

LOCAL NEWS ROUNDUP

Kentuckians urged to curb impaired driving during Labor Day weekend

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As Labor Day approaches, Kentuckians are reminded to celebrate the end of summer safely by planning for a sober, designated driver if festivities include alcohol. “Our top priority is keeping Kentuckians safe,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “If you are under the influence and choose to get behind the wheel, you put everyone on the road in danger, including yourself. Let’s work together to eliminate preventable crashes by committing to celebrate responsibly.” Although impaired driving enforcement is a year-round effort, crashes tend to increase over holiday weekends. That’s why the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and law enforcement agencies across the country in the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign, which runs from Aug. 13 through Sept. 1, 2025. “It is never acceptable to drive impaired,” said Kentucky Transport Cabinet (KYTC) Secretary Jim Gray. “Alcohol, drugs and even prescription medications can impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely. You may feel ‘OK,’ but impairment slows your judgment, coordination and reaction time.” According to the KOHS, last year in Kentucky, there were 4,260 total crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 2,062 injuries and 185 deaths. Last year, 45 alcohol related crashes involving only a motorcycle were reported, resulting in 41 injuries and 6 deaths. During the 2024 Labor

Day holiday weekend, there were 76 crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 44 injuries and one death.

The following tips are recommended to stay safe:

- Before the festivities begin, plan a way to get home safely at the end of the night;
 - If you’re impaired, use a ride-booking company or taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get home safely;
 - If you see an impaired driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement. You may dial the Kentucky State Police toll-free line directly at 1-800-222-5555 or call 911. Provide a vehicle description, license number, location and, if possible, direction of travel;
 - If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination safely;
 - Wear a seat belt! It is not only the law, but it is also the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if you are involved in a crash.
- For more information on drunken driving visit kydrivesober.com.

KY Blood Center grocery giveaway through end of Aug.

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With rising costs, imagine not having to pay for groceries for an entire year. That dream will become a reality for one Kentucky Blood Center

donor just by donating blood. KBC’s Summer of Saving will conclude in August with a grand prize giveaway of free groceries for a year. One lucky donor who gives blood Aug. 1–31 will win 52 \$200 gift cards to Kroger (or a grocery store determined by KBC in the donor’s area). Donors at this upcoming drive in your community will be entered into the giveaway. Rules and conditions can

be found at kybloodcenter.org/events/summer-of-saving-win-free-groceries-for-a-year. All donors will receive a \$15 free entrée coupon from Texas Roadhouse Georgetown and a “Stay Peachy” T-shirt (while supplies last). Texas Roadhouse will also provide a light breakfast for all donors (breakfast is served inside Texas Roadhouse). Blood donations historically dwindle during the summer because of warm

weather activities, family vacations and no school. The need for blood doesn’t take a break, however, and transfusion levels often increase as donation frequency decreases. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good general health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which

can be found at kybloodcenter.org. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

UPCOMING DRIVE

Texas Roadhouse Georgetown
Tuesday, Aug. 26
7am to 11:30 a.m.
KBC Bloodmobile
1505 Paris Pike
Georgetown, KY 40324



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Practicing the art of HEMA

Dawson Eades and Paden Dyer practice HEMA (Historical European Martial Arts) weekly in Scott County Park.

Public Notice

CITY OF GEORGETOWN

Ordinance pertaining to property on Paynes Depot Rd passed Aug. 11

CITY OF GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING INTO THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 30.22 +/- ACRES, LOCATED ON PAYNES DEPOT ROAD

(WEST OF COPPERFIELD LANE), GEORGETOWN, SCOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY.
SUMMARY
1. Annexes into Georgetown city limits, by written consent of the property owner in accordance with KRS 81A.412, approximately 30.22 +/- acres located on Paynes

Depot Road (west of Copperfield Lane), Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky 40324 (Scott County PVA Parcel No. 140-10-052.000).
2. Provides for repeal of inconsistent laws, severability of provisions, and an effective date upon passage and publication.
The full text of Ordinance 2025-19 is available for examination in the City Clerk’s Office, 629 North Broadway, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324, or at www.georgetownky.gov.
PUBLICLY INTRODUCED AND READ FIRST TIME: July 28, 2025
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programs and resources
Date: August 26, 2025
Time: 10:00am-11:00am
Venue: Housing Authority of Georgetown, 139 Scroggins Park Dr, Georgetown, KY 40324
Presented by: Autumn Pierce
This session is FREE and open to all landlords, property managers, and housing providers.
Stay informed. Stay compliant. Protect your investment.

Notice of Landlord Briefing Session on Aug. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE:
LANDLORD BRIEFING
ATTENTION: ALL PROPERTY OWNERS & LANDLORDS
You are invited to attend an important Landlord Briefing Session to stay informed about:
• New rental regulations & compliance requirements
• Tenant rights & eviction procedures
• Property maintenance standards
• Landlord support

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Seeking public comments pertaining to KU, LG&E electric and gas rate adjustments

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order of July 31, 2025, scheduling a public com-

ment meeting to be held on September 8, 2025, at 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at Jefferson Community & Technical College: Hovarth Auditorium, 1000 Commu-

nity College Dr., Louisville, KY 40272 for the purpose of hearing public comments on Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company

applications for adjustment of its electric and gas rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments in Case Nos. 2025-00113 and 2025-00114.

CITY OF GEORGETOWN

Ordinance passed for zone change for 40.11 acres at 1782 Frankfort Road

CITY OF GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18
AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 40.11 +/- ACRES,

LOCATED AT 1782 FRANKFORT ROAD, GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY, FROM A-1 TO C-1.
SUMMARY
1. Rezones approximately 40.11 +/- acres located at 1782 Frankfort Road, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324 (Scott

County PVA Parcel No. 140-10-004.000) from A-1 (Agricultural) to C-1 (Conservation).
2. Provides for repeal of inconsistent laws, severability of provisions, and an effective date upon passage and publication.
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Recent audit and adopted budget available for review

The Scott County Cooperative Extension District’s most recent audit and adopted budget can be viewed anytime on the Department’s Public Portal website. If you would like to view our most recent financial statement, please visit us at our home office located at 1130 Cincinnati Road, Georgetown Kentucky 40324, during our normal office hours of 8:00

am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. This ad was paid for by the Scott County Cooperative Extension Office’s dollars. <http://kydlgweb.ky.gov/> Per KRS 65A.080(2)

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