

Green County Republican Women’s Club launches with strong community support

REPUBLICAN WOMEN’S CLUB REPORT

Despite severe weather and a tornado warning across the area, the inaugural meeting of the Green County Republican Women's Club drew an enthusiastic group of women committed to strengthening conservative leadership and civic engagement in Green County.

Held at Longhunters in downtown Greensburg, the meeting marked the official launch of the county's newest Republican organization. Attendees heard from State Representative Ryan Bivens, who provided a recap of the 2026 Kentucky General Assembly legislative session, highlighting several significant bills passed during the session and discussing issues that will continue to shape the Commonwealth in the coming year.

Special guest Hunter Whitaker addressed the group with updates from U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell and the Republican Party of Kentucky. She shared current priorities at both the federal and state levels, discussed oppor-

tunities for grassroots engagement through the Women That Win Initiative, and encouraged attendees to become actively involved in supporting Republican candidates and advancing conservative priorities across the Commonwealth.

The evening also included the election of the club's inaugural officers, establishing the leadership team that will guide the organization as it grows.

"The turnout despite the severe weather demonstrates the dedication and enthusiasm of Republican women in our community," said President Jamie Ennis. "It was inspiring to see women from many different backgrounds come together with a shared commitment to serving Green County and making a positive impact. By investing in the next generation of leaders, we can ensure conservative values continue to have a strong voice in our communities for years to come."

The Green County Republican Women's Club will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. CT at Longhunters in



The first meeting of the Green County Republican Women’s Club, held at Longhunters Coffee and Tea Co., was well attended. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, Aug. 11. The group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Longhunters.

Greensburg. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, and organizers say members can expect opportunities to become involved in club committees, community service projects, grassroots advocacy, educational programs, and leadership development.

The club welcomes Republican women of all ages, including high

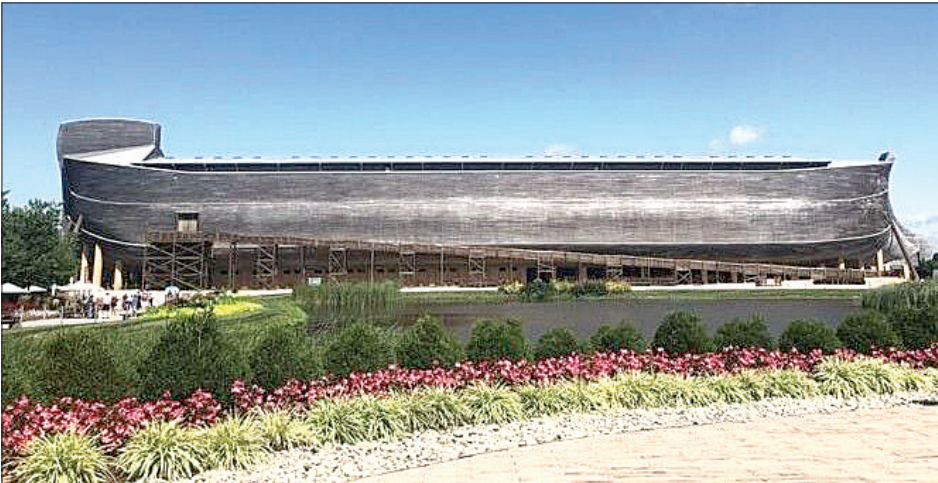
school students interested in learning more about government, public service, and civic leadership. Whether lifelong conservatives, first-time voters, young professionals, mothers, grandmothers, or students eager to make a difference, all Republican women are encouraged to attend, become involved, and help promote conservative prin-

ciples in Green County.

Any Republican woman interested in joining the Green County Republican Women's Club is invited to stop by Longhunters to complete a brief membership application. Annual membership dues are \$35, while students and young professionals ages 16–25 may join for a discounted rate of \$15 per year. New

members are welcome throughout the year.

Organizers encourage interested women to attend the August 11 meeting, bring a friend, and become part of a growing movement of Republican women dedicated to serving their community, supporting conservative values, and preparing the next generation of leaders.



Ark Encounter brings tourists to Kentucky

By TOM LATEK
KENTUCKY TODAY

The Ark Encounter theme park in Grant County has resulted in a flood of new tourists to Kentucky. The life-size replica of the biblical Noah’s Ark opened 10 years ago, and lawmakers, Monday, got a briefing on the park’s success.

Eddie Lutz, director of attraction and resource sales for the Ark Encounter told the General Assembly’s Interim Joint Committee on Tourism, Small Business and Information Technology that the attraction has seen more than 9 million guests, including 16,800 bus groups “almost exclusively all from out of state.”

He testified that Kentucky tourism has seen record-setting numbers for three years in a row with rural Williamstown and Dry Ridge benefiting greatly from Ark Encounter visitors. Around 92 percent of those visiting the attraction are from outside a 200-mile radius.

“When coupled with the Creation Museum, we see 1.5 million visitors to the two attractions every year,” Lutz said.

Committee co-chair, Rep. Kim King, R-Harrodsburg, said she

counted license plates in the parking lot from 15 other states when she visited the attraction recently.

Since 2016, 20 hotels have been built in Northern Kentucky to specifically handle Ark Encounter guests. The organization partners with 51 hotels located in the vicinity.

“Just because they’re coming to the Ark doesn’t mean they’re necessarily on a faith-based tour. People want to have fun, they want to see something new, they want to see something they can’t see anywhere else,” Lutz said.

