

# ELECTION: Independent candidates must file by June 2

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ation Administrator; Coroner, with Mark Sutton (R) running alone; and Barry Brock (R)'s Surveyor run, as fellow candidate Zach Heath (R) withdrew from the race Jan. 9.

For the position of County Clerk, Neryssa Crisp (R) and Rebecca Johnson (R) have both declared their run.

Two individuals have filed to run for Jailor: Der-ran Broyles (R) and Gary "Gator" Whaley (R).

There is little room for change in the Fiscal Court election, as only two seats are contested and all incumbents have filed to re-run. Candidates include: Rick Hostetler (R, District 1), Robert "Rob" Jones (R, District 2), David Showalter (R, District 2), Chad Wallace (R, District 3), Kelly Corman (R, District 4), Kane Johnston

(R, District 4), Dwayne Ellison (R, District 5), Ryan Pratt (R, District 6), and David Livingston (R, District 7).

Vacancies remain in multiple Constable districts, though independent and write-in



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candidates may still fill those gaps later in the election cycle, according to Elections Coordinator Amber Hoffman.

Currently, candidates are as follows: Ian Beattie (R, District 1), Chester

Palmer (R, District 1), William Mason (D, District 5), Matthew Elam (D, District 6), Donald Ernest (R, District 6), Monte Riffle (D, District 6), and Tim Frye (R, District 7).

Four candidates have joined the race to be Georgetown's next Mayor: Alonzo Allen, Dan Holman, Burney Jenkins, and Kim Menke.

No race is as contested as that of Georgetown City Council, with a total of 18 candidates filed to run. They include Donnie Black, Michael Crisp, Tony Hall, Willow Hambrick, Greg Hampton, Michael James, Kevin Johnson, Charles Long, David Lusby, Tammy Lusby Mitchell, Stephen Price, Connie Tackett, Karen Tingle Sames, Mark Showalter, Todd Stone, Dean Strong, Theta Vinegar, and Sonja Wilkins Brent.

All local election candidates will have their ballot orders selected at a public drawing Thursday, Jan. 15, on the third floor of the Scott County Courthouse.

At the state House of Representatives, District 62 has three candidates in Tony Hampton (R), Matthew Marshall (D), and Randy Simpkins (D). The district includes much of Scott County.

Alisha Dawn Chafin (D) and Vanessa Grossl (R) have filed to run for the House of Representatives, District 88, which includes part of southeastern Scott County.

Will Moynahan and Lucy VanMeter have filed to run for Judge of the Court of Appeals, Division 5, 1st District. For the 14th District Judge race, Bolton Bevins (1st Division) and Sarah Spedding (2nd Division) have filed. The 14th district court serves Bourbon, Scott, and Woodford Counties.

Other local elected positions, including Sadieville Mayor, Sadieville Commission, Stamping Ground Mayor, Stamping Ground Commission, School Board (Districts 4 and 5), and Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, will not appear on primary ballots and have filing deadlines on June 2.

Independent candidates have a filing deadline of June 2, and write-ins must declare their intent to run by Aug. 24, Hoffman said.

More information can be found at [scottcountyclerk.ky.gov](http://scottcountyclerk.ky.gov). All Kentucky candidacy filings, including those at the state and local level, can be found at [web.sos.ky.gov/CandidateFilings](http://web.sos.ky.gov/CandidateFilings).

# Nineteen file for U.S. Senate, 12 for House

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The deadline to file to run ahead of the 2026 primary has passed Friday, Jan. 9. The following candidates are officially set to appear on ballots for Kentucky's federal-level positions.

For the US Senate seat of Mitch McConnell (R-Ky), who announced his plan to retire at the end of his current term, 19 people have filed to run:

- Andy Barr (R)
- Joshua Blanton Sr. (D)
- Charles Booker (D)
- Daniel Cameron (R)
- Anissa Catlett (R)
- James D. Duncan (R)
- Michael James Faris (R)
- Logan Forsythe (D)
- Valerie "Dr. Val" Fredrick (R)
- Jonathan M. Holliday (R)
- Jimmy I. Leon (R)
- Amy McGrath (D)
- Nate Morris (R)
- Dale Lewis Romans (D)
- A. Nick Shelley (R)
- Pamela Stevenson (D)
- Vincent Anthony Thompson (D)
- George Washington (R)
- Other Donald Wenzel (R)

Twelve candidates have filed for the U.S. House of Representatives, Kentucky District 6, currently held by Andy Barr (R-Ky):

- Ralph Alvarado (R)
- Adam Perez Arquette (R)
- Jimmy Clifton Ausbrooks (D)
- Harvey Carrroll, Jr. (D)
- Zach Dembo (D)
- Ryan Dotson (R)
- Corey Edwards (D)
- David Kloiber (D)
- Erin Petrey (D)
- Gregory George Plucinski (R)
- Steve Shannon (R)
- Cherlynn Stevenson (D)

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# WOODLAND: Officials hope plan promotes housing

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The Woodland Park Phase 3 development includes 91 single-family detached residential units, four multi-family residential unit lots, one community center, four open space lots and two floodplain lots. The land is currently zoned R-2 and C-1. The development is off Cincinnati Road just north of Anne Mason Elementary.

A traffic study completed in 2025 estimates the completed development would have 2,864.53 average daily trips, Planner Elise Ketz said.

The Urban Group applied for several waivers, including decreasing minimum lot width from 70 feet wide to 55 feet wide; decreasing minimum lot area from 7,500 sq. ft. to 6,000 sq. ft. and decreasing front and rear yard setbacks for single-family homes. They also requested an additional story for each of the 10 planned apartment buildings, and an increase in the number of units per building from six to 24.

Woodland Park currently has 224 single-family detached residential units.

