**Louisville Metro Council**

District 9 eNews

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**Call Frankfort re: HB 314**

**For several years now, there has been an annual effort in the General Assembly to fundamentally alter the merger law approved by the voters of Jefferson County in 2020. That law provided for a consolidated local government which we call Louisville Metro. It eliminated the old City of Louisville, allowed suburban cities to continue to operate but prohibited additional cities from being formed. Suburban cities were allowed to annex new territory, with approval of Metro Council, twelve years after the consolidated local government was formed.**

**Since that time, every annexation that has been proposed has been approved, after a review process Metro Council established in bipartisan fashion in 2015. HB 314 would eliminate that Metro Council review and require approval of annexations where 75% of the residents request them. Most importantly, the law would allow the creation of additional cities, for the first time in 36 years.**

**The bill is being promoted as necessary to provide new services to unincorporated areas but there is already a way to provide additional services. The merger law the voters approved called for the creation of new service districts where residents petition for them, allowing residents to choose what new services they want – and want to pay for. No one has filed any such petition.**

**As written, the bill would allow new cities to take revenue – including insurance premium taxes - from Louisville Metro. That would threaten countywide services we provide using that revenue, including the Louisville Free Public Library, the Health Department, the Jail, LMPD and more.**

**You can learn more about HB 314 in** [this column](https://www.courier-journal.com/story/opinion/2022/03/15/hb-314-louisville-annexation-metro-council-response/9419042002/) **I co-signed with the majority of Council members.**

**To let state legislators know how you feel about this,** call the Legislative Message ​​​Line now at 1-800-372-7181. HB 314 has been passed by the Kentucky House of Representatives. Tell the person who answers the telephone that you would like to leave a message for all Senators and reference the bill number.

**Frankfort Avenue Traffic Changes**We’ll all be happy when the Louisville Water Company project on Frankfort Avenue wraps up.The good news is that Phase I of the massive project will be completed in April. Stilz Avenue will re-open, and Phase II will begin. There are a few major changes during Phase II.

First, eastbound Frankfort Avenue traffic will need to detour. There are two detour options: Stilz Avenue (to Lexington Road) or Hillcrest Avenue (to Brownsboro Road).

Second, westbound Frankfort Avenue will be open through the construction zone, with two westbound lanes in some places and one westbound lane between Sacred Heart Lane and Hillcrest Avenue.

Third, Reservoir Avenue will close at Frankfort Avenue. Residents using the Crescent Hill Reservoir, Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center, and the Crescent Hill Golf Course will have access from Brownsboro Road.

By July, LWC hopes to open east and westbound lanes on Frankfort Avenue.

Also starting in April:

* The sidewalk between Stilz and Reservoir Avenues will be replaced.  A walkway will be created for pedestrians.
* Tree wells will be constructed for new trees.
* Working with CSX Railroad, old rails will be removed and a new sidewalk will be constructed on the north side of Frankfort Avenue,  connecting Pennsylvania and Reservoir Avenues.

Phase II work will be completed between April and September, with final restoration and the end of the project in October.  Below is a detour map.

**D9 Spring Community Cleanup – April 9**

If you’re tired of seeing litter, help us do something about it! Please plan to join me and your neighbors on Saturday, April 9, for the D9 Spring Community Cleanup. One week before the Easter Parade on April 16, we’ll begin on Frankfort Avenue but you can work wherever you like.

Volunteers should plan to meet in the public parking lot at Frankfort and Keats Avenues at 9:00 a.m. We’ll supply bags, gloves and tools. For more information, please contact the D9 office at 574-1109 or email kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov.

**Brightside Stash the Trash Campaign**

Brightside is excited to announce the launch of the newest anti-litter campaign, Stash the Trash. The goal of the campaign is to remind people to “Stash” their trash and litter in appropriate containers or trash cans.

