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Dear Wellington Residents,

Happy Spring!

Note from our Mayor:

Welcome to the Spring edition of your City of Wellington newsletter. My first year serving as your Mayor flew by fast. I have enjoyed meeting and interacting with my fellow residents and hope to meet more of you in the future.



I would like to personally thank the Commissioners who served with me this past year: Suzie Arrow, Ellen Hauber, Sandra Moon and Sara Sievert, along with Judy Kaleher and Lois Roby. Here are a few of our accomplishments for which I am very proud.

- Lowered the City's tax rate!
- Redesigned/renovated the largest green space at Brighton/Kipling
- Replaced nearly 400 sidewalk panels
- Hosted the first ever fall picnic at Farmington
- Planted 15 new canopy trees
- Re-established the BlockWatch program
- Established a digital presence via our website and Facebook page

Here is a sneak peak of a few 2016 projects/events we are planning:

- Spring and Fall Facebook photo contests (see details below)
- First ever City-wide shred day (May 21st)
- Ice Cream Social (June 12th)
- Final sidewalk replacement phase (July)
- Annual City-wide yard sale (September 10th)
- Upgrading of street signs and posts to meet latest federal guidelines
- Road striping and speed hump addition on Kipling
- Second Annual Fall picnic at Farmington
- First ever Halloween-themed kids parade

It has been an honor to serve you this past year, and I would like to remind everyone that if you have a question, concern or suggestion, please speak up. Come to an open meeting, visit our web site or email us anytime.

Mike Newton, Mayor

Tax Rates Unchanged

The 2016/2017 tax rate will be \$0.1967 per \$100 of assessed value. Here is how we compare to surrounding cities:

- Metro Louisville \$0.35
- City of Kingsley \$0.33
- Strathmoor Village \$0.25
- Strathmoor Manor \$0.32

Security Updates

1. **No One Home?:** Are going out of town for business or pleasure? Is your house vacant due to a hospital visit or the house is on the market? If you would like our Patrol Officer to personally inspect around your property, please email contact@cityofwellingtonky.com with your full name, address and out of town phone number. Officer Fey will contact you directly if any issues arise in your absence.

2. **Car Break-Ins:** When the weather gets warm, there tends to be more car break-ins. Please keep your cars locked and your valuables out of site.



3. Recent Home Checks by Officer Fey: Last month, Officer Fey visited residents to perform home inspections to bring your attention to potential security risks and ways to make your home more secure against break-ins. It was a huge success with those that participated. Officer Fey has agreed to do a second round of home inspections on Saturday June 9 between 9am-1pm. Please email contact@cityofwellingtonky.com if you would like to schedule an appointment. As always we want to thank Officer Fey for keeping our neighborhood safe. The following are survey results from those who had Officer Fey come to their homes for a security check.

- *"I greatly enjoyed the home security check...we did get some information that we can take immediate action on. It's definitely something I'd recommend to be offered again so more folks can take part! Thanks!"*
- *"We enjoyed our time with Officer Fey. It was good just to meet him!! We do plan to do some security measures in response to what he recommended. I would highly recommend this to all neighbors. I appreciate that he took the time to come and talk with us. We certainly want to do all we can to be safe. Thank you, Council and Mayor, for giving us the opportunity to do this." I can't imagine why all neighbors wouldn't want to do it."*
- *"Officer Fey made some excellent suggestions to increase our home security. We plan to implement the changes right away. We've already recommended this service to our neighbors and hope others will take advantage of this opportunity to make our homes and neighborhood even safer. Thanks so much to Officer Fey and the City for offering this service."*

First Ever Spring / Derby Themed Photo Contest on Facebook From May 1-15, we will have a contest on our City of Wellington Facebook group page. Post a photo of your spring garden project to show off your hard work or your themed yard for Derby! Everyone who posts a photo will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Frank Otte gift card. One entry per household please.



Ice Cream Social

Join your neighbors June 12 from 1-3 pm at the updated island at Brighton and Lowell for an ice cream social. Bring your chairs and meet your neighbors. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details.



Community Shred Day

Take part in the City's 1st Annual Community Shred Day Saturday, May 21st from 9-11 am at the Brighton/Lowell island. To help protect you and your family from identity theft, the City has partnered with RML Shredding to offer this FREE service to its residents.



All City residents are encouraged to bring up to 165 lbs. (5 banker boxes) of documents to be securely destroyed on site. Please take advantage of this opportunity to shred all of your sensitive/confidential papers such as bank/credit card statements, canceled checks, credit card applications, old tax returns, basically, any piece of unwanted paper that contains anything you wouldn't feel comfortable having a stranger read.

