

City of Wellington Kentucky

Dear Neighbors,

What a lovely spring it has been! Whenever I walk around our city, I feel a great sense of pride. I want to thank you all for making Wellington a wonderful place to live. From caring for escaped pets, to raising awareness of safety and security concerns, to maintaining beautiful landscaping and homes--your contributions make this community what it is. I would also like to personally thank our Commissioners, Milos Maldonado, Carol Petrites, Chris Schulz, and Sara Sievert, along with our Treasurer, Judy Kaleher, and Clerk, Lois Roby, for all they do for Wellington.



Since the start of our term in January, the City Commission has been hard at work to think of new projects and ways to benefit our residents. In recent months, we have added a new dimension to our tree program by offering a subsidy to residents to treat ash trees in an attempt to save some of our canopy trees. We have also voted to lower our property tax rate by 4% for the next fiscal year.

Additionally, here is a sneak peak of a few 2019-2020 projects/events we are planning:

- Updated City website
- Wellington Fall Festival at Farmington, featuring local band Squeezebot (Sep 22)
- Expanded tree canopy preservation program
- Renewed rebate program for security systems/motion sensor lights

More information about these and other projects will be available soon.

It is an honor serving you, and as always, if you have a question, concern, or suggestion, please come to a City meeting, visit our website, or email contact@cityofwellingtonky.com. I hope you have a safe and fun summer.

Sincerely,
Sandra Moon, Mayor

Tax Rates

The 2019/2020 ad valorem tax rates for the City of Wellington are \$0.1751 per \$100 of assessed property value. Here is how we compare to surrounding cities:

- City of Wellington \$0.1751
- City of Kingsley* \$0.33
- Strathmoor Manor* \$0.32
- Strathmoor Village \$0.25

* Prior year tax rates are reflected as current have not yet been approved.

Security Updates

1. **On Vacation? House on the Market?** If your house will be vacant for a longer than usual period of time and 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. Sargeant Fey or Officer Gillis 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. **Security Home Inspections:** If you would like to schedule an appointment for Sargeant Fey to perform a home inspection to bring your attention to potential security risks and ways to make your home more secure against break-ins, please

email contact@cityofwellingtonky.com. As always we want to thank Sergeant Fey and Officer Gillis for monitoring our neighborhood.

School is Out!

Take extra caution when backing out of driveways and at all intersections. This time of year we see more neighbors, cyclers, walkers, joggers and strollers. The little ones are more excited to be outdoors and home for the summer and rely on the adults to look out for their safety.

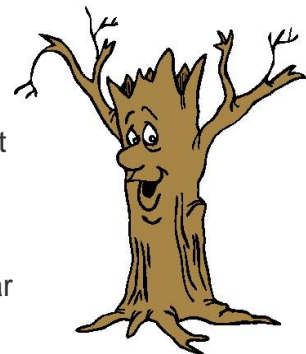
Free Tree Program

The City is committed to rebuilding the diminishing canopy by offering free trees (of an approved species) including installation to any homeowner who is willing to plant one in their front lawn and be willing to care for it. The program began in 2012 and, to date, over 60 trees have been planted and are thriving in the front yards of our neighbors. There are a limited number of trees available each year, and they are first come, first served. If you would like to help increase the tree cover in the City for current and future residents to enjoy, please email contact@cityofwellingtonky.com. Stay tuned for updates regarding the trees being offered later in the year for fall planting.

Affected by Ash Borers?

As part of the City's efforts to preserve and grow the City's tree canopy the

City Commission recently approved funding to offset the cost to homeowners of the preservation and protection of large ash trees. We consulted an arborist who recommended that certain ash trees receive an injection that provides a two year protective treatment against the emerald ash borer beetle.



This beetle is an invasive insect that causes significant damage that, if left untreated, will likely kill the ash tree. Unfortunately some of the neighborhood ash trees are already beyond saving. The City has approved funding to pay for one-half the cost of this treatment. Those with ash trees that our arborist identified as being treatable have already been contacted. If you have an ash tree in your yard and believe it was overlooked, please email contact@cityofwellingtonky.com then contact Limbwalker at 634-0400 to schedule this procedure. After service is complete, furnish the City a copy of the invoice and proof of payment for reimbursement.