**Fund the Daffodils**

Brightside’s second awareness campaign centers around a renewed fundraising effort for Daffodils! The organization is hoping to raise awareness and funding to spread yellow blooms to even more locations throughout our city. Brightside will also be “Lighting the Town Yellow” from March 24 – 30th with partners at the LG&E building, Big Four Bridge, MSD, Independence Bank, and the Lynn Family Stadium just to name a few changing their lights to yellow to celebrate Brightside’s daffodils! For more information about how you can help Fund the Daffodils, please visit [www.fundthedaffodils.com](http://www.fundthedaffodils.com)!

**UCHM Flower Power Fundraiser**

Order spring flower bulbs, including dahlias, lilies, perennials, seed mats and more, and benefit United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM). UCHM will receive 50% of your online purchase. Click [here](https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/index.php/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/unitedcrescenthillministries) or contact Janet at (502) 893-0346 x108, for more information.

**Louisville Grows Seeds & Starts Sale**

Louisville Grows' annual Seeds & Starts Sale will be filled with your favorite and unique vegetables, herbs, fruit trees, berry bushes, native flowers,
and other gardening needs.

The sale will run on the below dates from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 1639 Portland Avenue.

* March 19 (Cole crops only)
* April 16, April 20 and May 14

Seeds and starts are planted and grown with love by Louisville Grows greenhouse volunteers. Each of the 100+ varieties of plants are chosen for adaptability, biodiversity, beauty, and taste! Plants for any size garden or containers are available.

Feel good about getting your locally grown, low-cost plants at Louisville Grows' Seeds & Starts Sale. All proceeds from the sales support the Community Garden Grant program.

**\*Friends of Louisville Grows receive a 15% discount on sale days! To become a member, visit**[https://secure.donationpay.org/louisvillegrows/monthly.php](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/eTAdClYkXGi95w2qhkOOwi?domain=louisvillegrows.us6.list-manage.com)**.**

**Volunteers are needed to help prepare for the sale. Click** [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4faaad2ca1fe3-seeds7) **to sign up.**

**Cherokee Park Scenic Loop Car-Free Sundays**

Louisville Parks and Recreation and Olmsted Parks Conservancy have teamed up to close the Scenic Loop in Cherokee Park to vehicles for one day a month. The scenic loop will be closed to vehicular traffic on the last Sunday of the month from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The closures will start on Sunday, March 27 and will run through the fall. Park users and visitors can enjoy walking, running and biking through the park car-free during those hours.

**2022 Mayor’s Give A Day**

This year’s Give A Day is a full month of giving, beginning April 1 through April 30, 2022.

Give A Day started as a one-day service opportunity in 2011, and then grew to a week, and in 2019, it spanned 10 days, setting records each year for volunteers and acts of compassion – a total of 235,000 in 2019. Since 2011, Give a Day has amassed 1.3 million acts of compassion.

With support from Metro United Way and community organizations throughout the city, hundreds of volunteer opportunities will be available for this year’s Give A Day. Group and individual projects will be offered; some may be virtual, while others will be in-person.

Metro United Way supports the volunteer engagement platform for the Mayor’s Give A Day by connecting those who need help with those who want to help.

Individuals or groups wanting to find a project should visit [mygiveaday.com](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/z7OdC2kq2VfxVNy6C5uCX2?domain=lnks.gd), where projects and needs submitted by local non-profit agencies and other groups are listed. Individuals and companies may also use the website to report their own community service.

**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.

No appointments are necessary at United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM). Drop off every Friday through the end of tax season between 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at United Crescent Hill Ministries, 150 S. State Street, in Clifton. Questions, please call (502) 574-5687.

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).

**LMAS FREE Adoptions and WAIVED Fees**

Louisville Metro Animal Services (LMAS) reports that the shelter is operating at maximum capacity and it is taking proactive steps to reduce the kennel population by waiving adoption fees for large dogs and including a free dog crate. It is also waiving redemption fees for all unclaimed pets.

