**Louisville Metro Council**

District 9 eNews

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**District 9 Candidate Forum – Monday, May 2**

The May 17 Primary Election is less than three weeks away and early voting starts even sooner – on May 12 (more on how to vote in the article below).

In District 9, there is a contested Democratic primary and my successor will be elected in a general election in November.

A District 9 Candidate Forum, sponsored by the Clifton Community Council, Clifton Heights Community Council, and Irish Hill Neighborhood Association has been scheduled for Monday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Clifton Campus, 2117 Payne Street, in the auditorium. All candidates for the office have been invited. Each neighborhood will ask two questions and then there will be an opportunity for audience questions. The event will also be live streamed by Tara Bassett on Facebook at this page: [Tara Bassett | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/taratalent), with that feed shared on the Councilman Bill Hollander page: [Councilman Bill Hollander | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/councilmanbillhollander)

A previous D9 Candidate Forum, sponsored by the Frankfort Avenue Business Association on April 20, is available for viewing on [Tara’s Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/1207562969/videos/521236969413038/).

Come meet the candidates on May 2 and get prepared to vote!

**Get Ready to Vote!**

**Kentucky’s Primary Election is May 17 and there are more ways to vote than in previous years.**

Louisville voters will be nominating candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Louisville Metro Mayor, Metro Council, Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives, and three Jefferson County offices. Many judicial positions will also be on the reverse side of the ballot and any voter, regardless of registration, may vote in those contests.

Absentee Voting with Excuse (for a full list of eligible qualifications, [click here](http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/inhouse_absentee/))

* In-person from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on May 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11
  + Only at the Jefferson County Clerk's Office Election Center, 1000 E. Liberty Street, Louisville, KY 40204
* By mail (for a full list of qualifications, [click here](http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/mail-in-absentee-voting/))
  + The e-portal to request a mail-in ballot closes May 3. Please visit [vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky](https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky) to begin the application process
  + Deliver or drop off a completed ballot at the Jefferson County Clerk's Office Election Center, 1000 E. Liberty Street, Louisville, KY 40204

In-Person Absentee (Early) Voting by Anyone (No Excuse Needed)

* 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on May 12, 13, 14
* Six Locations. Any Voter May Vote at Any Location (Ballot drop-off boxes will also be available at these sites during the three days)
  + The Jeffersonian, 10617 Taylorsville Rd.
  + Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, 1701 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.
  + Broadbent Arena at Kentucky Exposition Center, 937 Phillips Ln.
  + Sun Valley Community Center, 6505 Bethany Ln.
  + Triple Crown Pavilion, 1780 Plantside Dr.
  + Mary Queen of Peace, 4017 Dixie Hwy.

Traditional Election Day Voting at Your Precinct

* 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. on May 17
  + Voters can visit [JeffersonCountyClerk.org/wheredoivote](https://jeffersoncountyclerk.org/wheredoivote/) to find their polling place
  + Voters will also receive a postcard in the mail in the coming weeks letting them know their current polling place

You can check your registration, request a mail-in absentee ballot (through May 3) or find your polling place at [GoVoteKy.com](https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky). Study your sample ballot by entering your address here: [My Ballot (jeffersoncountyclerk.org)](http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/MyBallot/).

Finally, the Jefferson County Election Center is looking for people to step up and serve as Election Officers to work the polls at local precincts Primary Election Day, May 17.

Election Office poll workers will receive $200 for completing training and day-of duties. Training opportunities take place during the week until May 3, with sessions scheduled during the day and night. The Office is seeking around 300 registered Democrats and 500 registered Republicans to work from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. May 17.

To learn more or to sign up, [click here](https://jeffersoncountyky.easypollworker.com/home).