Staples, paper clips and binder clips are acceptable. Plastics (of any kind), cardboard and CD's are NOT acceptable. Special thanks to Tony Spugnardi with RML Shredding www.rmlshredding.com (502-645-0707)

Sidewalk Replacement

Panels are in process of being identified and this final phase is expected to start in July. Our contractor will be available for private work in June. Please contact ABBICO Contracting, Bryant Stevenson directly to schedule personal projects at (270) 668-4499 if you are interested. The City is not responsible for an privately contracted work. The City was able to receive \$2,500 in Metro grant funds for this project.

Fall Yard Sale Date

September 10, 2016 from 8 AM - Noon. The City will advertise - all you have to do is provide the sellables!

Want to Wn \$300!!! Insurance Premium Tax Incentive! Plus Keep Taxes in Wellington. A Double Bonus!

Under state law, each of us pays an Insurance Premium Tax whenever we purchase or renew any of the following types of insurance policies:

- Homeowners (property and casualty)
- Automobile
- Fire and allied perils
- Life

- Business Insurance
- Inland marine

Because the CITY OF WELLINGTON is located within Jefferson County, on many occasions this Insurance Premium Tax is diverted to other tax jurisdictions in error. This tax is already calculated and included in the premiums you pay for insurance coverage. Each year, your tax dollars pay for sanitation and recycling services, fire protection, police protection, street paving, sidewalk repairs, and much more. The tax on insurance companies is a key source of revenue to cover these ever rising expenses.

No insurance company will provide us a list of policyholders within the City of Wellington. Therefore, we need your assistance to make sure these funds are sent to the City of Wellington to be used to pay for our city services. We are requesting that you verify with your insurance company or companies that your Insurance Premium Taxes are being sent to the City of Wellington. You can do this by reviewing your insurance policy declarations page. If you find that the City of Wellington is not the recipient of the Insurance Premium Tax, please call your insurance agent to have this corrected. By doing this, you will help make sure the tax you are already paying will be used within your City!

All residents who provide proof that the City of Wellington is listed as the recipient of the Insurance Premium Tax for their insurance policies will be entered into a drawing for a \$300 Visa Gift Card. To be entered into this drawing, please scan and email a copy of the current declarations page(s) for your insurance policy or policies to Lois Roby at loisrobby@icloud.com by **August 1st**. All information will remain confidential, and feel free to redact any information with the exception of your name, address, insurance provider, and the section confirming that Wellington is receiving the Insurance Premium Tax.

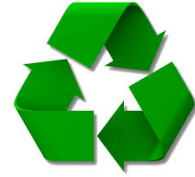
Prescription Assistance Program

By living in the City of Wellington you and your family have access to a statewide Prescription Assistance Program (PAP). This PAP could provide you with Rx medication savings of up to 75% at more than 68,000 pharmacies across the country including **CVS/pharmacy, Kmart, Meijer, Target, Walgreens, Walmart** and many more. The Coupon/Card is pre-activated and can be used immediately!" Go to www.kentuckyrxcard.com to learn more



Yard Waste Stickers Available for Green Trash Totes

Email the City at contact@cityofwellingtonky.com if you would like a sticker for your tote. Please remember do not mix your trash and yard waste - Waste Management will not pick it up.

**Need an Extra Recycling Bin?**

Additional recycle bins available. Please email contact@cityofwellingtonky.com if you would like another bin. Larger totes are not available through Waste Management at this time.

Please Clean Up Your Dog Droppings

It is your dog's poop and therefore your responsibility. Please keep our city clean and neighbors happy. Not only does this make you a good neighbor, but there is a Louisville City Ordinance that requires all owners who walk or exercise their dogs to carry a "suitable device" for cleaning up their dog's feces.

Violation of this ordinance can result in fines.

Other neighborhoods have seen this leading to an increase of rodents. Large cities are starting to fine pet owners who don't pick up their pet's mess. Put plainly, rats and other rodents are attracted to dog poop because they like to eat it. In fact, dog poop is said to be the number one food source for rats in developed areas. If your community has a rat problem you may want to investigate whether that problem is being fueled by a pet waste problem.

**Clogged Drains**

Please clear all outside drains and culverts of grass, weeds, leaves and other debris. Even If you don't live there, we ask you to help out. Several of our drains are set low in the ground and are often overlooked.

LG&E Reading Dates

Here are the upcoming meter readings.