Adoption fees are waived for approved adopters of adult dogs, 40lbs. or more, thanks to the Pay It Forward Free Adoptions Program. Adopters of large dogs will also receive a free dog crate through March 31.

Spay-Neuter, microchip, and vaccinations are included. Approved adopters can also foster-to-adopt select adoptable dogs. Adoption fees are waived but there is still a review and approval process. Jefferson County residents must also purchase a one-year, renewable pet license, a requirement of the Louisville Metro Animal Ordinance. LMAS’ Animal House Adoption Center is located at 3516 Newburg Road. Walk-ins are welcome from 12-6pm daily.

Redemption fees are waived for unclaimed pets through March 31.Owners can claim their impounded pet Monday-Saturday from 12-6pm, at the LMAS Harshaw Family Foundation Shelter, located at 3528 Newburg Road. Redemption fees will only be waived for pet owners with no previous violations, and cover microchipping, spay-neuter, licensing and vaccination fees. Court fees will not be waived. LMAS will work with owners who have outstanding balances and want to reclaim their pet.

To view adoptable pets at LMAS or stray pets currently at the shelter, visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/animal-services>.

**Louisville Folk School Presents the Cupola Concerts**

The Louisville Folk School (LFS) presents the Cupola Concerts. Join in for a listening room experience at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S. Peterson Avenue. Cash bar will be available.

* Friday, March 25: Possum Queens with [Tyrone Cotton](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/gzwJCKr7z4hAqlL9HMlcF3?domain=tyronecotton.com/), music at 7:30 PM
* Saturday, April 9: [Don Rogers Band](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/nsN3CL9104hoPALXtqTnpG?domain=facebook.com/) with Fernando Moya, music at 7:30 PM
* Sunday, April 24: [Dom Flemons](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/e04gCM8KN4uo5gj9tJTmc6?domain=theamericansongster.com/) with Julia Purcell and Sanaan Hamza Duo, music at 5:00 PM
* Friday, May 13: [Tatiana Hargreaves and Allison DeGroot](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/X7mCCNkKX4fnNAo9IR8v61?domain=freedirt.net) with Blue Monroes, music at 7:30 PM

LFS will be offering approximately 50 advance tickets to each house concert, including 20 reserved seats in the front rows. Each seated event will take place in the living room of the house, or on the covered front porch if the weather is warm enough (indoor or outdoor will be announced morning of show or sooner).

Reserved Seating: $25 in advance (plus $1 ticket fee)

General Admission: $15 in advance (plus $1 ticket fee)

Day of Show: if there are seats available day of show, those will be sold at the door - first-come, first-served $20.

Limited advanced seating is available at <https://louisvillefolkschool.org/collections/events>.

**Louisville Metro Government Career Fair – TODAY**

**The Louisville Metro Government Human Resources Department is hosting a Career Fair on Thursday, March 17, at the Muhammad Ali Center, 144 North 6th Street, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The event is open to the public. There are over 600 job opportunities posted on the Metro Government website for those interested and qualified -** <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisvilleky>**. Subject matter experts will be on site on March 17 to answer any questions and interviews may be given by certain departments. All interested applicants are encouraged to bring a copy of their resume.**

**Although no registration is required, interested individuals are encouraged to preregister online** [here](https://louisvilleky.wufoo.com/forms/2022-career-fair-registration-form/)**.**

**Pop-Up Drop-Off Event – April 2**

Pop-Up Drop-Offs are free recycling and large item disposal events for residents of Jefferson County. Through a partnership between the Department of Public Works, the Waste Management District, and Metro Council, these events are held monthly, through November, at various locations.

The April event is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Sun Valley Ball Field, 10401 Lower River Road / Ashby Lane Baptist Church, 6617 Ashby Lane.

