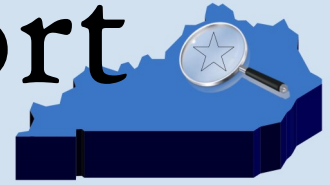


Focus on Frankfort



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This newsletter is a publication of the City of Frankfort. In an effort to keep our citizens informed about city happenings Focus on Frankfort will be published regularly, initially in print and then on the city's website. Please send questions or story ideas to rhall@frankfort.ky.gov or call 502/352-2076.

Smart911

Frankfort now has Smart 911 which allows citizens to create a Safety Profile for their household and register mobile phones associated with that household. For more information and to sign up please go to Smart911.com. The service is free.

Sanitation

Pay As You Throw

Upcoming Free Dates

March 11—14

May 13—16

July 15—18

September 9—12

November 11—14

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Frankfort Highlights



In the winter of 2013 the City Commission spent portions of several meetings to bring forth goals they would like to see achieved or at least advanced during their term in office. Progress on those goals along with other movement has been made over the past twelve months.

- ◆ The Commission adopted a balanced budget for FY2014 and is working toward a balanced budget for FY2015

- ◆ The Sewer Department's construction of the Wet Weather Detention Facility has begun and is moving forward.
- ◆ The City adopted a Fairness Ordinance
- ◆ A updated Aquatic Center for Juniper Hills Park is being designed.

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How are we Doing? Community Survey Results

In November, 2013 1,000 households in Frankfort were randomly selected to participate in a Community Survey conducted by the City. The survey consisted of satisfaction ratings for various services in the city including public works, police and fire.

We received a 22% return

from citizens. Demographics showed that of those responding 19% had children 17 or under living in their households; 46% of households had citizens 65 or older; 86% own their own homes; and 96% are registered voters.

Results showed that 87% of respondents agreed or

strongly agreed with the statement "I enjoy living in Frankfort."

Some other results are as follows: Quality of Police Department—73% Satisfied or Very Satisfied; Quality of Fire Department—86% Satisfied or Very Satisfied;

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Mayor's Message

In an effort to allow citizens to be more engaged with city government, I am pleased to welcome you to our City of Frankfort newsletter. We hope you find the information in this edition to be of interest.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful city staff for all their hard work during the many winter weather events that Frankfort has had over the last several weeks. All of our departments worked hard during these events and we appreciate all they do to keep the city running

and make life easier for our citizens.

As we move from winter into spring another group that is trying to make life easier for our citizens is the Office of Emergency Management. Frankfort OME has been working with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) the Department for Local Government and the County to create Digital flood-inundation maps for a 6.5-mile reach of Kentucky River at Frankfort.

The inundation maps give estimates of the extent and depth of flooding corresponding to selected water levels (stages) at the USGS stream gage Kentucky River

at Lock 4, and include HAZUS, a tool used to estimate physical, economic, and social impacts of disasters; HAZUS is used for mitigation and recovery as well as preparedness and response.

Citizens can use the website information to determine the possibility of flooding in their neighborhood based on predicted river levels. This will give citizens information to determine how potential flooding will impact them and time to formulate a plan of action. For more information see the department's website at www.frankfortema.org.

As always, please feel free to contact me when needed. My



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contact information is below for your convenience.

Thank you.
William May, Mayor



Bill Scalf, Sewer Director
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Sewer Projects at Holmes Street and Crestwood Move Forward

Holmes Street Combined Sewer/Stormwater Project –

On January 21st a preconstruction meeting for this project was held with the contractor, Basham Construction and Rental Company, Inc. The project is a continuation of the City's ongoing efforts to remove stormwater from the combined sewers in the Holmes Street corridor.

The Notice to Proceed was issued on February 1st and, weather depending, the contractor should be on site soon. The project is being

jointly funded by a 2010 Stormwater Mitigation Grant and the Sewer Department. In addition to the stormwater work being performed, a small amount of sanitary sewer pipe replacement and rehabilitation will also be accomplished by the contractor.

Crestwood Stormwater/Sanitary Sewer Project –

The Crestwood Stormwater project has been bid and Connhurst, LLC was the successful bidder. The project preconstruction meeting was

held on January 31, 2014 and it is expected that the contractor will begin work on March 3, 2014 to install the stormwater portion of the project. Concurrent with the stormwater work, the contractor will replace the existing sanitary sewers which are adjacent to the proposed storm sewer alignment. Upon completion of the stormwater project the Sewer Department will begin rehabilitation of the remainder of the sanitary lines that have been identified.

City Seeks Funding for Greening America's Capitals Projects

In the fall of 2012 the City of Frankfort was informed that we would be receiving Technical Assistance under the Environmental Protection Agency's Greening America's Capitals Program for the Second Street Corridor. The purpose of the project was to make the corridor more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

Several members of the community met with EPA representatives in April 2013 to discuss the project and comment on architectural drawings of the area. The EPA and their consultant took those comments and created a project plan which can now be found on the city website at www.frankfort.ky.gov.

