

Kentucky officials urge motorists to avoid distracted driving

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For National Distracted Driving Awareness Month this April, Team Kentucky and AAA East Central are partnering to drive home a life-saving message for all motorists: Buckle up, phone down.

Officials with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety, Kentucky State Police (KSP) and AAA East Central joined local leaders and a victims' advocate today during an event at the Simpsonville Rest Area to share personal stories and emphasize the dangers of distracted driving.

"Driving distracted puts your life — and the lives of everyone around you — at risk. We want

every Kentuckian and every visitor traveling through our commonwealth to make it home safely," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "Let's all do the right thing when we're behind the wheel. Put the phone down and focus on the road. It's a simple choice that saves lives."

As part of this month's awareness effort, KSP will participate in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's high-visibility enforcement campaign, "Put the Phone Away or Pay," which runs next week, April 7-13. This nationwide initiative is designed to reduce distracted driving through increased enforcement and public awareness.

"One moment of distraction can lead to a

lifetime of regret. No text is worth losing a family member or harming another person," said KSP Sgt. Matt Suduth. "While troopers enforce laws to prevent distracted driving, it's not about writing citations; it's about ensuring everyone makes it home safely."

Over the past decade, distracted driving has become one of the leading causes of vehicle crashes on our nation's roads. According to KSP's collision data, in 2024, 5,648 crashes, 27 of which were fatal, were related to distracted drivers, including those with cellphones.

"When we lose a life on a Kentucky roadway due to distracted driving, especially one that could have been prevented, it's



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From left to right: Executive Director Of the Kentucky of Highway Safety Bill Bell; Director of Public Affairs Jim Garrity; victims advocate Kathy Strack; victims advocate Sarah Strack and KPS Public Affairs Commander Sgt. Matt Suduth.

a tragic day for the commonwealth," said Transportation Secretary Jim Gray. "Distracted driving is avoidable, and we

must do everything we can to keep people safer on our highways."

According to the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration, while anything that takes a driver's eyes off the road, hands off the wheel or mind off the task of driving is a hazard, texting and using a phone while driving is especially risky, because it combines all three types of distraction — visual, manual and cognitive.

"Distracted driving is a choice, and it's one that can have deadly consequences. Every time you get behind the wheel, your full attention is required to keep yourself and others safe," said Kentucky Office of Highway Safety Executive Director Bill Bell. "We are committed to spreading the message that no text or phone call is worth a life. Stay focused and stay safe."

Public Notice

Estate settlements announced

NOTICE TO CREDITOR Thomas Tiller of 9531 Saffolk Punch Drive, Houston, Texas 77065 was appointed Administrator of the estate of Ronald Tiller on March 19, 2025. The attorney of record is Ashley Larmour of Larmour Law Office, PSC., 102 E Main Street, Suite 7, Georgetown, Ky 40324. All claims are to be filed by September 19, 2025, or forever barred.

Crystal Jones of 113 Payne Avenue, Georgetown, Ky 40324 was appointed Conservator on March 25, 2025, In Re of Kyleigh Tapp. All claims are to be filed by September 25, 2025, or forever barred.

Stacy Olson of 108 Falls Creek Drive, Georgetown, Ky 40324 was appointed Guardian/Conservator on March 25, 2025, In Re of Trinity Perkins. The attorney of record is Derek D Humfleet of Elder Law Lawyers, Po Box 54654, Lexington, Ky 40555. All claims are to be filed by September 25, 2025, or forever barred.

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Stacy Olson of 108 Falls Creek Drive, Georgetown, Ky 40324 was appointed Guardian/Conservator on March 25, 2025, In Re of Austin Perkins. The attorney of record is Derek D Humfleet of Elder Law Lawyers, Po Box 54654, Lexington, Ky 40555. All claims are to be filed by September 25, 2025, or forever barred.

