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MAYOR'S MESSAGE...

There's no greater challenge and there is no greater honor than to be in public service-Condoleezza Rice

This statement certainly sums up how I feel while serving as your Mayor. Each day is an opportunity to get it right, and to do the best for all our citizens. While sometimes government decisions aren't pretty, and can take a lot of time, the end results for the good of all involved are what elected officials strive for.

After attending Kentucky League of Cities, Certified Officers Training Academy last week, I realized how great of a City Council we really have. So many other Cities are struggling with elected officials who are not trained or have their own agenda. But not in Douglass Hills. Each of our council members is a professional and brings a wealth of experience to our city. I know the success of our city is because of our council and our staff.

These next two months will start the beginning of lots of work being done in Douglass Hills. Hopefully by the middle of February, we will begin our work at Bill Lile Running Creek Park. Several new pieces of playground equipment will be installed, and we will work on the drainage issues there.

As soon as the weather becomes stable, our parking project will begin at Warren Walker Park. Also, there will be a few streets paved hopefully at the beginning of spring. But, of course, all of this depends on the weather.

Our events coordinator Jennie Norfleet is doing a great job setting up new community events. Look for upcoming events such as Muffins with the Mayor, the Bike Rodeo, and especially our 50th Birthday which will be held in July. We need your help! If you would like to serve on our events committee, please contact Jennie at douglasshillsevents@gmail.com.

CIVICS FOR CITIZENS

Did you ever wonder why the Kentucky Legislature meets when they do? Below is the explanation of when Kentucky Legislative Sessions are held.

Since the Kentucky Constitution contains only a "bare-bones" framework to govern the creation and organization of cities, one must look to the laws enacted by the state legislature to find the detailed requirements in this area. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky meets in a 30-day regular session each off-numbered year, and a 60-day regular session every even numbered year to enact our state laws. In addition, the General Assembly may meet in extraordinary session, upon the call of the governor, to enact laws for specific purposes. The laws enacted by the General Assembly in its regular and extraordinary sessions are codified in the Kentucky Revised Statutes. (KRS)

LET IT SNOW!

Please be mindful that the City snowplows cannot clear your street adequately if your car is parked on the street. Please make every effort to remove the vehicle prior to the plowing.



FEB 2	Safety Committee Meeting 5:30pm		
	City Council Meeting 7:00pm		

FEB 7	Douglass Hills 50th Anniversary
	Meeting 6:00pm

FEB 9 Tree Committee Meeting 6:00pm

FEB 14 Valentine's Day

FEB 20 Presidents' Day

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Please call City Hall for any general questions and/or concerns at (502) 245-3600 ext 2.

Important Phone Numbers

Animal Control: 363-6609

Before You Dig (BUD): 800-752-6007

EcoTech: 935-1130

Fire Dept. (Middletown): 245-7555

LG&E: 589-3500 - To report street lights out.

Metro Call: 311 calls answered 24/7 or visit

www.loukymetro.org

 $\underline{\mathsf{MSD}} \mathtt{:}~540\text{-}6000$ - To report clogged drainage

pipes and storm sewers.

<u>Poison Control</u>: 589-8222

Police: 574-2111 (option 5 for dispatch)

Anonymous Police Tip Line: 574-5673

Report Crime: 574-4661 To file report only.

Off Duty Police Services: 643, 7110

Off-Duty Police Services: 643-7110
Post Office (Middletown): 245-1120

Water Company: 583-6610

"Branching Out" from the Douglass Hills Tree Committee

Did you happen to see Paul Cappiello's January 6th article in the Courier Journal? If not, let us summarize:

Remember December... subzero temperatures? The oddest thing about that frigid experience is that the temperature plummeted from a rather balmy day to COLD in just hours. In fact, Muhammad Ali International airport reported it was minus 20 degrees at one point during that cold snap.

So, what does that do to plant life? Normally, as fall sets in, our plants have time to slow their growth and prepare. As the temperature drops the plants' membranes do some fancy rearranging of their sugars and water to avoid cell damage. However, if the temperature drops too rapidly (yes, like in December) the plants may not "cope."

So what do you do now? Zilch—do nothing; it's time to just wait. It's hard if you are looking at browned leaves or wilted, desperate plants, but we are urged to wait. There is a chance the plant will overcome and simply come back.

