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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Bancroft Trick-Or Treating will take place on Halloween, Thursday October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a rain or shine event. See below for Halloween safety reminders from Chief Mudd.

## TAX TIME!

By now, you definitely should have received your 2024 property tax bill. The deadline to pay your bill and take advantage of the discount is October 15th. if you have any questions, contact Clerk Tuthill.

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be open spots on the commission this year and we could use your talents. The commission meets once a month and you are compensated for your meeting attendance. The filing deadline has passed but you can still be a write-in candidate. If you have any questions, please contact Clerk Tuthill or Mayor Evers.

## **NOTES FROM THE MAYOR**

**Metro Housing Plan:** Recently, I mentioned the subject of Louisville Metro's "Middle Housing Plan". I can now give a follow up from the JCLC meeting, 9/22. I am also going to mention changes that are being planned for TARC. I am writing this while out of town, so I will be brief. I would be open to discussion with any or all of you who might be interested. Also, I will scan and provide copies of material I received at the JCLC meeting. As you may know, Metro is planning some changes to the LDC, Land Development Code that could affect our neighborhood as well as others. These changes come principally from Metro's belief that Jefferson County is 36,000 houses short of proposed demand. These proposed changes Metro says, can help accelerate the shortage condition.

As currently proposed, this could allow additions to existing residential properties, making duplexes, 4 plexes, or perhaps even another detached dwelling on something that had been zoned R4, single family. For example, I could sell my home to an investor/developer. They could then get approval to add a second house on my side yard. I see that as the principal concern directly to the city of Bancroft. The JCLC board adopted a resolution declaring its objection to the plan as proposed but also stating they would be open to help develop a workable plan.

**TARC:** TARC is also in the midst of developing changes to meet today's needs. Currently TARC has 3,900 dedicated stops daily with 100 buses. The changes they hope to make will reduce the "fixed route" service by 50%. You may already know that as a resident of Jefferson County, we are paying a 2% Occupational Tax that helps fund TARC. We were told at the JCLC meeting that TARC is looking at the possibility of increasing that amount. The City of Bancroft pays a small membership fee to belong to JCLC. Their attention to issues like these, that can directly affect our residents is another clear example of the value of the organization for the benefit of the 83 smaller cities.

## NOTES FROM CHIEF MUDD

FROM THE CHIEF:

This month I'd like to remind everyone of some Halloween safety tips. Let's all work together to make this a safe night for everyone. For more information, click on the link. Chief Mudd

<https://kentuckystatepolice.org/hq-10-24-18-2/>

**FOR MOTORISTS** Stay alert for increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic on Halloween night. As of today, the extended forecast for most of Kentucky, suggests ideal temperatures for pedestrians with mostly cloudy skies and the highs in the mid to upper 50's and with the evening lows in the mid to lower 40's.

Be patient and **SLOW DOWN!** Give children lots of time to cross the street. Costumes may impair their ability to see and hear you and to get out of your way quickly. Young children may lack the physical ability to cross a street quickly. They do not effectively evaluate potential traffic threats, cannot anticipate driver behavior, and process sensory information more slowly than adults.

Excited kids may forget to "stop, look and listen" before crossing the street. Since they may be trying to visit as many houses as possible within a specific time period, children could dart quickly in front of your car.

Drive defensively. Don't assume that a pedestrian will move in a predictable manner. Expect the unexpected!

Be extra cautious in areas where vehicles are parked along the side of the street. Trick-or-treaters may dart into traffic from between parked cars.

Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Also watch for children walking on medians and curbs.

