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Welcome Commissioner Jay Crocker!

We are pleased to welcome Jay Crocker as the newest City Commissioner. He and his husband Clay moved onto Wadsworth Drive eight years ago and share their home with their Boston Terrier named Nora.

Jay is an English teacher with Jefferson County Public Schools. He has been teaching for 17 years with the past 15 at Ballard High School. He teaches AP English Language and Composition, Great Books and an after school Humanities class that culminates with a trip to Europe each fall. He is also involved in the school's theater program where he serves as the Music Director for the yearly musical. He serves on the SBDM Council and as the English Department Chair.



In his free time Jay likes to create pottery, sing, dance, cook, read and explore all things Disney. He and his husband like to visit Walt Disney World a few times a year. During the warm months Jay likes to take long walks throughout Wellington and the surrounding neighborhoods. Please stop and say hello, or at least wave. He looks forward to meeting many more people in Wellington.

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Citywide Patrol Services

Wellington recently contracted with Strathmoor Village Police for our citywide patrol services. We are excited to partner with this community-oriented agency that provides similar services to our neighboring cities like Kingsley and Strathmoor Village. The department includes Chief Michael Lamey, Officer Joe Renzi, Officer Dennis Clark and his people-friendly K-9, Dash.

- They will be patrolling Wellington during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- For any emergencies, please dial 911 as usual.
- If you want to get in contact with Strathmoor Village Police directly, dial 502-574-5471 and request a Strathmoor officer.
- For non-emergency issues, dial Strathmoor Village Police's non-emergency line at 502-432-8900.
- As part of our contract, they will be offering house watches, welfare checks, bike safety courses, and assist at city events.
- You may want to add these numbers into your contacts.

Cicadas 2021!!

Within the next few weeks the buzzing will begin. These insects emerge from underground for six-week lifespans, before returning to the soil.

How to protect small and younger trees?

Applying foil barrier tape to the trunks of vulnerable trees may prevent cicadas from working their way up a tree. Invest in netting, cheese cloth or sticky tape and loosely wrap them as a measure to prevent the cicadas from landing on the branches. Wrap around the tree trunk and where the twigs meet the branch to help prevent them from laying eggs in your trees. To **cover** small trees, enclose them in netting with holes smaller than a centimeter. Tie netting at the bottom being sure to secure the seam tightly too.

Will cicadas hurt larger trees?

The older the tree the less likelihood of damage. It's more like the cicadas are pruning your trees, which can stimulate tree growth.

How to prevent cicadas from coming back?

When the eggs hatch in the trees, the baby cicadas (nymphs) fall and burrow themselves into the soil. Fill in bare spots with sod, seed or hay to protect and cover the ground to reduce the likelihood of the cicadas burrowing.

Will cicadas harm my garden?

Covering tender shrubs and fruit-bearing plants with fine netting or cheesecloth will deter cicadas from landing on them. You may see the insects crawling over plants, but they quickly move on to trees to lay their eggs.

What **NOT** to use to get rid of Brood X cicadas

Pesticides: This isn't recommended or necessary because pesticides have no effect on migrating populations, such as the cicadas.

Insecticides: Insecticides could also harm the beneficial pollinators on which flowering plants and trees depend.

Essential oils: It would take loads of essential oils and a lot of maintenance in order to ward off cicadas.

Bleach: Bleach can slow plant growth, kill plants and leach into the soil, causing longer-term damage.

What is my option if I *must* use an insecticide?

The best choice is a broad-spectrum insecticide that is labeled as a treatment for cicadas. Look for one that promises a residual effect to control insects after the application. Do not spray the insecticide on fruit-bearing trees or gardens, as it can transfer into the growing produce. Once the insecticide has been applied, keep people and pets away from the treated area for at least 2 to 4 hours, or as indicated by the directions. It is important to know that the cicada killer wasp, which can naturally reduce the number of cicadas in the area, will also be affected.

Tips

- Keep shrubs and trees well-pruned and trimmed. This gives the cicadas fewer areas to hide and will make removal easier.
- Clean up deceased cicadas promptly to avoid an accumulating mess and smell.
- A fly swatter will be sufficient to remove any cicadas that made it indoors.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat when doing any yard work. Cicada bugs eat tree sap and will excrete excess liquid. This excretion can irritate the skin.

BEFORE YOU DIG

Remember that you or your contractor should call 811 before digging on your property. They will be able to locate electric or water lines to your pool, lines to septic tanks, electric lines to sheds or landscape lighting, lawn sprinkler systems, invisible pet fencing and more.

City of Wellington Facebook

The City of Wellington Facebook page was created for neighbors in Wellington to keep each other informed of community events, block watch news and general information. It does not serve as a public forum. It is a closed group available to current residents only. If you have a concern regarding a city ordinance, please contact a City commissioner or officer. All requests to join must include the resident's physical street address for verification.

Covid-19 Related

It is important to support our local businesses while remaining healthy and safe.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Stop the spread! As a reminder, during these times sharing is NOT caring. Remember to practice social distancing when grocery shopping, walking the nature trails, or visiting the City parks by standing 6-feet (or one alligator) apart (unless you're family). Thank you for doing your part! Let's spread joy, not germs!