May 20-24

June 22-24

July 22-26

August 23-25

September 22-26

October 21-25

November 21-23

December 21-27

The Dandelion Dilemma

Want to rid your lawn of those pesky dandelions? There are a number of chemical weed killers on the market, but there are some natural treatments as well. You can:

- Dig Them Out – Dig them up by the roots. Pulling off the tops won't help; you have to pluck out the roots.
- Apply Corn Gluten Meal – CGM might be the ultimate organic weed and feed. It's a great pre-emergent, but can still be used a few times during growing season. The nitrogen in the meal will keep your lawn green and healthy.
- Pickle Them – Just pour some household vinegar on them. This trick also works with foxtail, velvetleaf, smooth pigweed and thistle.
- Mow More Often – When dandelions are blooming, mow them often to prevent the blossoms from maturing into seeds.
- Eat Them! – Dandelion greens are more nutritious than spinach, with impressive levels of Vitamins A and C and lots of iron, calcium, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium and copper. And the juice of the root plant is still used by herbalists for diabetes treatment, as a mild laxative, and to help build up the blood. YUM!

An Invitation to Farmington's Neighbors: Come Celebrate Farmington's 2016 Bicentennial and View the Calendar of Events

Farmington Historic Plantation is one of Kentucky's premiere historic sites. The renowned Speed family established the site as a working hemp plantation in the early 1800s, completing construction of the main house in 1816, exactly 200 years ago. Members of the Speed family played prominent roles in local, state and national politics. One of the Speed sons, Joshua, was Abraham Lincoln's best friend. Another son, James Speed, served as Attorney General in Lincoln's cabinet. Of particular historical significance was the visit Lincoln made to Farmington in 1841 as he deliberated what course of action he should take in his courtship of Mary Todd. Historians say it was during his return travel to Illinois following that visit that Lincoln solidified his antipathy to slavery due to seeing slaves chained together on a riverboat.



Farmington has created a full schedule of events to celebrate its Bicentennial year. (See schedule below. Note, some events require the advanced purchase of tickets.) As part of its Bicentennial Celebration, Farmington is also offering a special invitation to its closest neighboring cities, including the residents of the Wellington. All residents of nearby small cities will get a 50 % discount for tours of Farmington during the Bicentennial summer months running from June 1 through August 31.

The tour includes viewing the outstanding Lincoln Exhibit in our Visitors Center and a docent guided tour of the main house which has been faithfully restored to its 1841 appearance. If you have never been to Farmington, or if you have not been to Farmington recently, we invite you to drop by for an educational tour. A map for self-guided tours is also available at our Visitors Center, so feel free to drop by and just take a relaxing walk of the grounds if that is your preference.

Finally, Farmington is always in need of volunteers. Many of their best volunteers are residents of nearby neighborhoods who enjoy helping out at Farmington as a way to support their own local community. If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours a week or if you have any questions about Farmington or its Bicentennial programs, please contact them at 452-9920 or visit their website at www.farmingtonhistoricplantation.org.

Here is a complete list of 2016 Farmington Events:

Farmers Market 3-6pm every Wednesday beginning April 20 (Admission: Free)

April 30 - Plant Sale 10am–3pm (Admission: Free) Rain or Shine

April 30 - Hemp Discovery Day 4– 9pm (Admission: \$10 per family or car load)

May 3 - Farmington Derby Social 6–10pm, featuring the Juggernaut Jug Band (Admission: \$50per person)

June 4 - Louisville Orchestra with Teddy Abrams (Full information and purchase tickets at website -Admission: \$125 per person)

July 23 - Official Bicentennial Celebration 6–10pm– An Evening in the Garden featuring renowned historian and Pulitzer Prize winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin (Full information and purchase tickets at website -Admission: \$225 per person)

October 7 - The 2nd Annual Farmington Oktoberfest featuring German food and Oom-Pah Band 2–9pm (Admission: \$10 per adult, children are free)

October 9 - Annual Harvest Festival - featuring food, crafts and a variety of fun activities for children 12– 5pm (Admission: \$5 per family or car load)

Open Meetings

All residents are invited to attend our monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Farmington Visitor's Center at 6:30 PM. If you need to address a concern, please reference the meeting protocol on our web-site. The City always welcomes feedback. Feel free to email contact@cityofwellingtonky.com anytime with questions, concerns, suggestions, etc.

Find us on [Facebook](#)! This is a closed page for residents only.

Sign Up for Our District Councilman Brent Ackerson's Newsletter

Learn more about news and events that are happening in our surrounding area and district. These only come one a month and are full of great information! <http://louisvilleky.gov/node/105731/>

Important Numbers for Quick Reference

Louisville Police Department If you have an emergency, please call 911.

For non-emergencies (car break-ins, door-to-door solicitors, etc.) call 574-7111

MetroCall 311 Phone: 311

Louisville Fire Dept. 502-574-3701

Waste Management (Garbage/Recycling/Yard Waste) 502-966-0117 / [Website](#)

All pickups are on Tuesdays.

Louisville Water Company 502-583-6610

MSD (Sewers/Drainage) 502-587-0603 / [Website](#)

Animal Control Services 502-473-7387

Inspections, Permits, and Licenses (IPL) 502-574-3321

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Thank you,
City of Wellington

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