This spring, check the plant to see if there is regrowth. Feel free to scratch the bark because if there is some semblance of green, all may be okay. Again, watch and wait. Once you are assured of reblooming, then you can carefully prune away the dead area(s).

This year, "patience is a virtue" and with luck our plantings survived the blast of December's rath.

\$ \$ \$ INSURANCE TAXES \$ \$ \$

Every year we make an effort to remind our citizens to contact their insurance carrier for their home, auto, fire and life insurance companies. Please ask them if the insurance premium taxes are being sent to Douglass Hills rather than the City of Louisville. These taxes should remain in your City to help with maintaining the beauty of Douglass Hills. Please send them the following notice:

To (your insurance carrier)

This is to serve notice that I am a resident of Douglass Hills, Kentucky and therefore the insurance surcharge on my premium should be remitted to the City of Douglass Hills, P.O.Box 43284, Louisville, Kentucky 40253-0284.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

REACH ALERT

For those citizens that are new in the area—Welcome! Please take advantage of the City's Reach Alert system that can keep you instantly communicated regarding events and emergencies. Please call (877) 307-9313 to register or go to www.reachalert.com This is a feature you won't want to miss and it is free to our citizens. It will keep you in touch with your City.

SOLICITORS

There has been a recent increase in the number of solicitors in our City. No permits have been issued. Everyone needs to do his/her part in discouraging this activity. Ask for their Douglass Hills permit. Do not entertain their questions. Keep your door closed. Inform them that you are calling City Hall. Please remember, unless you check a company's resume with the Better Business Bureau, you may be dealing with a fly by night, or unprofessional business.

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When you contact MetroCall with a concern, a service request is created, and a tracking number assigned.

The service request is sent to the agency responsible for investigating the concern.

When the matter is resolved, the service request is closed.

Fill out the form if you have any issues with animals, business concerns, garbage, parks, property maintenance, etc. Once a service request is entered, the appropriate agency will respond. *Please note* - Following an inspection, a service request may be transferred to a department other than the one it was originally assigned in order to ensure the request is properly handled. (Note: Apple users, we are having some technical issues with accessing our service request portal using the Safari browser. We hope to have issue resolved soon. Please try accessing using Chrome or Firefox for the Mac. Thank you.)

TRACK A SERVICE REQUEST

Once you have a service request number you can click above to track progress.

DOWNLOAD THE 311 APP

When you download our free app to your iPhone or Android you can submit service requests immediately. Use it, if you need a city service and help with non-emergency issues...LIVE MetroCall 311offers live chat on most pages of our website. Just look in the bottom right corner for the chat tool, it's that simple!

SIGN UP! NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

As of June 26, 2007 the Kentucky No Call List will be maintained by the National Do Not Call Registry. http://nocall.ky.gov/default.aspx

The FTC announced that it will not drop any telephone numbers from the National Do Not Call Registry (DNC) based on the five-year expiration period, pending final Congressional or agency action on whether to make the registration permanent. Therefore, it is not necessary for consumers to register cell phone numbers again on the DNC Registry to be protected from telemarketing calls to cell phones.

http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2007/10/dnccellphones.shtm

GUIDELINES FOR CALLING THE POLICE

The most efficient manner to report crime and/or request to speak to an officer is to call Metrosafe Dispatch at 574-2111. Furthermore, if the efforts were not reasonably adequate to address the concern or issue; a citizen can immediately call Metrosafe back and request for an LMPD supervisor to contact them.

FOR NON-EMERGENCIES DIAL 574-2111 FOR:

Non-Violent Crimes, Non-Injury Accidents, or To report a crime that has already occured

FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911 FOR:

Violent Crime in Progress, Serious Injury Auto-Accidents, or Immediate Threat to Human Life

TO REPORT ONGOING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY DIAL 574-5673 "LMPD TIP LINE" FOR:

Drug Dealing, Prostitution, Gang Activity, or any information that may help close open invetigations

GEESE

Our Canada Geese have returned with a vengeance which is resulting in a tremendous mess, and possible health hazards within the City, especially around Crosby Middle School and Warren Walker Park. PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE!! These birds are on the protected list, and nearly impossible to remove from properties.

