



Newsletter October 2020

WE CAN DO THIS!

Let's work together to create a safe and healthy community environment for our children (ages 1 - 13 years old only) to enjoy a fall scavenger hunt throughout our city.

Please contact the City Office by phone, email, or our website if you will:

- a) **REALLY** decorate your front yard, front porch, or driveway in a fall theme that can be appreciated from the sidewalk
- b) Provide enough factory-packaged treats available from your driveway for 75 children
- c) Wear a friendly (not scary) costume and wave to children from your porch or driveway during the scavenger hunt on October 31. Time to be determined.

If we have at least 29 participants contact the City by October 15, we will offer this fun event for our children. They deserve memories, too.

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NOTES FROM THE CLERK

- The last day to receive the early payment discount on Plantation City Property Taxes is October 31st (scary).
- The City office will be closed October 29 – November 3 due to the Clerk being on vacation.
- October 21st Plantation will be distributing free local fresh produce boxes from Rootbound Farm. There will be an assortment of autumnal produce (\$25 value). If you would like to reserve a box please call the City office 502-425-4449 or email BPeak@plantationky.com. Delivery is available for Senior and Disabled residents.



- Plantation will be teaming up with Louisville Grows to enhance the health and beauty of our City and Residents. Our first project will be planting trees in and around the four-plexes and condos.
- The second project will be the creation of a “tree farm” on City land facing Westport Road. In addition to promoting this green partnership to passersby, hopefully these trees will find forever homes in a yard near you.
- Louisville Grows is a local organization based in Portland that has planted thousands of trees in Louisville to help re-establish our tree canopy and reduce the heat island effect.

*Ron Bolton is a board member with Louisville Grows, and has helped plan and plant over 350 trees in the Schnitzelburg and Meriwether neighborhoods.

Exploring Kentucky's Mighty Oaks

Art and Writing Contest for children from 1st - 12th grade

The Jefferson County Conservation District would like to invite you and your students to participate in the Annual Art and Writing Contest sponsored by the Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts!

Jefferson County School Teachers and Parents: The topic for this year is "Exploring Kentucky's Mighty Oaks". The contest is open to all schools in Jefferson County, this includes public, private and home schools. The art contest is for students in grades 1st-5th and the writing contest is for students in grades 6th -12th. Downloadable forms are available at the [LINK](#) along with more information about the contest. The deadline for entries is December 1st.

To learn more about the contest please contact our Environmental Educator, Erin James, at wildcommonwealth@outlook.com. A monetary award will be given to the winner in each contest. We can't wait to see how your kids express their excitement for the trees in our community!



Tuesday, September 15, 2020

As part of the settlement, Louisville Metro Government agreed to these reforms:

Community Related Police Programs

- **Housing Credit Program:** Metro will establish a housing credit program to incentivize officers to live within a Qualified Census Tract as their primary residence. Metro will review programs established in Atlanta, Chicago, San Diego, and DC as models for one in Louisville. The initiative will provide officers with a pathway to home ownership and improve community connections.
- **Retain Social Workers:** Metro commits to retaining social workers at LMPD for officer support and assistance on dispatched runs warranting a social worker's presence. Metro is researching best practices and social worker qualifications to create an effective program. Metro plans to initially fund this new program through forfeiture funds by contracting for the services of social workers.
- **Community Volunteering:** Metro will encourage LMPD officers to volunteer 2 hours a pay period, during their regular work shift, at an organization in the community they serve.

Search Warrant Reforms

- LMPD has amended its Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 8.1 on search warrants to require a commanding officer to review and approve all search warrants, affidavits in support of search warrants, and risk matrixes before an officer seeks judicial approval for a search warrant. SOP 8.1 has been updated concerning the simultaneous execution of search warrants at multiple locations. The commanding officer of the unit initiating the warrants will act as the overall Incident Commander with a separate on-scene Commanding Officer at each warrant location who will serve as the Deputy Incident Commander for that location. SOP 8.1 has been updated to require the presence of EMS units and/or paramedics for forced entry search warrants.

Police Accountability Reforms

- **Currency Seizures:** LMPD has modified SOP 11.3 with additional protocols for money seized as evidence. The additional policy expressly states that officers must have their body cameras activated for the entire seizure process, which includes counting, placing and sealing the currency into the currency evidence bag before its transport to the property room.
- **IAPro:** Metro will implement the early warning system of IAPro that tracks all use of force incidents, citizen complaints, investigations, and other key factors. Metro is committed to identifying any police officer in need of additional assistance or training. The reactivation of this system will require additional personnel to monitor and administer the program. As part of its top-to-bottom review, Hillard Heintze will evaluate criteria of the early warning system and recommend any needed improvements. Metro plans for the early warning system to be also monitored through the Office of Inspector General once this office is established.
- **Drug testing:** All officers are subject to random testing. Metro agrees to include in 2021 negotiations with the FOP an expansion of the random drug testing to ensure all officers are randomly tested at least once a year.
- **Personnel files:** Metro will negotiate with the FOP in 2021 to expand on the records it may maintain in police officers' personnel files.
- **PSU Investigations:** Metro has updated its PSU investigation process regarding cases when a police officer separates from LMPD before the completion of his or her investigation. The police officer's personnel file will include a PSU closing letter that states the Chief's findings based on the evidence that exists in the file at the time of the separation from LMPD, if sufficient evidence exists in the record to make such a determination or that insufficient evidence exists to make a finding. If the nature of the complaint is significant enough to have reasonably resulted in the suspension of a police officer, the PSU investigation will continue gathering evidence to evaluate if additional officers or problems exist that require the PSU investigation continue.

