**Louisville Metro Council**

District 9 eNews

February 17, 2022

**D9 Conversation – February 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

The February D9 Community Conversation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, at the St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue. Because of a committee meeting I will be attending, we’re changing the start time to 7:00 p.m. *This is an in-person meeting, and masks are required in the Library.*

Natalie Harris, the Executive Director of Louisville’s Coalition for the Homeless, is our featured speaker this month. Natalie joined the Coalition in April 2010. Since then, she has helped Louisville initiate Rx: Housing—a program which has reduced homelessness among the chronically homeless, veterans, and young adults—as well as several community-wide education campaigns about homelessness. She’ll be discussing strategies for addressing homelessness and be available to answer questions.

As always with D9 Community Conversations, I’ll be available for discussion of anything on your mind.

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!

**Special Election Next Week**

It’s time for Jefferson County voters to choose longtime state Rep. Reginald Meeks' successor for the Kentucky House of Representatives' District 42 seat.

Meeks resigned in December from his job in the state legislature and voting for this month's special election to fill that vacancy begins today and continues through Tuesday.

The only people who can cast ballots in this special election are registered voters who live within House District 42's boundaries - the old boundaries before recent redistricting. Clifton, Irish Hill, and part of Crescent Hill are in the district.

If you aren't sure if you live in Louisville's House District 42, you can check if you're eligible to vote in the special election on the County Clerk's Election Center [website](http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/). Click on the button that says, “Where Do I Vote?” Enter your address in the field. If you are eligible, you will see a message that reads: “The next scheduled election is the State Rep 42nd District Special.” You will also be given your Election Day (Tuesday, February 22) polling location, which will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Any eligible voter can now vote in In-person Absentee (Early). Early voting starts today (February 17) and continues on Friday (February 18) and Saturday (February 19):

* In-person Absentee (Early) Voting will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at:
	+ Jefferson County Clerk's Office Election Center
		- 1000 E. Liberty Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40204
	+ St. Stephen Church Family Life Center
		- 1508 W. Kentucky Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40210

More information is [here](http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/voter-information-2022-special-election/). Go Vote, District 42!

**Yard Waste Collection Resumes February 18**

Yard waste collection in D9 is scheduled to resume tomorrow, Friday, February 18, and will follow an every-other-week schedule through winter. All yard waste must be in compliance with [curbside guidelines](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/eEqLCkRjBEI3DwYMfpYBmf?domain=lnks.gd).

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!

**Junk Pick-up in District 9 Coming Up**

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.

**Help Report Potholes**

We need your help to report potholes:

1. Use an online form by clicking [here](https://iframe.publicstuff.com/#?client_id=1000113).

2. Use Twitter by sending the location of the hole to @LouMetro311 and include the hashtag [#502pothole](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/502pothole?__eep__=6&__cft__%5b0%5d=AZXrUY6j4M5pZZnFoB6kh5lklSaVpqH_G1K1q9GZ7UTT8TTfQZjjyXnTEwQRBJH7Ac7uHXMGN9RU2k-k9LwvWvgq07LzDWzeBPJV54UQ_XlKWYeWIpT2xUz3q92RyBWV7hlMeXfO4wMVvaX2Jpe608QS&__tn__=*NK-R).

3. Call Metro311 or 574-5000 to report potholes or any other issues.

To report a pothole on an interstate in Jefferson County, go to the “contact us” dropdown menu and select “report a hazard” on KYTC’s website [http://transportation.ky.gov](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/VOy7COYXL4irXWJJTK6Yym?domain=lnks.gd) or click [here.](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/PxIACPNKg4cAmpOOFXQRIl?domain=lnks.gd)

**Clean Collaborative at Work**

I’m always pleased to run into members of Louisville’s Clean Collaborative team working in District 9, including on Payne Street this week.

Last week alone, the Clean Collaborative Crew removed 536 bags of litter, 31 tires, and 248 other items from 71.86 curb miles. They also completed 32 service requests. Good work!

You can also help us prevent litter. First, never litter yourself and pick up the litter you find around your property or on your walks!

Did you also know you can report a litterer through MetroCall at 574-5000 or at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/metrocall-311/services/report-litterer>. If you observe a vehicle littering, write down the vehicle license plate number, description, and where you observed the littering and report it by phone or the online form. The owner of the vehicle will receive a letter saying that someone reported seeing litter being thrown from their vehicle, and reminding the owner that littering is punishable by a fine of up to $500 and/or up to a year in jail.

**Lobbying Ordinance Filed**

Louisville’s elected officials decide how to spend your tax money, make decisions about zoning near your properties and take other actions every day. The operation of open and responsive government requires the fullest opportunity for the public to freely express their opinions on executive and legislative action. But many governments – including cities - have decided that the identity and expenditures of paid lobbyists who attempt to influence those actions should be publicly identified and regulated. Many governments have also barred elected officials from leaving office and immediately becoming paid lobbyists.

Louisville is not one of those governments, but I hope it will become one. To promote transparency, I’ve filed an ordinance to require registration and disclosures by paid lobbyists. The proposal is on the Metro Council agenda for first reading tonight. It will next be considered by a Council committee. You can read more about it in this WDRB report: [City would register Metro Council lobbyists under new ordinance | In-depth | wdrb.com.](https://www.wdrb.com/in-depth/measure-would-require-lobbying-disclosures-at-louisville-metro-council/article_4a88362c-8de5-11ec-bdda-c719dc8206e2.html)

**MSD Sewer Line Work on Etley Avenue**

In late February, MSD will begin construction work to rehabilitate a sewer line near Etley Avenue between Grinstead Drive and Lexington Road. The 72-inch diameter sewer line, made of layers of brick and mortar, has served the area since the late 1890s. The work is scheduled to be completed in two phases.