**Go Vote, District 9!**

**Major Frankfort Avenue Traffic Changes**

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| Major changes in the Louisville Water Company (LWC) will happen on or soon after May 2:  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.  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. Like the other changes, this will happen on or soon after May 2.  LWC expects to open east and westbound lanes on Frankfort Avenue this summer, hopefully in July.  Stilz Avenue remains closed between Grinstead Drive and Frankfort Avenue, allowing crews to complete the paving and restriping of Stilz Avenue. Weather permitting, the work will be complete and the road back open sometime after May 6.  The current schedule calls for LWC’s work to be completed by September, with final restoration and the end of the project in October.  The Frankfort Avenue crossing at Reservoir Avenue will not be open to pedestrians while the intersection is closed. Once LWC is finished with Frankfort Avenue and a new sidewalk between Pennsylvania and Reservoir is complete, pedestrians will be allowed to cross. Pennsylvania Avenue is not a good place to attempt a pedestrian crossing at any time.  The safest pedestrian crossing during this phase of the project will be at Hillcrest Avenue.  Please drive and walk carefully in the area as we all adjust to these new traffic and pedestrian crossing patterns. |

**Crescent Hill Tennis and Pickleball Courts**

The District 9 office has partnered with Metro Parks to completely renovate the Crescent Hill Tennis Courts, which will include the resurfacing of four dilapidated tennis courts, the creation of four new pickleball courts, and new fencing around the courts. The District 9 office has allocated $175,000 towards the $350,000 total cost. Construction is scheduled to begin in July.

We have also partnered with the Parks Alliance of Louisville to raise additional funds for these courts, which will be used for a new backboard, windscreens and other smaller costs associated with the renovation. If you would like to [donate to these improvements, please click here](https://crm.bloomerang.co/HostedDonation?ApiKey=pub_9071d529-1275-11e8-94a1-0a7fa948a058&WidgetId=36864). Make sure you select “Crescent Hill Courts” for your donation. Thank you!

**American Rescue Plan and Budget Consideration Underway**

I am chairing Metro Council’s Budget Committee for the fifth year, and we’ve been busy! After months of work, this week I was one of five sponsors of an ordinance appropriating $87.4 Million Dollars in American Rescue Plan funds for a variety of projects, including major renovations of the Main Louisville Free Public Library and the Portland Library, and reopening of the Parkland and Fern Creek Libraries. The plan also proposes major investments in parks, swimming pools and youth activities, with an Office of Youth Development funded for three years. Many public safety experts think more investments in youth are critical to addressing community violence in the long term. The ordinance will be considered by the Budget Committee on May 12. [More on the proposal is in this Courier-Journal report](https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/politics/metro-government/2022/04/26/louisville-american-rescue-plan-act-arp-funding-fourth-round-services/9538654002/).

In the meantime, Mayor Fischer will present his recommended FY 2023 capital and operating budgets tonight and the Budget Committee will hold more than thirty hearings on them between May 9 and June 23, when the full Council will take final votes on the budget.

On **Wednesday, June 1, at 6:30 pm,** I want to hear from you at a town hall meeting on the budget. The meeting is at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 South Peterson Avenue. We’ll also livestream the meeting on the [Councilman Bill Hollander Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/councilmanbillhollander).

An online form for written budget comments will be available tonight on the [Metro Council website](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/EJLhCKr7z4hPynzMTvJ79y_?domain=lnks.gd). Comments will be taken through June 3 at 5:00 p.m.

The Committee schedule also includes two opportunities for three-minute public comments about the budget, in person or via WebEx.

* ***May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.****(A link on the Metro Council Clerk website will be active on May 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to sign up to speak on May 18)*
* ***June 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.****(A link on the Metro Council Clerk website will be active on June 1 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to sign up to speak on June 2)*

The Committee begins budget hearings on Monday, May 9, at 3:00 pm, with an overview of the proposed budget, focusing on projected Revenue, Operations, Capital and Debt.

A complete schedule of meetings, current as of today, is [here](https://louisvilleky.gov/metro-council/document/fiscal-year-23-budget-hearing-schedule).

The public may watch all committee meetings live on Metro TV, Spectrum Cable Channel 184, on UVERSE at Channel 99, or on [Facebook](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/lPELCM8KN4uDyZMkukksLgO?domain=lnks.gd). Proceedings may also be streamed live from the [Metro Council Clerk’s Archived Media page](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/zUrdCNkKX4fJqBDPt4jsDj-?domain=lnks.gd).