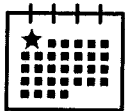
Get started

If you're new to Medicare:

- **Learn about your Medicare coverage options.** There are 2 main ways to get your Medicare coverage—Original Medicare (Part A and Part B) and Medicare Advantage. See the next few pages to learn more.
- **Find out how and when you can sign up.** If you don't have Medicare Part A or Part B, see Section 1, starting on page 15. If you don't have Medicare drug coverage (Part D), see Section 6, starting on page 75. There may be penalties if you don't sign up when you're first eligible.
- **If you have other health insurance,** see pages 21-22 to find out how your other insurance works with Medicare.

If you already have Medicare:

- **Review your Medicare health and drug coverage** and make changes if it no longer meets your needs, or if you could lower your out-of-pocket costs. You don't need to sign up for Medicare each year, but you should still review your options.
- **Mark your calendar with these important dates!** This may be the only chance you have each year to change your coverage.



October 1, 2020	Start comparing your current coverage with other options. You may be able to save money or get extra benefits. Visit Medicare.gov/plan-compare .
October 15 to December 7, 2020	Change your Medicare health or drug coverage for 2021, if you decide to. This includes changing to Original Medicare, or joining or changing a Medicare Advantage Plan.
January 1, 2021	New coverage begins if you made a change. If you kept your existing coverage and your plan's costs or benefits changed, those changes also start on this date.
January 1 to March 31, 2021	If you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan, you can change to a different Medicare Advantage Plan or switch to Original Medicare (and join a separate Medicare drug plan) once during this time. Any changes you make will be effective the first of the month after the plan gets your request. See page 59.

Weekly COVID-19 update from the Department of Public Health and Wellness

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (September 30, 2020) – During the city’s weekly COVID-19 update, Mayor Greg Fischer and Public Health and Wellness leaders said Louisville’s COVID-19 cases are steadily increasing again.

“Our alert status remains in the orange level, but our daily incidence of cases is quickly inching closer to red,” said Bill Altman, a consultant who is leading the city’s COVID-19 testing strategy.

An orange alert level includes a combination of data metrics, but most notably means there are 10-25 positive cases per 100,000 people per day, based on the most recent 7-day average.

Louisville’s current rate is 20.6 cases per 100,000 people per day. The prior week it was 16.13.

“We are trending in the wrong direction,” Altman said.

“We know what works to stop the spread of COVID-19,” said Mayor Fischer. “Wearing masks, washing hands, avoiding large crowds or crowded places, remembering that outside is generally safer than inside, and working with our contact tracers. If we do all of that, then our cases will go down, and that will take us closer to one of our community goals, shared by people of all ages across our city – getting our kids back to school for in-person classes.”

COVID-19 Testing Capacity

According to Altman, there is ample testing capacity currently. Turnaround time for COVID-19 testing has increased dramatically with an ability to get results back in less than 48 hours.

“Recently, the supply of testing has outweighed the demand,” he said. “It’s important that we do not fall into complacency about COVID-19. Please get tested if you have symptoms, are at high risk or if you have been exposed to someone who recently tested positive.”

“Please provide your correct phone number when you get tested,” he added. “We want to be able to connect with you to see how you’re doing, to answer any questions you may have, and to make sure you have what you need to safely quarantine at home.”

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

VOTE! Early voting begins October 13. General election is November 3.

You will be electing 6 council members to represent you on the City of Plantation city council. To see candidates, go to elections@jeffersoncountyclerk.org.

LEAVES ~

There are many joys of living in a home with a yard of wonderful trees. The downside, however, is that the leaves fall to the ground and they do not go away without your help. It is extremely important in our city that the fall leaves be removed from the rights-of-way (area between the sidewalk and street) before snowfall. Rainwater runoff cannot make it to the drains if wet and frozen leaves are preventing the water from flowing.

Allowing leaves to remain on the sidewalk creates a hazardous condition for pedestrians especially as we begin to face freezing conditions. Please show consideration for your neighbors' safety by ensuring that the leaves on the sidewalk in front of your home are removed. Citations will be issued to property owners that are negligent. As always, if your city can provide any assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

CHANGES IN CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES IN 2020 ~

The council agreed to cancel the regular meetings in November and December. We will conduct a special-called meeting at 6 PM on December 2 or 9. Welenken CPAs will present the findings of the audit completed for FY 2019-2020. No other business will occur at the special-called meeting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT ALERT !

Mattresses and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic to protect the driver from contact with the mattress or furniture. We suggest that you re-use the protective wrapping that comes on your new mattress or that you use large plastic bags or inexpensive plastic tablecloths with masking tape for this purpose.

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