City of Wellington



Wellington Neighbors,

As we head into fall, I hope you are enjoying the cooler temperatures and beautiful trees as they begin to change colors for the season. As a long-time Wellington resident, the fall foliage is my favorite part of our little city. While it's undoubtedly been a challenging year for all, I hope you all can find time to enjoy all that our neck of the woods has to offer.

I'd like to thank our city commissioners for continuing their work to serve the city of Wellington, even during this challenging time. We had a busy summer full of enhancement projects including sidewalk replacements, road striping, new street signs and even updates to the city's website. As always, please feel free to contact myself or our commissioners if you have any problems or suggestions for community projects.

During this season of gratitude, I am thankful to call Wellington home and call you my neighbors. Take care and stay healthy.

Your Mayor, Sara Sievert

TIDBITS

■ We are fortunate to have continuous sidewalks on both sides of all our streets. Many in our City and surrounding neighborhoods take advantage of them often. It is each homeowner's responsibility to maintain/care for their

sidewalk. With fall and winter just upon us, make sure to maintain a clear walkway, free from pedestrian hazards such as leaves, fallen acorns, snow and mud.

- Residents are responsible for clearing all leaves and other debris from the storm drains on the easement of their property. Clogged drains lead to potential flooding issues for the resident and their neighbors.
- Autumn Tidy Up: Autumn is the perfect time to tidy up your garden before cooler weather and winter months arrive and a few simple tasks will make a big difference in maintaining curb appeal.

NOTABLE PAST PROJECTS & PROGRAMS THE CITY HAS OFFERED

■ SIDEWALK REPAIR

The Commissioners regularly monitor the conditions of the sidewalks in the City. Over the course of several years and phases, Wellington has replaced numerous sidewalk panels as necessary to eliminate tripping hazards (large chunks missing, raised tripping hazards, etc).

■ SECURITY REBATE PROGRAM

The City has offered certain rebates for the purchase of home security lights or doorbells to aid in residents' security. This rebate is being offered again this fall. See details in the "SECURITY REBATES" section below

■ FREE FALL TREE PROGRAM

In eight years of this program the City has planted over 60 canopy trees free to homeowners to either replace trees that lost due to age or disease or to add shade and curb appeal. Our large trees add to the value of our properties. This program is being offered again. See details in the "FREE TREE PROGRAM" section below.

Wellington Property Tax <u>Discount</u> Available – <u>IMPORTANT</u>

We are pleased to announce that the City is offering a <u>10% discount</u> on City of Wellington Property Tax bills due this year. To qualify for the discounted rate, the Property Tax bill must be paid before December 1, 2020. Property Tax bill amounts (including the amount to pay reflecting a 10% discount) should have been made available to home owners and/or mortgage companies in early to mid September.

Citywide Official Notices

City Official notices and important information are delivered to homeowners either by City email (from City of Wellington) or regular mail. Please be sure your email and mailing address is registered by sending an email to contact@cityofwellingtonky.com

City of Wellington Facebook

The 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 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.





Halloween

COVID-19 has altered all social and event-driven activities. The Governor has provided guidance to curb the spread of COVID-19 while keeping Halloween fun and safe. While every person is responsible for their own comfort level and concern in risk of transmission, below are safety guidelines and alternate activities.

If opting to trick-or-treat:

- Place individually wrapped candy outside spaced apart on porch steps, a table or the driveway.
- Do not allow children to select their own treats from a common bowl or container.
- Maintain social distancing to refill the treats as needed.
- Always wear a face covering. Halloween masks DO NOT count as a face covering.
- Clean hands before and after touching the wrapped candy.
- Trick-or-treat in family groups and don't congregate in large groups.
- Trick-or-treat in your own neighborhood, don't go to other neighborhoods.
- Use hand sanitizer often, especially after contacting frequently-touched surfaces and before eating anything.
- Consider people in your household who may be at risk for greater complications if COVID-19 is brought into the home, such as those with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, or older family members before participating in any holiday activity.

