

# Welcome Wellington's newest Commissioner.

John Wathen was appointed Wellington Commissioner in August of 2021 filling Jeremy Judah's position. John is originally from Owensboro, Kentucky and has lived in Wellington with his wife Jennifer, also an Owensboro native, since December of 2018. John and Jennifer have two girls, Bowen and Lane, both born as residents of Wellington.

John is a 2010 graduate of Vanderbilt University and a 2013 graduate of University of Kentucky College of Law. After sever years of private practice here in Louisville, John is now an in-house attorney at a natural gas pipeline.

The Wathen family enjoys Wellington because of the friendly people. They especially enjoy taking wagon walks around the neighborhood.

## **Parking Issues**

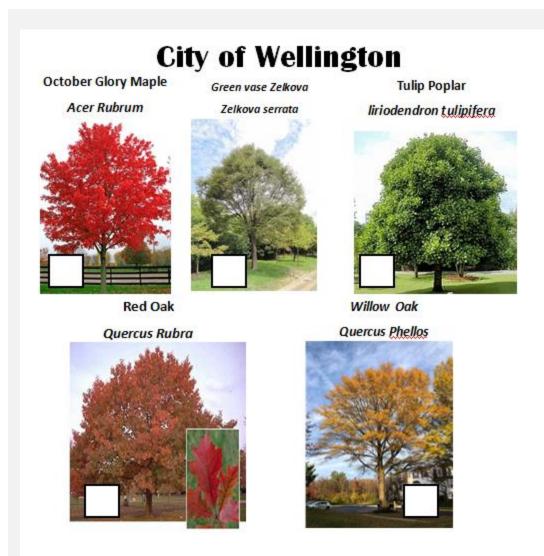
Please remember there is no overnight parking allowed on the city's streets between the hours of 12:00am until 6:00am. Also be aware that there are several places that do not allow parking on the streets at any time, these areas are marked with signs. Typically it is one side of every street to allow for emergency vehicles if needed.

#### Halloween 2021

Wellington will be following Louisville suggestions and guidelines in celebrating Trick-or-Treat on Sunday, October 31st. Residents are encouraged to participate as they best feel comfortable: social distancing, bags on tables at the end of the driveway or however you feel most comfortable. This is one of the first social events post-Covid that many children in our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods look forward to.

# 2021 Tree Program

For residents who would like to receive a canopy tree (free) to provide shade and increase the increase the value of their property while adding value to the neighborhood, please contact <a href="mailto:commissioner1@cityofwellingtonky.com">commissioner1@cityofwellingtonky.com</a>. Trees are limited and preference would be for it to be planted in the front yard. Side or back yards may be considered based on availability. Below are the trees being offered this year and requests should be made before November 15 to allow for planting before the winter season arrives.



# The holidays will soon be here!!!!

Take special note that the "Letters to Santa" mailbox will have a new location and will be installed on the big island at Brighton and Lowell the day after Thanksgiving. We've let the elves know it's new location so they can collect wish lists.

#### **Snow Removal**

With winter approaching, as usual, Wellington has contracted to have snow removal handled on our streets once the accumulation has reached a certain limit. Know we have our residents safety in mind and will plow as appropriate.

# **Safety Tips**

Days are getting shorter quickly so several reminders for safety and to deter crime:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times (people and vehicles);
- Always have a well charged cell phone;
- Always lock your vehicle, even if going into the house for "just a minute";
- Do not leave keys or car fob in the vehicle;
- Park in the garage if possible, or inside a backyard driveway with a locked gate; and
- Install security lights/cameras/doorbells.

## **Security Rebate**

In line with the security suggestions above, the City is once again offering a rebate program to residents for security light(s) and/or cameras to continue keeping our neighborhood safe. Reimbursement is up to \$100 for a camera and \$50 for a security light. If you wish to be a part of the City's rebate program, please submit a picture of the item and receipt to commissioner3@cityofwellingtonky.com.

## **Daylight Savings Time Ending**

Be sure to change your clocks to "fall back" on Sunday, November 7th.

## **Waste Management**

Until further notice, we will remain on the alternating weekly schedule for recycling pickup. Yard waste and household pickup is every week.

# **Scavenger Hunts**

There are scavenger hunt check lists in the Little Library to keep the little ones engaged as the days are getting shorter. Feel free to take one for each of your children and leave the rest for fellow scavengers. Different hunts will be available at differing times (autumn hunts, indoor hunts for rainy times, spring, etc.) Enjoy.

# **History of Wellington**

Our lovely city has been in existence since the 1940s. Many may not know that most of our physical properties were actually a part of the Farmington grounds. We have many residents who have lived here for many years and may be able to share stories or pictures or basic history of where we live. We would like to include these in future newsletters. Please send any information, stories, and/or historic pictures to commissioner1@cityofwellingtonky.com.

# **Update of Info to Receive City Notifications**

Update your Email Address and Subscribe to Receive City Notifications Go to the the <u>City website</u> and click on "<u>Subscribe to Updates</u>" to update your email and subscribe to the topics you prefer to receive notifications about.

# **Citywide Patrol Services**

Our patrol services in Wellington include Chief Michael Lamey, Officer Dennis Clark and his people-friendly K-9, Dash, all from Strathmoor Village Police.

- 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 nonemergency 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.

### **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 to current residents only. if you have a concern regarding a city ordinance, please contact a City commissioner. All requests to join must include the resident's physical street address for verification.

# **Projects, PODs and Permits**

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

The Little Libraries on the big island are always looking for donations. Please restrict the books placed in the little library to those for the younger children.

### Trash Containers and Recycle Bins

Trash containers and recycle bins are to be placed at the curb <u>no earlier than</u> <u>Monday</u>, 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 Tuesday evening.

# 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.

# **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:

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 <a href="mailto:contact@cityofwellingtonky.com">contact@cityofwellingtonky.com</a> 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**

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

## **Suggestions and comments for Future Newsletters?**

Please email us at <a href="mailto:contact@cityofwellingtonky.com">contact@cityofwellingtonky.com</a> with any other information you would like to see in these newsletters.

Thank you,
City of Wellington

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