

DATEBOOK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

MASON COUNTY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING — 5:30 p.m., Mason County Public Library.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
TRI-COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING — 5:30 p.m. at the Mason County Public Library.

AUGUSTA-BROOKSVILLE-BRACKEN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY — 4 p.m., Office of Judge Teegarden.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE — 11:15 a.m., Washington Missionary Baptist Church, 504 Clark Street, Maysville, Ky. Educational Hour begins at 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7
GROUP HIKE DAN CRUM TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

OWL CLUB MEETING — 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8
MANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING — 6:30 p.m., Manchester High School.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10
HUMANE SOCIETY OF BUFFALO TRACE ANNUAL SPAY-GHETTI DINNER — 5-7 p.m., Maysville Rotary Clubhouse, 204 Bridge St. Maysville. Call (606) 584-2355 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. for carryouts.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

GROUP HIKE GOAT PATH — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.
MASON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS SOUP SUPPER/AUCTION — 5 to 8 p.m., held at the Mason County Extension Office, proceeds to benefit their scholarship program and ovarian cancer research. Auction begins at 6:30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14
NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.
MASON COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING — 9 a.m., Mason County Fiscal Courtroom.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

KEYS TO VIBRANCY: BROWNFIELDS DEVELOPMENT FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND INVESTORS — 2 to 4 p.m., Cox Building, 2 E Third St, Maysville, Ky.

HIDDEN POTENTIAL: REVITALIZING UNDERUSED PROPERTIES — 6 to 8 p.m., Cox Building, 2 E Third St, Maysville, Ky.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

BIRDS! AMANDA CLOUGH, KY F@W — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
ARBOR DAY/IP TREE GIVEAWAY — 8 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

THURSDAY, MAY 7
TRI-COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING — 5:30 p.m. at the Mason County Public Library.

TUESDAY, MAY 12
GROUP HIKE ACORN TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

SATURDAY, MAY 16
INSECTS! UNIVERSITY OF KY — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

SATURDAY, MAY 23
GROUP HIKE ROCK FENCE TRAIL — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
TRI-COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING — 5:30 p.m. at the Mason County Public Library.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9
GROUP HIKE DAN CRUM TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
GROUP HIKE GOAT PATH — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

THURSDAY, JULY 2
TRI-COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING — 5:30 p.m. at the Mason County Public Library.

TUESDAY, JULY 14
GROUP HIKE DEER SCOUT TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

SATURDAY, JULY 25
GROUP HIKE GOAT PATH — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

MCPL WITH CINCINNATI OBSERVATORY ROCKETS — 4 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER — 9 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

GROUP HIKE DAN CRUM TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

GROUP HIKE ROCK FENCE TRAIL — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES (UK) — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

GROUP HIKE GOAT PATH — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

GROUP HIKE SYCAMORE TRAIL — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

GROUP HIKE TURKEY TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

MCPL STORYTIME IN THE PARK — 10:30 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

GROUP HIKE ACORN TRAIL — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

PUMPKIN GLOW FOR THE ION CENTER — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

PUMPKIN GLOW FOR THE ION CENTER — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

PUMPKIN GLOW FOR THE ION CENTER — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

MISC.

ABERDEEN COUNCIL — 6:30 p.m., third Thursday of the month, council room, Aberdeen, Ohio.

ALL THINGS MAYSVILLE — Every Tuesday, 1-2:30 p.m., Ron Bailey, Kentucky Gateway Museum Center.

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP — 5:30 p.m., St. Paul Trinity Apartments, 665 Kenton Station Road, Maysville.

AUGUSTA LODGE NO. 80 F&AM — First Saturday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the lodge, 128 Main Street, Second Floor, Augusta.

AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL — 6:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:

— AA, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Germantown Community Center.

— AL-ANON, 10:30 a.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 26 West Third Street, Maysville.

— AL-ANON, 7 p.m., Thursdays, New Creation Praise and Worship Center, 1431 Helena Road in Flemingsburg, call Wilma 606-798-5555.

— New Beginnings Group, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Hunter House 31 East Third Street, Maysville.

— West Union, Tuesdays and Fridays, Catholic Church, 612 Mulberry Street, 7:30 p.m.

— Nobody's Fault but Mine group, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Manchester, Ohio, Pike and Fifth Street, Community Building.

— West Union, Sun-

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and size within Mason County," the complaint alleged.

It further suggested addressing the locations of data centers before an application is submitted, stating that future economic interests "must be weighed against social and environmental interests."

Count Two of the complaint alleged that Ordinance 26-01 fails to uphold the comprehensive plan's request for the protection of prime farmland.

"In its newly updated comprehensive plan, Mason County listed one of its community strengths as 'the availability of land and the quality of soils for farming,'" the

complaint stated.

It further alleged, "Despite the importance of agriculture and prime farmland to Mason County, Ordinance 26-01 does not prevent, limit or mitigate rezoning of agricultural land to I-3 rural industrial zones in order to construct and operate a data center."

Count Three of the complaint alleged that a denial of due process had occurred in the JPC's imposition of limits on public comments at public hearings held on Dec. 9, 2025, and Dec. 10, 2025, claiming that these limits were "arbitrary" and "capricious."

"While it is common in public hearings for in-person comments to be limited to a certain time frame, it is not common to require written comments to be limited in length, nor to require

notarization prior to submittal. The planning commission denied plaintiffs due process by imposing these arbitrary guidelines," the complaint alleged. "For this reason, Ordinance 26-01 should be set aside as void."

Count Four of the complaint requested a petition for a declaratory judgment on the alleged failure to update the comprehensive plan to address data centers.

It further alleged that, prior to a resolution by the Mason County Fiscal Court to request a text amendment for data centers, Mason County Judge-Executive Owen McNeill served on the update committee for the comprehensive plan.

"Judge Executive McNeill acknowledged during the recent fiscal court meetings to give first and second reading

to Ordinance No. 26-01 that he has been aware of the interest of the development prospect for a data center in Mason County for the 'past two years,'" alleged the complaint.

It further claimed, "Despite his involvement in the comprehensive plan update committee and his knowledge that a data center wanted to move into Mason County, Judge Executive McNeill never raised concern with the update committee or included data center concerns in the plan update."

According to the complaint, We Are Mason County is seeking a declaration of rights that would direct McNeill, along with members of the update committee, to address a need to amend the comprehensive plan to address data centers and suspend Ordinance

26-01.

The final count of the complaint requests a petition for a declaration of rights for Ordinance 26-01's alleged failure to set standards required by Resolution 25-18.

"The fiscal court Resolution No. 25-18 mandated that the ordinance create 'the highest development standards for any data center locating within Mason County,'" the complaint explained. "That resolution suggested that any standards or regulations protect the best interests of Mason County and its citizens, 'by ensuring that any project brought forward meets the highest standards of development, including consideration of requirements of setbacks, building height, landscaping, noise and other key elements that will protect the charac-

ter of the community and reasonably limit any potential impact on citizens and other local businesses."

The complaint alleges that Ordinance 26-01 fails to meet the standards in question and protect farmland and therefore does not achieve the mandate required by the Mason County Fiscal Court.

We Are Mason County is seeking relief through this complaint, which includes finding and determining that Ordinance 26-01 is illegal, finding and determining that Ordinance 26-01 fails to meet Resolution 25-18's mandate of protecting farmland, and a declaratory judgment on the suspension of Ordinance 26-01 until the comprehensive plan is updated to address data centers.

Wayback Wednesday



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