In the near future, Crosby will be using coyote decoys to try to deter and eliminate the Geese. Please do not be alarmed if you see these decoys in the playing field at the school. Hopefully this method of removal will work, and will have the problem solved.

'Committed to journalism': Former Douglass Hills Resident, Pulitzer-winning journalist, Herald alum dies at 51

Alexandria Anderson, Content Editor December 14, 2022

Michael Lindenberger, a Pulitzer-winning journalist, editorial writer and former Herald staff member, passed away this weekend in his home in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 51.

Lindenberger worked as the editorial page editor and a vice president of the Kansas City Star at the time of his death. He served in a variety of roles throughout his career in journalism, beginning with his college newspapers and progressing to roles in Louisville, Dallas and Houston, Texas and Kansas City.

This year, Lindenberger earned a Pulitzer Prize for his work at the Houston Chronicle, in which he and three colleagues published a series of editorials covering "The Big Lie" about politician's attempts to reject the existence of voter fraud and further voter suppression.

Before his work in Houston, Lindenberger served in multiple roles at The Dallas Morning News, reporting with a focus on politics and social justice.

Lindenberger also worked at the Courier Journal in Louisville, where he served as a regional reporter and bureau chief in Elizabethtown. Before this, he was the chief political writer for the Louisville Eccentric Observer.

In the early 1990s, Lindenberger worked as a staff member for the Herald before transferring to the University of Louisville, where he served as the editor-in-chief of the Louisville Cardinal for two terms.

Outside of journalism, Lindenberger was a graduate of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at UofL using his law degree to become a contract employee for Time magazine as well as a college teacher of media, law and ethics.

Lindenberger was an avid reader and founder of the Bourbon Story blog, following the widespread bourbon boom. According to the Courier Journal, he would boast that he had interviewed every Kentucky governor since Wallace Wilkinson.

Chris Poynter, Lindenberger's close friend and college roommate at WKU, said one of the greatest things he remembers about him is that "he was committed to journalism, deeply committed, at a very young age."

Poynter reflected on the time he shared with Lindenberger working at the Herald, describing one memory about an

assignment given to Lindenberger about state funding cuts at Kentucky universities. "He was so excited about that assignment and talked about it the years down the road," Poynter said. "In fact, just as recently as in the past year, about how amazed he was that a college newspaper that was run by students was willing to send him, a new student to Western, all over the state to report a story that would end up in the Herald."

Poynter also said another fond memory was when Lindenberger won a Pulitzer prize, which he called "the pinnacle of your career" as a journalist.

"I'll never forget, I was working from home that day, and he called me and I just thought he was calling to catch up and he said, 'I just won the Pulitzer,'" Poynter said. "I've never been so overjoyed in my life. We both were just sitting there on the phone crying."

Lindenberger was a deep thinker and incredible writer whose writing skills continually improved, Poynter said. He described Lindenberger's contributions to Time magazine and how he will be remembered for the social significance of his work.

"I wish I had a tenth of the writing ability that Michael Lindenberger had, and he shared that talent with the nation really, through the editorials he wrote in the Dallas Morning News, The Houston Chronicle and most recently the Kansas City Star," Poynter said. "[...] When Michael was writing for Time Magazine, he was writing weighty, significant national pieces that really made a difference. It was all because he was a great storyteller. He was just a wonderful storyteller."

LOUISVILLE RESTAURANT WEEK

Louisville Restaurant Week, presented by Louisville Tourism and LEO Weekly, is an annual culinary event where area restaurants offer a special menu of their signature dishes. The seven day event runs from Monday, February 27th through Sunday March 5th, 2023. New this year, the Louisville Restaurant Week app will guide customers to the participating restaurants.

Customers will earn points by checking in, posting photos to the Louisville Restaurant Week social media accounts, etc to earn gift card prizes. The grand prize is given to the customer who has earned the most points during Louisville Restaurant Week. This is also a charitable event as one dollar of every prix fixe meal sold at every restaurant will be donated to a local charity (to be announced soon).

Visit www.louisvillerestaurantweek.com for updates.