Jacob S Kenamer Jr of 119 Birkdale Drive, Georgetown, Ky 40324, and Teresa A Kenamer of 119 Birkdale Drive, Georgetown, Ky 40324 were appointed Co-Administrators of the estate of Jacob S Kenamer III on March 25, 2025. The attorney of record is Wade C Lawson of 100 West Main Street, Suite 900, Lexington, Ky 40507. All claims are to be filed by September 25, 2025, or forever barred.

Phil Darren Akers of 248 Tunnell Road, Virgie, Ky 41572 was appointed Executor of the estate of Jewell Lee Akers on March 25, 2025. The attorney of record is Mikel McKinley of 160 E Main Street, Georgetown, Ky 40324. All claims are to be filed by September 25, 2025, or forever barred.

William H Nowlin II of 232 Lynn Drive, Lawrenceburg, Ky 40342 was appointed Administrator of the estate of Keith Allison Nowlin on March 27, 2025. All claims are to be filed By September 27, 2025, or forever barred.

Rebecca Walton Tribby-Klee of 105 Lena Court, Georgetown, Ky 40324 was appointed Executrix of the estate of Neil Douglas Walton Jr on March 27, 2025. All claims are to be filed By September 27, 2025, or forever barred.

Rita Kay Branham of 989 East Hwy 204, Williamsburg, Ky 40769 was

appointed Administratrix of the estate of Phil Brumley on March 31, 2025. All claims are to be filed by October 01, 2025, or forever barred.

Kevin Lamont Evans of 1315 Trenton Court, Georgetown, Ky 40324 was appointed Conservator on March 31, 2025, In Re of Trinity Cunningham. The attorney of record is Joshua Daniel Hicks of Hicks & Finsinn, PLLC, 209 E. Main Street, Lexington, Ky 40507. All claims are to be filed by October 01, 2025, or forever barred.

Kevin Lamont Evans of 1315 Trenton Court, Georgetown, Ky 40324 was appointed Conservator on March 31, 2025, In Re of Jamar Evans. The attorney of record is Joshua Daniel Hicks of Hicks & Finsinn, PLLC, 209 E. Main Street, Lexington, Ky 40507. All claims are to be filed by October 01, 2025, or forever barred.

GEORGETOWN-SCOTT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

Seeking bids for concession stand operation at Suffoletta Family Aquatic Center

Georgetown-Scott County Parks and Recreation (GSCPR) is seeking formal bids for the operation of the Concession Stand at Suffoletta Family Aquatic Center until

April 18, 2025 at 12:00pm. Georgetown-Scott County Parks and Recreation will accept formal quotes via <http://www.publicpurchase.com/>; via email to emaynard@gscparcs.com

or in person at the following address: "Attn: Bryan Parker, 140 Pavilion Dr. Georgetown, KY 40324" The outside of the envelope should clearly be marked "Formal Quote- Suffoletta

Family Aquatic Center Concession Stand". Any and all questions related to the formal quote process shall be directed to Ednal Maynard at emaynard@gscparcs.com

CITY OF GEORGETOWN

Ordinance relating to zoning change around Paynes Depot Road passed

CITY OF GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 178.89 +/- ACRES, LOCATED AT OR AROUND PAYNES DEPOT ROAD, GEORGETOWN, SCOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, FROM A-1 TO B-5 PUD, C-1, R-1C PUD, AND R-3 PUD.

SUMMARY

1. Rezones approximately 178.89 +/- acres located at or around Paynes Depot Road, Georgetown, Scott County, KY (Scott County PVA Parcel No. 141-20-088.001 and a por-

tion of Scott County PVA Parcel No. 141-20-088.000), from A-1 (Agricultural) to B-5 PUD (General Commercial Park), C-1 (Conservation), R-1C PUD (Single-Family Residential), and R-3 PUD (High-Density Residential), contingent upon and effective only after the passage and publication of ordinance(s) annexing the subject property into city limits.

2. Provides for repeal of inconsistent laws, severability of provisions, and an effective date upon passage and publication.

The full text of Ordinance 2025-02 is available for examination in the City Clerk's Office, 629 North Broadway, Geor-

town, Kentucky 40324 or at www.georgetownky.gov.

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