Keep Taxes IN Wellington

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.

We ask all residents to check the 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.

If 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 assure the tax you are already paying will be used within your City, which makes it possible for our City ad valorem property taxes to remain low!

Parking Ordinances

The City's parking ordinances prohibit overnight street parking, parking in fire lanes, in front of a fire hydrant, on top of speed hump or sidewalk, or with any wheels off the roadway (i.e. on a lawn). Every street in the City has one side of the road designated as a fire lane. 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.*

Little Library and Little Library Jr.

If you had not yet had an opportunity, please visit the little libraries on the island at Brighton and Lowell for an enjoyable read. Feel free to take a book and leave one for others.

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 not to 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 After Your Dog's "Business" Trip

It is your dog 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 clean 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, it is a source of food for rats and a problem we would like to avoid in our City.

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, are often overlooked and can lead to flooding issues.

LG&E Reading Dates

Below are the upcoming meter reading dates:

June 21-25

July 23-25

August 21-23

September 20-24

October 22-24

November 20-22

December 20-26

Weed Killing - The Natural Way

Want to rid your lawn of those pesky weeds but don't want to use chemicals? There are a few natural treatments to consider:

- Dig Them Out – You must remove the roots, removing the tops only make them return stronger.
- 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 it will keep your lawn green and healthy.
- Mow Often – When weeds are growing, mow the yard often to prevent the blossoms from maturing into seeds.
- Pickle Them – Just pour some household vinegar on them. This trick also works with foxtail, velvetleaf, smooth pigweed and thistle.
- Water Them – Pour boiling water on weeds between sidewalk squares. Just be sure not to burn yourself in the process.

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 complaints.

An Invitation to Farmington's Neighbors: Come Celebrate Farmington 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 is supported by fundraising and contributions. In order to keep this hidden gem intact and in our backyard, please consider attending any of the numerous events during the year or touring this grand house and learning more about this plantation. The land on which each of our Wellington homes were built was part of the original plantation. 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 programs, please contact them at 452-9920 or visit their website at www.farmingtonhistoricplantation.org.

Here is a complete list of 2019 Farmington Events:

June 6 - Hemp History Week 10am-5pm

June 13 - "Work along the Jordan River", a FLOAT talk by Dr. David Kennedy (UofL). (Admission: Free for all) 630pm

June 18 - Evening in the Garden, Farmington's annual fundraiser with seated dinner, open bar, live auction and more (\$150 per person) 6-10pm

July 11 - Hemp Dinner, enjoy delicious hemp dishes, drinks and entertainment at this unique fundraising event. This year Farmington will honor the descendants of David and Martha Spencer, both enslaved at Farmington. (Admission: \$100 per person) 6pm

Jul 27 - Bourbon Tasting with Mike Veach. Indiana Distiller's Day at Farmington. Mike and guests sample the new bourbons distilling across the River with a talk about the Hoosier war governor's role in defending the Bluegrass State and keeping Kentucky in the Union. (Call 502-452-9920 for pricing and information)

Oct 11 - Oktoberfest featuring German food, German music and craft beer selections. (Admission: \$10 per family of carload) 6-10pm

Oct 13 - Annual Harvest Festival - featuring food trucks, local beer, live music, a variety of fun activities for children, museum tours and more. (Admission: \$5 per family of carload) noon-5pm

November 9 - Fire in the Field: A Farmington Bonfire Night. Food, beer, music, bonfire. (Admission: \$5 per family or carload)

City of Wellington Open Meetings

All residents are invited to attend our City's monthly meetings. Meetings are held

on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Farmington Visitor's Center at 6:30 PM. Please note, however, that the June 2019 meeting is cancelled, so the next meeting is July 23.

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 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 contact@cityofwellingtonky.com with any other information you

would like to see in these newsletters.

Thank you,
City of Wellington

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