC31rEWuYq5NKFgnUwTj?domain=lnks.gd)**by February 28.**

**YMCA Seeking Volunteer Mentors**YMCA Safe Place Services needs volunteers to mentor in the Y-NOW Mentoring Program. The program pairs mentors with youth with incarcerated parents to serve as positive adult role models.

Volunteer Requirements:

* Mentors must be able to meet once a week with their mentee for 10 months
* 1 day of training, background check, Child Abuse/Neglect (CAN) check, ID, and proof of auto insurance

Contact (502) 855-6107 or ynowvolunteers@ymcalouisville.org.

**Trash-to-Treasure Art Contest**The Louisville Zoo invites students of all ages throughout Kentucky to get involved in its 10th annual ***Trashformation: A Trash-to-Treasure Art Contest*** ***for Students***. Kentucky students are encouraged to communicate the importance of recycling and sustainability through art, and all entries must be made from recyclable materials. This annual contest is part of the Zoo’s Party for the Planet: A Month-Long Celebration of the Earth, powered by the LG&E and KU Foundation.

The registration deadline for the contest is Saturday, **February 19**. Visit [**louisvillezoo.org/trashformation**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/Y81aC82zW4h8174qSnPO9gz?domain=lnks.gd)  for more information on categories, rules and to register.

Pictured: Bug 3 by Dottie Matthews

**ABC Notification for Red Hog**

Below, please find an Alcoholic Beverage License Addition memo and Courier Journal Legal announcement for a Quota Retail Liquor by the Package and Sunday Liquor Drink license(s) being applied for, located at 2622 Frankfort Avenue (Red Hog, LLC).  The ad ran in The Courier Journal Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

* [New location or ownership change](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/JWkOC68xGZulRq4AtN4VZ-?domain=lnks.gd)
* [Courier Journal ABC Ad](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/ka-YC73yY4UjrwBxCQp13M?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. 21-CUP-0213**

**Conditional Use Permit** to allow a short term rental in a dwelling unit that is not the primary residence of the host.

Subject Property: 165 N. Jane Street

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

Meeting Type: Board of Zoning Adjustment

Meeting Date: Monday, February 7, 2022

Time: Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue until all cases are heard

Location: Online at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/upcoming-public-meetings>. *You may also participate in person at the Old Jail Auditorium, 514 W. Liberty Street.*

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 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2022.

**Ninth District Events!
LFPL Programming Cancellations**The Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL) has temporarily cancelled all in-person programming and meeting room reservations through Saturday, February 5. All other library services remain available at this time. For more information, please visit <https://www.lfpl.org/>. Masks are still required at all times when visiting the Library. Please check the LFPL website for any updates. **Thursday, February 3:** Crescent Hill Community Council (CHCC) monthly board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S. Peterson Avenue, or via Zoom. Contact [CHCC](http://crescenthill.us/resources/Documents/Board/2019%20CHCC%20Board%20Contacts.pdf) for Zoom virtual meeting information. For more information, please visit the CHCC website: <http://www.crescenthill.us/>.

**Saturday, February 5:**Louisville Grows is hosting the [**2022 Community Garden Grant Workshop**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/ZxDFC0RoEQI0VRPBhwQ3GHX?domain=lnks.gd) from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., which will focus on the Community Garden Toolkit, grant application requirements and other benefits of the grant. For more information, contact Lisa at **programs@louisvillegrows.org** or 502.905.4342.

**Tuesday, February 8:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host an adult book discussion at 2:00 p.m. Plan to discuss When You See Me by Lisa Gardener. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Tuesday, February 8:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host eBay basics at 2:00 p.m. Come sit in on this tutorial about how to get started selling on Ebay. Basic computer skills are recommended. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Tuesday, February 8:**Clifton Community Council Board of Directors meeting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Meeting is open to the public. If you would like to attend the meeting, please email Mike O’Leary at michael.oleary@twc.com.

**Tuesday, February 8:** Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host a Friends of the Library meeting at 7:00 p.m. Join the Friends group and find out how you can support your Library. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1793.

**Thursday, February 10:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host an early bird book discussion at 2:00 p.m. Plan to discuss The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Thursday, February 10:**The Chamber of St. Matthews Annual Meeting from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. at The Olmsted, 3701 Frankfort Avenue. The theme is Once Upon a Time, any storybook, fairytale or fictional character welcome. Cost is $65 per person, $100 for two tickets and $400 for a table of 8. Register online by clicking [here](https://business.stmatthewschamber.com/events/details/annual-meeting-6498).

**Thursday, February 10:** Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host the Soulful Sounds of Derbytown at 6:30 p.m. Author Michael L. Jones will discuss the contributions African American entertainers from Louisville have made to the American musical landscape. For more information about the event, please click [here](https://events.lfpl.org/events/index.php?com=detail&eID=113313&year=2022&month=02&lID=2). Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1793.

**Saturday, February 12:** Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host a Saturday morning book discussion at 10:30 a.m. Please join a lively discussion of The Women of Brewster Place by Gloria Naylor. 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.

**Monday, February 14:**City of Druid Hills Commissioner meeting at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please visit <https://druidhillsky.gov/>.

**Monday, February 14:**Whitehall House & Gardens, 3110 Lexington Road, will host a Valentine's Day dinner at 7:00 p.m. Served by candlelight inside the beautifully appointed Whitehall mansion, dinner will feature a delicious 4-course feast prepared by Chef Gregoire Guiot of Mirabelle Gourmet Catering. Tickets are $85/person for 4-course dinner or $100/person for 4-course dinner with wine. **Reservations are required** and tables are available for parties of two or for groups of up to ten guests. Proceeds benefit Whitehall.  For more information, including a complete menu and online ticket sales, please visit [www.historicwhitehall.org/valentines-dinner/](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/pMDXC4xvVXuA4LlQhj9XV9?domain=historichomes.us2.list-manage.com).  You may also email whitehall@historichomes.org or call (502) 897-2944.

**Tuesday, February 15:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host a movie discussion group at 2:00 p.m. Plan to discuss the movie, Best in Show. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Tuesday, February 15:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host a night owls book discussion at 6:30 p.m. Plan to discuss Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Wednesday, February 16:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host an adult craft to make memory wire bracelets at 2:00 p.m. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

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