Phase 1 involves sewer investigation and debris removal from inside the sewer line that runs directly beneath Etley Avenue and crosses under Lexington Road and Grinstead Drive. For the safety of the workforce, portions of Etley Avenue will be closed during the day as crews enter and exit the sewer through manholes in the roadway. MSD expects this phase to take two to four weeks to complete.

Phase 2 is expected to start in late spring of this year. During this phase, the sewer line will be rehabilitated through a method called slip-lining. MSD will install a temporary access shaft in Etley Avenue, allowing the slip-line pieces to slide into the existing sewer pipe. At that time, Etley Avenue will be closed from its intersection with Lexington Road extending approximately 200’ toward Grinstead Drive. There will be access to customer parking from Lexington Road, Grinstead Drive, and the south entrance of Etley Avenue. See the below map detailing the work area. Phase 2 is expected to be completed by the end of this year but is subject to change.

**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. 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).

**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 were virtual, the remaining sessions are scheduled to be in-person.

Elected officials will be given a brief time for prepared remarks and to answer a few pre-selected questions submitted by attendees.  You can view the entire schedule and 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/>.

**Ambassador Training – February 26
One Love Louisville will host an ambassador training on Saturday, February 26, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. George’s Episcopal Church, 1201 S. 26th Street. Learn the tools to prevent violence. Help create a safer Louisville through information, skills, and tools provided by experts in the following areas: Public Health approach to violence, conflict resolution, Mental Health 101, stop the bleed, community organizing, and domestic violence awareness.**

**Click** [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/violence-prevention-ambassador-training-tickets-246734919787) **to register, or contact** Jacob.Hazel@louisvilleky.gov **for more information.**

**Motor Vehicle Online Appeals Tool**
Due to supply chain shortages, another impact of COVID-19, used car values and property taxes on them have increased substantially. Jefferson County’s Property Valuation Administrator has launched a new tool for motor vehicle owners to appeal their assessments online. The website is: [www.louisvillevehicleappeals.com](http://www.louisvillevehicleappeals.com).

When filling out the appeal, motor vehicle owners will be required to provide their name, phone number, mailing address, license plate number, VIN, vehicle year, vehicle make, and vehicle model. Providing a title number and email address are optional. It is up to the owner to substantiate any kind of high mileage, damage or mechanical defect. The appeal tool will allow vehicle owners to upload documents online or bring supporting documentation to their office.

State law allows for appeals to the PVA, within 60 days of receiving the notice of renewal. Such notices are typically sent the month before renewal is due, which is the owner’s birth month.

For more information, motor vehicle owners can call the PVA Motor Vehicle Department at 502-574-6450, email motorvehicle@jeffersonpva.ky.gov, or access the Online Chat feature daily from 9am-3:30pm at [www.jeffersonpva.ky.gov](http://www.jeffersonpva.ky.gov).

**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. 22-MCUP-0001**

**Modified Conditional Use Permit** hearing in response to complaints related to excessive noise and explosions from the River Metals scrap metal processing facility.

Subject Property: 2110 Metal Lane, 2045 River Road, 2114 Metal Lane, 2300 Metal Lane, 2255 Metal Lane and 2601 River Green Circle

Case Manager: Chris French (Christopher.french@louisvilleky.gov)

Meeting Type: Board of Zoning Adjustment

Meeting Date: Monday, February 21, 2022

Time: This case will not be heard before 3:00 PM

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 18, 2022.

**Case No. 20-ZONE-0126**

**Change in Zoning** from R-5 Single Family Residential to R-6 Multi-Family Residential, with associated Detailed District Development Plan and Binding Elements, Variances and Waivers.

Subject Property: 100 N. Crestmoor Avenue

Case Manager: Dante St. Germain (dante.st.germain@louisvilleky.gov)

Meeting Type: Land Development and Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 24, 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 Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

**Ninth District Events!
Thursday, February 17:** Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host a LGBT+ Friendly book discussion at 6:00 p.m. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1793.

**Thursday, February 17:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host a family movie night, featuring Soul, at 6:30 p.m. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Monday, February 21 - Sunday, February 27:** Louisville Restaurant Week, where participating restaurants offer discounted three-course meals. For more information, please visit <https://louisvillerestaurantweek.com/>.

**Tuesday, February 22:**D9 Community Conversation in-person and virtual option at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Matthews Library meeting room, 3940 Grandview Avenue. Natalie Harris, the Executive Director of the Coalition for the Homeless, will be the speaker. LFPL requires all attendees to wear masks inside the building. If you choose to join virtually, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/councilmanbillhollander>. As with all D9 meetings, discussion of any other subject is also welcome and I will be available to talk with constituents about any questions, comments or concerns.

**Wednesday, February 23:** Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host an afternoon book discussion group at 1:00 p.m. Plan to discuss All Blood Runs Red: The Legendary Life of Eugene Bullard--Boxer, Pilot, Soldier, Spy, by Phil Keith with Tom Clavin. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1793.

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