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Reaching for the Stars



Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

A Night of Discovery Beneath the Stars at Shaker Village
 On Saturday, April 11, the Bluegrass Amateur Astronomy Club viewed the wonders of the night sky from Shaker Village. Using a variety of telescopes, on clear nights you will be able to observe objects within the solar system, as well as a wide variety of deep-space objects. Knowledgeable club members will ensure you are informed and inspired. The club will meet again on Saturday, May 9, and is free and open to the public.



Tourist commission takes over downtown beautification efforts

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The Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourist Commission is making moves to take over downtown beautification efforts.

At their regular meeting on

Wednesday, April 8, the tourist commission voted to hire Devine Creations Landscape Management in Harrodsburg to maintain the flowers. That will cost \$43,000, mostly in the next fiscal year, and it does not include the price of the flowers. Pemberton's Greenhouses of Lexington, which

has handled the flowers in the past, will provide those at a cost of \$8,500. The commission received no other bids for the flowers this year.

Under the terms of the contract with Devine Creations, two employees will water the

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Work continues on Mercer County internet expansion

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Work is underway on the long-awaited project to expand internet service in Mercer County. The contractor, Congruex, has begun work on Indian Creek Road

and Central Pike, according to the Mercer County Fiscal Court's Facebook account.

All Points Broadband first approached the fiscal court about expanding internet service in Mercer County in March 2022. After receiving bids from All Points and AT&T, the fiscal court entered

into a formal agreement with All Points in June 2022.

The deadline to complete the project \$26 million project to deliver internet service to 3,332 unserved houses and businesses in Mercer County is Dec. 31, 2026.

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Public hearing on data centers on Tuesday, April 28

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The Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to gather input on a proposed ordinance addressing so-called hyper-scale data centers. The special-called meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, starting at 5 p.m. at the Campbellsville University Harrodsburg Athletic Complex (772 University Drive).

Chairman Bobby Upchurch announced the meeting at the Planning and Zoning Commission's regular meeting on Friday, April 10. Upchurch said the proposed ordinance should be available for public review starting Tuesday, April 14,

online and at the planning and zoning office (109 Short Street No. 1).

Meeting notices will be listed online and in the *Harrodsburg Herald*, he said.

Speakers at the special-called meeting must identify themselves. They will be allotted three minutes for testimony. Upchurch said they will not swear everyone in, but everyone must enter testimony that is "true and honest." They can submit documents longer than 3 minutes.

"I suspect it will be a fairly long meeting," Upchurch said.

The planning and zoning commission will not take action at the end of the meeting. Commissioners will use input to make rec-

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Futures of Lions Park, armory growing clearer; new water, sewer rates

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The Harrodsburg City Commission has made moves regarding the future of the Lions Park Community Center and the former National Guard Armory.

At their regular meeting on Monday, April 13, the commissioners approved the Harrodsburg Fire Department to fulfill the requirements for a grant application with the Kentucky State Fire Commission. The intent is to convert Lions Park into a training center for the fire department.

If Harrodsburg receives the grant, city officials say they hope to teach monthly classes there and install equipment for live-fire drills.

The conversion may take up to five years, officials say.

Residents were shocked

last year when the commission voted in October to sell all personal property in Lions Park, including tables and chairs and voted to proceed with demolition and removal of Lions Park and the former police headquarters.

The commission clarified its position in November. City Attorney Norrie Currens said the city had also received estimates to repair the facility, which needs HVAC units, a roof and internal remodeling.

The capital outlay for the HVAC system at Lions Park is estimated at more than \$115,000, while the roof outlay would be more than \$175,000, according to information provided by Commissioner Marvin "Bubby" Isham last year. City officials have said Isham's estimates do not cover the cost of repairing interior issues at Lions Park.

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