The recommended budgets will be posted online tonight [here](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/management-budget). Let me know what you think at the June 1 town hall or by [emailing me](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/contact-councilman-bill-hollander).

**Solid Waste Collection News**

We continue to get many calls and emails regarding missed collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste. If you live in the Urban Services District (USD) and your services are missed, please report to Metro311 at 574-5000 or email [Metro.311@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Metro.311@louisvilleky.gov), then report the issue to [Kyle Ethridge](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/contact-legislative-assistant-kyle-ethridge) or call 574-1109.

There is also some confusion about collection dates. Below is an upcoming collection schedule for services in the USD for District 9.

* Friday, April 29 – yard waste collection
* Tuesday, May 3 – garbage collection
* Friday, May 6 – recycling and yard waste collection
* Tuesday, May 10 – garbage collection
* Friday, May 13 – yard waste collection
* Tuesday, May 17 – garbage collection
* Friday, May 20 – recycling and yard waste collection
* Tuesday, May 24 – garbage collection
* Friday, May 27 – yard waste collection

Use the [**Recycle Coach app**](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/public-works/recycle-coach-disposal-calendar-alerts-and-more)to view your personalized waste collection calendar, export, print, and set reminders.

# Finally, recycling collections from the old small bins is coming to an end.

Due to cart inventory, waste collection crews have still been collecting recycling from the discontinued 18-gallon bins. However, starting May 1, crews will no longer do this. Recyclables must be inside a Metro-issued recycling cart or a 30-40 gallon store-bought container with two handles and lid, marked RECYCLING. Using these containers helps prevent litter in our streets and alleys and prevents worker injuries from repeated bending and lifting motion. Learn more about recycling within the Urban Services District at [Louisvilleky.gov/Recycling](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/Z9pjCM8KN4uoJ3x9HnmajM?domain=lnks.gd).

**Pop-Up Drop-Off Event – April 30**

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 second April event is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Metro Fleet Services, 3515 Newburg Road.

Residents can 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). *Note: on-site paper shredding is not available at this event.*

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!

**“If You Build It, They Will Come”**

There were many routes to Thunder Over Louisville this year, with a big crowd on a beautiful day. My favorite scene was on Frankfort Avenue, where people were getting to and from the riverfront on a sidewalk installed since Thunder was last held in Waterfront Park. Pedestrians previously were forced to walk in a busy street.

Planning money for the Frankfort Avenue Sidewalk Extension was included in the FY 17 Budget approved in June of 2016. It was eventually designed and built with over $230,000 in Louisville Metro General Funds and over $40,000 in District 9 funds. The project was complicated because it crossed a railroad track, an MSD facility and a floodwall. The Waterfront Botanical Gardens funded the sidewalk construction in front of its property.

As the group Streets for People noted after seeing pictures of the busy sidewalk on Thunder Day, “If you build it, they will come!”

**Sweep & Sip on Frankfort Avenue May 1   
Here’s another chance to clean things up before Derby! Brightside’s Sweep & Sip program is coming to The Avenue’s Gallant Fox Brewing, 2132 Frankfort Avenue, on Sunday, May 1 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Brightside will provide directions for designated areas to be cleaned, gloves, garbage bags and other gear that volunteers will need. Following the cleanup, volunteers over 21 years old, will receive a voucher they can take to any participating brewery to receive individually crafted specials or swag.**

**More Shakespeare – May 1 and May 15**

Kentucky Shakespeare’s FREE Shakespeare in the Parks tour continues in May. On Sunday, May 1, a performance is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the St. Matthews City Hall, 3940 Grandview Avenue. *Backup rain space is St. Matthews-Eline Branch Library.*

The final performance in D9 is **Sunday, May 15 at 6:30 pm at Story Avenue Park,** 1519 Story Avenue. Backup rain space is The Pointe, 1205 E Washington St. Thanks to White Clay for co-sponsoring this performance.