Residents can have documents shredded, recycle electronics, tires, and scrap metal, dispose of prescription medication and bulky items, and compost yard debris. **Items must be separated into those various categories for easy off-loading at each area.** Limitations and guidelines are found at [Louisvilleky.gov/PopUps](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/mkX6C5ywVYfwmjLDIpT67V?domain=lnks.gd).

The goal is to give all Jefferson County residents opportunities to dispose of unwanted items properly and to keep as much material out of the landfill as possible.

Future events will be announced and are posted on the [Recycle Coach app](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/__ViC68xGZuZ2OYBFVONn6?domain=lnks.gd) calendar.

You can also recycle up to three electronic devices, up to four tires, and dispose of up to three large household items **for free,** **year-round** at the [Waste Reduction Center](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/-bHnC73yY4Un5p1JCJBm-1?domain=lnks.gd) at 636 Meriwether Avenue.

Watch [this video](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/3SSJC9rAG4hry3EpSrTGE2?domain=lnks.gd) to learn more about the Pop-Up Drop-Off events!

**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-ZONE-0039**

**Change in Zoning** from R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) to OR-1 (Office/Residential) with a landscape waiver.

Subject Property: 309 S. Spring Street

Case Manager: Julia Williams (Julia.williams@louisvilleky.gov)

Meeting Type: Planning Commission

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 17, 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, March 16, 2022.

**Ninth District Events!
Friday, March 18 - Sunday, March 20:** The Friends of the St. Matthews Library will have a remainder book sale to make room for new donations of pre-owned books. All items--adult and children's books, CDs and DVDs--will be $1.00 Exact change is appreciated. Sale hours are Friday, March 18, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, March 20, 1-5 p.m. Proceeds from the sale enable the Friends to support programs and provide resources at the St. Matthews Library.

**Tuesday, March 22:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host Promontory: Past & Present at 2:00 p.m. Bob Frankrone will present a historical and present day look at the event that linked our nation together with the first transcontinental railroad. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Tuesday, March 22:** Carmichael's Bookstore, 2720 Frankfort Avenue, hosts Danica Novgorodoff to present Alexander von Humboldt at 7:00 p.m. This is a virtual event. For more information and to register, please click [here](https://www.carmichaelsbookstore.com/event/danica-novgorodoff-presents-alexander-von-humboldt). Questions, please contact the store at 896-6950.

**Thursday, March 24:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host a family movie night at 6:30 p.m. The movie will be Matilda. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Friday, March 25:** WheelHouse Art, 2650 Frankfort Avenue, and Kentucky artist Kelly Overall are pleased to present, The Divinity of All Creatures, Great and Small. Opening reception to meet the artist and celebrate the new series of painting from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The exhibition will run through May 7.

**Saturday, March 26:** Cafe LOUIE at the Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Legislators include state representatives and senators along with Metro Council and suburban city elected officials. Café LOUIE is a partnership with the 2015 Bingham Fellows, the Leadership Louisville Center, and

**Tuesday, March 29:** Carmichael's Bookstore, 2720 Frankfort Avenue, will host a Community Book Club at 7:00 p.m. Plan to discuss Klara and the Sun. Masks are required for in-person events. Questions, please contact the store at 896-6950.

**Wednesday, March 30:** Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host an afternoon book discussion at 1:30 p.m. Plan to discuss, Code Name Lise: The True Story of the Woman Who Became World War II's Most Highly Decorated Spy by Larry Loftis. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1793.

**Wednesday, March 30:** Carmichael's Bookstore, 2720 Frankfort Avenue, will host Deborah Cohen to discuss Last Call at the Hotel Imperial at 7:00 p.m. Masks are required for in-person events. For more information and to register, please click [here](https://www.carmichaelsbookstore.com/event/deborah-cohen-last-call-hotel-imperial). Questions, please contact the store at 896-6950.

**Wednesday, March 30 - Saturday, April 2:** Just Creations, 2722 Frankfort Avenue, will host the annual Fair Trade Rug event from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. each day. Questions, please contact the store at (502) 897-7319.

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