Safe alternative low-risk events:

- Carve or decorate pumpkins with members of your household and display them.
- Decorate your house and yard.
- Have a scavenger hunt for Halloween treats with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house.
- Watch Halloween movies with people you live with.

Moderate-risk activities:

 Visit a pumpkin patch or orchard where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples.

Security Rebates

The City is once again offering a security rebate program to assist residents in their purchase of porch cameras and/or motion sensor equipped lights. All you need do is purchase a Ring, Kuna or similar product. Send a picture of the product and receipt to nealcox76@gmail.com and you will be reimbursed up to \$100 for a camera or \$50 for a light. There is a limit to the number of rebates and are offered on a first come, first serve basis.

Free Tree Program

This program is being offered again to homeowners who will plant one in their front yard and be willing to care for it. There are limited numbers on a first come, first serve basis. The varieties offered this years are: Willow Oak, Tulip Poplar, Zelkova and Allee Elm. You provide the location and care, the City will plant before the ground freezes. If you have an interest, please email **carol@petrites.com** before November 13, 2020.



Permits

If you have an upcoming project or move that requires a dumpster or POD, a permit from the City is required 10 days in advance of the project or move. If you require a POD or dumpster, please go to our website www.cityofwellingtonky.com to find a link for this request prior to starting the project or move.

Street Lights, Street Signs and Posts

Wellington maintains all street lights and posts and traffic signs throughout the City. If you notice a street light is not working, or there is damage or repair needed to any of the above, please email **contact@cityofwellingtonky.com**

to advise the issue and location so the Commissioners can resolve the issue.

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.
- Vehicles should not be parked over the sidewalk of any driveway.
- When parked on the street, all four tires should be on the street, non in the easement area. And you must park in the direction of the traffic flow.
- Vehicles are not to park on the grass anywhere including easements and yards.

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 has 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.

RECYCLING TIPS

What to Recycle? - YES! PAPER & CARDBOARD

All office paper

Computer paper

File folders

Envelopes

Junk mail

Brown paper grocery bags

Telephone books

Magazines/catalogues

Food-free pizza boxes

Paper board

Cereal Boxes

Newspapers with inserts

Flattened cardboard

GLASS

Any color food & drink bottles and jars

METAL & ALUMINUM

Steel "tin" cans used for items such as soup, vegetable or pet food (rinse and put lids inside)

Empty aerosol cans (remove plastic lids)

Clean used aluminum foil, disposable roasting, pie and cake pans, beverage cans and clean aluminum food containers (flatten to save space if possible)

PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1-#7

Household containers such as: milk jugs, cups, squeeze bottles, clear food packaging, soft drink, laundry and dishwashing detergent, margarine and whipped topping tubs, and most bottles and jars marked #1-#7

What not to Recycle?

NO! Do not put these items in your recycling bin or cart

Medical waste such as needles or syringes

Window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, drinking glasses/mugs, oven/cooking, glassware or pottery

Coat hangers

Latex paint

Large jugs/buckets, pumps or sprayers, or plastic cutlery

Plastic bags (many grocery stores have container for collecting plastic bags Food waste or liquids.

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 with upcoming holidays

- **1. House Security Reminders:** It is important now more than ever to light up porch lights during the night, install motion lights and security cameras as a deterrent against crime. Keep your house doors locked when you are away or just outside. It was good to see many residents take advantage of the security rebate this year in attempts to keep their families safer.
- **2. Car Security Reminders**: Keep your cars locked and valuables and packages out of sight whenever you are away from your vehicle.
- **3. Packages:** If you are expecting a holiday package and will not be home on the day of delivery, you may want to reach out to a neighbor who is home to collect it for you.

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 for 2020 so as not to be alarmed with people walking between houses:

October 21-23 November 19-23

December 21-23

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 <u>Facebook!</u> This is a closed page for current residents only. <u>You</u> 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

<u>Louisville Police Department</u>: 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

Suggestions and comments for Future Newsletters?

Please email us at contact@cityofwellingtonky.com with any other information you would like to see in these newsletters.

Thank you, City of Wellington

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