The spring tour includes a six-actor production of *Julius Caesar* and is touring in thirty-five parks in April and May.

Audience members are invited to bring their own chairs and blankets for this free, family-friendly community event.

Click [**here**](https://kyshakespeare.com/season/parkstour/) for all dates, times, and more information.

**Ripple Effects Photo Contest**

To mark Earth Day 2022, the 2nd annual *Ripple Effects Photo Contest* returns to the Louisville area. Open to students from kindergarten through high school, this year the competition is asking youth to take photographs reflecting what clean and healthy waterways in Kentuckiana mean to them.

In support of the contest, Waterfront Park will host a free workshop on Monday, May 9, from 6 – 8 p.m. Facilitated by local and nationally recognized photographers Aukram Burton, John Nation, and Pam Spaulding, the workshop will teach participants the basics of how to take better photos, followed by a walk across the Big Four Bridge. The class will meet at the Louisville Community Boathouse (1321 River Road). To register, please visit [LFPL.org/RippleEffects](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/KRZ5Cxkz8XfGjlYwCvjhVj?domain=lfpl.org).

The *Ripple Effects* *Photo Contest* is open to all residents of Kentuckiana, including counties on both sides of the Ohio River. Submissions are due by June 10 (one photo per student) and cash prizes will be awarded for the best photographs in four age categories (kindergarten through 2nd grade, 3rd through 5th grade, middle school and high school). Winning images will again be displayed at the Kentucky State Fair. For complete rules and registration, go to [LFPL.org/PhotoContest](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/wuYOCzp4QZuPz159SK0cxO?domain=lfpl.org).

**9th Annual How-To Festival – May 14**

After a two-year hiatus, the Louisville Free Public Library’s annual *How-To Festival* is back for its ninth year! Taking place on the second Saturday in May, *How-To* is an annual tradition for thousands of Louisvillians looking for something entertaining, interactive, and educational to do after Derby is over.

LFPL is excited to once again offer attendees the chance to learn how-to-do more than 50 different things in five hours, all for free. From learning how to be a circus performer to canning your own vegetables to making amazing cake sculptures, “how-to” sessions cover a range of skills taught by local experts.

The *How-To Festival* takes place on Saturday, May 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Main Library, 301 York Street. Sessions will be located in more than 15 areas throughout the building and surrounding grounds, transforming the entire library into a giant classroom. Food trucks will be onsite.

For more information, including the growing list of how-to sessions, visit [LFPL.org/how-to](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/Sj5PC1wpERUjlzYZiGUJYR?domain=lfpl.org).

**Crescent Hill Garden Tour – June 4**

**Save the date for the annual Crescent Hill Garden tour on Saturday, June 4, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** The tour will feature private gardens in the Crescent Hill neighborhood as well as the grounds of the historic Peterson-Dumesnil House.

Tickets are $15 each and may be [purchased in advance here](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/JMJMC5ywVYfnVv0pIzcNWn?domain=crescenthillgardenclub.org). Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S. Peterson Avenue, where the tour begins.

Proceeds from the tour benefit local community organizations such as United Crescent Hill Ministries, Waterfront Botanical Gardens, Brightside, the Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation and the Ann Lacy Fund at Highland Presbyterian Church Nursery and Weekday School. Tour proceeds also fund the Crescent Hill Garden Club’s annual Appalachian Redbud Tree Giveaway Project.  
  
For more information about the tour, visit [www.crescenthillgardenclub.org](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/18BxC73yY4UPOqmVhBlz6a?domain=crescenthillgardenclub.org).

**UCHM Youth Program – Adult Volunteers Needed**

United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM), 150 S. State Street, is seeking adult volunteers to help with the youth program, which begins at the end of May.

The very active program needs volunteers 18 and older that can keep up with  
16-20 amazing children ages K-8th grade. Two whole or half day commitments per week are very much appreciated.