The property also includes a 2,500-seat theater that hosts national conferences and other daily programming. A welcome center completed two months ago and the second largest restaurant in America are also on the 850-acre property, Lutz said.

Lutz said the Ark Encounter was a part of a Kentucky tourism tax incentive, which included a 10-year rebate on sales taxes.

Lutz added that the attraction makes money from event and ticket sales, but the development was built entirely from private donations. He estimates Ark Encounter employs between 1,100 and 1,400 people, depending on the time of year.

GREENSBURG BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Greensburg Board of Adjustments will conduct a Public Hearing to be held in the Council Chambers, Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 5:00 pm CT/6:00 PM ET. The Greensburg Board of Adjustments has received a request for a conditional use permit for property located at 526 Columbia HWY, Unit B. The Public Hearing is for remarks on the conditional use permit for short term rentals. This property is currently zoned Commercial 1 (Commercial District) and is located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Greensburg. The site layout plan, outlining the property to be permitted a conditional use permit, will be available for review on the above date.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Green-Taylor Water District expects to file an application with the Public Service Commission on or about July 31, 2026, seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its rates for water service. The proposed rates shall not become effective until the Public Service Commission has issued an order approving these rates or six (6) months from the date of the filing of the application, whichever occurs first.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES
Green-Taylor Water District

	Current	Proposed	Difference	% Increase
5/8 Inch Meter				
First 2,000 gallons	\$24.05 per month	\$24.78 per month	\$0.73	3.04%
Next 3,000 gallons	\$0.01018 per gallon	\$0.01049 per gallon	\$0.00031	3.05%
Next 5,000 gallons	\$0.00832 per gallon	\$0.00857 per gallon	\$0.00025	3.00%
Over 10,000 gallons	\$0.00563 per gallon	\$0.00580 per gallon	\$0.00017	3.02%
3/4 Inch Meter				
First 3,000 gallons	\$34.23 per month	\$35.27 per month	\$1.04	3.04%
Next 2,000 gallons	\$0.01018 per gallon	\$0.01049 per gallon	\$0.00031	3.05%
Next 5,000 gallons	\$0.00832 per gallon	\$0.00857 per gallon	\$0.00025	3.00%
Over 10,000 gallons	\$0.00563 per gallon	\$0.00580 per gallon	\$0.00017	3.02%
1 Inch Meter				
First 5,000 gallons	\$54.59 per month	\$56.25 per month	\$1.66	3.04%
Next 5,000 gallons	\$0.00832 per gallon	\$0.00857 per gallon	\$0.00025	3.00%
Over 10,000 gallons	\$0.00563 per gallon	\$0.00580 per gallon	\$0.00017	3.02%
1-1/2 Inch Meter				
First 10,000 gallons	\$96.19 per month	\$99.12 per month	\$2.93	3.05%
Over 10,000 gallons	\$0.00563 per gallon	\$0.00580 per gallon	\$0.00017	3.02%
2 Inch Meter				
First 20,000 gallons	\$152.49 per month	\$157.13 per month	\$4.64	3.04%
Over 20,000 gallons	\$0.00563 per gallon	\$0.00580 per gallon	\$0.00017	3.02%
Leak Adjustment Rate				
	Current	Proposed	Difference	% Increase
	\$0.00272 per gallon	\$0.00280 per gallon	\$0.00008	3.04%
Wholesale				
	Current	Proposed	Difference	% Increase
Larue County Water District #1	\$0.00361 per gallon	\$0.00372 per gallon	\$0.00011	3.04%
City of Greensburg	\$0.00322 per gallon	\$0.00332 per gallon	\$0.00010	3.04%
Monthly Water Loss		Proposed	Difference	% Increase
Reduction Surcharge	\$0.00 Per customer	\$2.76 Per customer	\$2.76	100%
(New charge for all customers for forty-eight months)				

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, then the effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class is set out in the table below.

Gallons per Month	Meter Size	Existing Bill	Proposed Bill	Change	% Increase	Proposed WLRS	Proposed Bill + WLRS	Change	% Increase
4,000	5/8"	\$44.41	\$45.76	\$1.35	3.04%	\$2.76	\$48.52	\$4.11	9.3%
6,000	3/4"	\$62.91	\$64.82	\$1.91	3.04%	\$2.76	\$67.58	\$4.67	7.4%
15,000	1"	\$124.34	\$128.10	\$3.76	3.02%	\$2.76	\$130.86	\$6.52	5.2%
30,000	1-1/2"	\$208.79	\$215.12	\$6.33	3.03%	\$2.76	\$217.88	\$9.09	4.4%
60,000	2"	\$377.69	\$389.13	\$11.44	3.03%	\$2.76	\$391.89	\$14.20	3.8%
Larue County WD #1		\$1,125.06	\$1,159.28	\$34.22	3.04%	\$2.76	\$1,162.04	\$36.98	3.3%
City of Greensburg		\$1,910.53	\$1,968.64	\$58.11	3.04%	\$2.76	\$1,971.40	\$60.87	3.2%

The Application may be examined at the utility's office located at 250 Industrial Park Road, Greensburg, Ky; 42743 telephone (270) 932-4947.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the utility. However, the PSC may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A person may examine this application at the Public Service Commission offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or through the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the PSC through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. You may contact the Public Service Commission at (502) 564-3940.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.