TIPS FOR USING A FIRE PIT

Are camp/recreational fires allowed? Yes, depending on the kind you want a permit may be required. The types of fire that don't require a permit are grilling or cooking for non-commercial and the fire is an appropriate size. Recreational fires in a fire pit or outdoor fireplaces do not require permits if they fall within the size requirements. Fires can be no larger than 3 feet (90 cm) wide and 3 feet tall. Any other kind or size of recreational fires will require a permit. Applications are available on line or can be faxed or mailed to you. Call (502) 574-6000 and ask for the compliance section.

What is an approved fire pit? A fire pit is a device built or manufactured for small recreational fires. A portable, above ground fire pit should be assembled and used according to manufactures instructions. A permanently constructed fire pit or fireplace must be constructed or completely lined with a non-combustible material such as brick, rock, concrete or heavy gauged metal. Fire pits should only be used under adult supervision and not during extremely dry or windy conditions.

Please check **www.louisvilleky.gov** for a complete search for fire pits.

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Revelation 1:18a,19

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Proceeding verse-by-verse through the Bible Currently: The Book of Revelation

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After careful evaluation – and due to a decline in walk-in transactions, increased customer use of self-service channels and best practice among similar utilities – we've decided to close the 26 business offices across our service

territories, including the LG&E walk-in center at 820 West Broadway.

Closures are expected to occur in phases, with all to close no later than the end of 2024. So, while we don't yet know the exact closure date of our Broadway office, we'll be using various communications channels to provide you with more information as it becomes available. An up-to-date list of business offices can be found at

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Thank you for your patience as we transition. While our operations may be evolving, what isn't changing is our dedication to providing safe and reliable service, as well as our commitment to charitable giving, employee volunteerism and sponsorship of events.

PUMP THE BRAKES ON USE OF AUXILIARY HEAT



Heat pump customers, this is for you: The less you use auxiliary heat to help warm your home, the more energy efficient you'll be, which will likely make your monthly bill a bit more manageable.

With your thermostat set on "Heat," auxiliary heat automatically kicks in during very cold weather (usually under 40 degrees Fahrenheit) when your heat pump is unable to maintain the temperature you've set on your thermostat. (A heat pump does

not create heat. It absorbs heat energy from the outside air – even in cold temperatures – and transfers it to the indoor air.) A simple way to reduce the use of auxiliary heat is to lower the temperature on your thermostat. The U.S. Energy Department recommends setting it at 68 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter months. And if you put an extra blanket or two on the bed at night, you could lower it by another degree or two and save even more.

We also recommend having a licensed professional conduct a thorough checkup to make sure your heat pump is in the best working order possible.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY BY THE FIREPLACE: ENJOY IT SAFELY



Relaxing by a cozy fire on a cold night is one of the pleasures of winter. To guarantee you get maximum enjoyment from your fireplace, it should be inspected yearly by a licensed chimney

sweep. Following a few other tips will help keep you toasty and safe.

- DO NOT leave a fire unattended.
- DO NOT use flammable liquids to start a fire.

- DO NOT burn any type of trash or debris in the fireplace.
- Place logs at the rear of the fireplace on a solid supporting grate.
- Build small fires. They will burn completely and produce less smoke.
- Dense wood (e.g., oak) is best. It should be split and stored in a high and dry location for at least six months.
- Use glass doors or a mesh metal screen to keep embers from escaping.
- Keep the damper closed when the fireplace is not being used.

Also, keep a fire extinguisher within reach in case of an accident.

STRIVING TO SERVE YOU BETTER - CLOSED FEB. 20 FOR TRAINING



Our customer service business office and call centers will be closed Monday, Feb. 20, to allow our customer service representatives to receive additional training so they can continue to provide you the best service possible.

Remember, your monthly payment is never due on days we are closed, but you can still do business with us if you choose. For example, you can review/pay your bill, make a payment arrangement and do more by simply using our free mobile app. (Use the QR code in this newsletter to download it.) You can use My Account (my.lge-ku.com) or our website at lge-ku.com for services as well.

You can use our automated system, if you prefer. Call 502-589-1444 (800-331-7370 outside Louisville) and press 1-2-1 (2-2-1 for business customers) to get your account balance and due date and press 1-2-3 to make a payment (2-2-3 for business customers). To set up a payment arrangement (if eligible), press 1-2-2.

And although we're closed, our technicians and other personnel are on the job, ensuring you have the energy you need and being ready to address any emergency.

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