We are currently working on getting engineer's drawings and estimates for intersection of Second and Bridge Streets and will be actively seeking grant opportunities to fund the project.



New Fire Chief is long time City employee



Like many kids, Eddie Slone wanted to be a fireman from early on. But in and around his hometown of Hindman, Kentucky, there were few such professional opportunities. A friend working for the Frankfort Fire Department told him to ignore what he had heard about everything in Frankfort being political and apply here – “If you have the qualifications, they’ll hire you.” That was in 1994.

Chief Slone says he is “happy with the service” provided by the Department now, but he insists “we will improve on it.” While the Department can “make do” with current facilities, he sees a real need to acquire new trucks - both to help improve service to citizens and to help maintain high staff morale. He credits his predecessor - Wallace Possich – for stressing physical fitness and healthy nutrition for staff (heart attacks are a leading cause of death among firefighters).

Slone is proud of the high level of training attained by Frankfort Fire Department personnel. The training is needed – the Department makes about 1000 fire runs and about 7000 emergency medical runs every year.

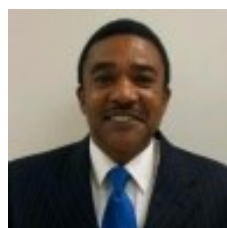
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- ◆ Community Development Block Grant application submitted for sewer separation for Benson Creek area.
- ◆ Construction of the Audia Pavilion at Cove Springs Sky Trail.
- ◆ Greening America’s Capitals Plan is moving forward with the hiring of an Engineer/Design firm for the Second/Bridge Street intersection.
- ◆ A new downtown parking plan is now in place with greater capability to track previous offenses.
- ◆ The Sewer/Storm Water Project in the Holmes Street area has begun.
- ◆ A Community Survey has captured data to show where improvement may be needed.
- ◆ Sidewalk and other Streetscape improvements were made to St. Claire Street in conjunction with the opening of the new Court House.

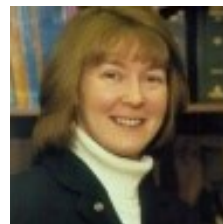
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Collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste—76% Satisfied or Very Satisfied; Response time of Ambulance Service—63% Satisfied or Very Satisfied; Maintenance of City Parks—59% Satisfied or Very Satisfied and Quality of City Museum—61% Satisfied or Very Satisfied.

Other results included 44% Agreed or Strongly Agreed with the statement, “I am pleased with the overall direction the city is taking.”

Some areas of concern include: 22% Disagreed or Strongly Disagreed with the statement “I receive good value for the city taxes I



pay.”; 21% Disagreed or Strongly Disagreed with the statement “I am well informed on major issues in Frankfort.”

For complete results of the survey go to www.frankfort.ky.gov.

Citizens were asked to list what they feel should be the City’s Top Priorities. Of the responses we received the top 10 are as follows:

- Police/Safety/Security
- Street/Road Repair
- New Pool Facilities
- Communications/Leadership
- Downtown Economy
- Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement
- More Community Events
- Jobs/Economy
- Taxes/Budget
- Public Works
(Sanitation/Garbage
Drainage/Sidewalks)

We're on the Web
Frankfort.ky.gov



Division of Solid Waste Holiday Collection Schedule

Holiday Observed	Pickup Day for the Holiday Observed
No garbage, recycling or yard waste will be collected on this day.	
Memorial Day—Monday, May 26, 2014	Recycle Center Closed
Fourth of July—Friday, July 4, 2014	Monday, July 7, 2014 Recycle Center Closed on Friday, July 4, 2014
Labor Day—Monday, Sept. 1, 2014	Recycle Center Closed
Veterans Day—Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014	No Change Recycle Center Closed on Monday, Nov. 10, 2014
Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014	Monday, Dec. 1, 2014
Day After Thanksgiving—Friday, Nov. 28, 2014	Monday, Dec. 1, 2014
Christmas Day —Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014	Monday, Dec. 29, 2014
Day After Christmas —Friday, Dec. 26, 2014	Monday, Dec. 29, 2014
New Year’s Day—Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015	Monday, Jan. 5, 2015
Day After New Year’s—Friday, Jan. 2, 2015	Monday, Jan. 5, 2014

All garbage and recycle must be set out by 7:00am the day of collection. For more information please call City of Frankfort Division of Solid Waste @ (502) 875-8527 or (502) 352-2088. For the complete garbage and recycle regulations check the City of Frankfort website at www.frankfort.ky.gov

PAYT “Free” Weeks 2014: 1/14/14, 3/11/14, 5/12/14, 7/15/14, 9/19/14, 11/11/14, 1/13/15