GSCPC Director Holden Fleming presented information to the

commission on possible ordinances on accessory dwelling units (ADU) and cluster subdivisions in agricultural zones.

"Already we have an ordinance that allows for secondary houses when you have multiples of five-acres," Fleming said.

"This accessory dwelling ordinance would be a little different. If you have a legal lot of record in Scott County, and you can put on an accessory housing structure that is 50 percent or smaller than the primary dwelling, and you can meet some of the other design and development regulations, we can get you another house and get you a little flexibility. Understanding, of course, that you are going to live on the property, and that the accessory dwelling unit is not going to be used for short-term rentals."

One commissioner praised the plan as helping people create more housing.

"This enables us to help some people in the community that need more housing," Jessie said.

The proposed cluster development changes include amendments to minimum lot sizes.

"It is the requirement

in a cluster development that 50 percent of the subdivision is reserved for agricultural use," Fleming said. "The other major change with this compared to what was previously adopted has to do with the applicable lot sizes."

Current cluster regulations have prohibited small lots. Fleming would like to see the planning get out of the way and allow lots to be as small as possible, down to half an acre.

"Our hope and our intent moving forward is that in working with the health department, if they can identify suitable septic locations in advance, then we can get those acreages smaller," Fleming said. "We don't want planning to be the barrier behind that. If there is another regulatory body that says it can't be done, it's not going to be planning. ... We are allowing it all the way down to half an acre. There's going to be somebody that says you can't fit a septic unit on half an acre, we are going to let the soils and the health department decide that, not this regulation."

The proposed amendment currently includes a required minimum of 10 acres of agricultural

land left in reserve, Fleming said.

"What this particular development regulation has proposed actually allows a higher density of development than you would get from a standard five-acre," Fleming said. "That in the past did not exist. A developer would end up with the same number of lots if they did a cluster, with higher barriers and more requirements. So, that obviously pushed most everybody to do standard subdivisions. We are essentially presenting an opportunity to get more lots, take more demand, and provide more units to market, with the benefit to the public being that we are going to preserve that acreage."

The smallest agricultural parcel that could have a cluster subdivision is a 20-acre parcel, which would leave a minimum of 10 acres in the reserve for agricultural use.

Any cluster development would require a rezone from the A-1 zone to the A-5 zone, which will allow GSCPC to consider whether the area has adequate infrastructure to support the subdivision.

Fleming plans to have a public hearing for the ADU ordinance at the

February planning meeting, he said.

GSCPC is hosting a community meeting on Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. at Scott County Public Library to hear feedback on both the ADU and cluster subdivision issues.

The commission approved relief from the landscape and land use buffer ordinance for the Scott County Humane Society (SCHS) for their property at 1376 Lexington Road. The 4.52 acre site is zoned A-1, with a conditional use permit for the operation of a shelter. The Landscape & Land Use Buffer Ordinance requires the construction of a 6-foot no-climb fence for property with a conditional use permit adjacent to A-1 zones.

The fence lines to the east and south will still require a 6-foot no-climb fence, Fleming said.

SCHS is hoping to have the shelter completed by June, SCHS building committee member Kathy Ernst said. The facility is not intended primarily to shelter dogs,

and is prohibited from sheltering more than four dogs overnight at once.

The next regularly scheduled planning commission meeting is Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the Scott County Courthouse.

# SADIEVILLE: Brownfield Grant to be awarded in June

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how much it's going to cost.

"And if we end up having a little more money left over, then we'll use it for sod or whatever it is to get the site looking as best as they can."

The Brownfield Grant is not for redevelopment, Weedman added, and any leftover monies have limited uses.

The planned "dig and haul" approach for the site would involve abatement of present asbestos, demolition of the school building, and digging out the basement before backfilling it to level the site, Weedman said.

The demolition process is strategically designed to prevent off-site impact, she said, and any road occupancy or other interference in the residential area would be limited.

Keiser has worked closely with local leaders in Sadieville to craft the best picture of the site's need, and what the project's impact would be on the community, she said.

"My job is really focused on painting a beautiful picture, a very vivid picture of the community and the need," Keiser

said. "I'm taking all the facts and figures about your community and about the site and trying to make it interesting to someone who's never been here before."

"They're reading many, many applications, and so we try to come up with the things that help really describe the community and a picture for them and describe the need and how important remediation of the site is."

Brownfield Grant applications are due Wednesday, Jan. 28, Weedman said. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which oversees the Brownfield program, is scheduled to select winners in June.

EPA will award approximately \$4 million in Brownfield Grant funds to each region, which consists of a handful of states each, Weedman said.

Kentucky is part of EPA Region 4, along with Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, according to EPA.gov.

If the award is not granted to Sadieville, the city will have to wait

until the next application cycle in November, Weedman said. While both Weedman and Keiser expressed confidence in Sadieville's application, the Brownfield Grant has grown more competitive each year.

"Bipartisan infrastructure law funding has been infused (with Brownfield Grants) for the last five years," she said. "As it's gone on, people have found out about the amount of funding that's available. The competition was already very fierce, and now it's even worse as far as the number of applications that are going in and how many are getting awarded."

"And I'm not saying that to discourage. I'm just being totally honest, because, like, I'll play to win, 100 percent. But the win rate is literally like 40 percent on average — 35 to 40 percent chance of winning. But, we (at Tetra Tech) win a lot."

A previously-approved Brownfield application for a school site in rural small town Barlow is reassuring that applications like Sadieville's are being competitively considered by EPA, Weed-

man said.

"As long as there's work to be done out there (in Kentucky communities), that's the one that I want to invest in our business development dollars to

try to get this funding in the door to do the work," Weedman said. "Our hopes are very high. We ride right alongside with you to start to get into situations like this."

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