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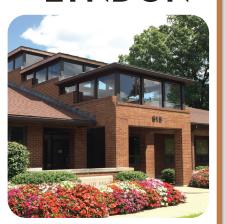
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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025



Mayor's Message

As the proud Mayor of Lyndon, my dedication to our community is unwavering. I am excited to announce my candidacy for a third term beginning in 2026. Together, we have accomplished remarkable feats, and I am confident that our collaborative spirit will lead us to even greater heights. We are winners, and winners keep winning.

This year, we celebrate Lyndon's 60th anniversary as a city!

We were officially incorporated in 1965 to avoid annexation by St. Matthews. Then in 2003, Lyndon became part of the new Louisville Metro government while retaining its independence and unique identity. Being part of Metro government, while maintaining our independence, has presented unique challenges. Balancing our autonomy with the broader goals of Metro government requires careful negotiation and collaboration. We have faced issues such as ensuring equitable distribution of resources and maintaining our local identity amidst the larger metropolitan framework. Last year, my colleagues within an organization called the Jefferson County League of Cities appointed me President. This role enables me to ensure the needs of Lyndon and the other cities in Jefferson County are always on the table in Metro City Hall and in Frankfort.

In the past 8 years I have served, we have discussed numerous projects to enhance Lyndon. Our most significant financial commitment to date was donating to the construction of the regional library. While other projects took a backseat, I focused on establishing our police department - a vision I conceived nearly six years ago. We have never wavered in our commitment to serving our constituents with excellence, even with minimal staff.

Our journey with our new Police Department has just begun, but in the past three years, we have made tremendous progress. We have invested significantly to realize the vision and now, near fully staffed and a headquarters almost complete, our department expenses are set to stabilize. I have mentioned previously that it is unfortunate we must fund our own force. Metro government has let regions outside of the urban services district down. Funding this department should have the full support of your Council. I implore those who share the same vision of a safer Lyndon to get involved. Please attend City meetings. Contact your Lyndon council members to support our Police budget to ensure the progress we have made in just a few short years does not falter. Great things often come with a price tag, but the value it brings to our community is immeasurable.

As you may know, an occupational tax of 1% on wages earned within the City was unanimously approved for collection beginning January 1, 2024. A measure taken to fully fund the Police department and combat rising costs across the board. Prior to fourth quarter reporting and a full year of collection, enough council members voted to reduce the tax to 0.75%, essentially taking a projected one million dollars away from City revenues. While there are some residents who live and also work within Lyndon boundaries that this tax affects, it did impact nearly 4,000 non-resident workers in Lyndon who also enjoy the services of our City. A few large corporate representatives protested to the Council, influencing the reduction. At the end of the day, this tax has been long overdue. Lyndon was the largest City in Kentucky that had not utilized this revenue stream to fund essential services. It is never a popular idea to raise taxes, but in this case, the well-being of Lyndon and its residents are at stake.

My personal mission is to ensure clean, safe streets for our community. Every action I take is guided by this principle, and my dedication is evident throughout Lyndon. I'm devoted to fostering a comfortable environment for our City in my role as a public servant.

Looking ahead, I am confident we can continue to build a brighter future for Lyndon. Your participation is necessary, and our mission should be clear: "Building a Safer, Stronger Lyndon Together."

-Mayor Brent Hagan



2025 Lyndon City Council Swearing-In Ceremony



Newly elected council members were sworn in on December 16, 2024 to serve for 2025 and 2026. From left to right: Becky Ricketts, Amy Stuber, Susan Barto, Mardy Sidebottom, Jim Yates and Jenny Benner. Not pictured: Vicki Stanley.

City Easter Event:

We've made the tough call to not sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt this year. Don't worry—there are still plenty of egg-gathering opportunities with other local groups to enjoy and Lyndon Christian Church will proceed with a scaled down event at Robsion Park. While the rising cost of eggs isn't the culprit, the expenses for all the extras that make an event special have added up. Without a corporate sponsor to help out, we're giving this tradition a little breather in 2025. We'll miss seeing those baskets fill up, but we're excited for what's next! Check with Lyndon Christian Church for more details about their event.

2025 Pop-Up Drop-Off and Shredding Event

Pop-Up Drop-Offs are free recycling and large item disposal and shredding events for residents of Jefferson County. They are basically one-stop-shops for recycling, donating, or disposing all sorts of things - paper documents, tires, electronics, scrap metal, shoes, and more. Last year, a little more than 54% of what was collected was diverted from the landfill!

Public Works has already announced the schedule for the coming year to help you plan your visit. There are two scheduled this year at UofL Shelby Campus, the first on April 5th (see poster) and one in the fall on November 15th. The full schedule can be found on Louisville Metro's website at www.louisvilleky.gov under Public Works Department.



Tree City USA Recognition:

Lyndon has been recognized for its 23rd straight year as "Tree City USA" in honor of our commitment to plant, grow, and maintain trees to benefit the community.

"We all have a role to play in shaping our future and tree champions like Lyndon are leading the way," said Michelle Saulnier, Vice President of Programs at the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees are critical infrastructure, building resiliency and fostering good health in our nation's cities. We're proud Lyndon is among the Arbor Day Foundation's growing network of communities dedicated to creating positive impact through trees."



Zoning Matters: Conversation with a City Planner (2025)



We Want to Hear from You!

These conversations are part of the ongoing Land Development Code (LDC) Reform.

The LDC Reform is an equity focused approach to revise the LDC consistently with Plan 2040 to allow for increased housing choices and opportunities in new and existing neighborhoods, to create procedures and regulations that are easier to use and increase the quality of life by reducing the concentration of environmental hazards near housing.

City Planners from Louisville Metro's Office of Planning will be available to answer questions about zoning (What is zoning? Why does it matter?) and discuss the ongoing LDC Reform project, including Middle Housing. We want to hear about your neighborhood and discuss what the reform means for you!

LIBRARY BRANCH	DATE	CONVERSATION TIME
Northeast Regional	Tuesday, April 15	3 - 7 PM

This is the fourth series of conversations offered. The previous series took place in 2022-2024. To view a summary of these, please visit us online using the QR code below or at www.louisvilleky.gov/ldcreform.

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To learn more about the reform please scan the QR code to visit our website:



Metro Louisville's proposed Land Development Code (LDC) reform could transform housing across the county, affecting infrastructure, single-family neighborhoods, and our way of life—potentially allowing apartments in every garage. Cities with zoning power can override these changes, but unincorporated areas and neighboring cities without authority are vulnerable. Get informed and join the discussion at the library or visit Metro Louisville's website for details.