Volunteers are needed between 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the following weeks:

* May 31 – June 3
* June 13-17
* June 27 – July 1
* July 5-8
* July 11-15

For more information, [and to apply click here](https://www.uchmlouky.org/volunteer/).

**Volunteer at St. MAM**

**St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM) is seeking volunteers to help stock shelves, sort donations and non-perishables, pack food boxes, run errands, organize the pantry, administrative support, food distribution, home-bound delivery and more.**

**Please contact Suzanne, Volunteer and Food Pantry Coordinator, for opportunities at 893-0205 or email** [suzannedegregorio@stmam.com](mailto:suzannedegregorio@stmam.com)**.**

**UofL Heath – Community Health Needs Assessment**

UofL Health is in the process of completing a Community Health Needs Assessment for 2022. The goal of this project is to gather local data and feedback as part of developing a plan to improve health and quality of life within the service area and surrounding community.

They are asking community members to take the below survey. The themes that emerge from these surveys will be summarized and made available to the public. Individual survey answers will be kept strictly confidential.

[This survey will take you less than 30 minutes to complete](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLQ3X6H).

**Notice of Planning & Design Public Meetings**

**Case No. 22-ZONEPA-0019**

**Subject Property: 236 & 239 Chenoweth Lane**

**You are invited to a public meeting to present neighbors with a proposed zone change plan to allow a 4-unit apartment building to be developed.**

**Case manager: Jay Luckett (**[Jay.Luckett@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Jay.Luckett@louisvilleky.gov)**)**

**The applicant is hosting an online meeting via Zoom on Thursday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m. Direct link is** <http://bit.ly/3Kb9WRq>**, or via phone at (929) 205-6099, webinar ID: 881 2333 4893 and passcode: 53720474.**

**If you are unable to attend the meeting, or have any questions or comments, please contact Tanner Nichols at (502) 779-8616 or email** [tnichols@fbtlaw.com](mailto:tnichols@fbtlaw.com)**.** [Original meeting notification letter](https://district9news.files.wordpress.com/2022/04/neigh-mtg-notice_236-chenoweth-ln_04.26.22.pdf).

**Ninth District Events!  
Thursday, April 28:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host a family movie night at 6:30 p.m. Plan to watch, Encanto, follow Mirabel, a non-magical girl in a magical family, as she fights to save her family’s enchantment and find her place in her familia. Fuzzy blankets and pajamas are encouraged. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Saturday, April 30:**Carmichael's Bookstore, 2720 Frankfort Avenue, will host Independent Bookstore Day from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Questions, please contact the store at 896-6950.

**Sunday, May 1:** Rainbow Blossom will be hosting a weekly Farmers Market on Sundays from Noon – 4:00 p.m. at 3738 Lexington Road. The Farmers Market will run through November 20. For more information, please visit <https://www.rainbowblossom.com/farmers-market/>.

**Monday, May 2:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host Microsoft Word 1 at 11:00 a.m. This class is an introduction to Microsoft Word, a program used to create documents such as papers, letters, reports, resumes, and more. Topics include how to get started, edit, format, and save your work. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Tuesday, May 3:** Carmichael's Bookstore will host a virtual event with Kim Michele Richardson with the book, The Book Woman's Daughter at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please click [here](https://www.carmichaelsbookstore.com/event/courtney-maum-year-horses).

**Wednesday, May 4:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host Growing and Maintaining Tomatoes and Peppers at 2:00 p.m. Life is too short to bother with a tasteless pepper or "mater". Master gardener Terry Gibson will discuss the keys to growing fantastic tomatoes and peppers. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Wednesday, May 4:**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 at 574-1793 for full details.

**Sunday, May 8:**Happy Mother's Day!

**Tuesday, May 10:** Clifton Community Council Board of Directors Meeting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting is open to the public.

**Wednesday, May 11:** Carmichael's Bookstore, 2720 Frankfort Avenue, will host an event with Courtney Maum to discuss The Year of the Horses at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please click [here](https://www.carmichaelsbookstore.com/event/kim-michele-richardson-launches-book-womans-daughter).

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