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## FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Trick-or-treaters should carry flashlights or “glow sticks.” Dress children in costumes that are light-colored and clearly visible to motorists. Consider traffic safety vests which may be found in most agriculture type businesses. Costumes should be no longer than ankle-length to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame. Use face paints or make-up rather than masks that could impair vision. Wear light-colored clothing or add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags. Children should wear comfortable, well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Wear flame-resistant costumes. Avoid paper costumes. Small children should be accompanied by adults. Older children should stay in groups. Avoid capes that could pose strangulation risks by getting caught on structures or protrusions your child may encounter. Make sure props such as swords, scythes, pitchforks, spears, wands or knives are flexible (not rigid) with smooth or rounded tips to prevent eye or other injuries. If driving children to trick-or-treat, make sure they exit the vehicle on the curbside and not the traffic side. Instruct your children not to eat any candy until they bring it home and you examine it thoroughly. Inspect commercially wrapped candy for tampering (unusual appearance, discoloration, tiny pinholes or tears in wrappers). Discard anything suspicious. Throw out homemade treats. Do not permit children to bicycle, roller-blade or skateboard while wearing a costume. Secure identification (name, address, phone number) on or within a child’s costume. You may also consider writing this information on your child’s arm using a Sharpie-style pen or bracelet.

Teach children their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 if they become lost or have an emergency. (9-1-1 service can be dialed free from any phone).

## FOR HOMEOWNERS

Turn on your porch light. Provide ample outdoor lighting. (Check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.) Eliminate tripping hazards on your porch, yard and walkway. (Flowerpots, lawn furniture, lawn decorations, bicycles, children’s toys, ladders, garden hoses, dog leashes, support wires, low tree limbs). Remove wet leaves from steps and sidewalk. Use battery-powered jack-o-lanterns, candles or light sticks. If candles are used, place

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reduce porch obstacles and congestion. Keep dried leaves and cornstalks away from flames and heat sources. Never drape a fabric ghost or other decoration over a light bulb. Make sure that paper or cloth lawn decorations do not blow into a burning candle.

Do not overload electrical outlets or extension cords with lighting or special effects. Avoid lighting sidewalks and driveways with luminaries (small candles inside decorative paper bags). Injuries might result when children are tempted to take a closer look. Pets can be frightened by Halloween activities. Keep them locked up or bring them indoors to protect them from vehicles or accidentally hurting trick-or-treaters.

## HOW CAN WE CONTACT THE POLICE?

### For immediate police assistance:

1. Emergency: **Dial 911**
2. Non-emergency police assistance: **Dial 311**

### For non-urgent neighborhood concerns:

1. Call our police line at **(502) 263-3663**. Leave a voicemail with your name and phone number. Chief Mudd will call you back when he is on duty.

For your safety, please call 911 or 311 to have police dispatched. If Chief Mudd is working, then they will dispatch him to help you, otherwise, they will dispatch a Metro police officer. Do not personally seek out Chief Mudd to get assistance for an emergency.

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**RECYCLING**

October 14

October 28

November 11

November 25

**YARD WASTE**

Collected weekly Starting April 1

**Questions? Contact Rumpke 1-800-828-8171**

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**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

7 p.m.

St. Albert the Great Catholic Church

Sacred Heart Center

1395 Girard Drive

Louisville, Kentucky 40222

**October Meeting Agenda**

**Have a New Neighbor?**

Let them know about our mailing list.

Contact Clerk [Shannon Tuthill](#) to add them to the email list and directory.

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### **House Watch**

If you are going to be away from home for any length of time, it is important to let Chief David Mudd know as soon as possible. You may [fill out the form on the City of Bancroft website](#). Or, email Chief Mudd at [chief@cityofbancroft.org](mailto:chief@cityofbancroft.org) with the following important information:

- Name
- Address
- Emergency phone numbers
- Is anyone supposed to be there while you are away
- When you are leaving and when you plan to return

### **Rental Property Registration**

Renting your home? Bancroft Ordinance requires you apply for a permit. This will ensure Chief Yeager knows who to contact in case of an issue or emergency. [Rental permits can be found on the City of Bancroft website](#).

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**Join the City of Bancroft Facebook group!**

**Reminder:** To join you have to answer the prompt: Which street do you live on. This ensures only those approved to join live in the neighborhood. We do allow some residents who live just outside Bancroft city limits to join as well.

**Our mailing address is:**

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