



Located along the turf course, the Infield Turf Cabanas at Churchill Downs include covered tables with seating for 12 guests, offering a comfortable and unique viewing experience with exceptional views of the first turn and Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks walkover. PROVIDED BY CHURCHILL DOWNS

Tickets

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spectives and new ways to enjoy the traditions of race weekend,” Sarah Contardo, senior vice president for Sales and Strategy for Churchill Downs Race-track, said in the news release. “From the energy of the infield to the refined feel of reserved seating and premium dining areas, our range of ticket options offers an array of price points and preferences, giving fans the chance to create the Derby experience that’s right for them.”

New Seating Experiences for 153rd Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks includes:

- **Infield Turf Cabanas:** Located along the turf course, the Infield Turf Cabanas include covered tables with seating for 12 guests, offering a comfortable and unique viewing experience with exceptional views of the first turn and Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks walkover. Featuring enhanced amenities such as executive restroom

trailers, concessions and new bar concepts, the two-day package for the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks is \$480 per ticket.

- **Victory Run Reserved Seating (Temporary):** Features reserved stadium-style tip-up seating located just past the Finish Line, giving guests excellent views of the racing action from a comfortable location with overheard coverage throughout most of the area. Fans will have convenient access to the Paddock and other guest amenities throughout the day including restrooms, bars, concession stands and wagering facilities. The two-day all-inclusive package for the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks includes food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, daily program, off-site parking, and shuttle service to Churchill Downs for \$1,632.

Fans cans purchase tickets at KentuckyDerby.com or by contacting the Churchill Downs Sales Department at 502-636-4447 or Sales@KyDerby.com. Ticket packages with hotels and experiential additions are available at DerbyExperiences.com.

Ruhe

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the fight – sparked by an unknown previous interaction – occurred near Interstate 65 and Preston Highway around 5 p.m. Sept. 30, while a 1-year-old baby sat in the back-seat of the car.

At an Oct. 2 news conference, Hawkins – speaking while the young woman in the video, Tenaya Stanford, and her mother stood behind her – shared a detailed account of the event from Stanford’s perspective, which conflicted with information later released by police.

On Oct. 5, LMPD released videos that showed Stanford, driving a black sedan, pull up next to a motorcyclist on an exit ramp. The motorcyclist “proactively” got off his bike, Humphrey said during a press conference, and approached the sedan once it stopped. Humphrey said the man appeared to make contact with the vehicle before Stanford eventually exited the car with a steering wheel lock. “This is when the fight occurs that you saw on the social media video,” the chief said.

In her Oct. 7 statement, Ruhe – who represents the district where the incident occurred – thanked LMPD “for their work and for providing crucial context.”

“I will always stand against violence, but I hold myself to a high standard and recognize that I make mistakes,” Ruhe said. “This situation is deeply saddening. Had both people kept their cool, they could have walked away before things escalated.”

At the Oct. 2 press conference, Ruhe had speculated that a person involved in the road rage incident may have connections within LMPD that could influence its investigation. LMPD officials have flatly denied the allegations.

“Going forward, I

promise to take a breath, gather the facts, and then respond with clarity and fairness,” Ruhe said in her statement.

On Oct. 6, Hawkins held a second press conference, where she apologized to a man whose photo she posted on social media, linking him to the incident.

“One of the photos was incorrect and that individual was not involved in that incident. I take responsibility for sharing that photo without having verified information,” Hawkins said.

She added, “I understand that my mistake caused unnecessary attention and stress for that person and maybe even their family. I am sincerely sorry. As an

elected official, I have a responsibility to listen to constituents and help connect them with information and resources, as well as bring awareness when they feel like that they’ve been wronged. I also have the responsibility to make sure information I share publicly is accurate and verified.”

Prosecutors with the Jefferson County Attorney’s Office are reviewing the incident to determine whether criminal charges will be pursued.

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---- Public Notice ----

Notice is hereby given that the Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) at 700 W. Liberty Steet, Louisville, KY 40203, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct the Kirby Lane Pump Station, an extension to a gravity sanitary sewer line. The proposed extension is located at 4120 Stony Brook Drive, Louisville, Kentucky near Fern Creek. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov

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Spectacular

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\$30 per bus at the gate, and includes same-day in-and-out privileges.

Advance online parking is \$13 for single entry and does not include in-and-out. Season Passholders park free.

Is there food and drink available at the Jack O’ Lantern Spectacular?

Yes. Seasonal menu items include pumpkin spice fried Oreos, candy corn sundae, hot apple dumplings with ice cream, hand rolled pretzel with pumpkin cinnamon sugar, apple crisp with ice cream, mini donuts with pumpkin cinnamon sugar, salted caramel apple funnel cake, hand-dipped ice cream in a waffle cone, apple lemonade, cold apple cider, pumpkin spice cappuccino, hot apple cider, hot chocolate and more.

Where do I find more information

about the 2026 Jack O’ Lantern Spectacular?

You’ll find more information at jackolanternlouisville.org.

What is Jack’s Lantern Trail?

With the announcement that the Jack O’Lantern Spectacular was moving to Kentucky Kingdom, the Parks Alliance of Louisville announced that Jack’s Lantern Trail will take place at Iroquois Park this year.

The event, which also runs through Nov. 1, will feature more than 5,000 hand-carved pumpkins through the woods of Iroquois Park. As visitors walk through the woods of Iroquois Park, 1080 Amphitheater Road, they will see 5,000 to 6,000 Kentucky-grown pumpkins, including around 100 with intricate designs.

Find more details at jackolanternlouisville.org.

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