

Community

Legislative Report by Rep. Aaron Thompson

Make your voice heard by voting

Election Day is an important opportunity for Kentuckians to exercise their right to vote and participate in the democratic process that shapes the future of our communities and our Commonwealth. Whether you are a first-time voter or have participated in elections for decades, one of the most important things you can do is make sure you are informed before casting your ballot.

Voting is more than simply showing up at the polls. It is taking the time to understand who and what is on your ballot, learn about the candidates and issues before you, and make decisions based on the information that matters most to you and your community.

Local elections are especially important. Particularly school board and city council election results will impact many local decisions. These elected officials will have the most direct

influence on your community, so do your own research, consider your options, and vote accordingly.

The 2026 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time, and Kentucky law provides that voters who are in line at 6 p.m. are permitted to cast their ballots.

Before Election Day, voters should make sure their registration information is current and confirm where they are supposed to vote.

For those who need to vote before Election Day, Kentucky also provides several opportunities for absentee and early in-person voting. Eligible voters may cast their ballots during Excused In-person Absentee Voting from October 21-23 and October 26-28. Voters who do not qualify for excused absentee voting will have the opportunity to vote early from

October 29-31 during In-Person No-Excuse Absentee Voting. Voters who wish to vote by mail must request an absentee ballot by October 20.

The deadline to register to vote for the General Election is 4 p.m. local time on October 5.

If you have recently moved, changed your name, or otherwise need to update your voter registration, make sure your information is accurate before the registration deadline. You can use the voter services provided by the Kentucky Secretary of State and State Board of Elections to verify your registration and find your polling location.

Voters should also review Kentucky's voter identification requirements before heading to the polls.

Check your voter registration by clicking: <https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/VIC/>

Find your polling location by visiting: <https://elect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Polling-Locations.aspx>.

View the 2026

Election Calendar by clicking: <https://elect.ky.gov/Resources/Pages/Election-Calendar.aspx>.

The Kentucky Secretary of State and State Board of Elections provide voters with the tools they need to prepare, including information about voter registration, election deadlines, polling locations, absentee voting, sample ballots and other election information.

It is important to know what races and issues are on your ballot before you vote. You do not have to vote in every race, but reviewing your ballot in advance allows you to make informed decisions about the races and issues before you. The Kentucky State Board of Elections website allows voters to review a sample ballot. A sample ballot can help voters familiarize themselves with the races and questions they will encounter before they arrive at the polls.

You can view the sample ballot for your county by visiting <https://web.sos.ky.gov/>

[electionballots/](#).

Our communities are strongest when citizens take an active role in the democratic process and take the time to understand the choices before them. I encourage every eligible Kentucky voter to make a plan to participate in this year's election.

Check your registration, know your polling location, review your ballot, and research the candidates and issues that will appear before you.

Whether you vote on Election Day or take advantage of Kentucky's early voting options, taking the time to be informed helps ensure you are

prepared to make your voice heard. Your vote is an opportunity to help shape the direction of your community and our Commonwealth.

This November, exercise your right to vote, participate in our democracy, and make your vote an informed one.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181.

You can also contact me via email at Aaron.Thompson@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

News to use

RACELAND

Abundant Life UPC located at 52 Bellefonte Rd., Raceland, will be having a Christmas Bazaar to benefit their outreach program. The date is Saturday, Oct 17 and will begin at 8:00am

Refreshments will be available for a donation, baked goods, hot dogs, chips, drink. For more information contact Patty at 606-571-5021.

GREENUP

The most recent food health inspection report from the Greenup County Health Department is:

Lloyd Maka Mia Pizza 98
The Roost 97
Chillbilly's Grill 100
Woody's Concession 100

Remembrance walk set for Sunday

ASHLAND – In honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, the UK King's Daughters Maternal Bereavement team is hosting a "Walk to Remember" from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 in Ashland's Central Park near the gazebo and fountain.

This special service offers families a time of reflection,

remembrance and community support.

Together, participants will:

- Walk in memory of babies gone too soon
- Share words of comfort and hope
- Visit a memory table where families may write their baby's name.

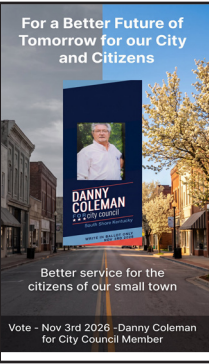
Remembrance ribbons will

be provided. Families are welcome to bring a photo to place on the table.

All are welcome. Please join us as we honor and remember every little life that touched our hearts forever.

RSVP by calling 606-408-2180 or emailing tori.fields@uky.edu.

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For South Shore City Commission

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