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# NEWSLETTER

March 2024



## The 'Eight Mile' House

There once was a settlement called 'Eight Mile' at Shelbyville and Whipps Mill Rd along Beargrass Creek. It was founded in 1785 by Col. William Christian. The name 'Eight Mile' was so called because it was eight miles from the Louisville courthouse.



The Eight Mile House might go unnoticed, at first. Stop a moment and look a little closer at this quaint, stone home. You may not know it to look at it, but this is not only one of the oldest homes in Louisville but also one of the first buildings of its kind in Kentucky that is made of stone.

If you didn't know this house was historic, you could easily drive right by it. The Eight Mile house is so well preserved, you'd never know it was built in the late 1700s. At least, that's what historians think. This house is so old and records are so poor, the true history of the actual Eight Mile House has been lost. When this house was said to have been built, the United States itself was less than 10 years old as a country.

An account of 'Eight Mile' is published in a booklet called "Lyndon Lore" written by The Lyndon Homemaker's Club in 1972, which transcribes oral history of the Lyndon area. The book specifically highlights the toll gate at his site, operated by the Orr family from 1886 to 1901. "John Orr recalled the congestion of traffic on the Old Shelbyville Rd., especially around the Fourth of July or when there was a "to-do" in town, when horse drawn carriages and wagons would be lined up way down the road, the occupants exchanging comments on the weather, the crops or on the party while they waited. It was necessary to have two gates at this site and when the situation got out of hand, Mrs. Orr would help out with the other gate. Many times, Mr. Orr stayed up all night to tend to the gate. When many people were hurrying into Louisville to the theater or a ball, he would let them pass through and pay the round trip when they came back. The revenue collected by Mr. Orr averaged around \$38.00 per week in good months. Toll gates were scattered all along Shelbyville Rd. at the time, and keepers collected only for traffic in their territories. The toll was 2 cents a mile for a horse and buggy; 4 cents for two horses and wagon. A man on horseback could ride for 1 cent a mile. If travelers were going to switch off from the main road before they reached the next gate, Mr. Orr took their word and collected the amount he considered due."

## CITY OF LYNDON

# Spring EGG-stravaganza

## SATURDAY BEFORE EASTER

### Robsion Park – Lyndon Christian Church

### 12pm–3pm Egg Hunt @2pm

Easter Bunny Photos, Bouncy Castles,  
Rides, Games, Crafts, Food and Music!



## LONG-TIME COUNCILWOMAN RETIRES

Betsy Kramer served on Council consecutively since 2001. Lyndon thanks you for your service to the community.

New council member, Jenny Benner, was appointed by the council to serve the remainder of Ms. Kramer's term.



## STREETLIGHTS

Streetlights throughout Lyndon are serviced by the Louisville Gas & Electric company. If you need to report streetlight outages or damage to a pole, please call (502) 589-3500 to reach the outdoor lighting department of LG&E or to report online, visit: <https://lge-ku.com/outages/report/streetlight> It is encouraged to have an address where the light pole is located or the nearest street name intersection or closest business.



## FREE House Watch

Visit our city's website to sign up for a house watch while you are away from home.

<https://cityoflyndon.org/PoliceServices.aspx>

## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Spring EGG-stravaganza 12-3pm

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

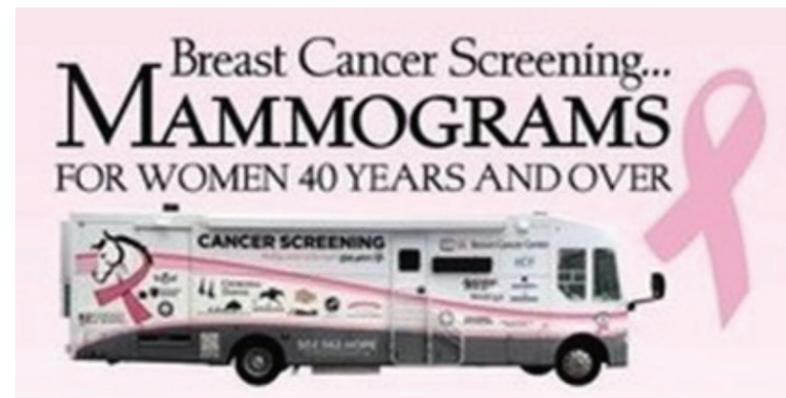
Mobile Mammograms

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Shakespeare in the Park Tour  
Robsion Park 6:30pm

**June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

Summer Festival



**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**  
**8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.**  
**Call to schedule an appointment**  
**502-852-6318**

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