Children programs or activity ideas

- A neighborhood or Farmington scavenger hunt
- Picnic in a park
- The Zoo
- Game or toy swap with other neighbors

Did you know..

- There are many initiatives (MSD discounts, local businesses, etc.) for those age 55+
- Restaurant, grocery, retail, travel
 - <https://www.seniorcitizendiscountlist.org/kentucky-ky-senior-citizen-discount-list-restaurant-retail-grocery-travel/>
- Louisville Water Company offers a 30% discount of the amount billed for sanitary sewer service if you are 65 years of age or older, are the legal title/leasehold/renter of the property and with a household gross income of \$35,000 or less. To apply: <https://www.louisvillewater.com/msd-senior-citizen-form>

Conserve water

While we continue to spend extra time at home while social distancing, remember to conserve water.

- 1) Follow the Water Restrictions schedule for daylight saving time.
- 2) Turn off the faucet when you're not using it.
- 3) Run the dishwasher only when it's full.

Regarding water consumption and bills

WHAT'S FLUSHABLE? The short answer is No. 1, No. 2, and toilet paper. Sewer systems are designed to take away wastewater from sinks and baths and take away toilet paper and human waste flushed down the toilet. Items such as disposable wipes, paper towels, tissues, disposable diapers, feminine products, cotton balls, bandages, prescriptions, cleaning wipes or trash of any kind can create blockages in sewers or damage to the environment by putting it down the toilet. Despite being advertised as 'flushable,' disposable wipes are NOT meant to be disposed of in a toilet.

Projects, PODs and Permits

No PODs or dumpsters may be placed on your property or the street without first obtaining a permit from the [Commissioner Judah](#). All permits are subject to approval by the City Council and must be submitted in writing. Please download the correct permit from cityofwellingtonky.com and mail/email the permit in 10 days prior to the dumpster/pods arrival.

Parking Ordinances

Please be a considerate neighbor and inform your guests of these ordinances. These parking ordinances will be enforced and citations will be issued and subject to fines.

- There is no overnight street parking.
- One side of each street in the City is designated as "No Parking - Fire Lane". Please remind your guests.
- No parking on speed humps.

traffic flow.

- Vehicles are not to park on the grass anywhere - including easements and yards.

The Little Libraries on the big island are always looking for donations. Please limit the books in the shorter one to those for the younger ones.

Trash Containers and Recycle Bins

Trash containers and recycle bins are to be placed at the curb no earlier than the day before Waste Management System's pick-up day. Residents are expected to remove and properly store trash containers from the curb no later than the day after pick-up.

Large Waste | Junk Pickup

Wellington does not have designated "junk pickup" days. They will pick it up on the same day as regular service, however, you must call Waste Management in advance to make them aware so they have resources. 502-966-0117

Yard Waste

Yard waste must be in yard containers or paper bags which are purchased specifically for yard waste. Limbs or branches should be tied in manageable bundles no longer than four (4) feet long and placed at the curb the night before your scheduled Waste Management System pick-up day. Unbundled items will not be picked up.

Homestead Exemption

Property owners who are 65 or older are eligible to receive the Homestead Exemption on their primary residence. If you are eligible, the exemption amount is subtracted from your property's assessed value, reducing your property tax liability. Only one exemption is allowed per household. The Homestead Exemption applies to your Jefferson County and Wellington tax liability. For information, contact the Jefferson County PVA Homestead Department at 574-6380.

Security Updates

Wellington remains a safe neighborhood due to its wonderful residents. With the days getting longer and greater opportunity to be outside, it's important to remain vigilant in keeping vehicles and doors locked, installing security lights and doorbells and reporting streetlight outages, to deter crime.

Keep Taxes in Wellington

Just a reminder for all new neighbors:

Every homeowner pays an Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) whenever purchasing or renewing any of the following insurance policies:

- Homeowners (property and casualty)
- Automobile
- Fire and allied perils
- Life
- Business Insurance
- Inland marine

The City of Wellington tax dollars from these policies pay for our sanitation and recycling services, fire protection, police protection, street paving, sidewalk repairs and much more. Because the City of Wellington is located within Jefferson County, often these funds are diverted to other tax jurisdictions in error.

Please check your insurance policy declarations page to confirm the Insurance Premium Tax they are paying is directed to "City of Wellington 40205" and not "Louisville Metro" or "Wellington KY 40387" as the recipient of the tax. Monies going to either of those jurisdictions do not benefit our City. The Insurance Premium Tax fee is a source of revenue for Wellington and assures the money you are paying will be used within the City, which makes it possible for our City ad valorem property taxes to remain low!

LG&E Reading Dates

Below are the upcoming meter reading dates so as not to be alarmed with people walking between houses:

April 22-26

May 21-25

June 22-24

September 22-24
October 21-25
November 19-23
December 21-27

What is Metro311?

Metro311 is YOUR connection to YOUR government. As a division of Louisville Metro Emergency Services, 311 connects you to the city government and resolves your non-emergency issues. They are the city's customer service center for reporting issues such as: potholes, property maintenance, property violations and complaint

City of Wellington

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 current residents only. [You must provide your street address on your request to join.](#)

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 once 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

Before You Dig: Call 811

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Thank you,
City of Wellington

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