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City Matters

Informing and engaging residents of Versailles and Woodford County, Kentucky

Meet Mitzi Delius, the City's Newest Department Head!



Mitzi Delius is a familiar face at the city, having served as its Utilities Manager since October 2011. On July 1st, she was promoted to Utilities Director, a department head position, where she will oversee all matters related to the city's water and sewer utilities (Versailles Municipal Utilities).

Mitzi graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a bachelor's degree in Environment Health Science. She began her career with Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government as a Health Environmentalist where she conducted food service, hotel, pool, rabies, indoor air and school inspections; was an instructor in the Certified Food Manager Training Course; and worked as an enforcement

officer for Indoor Air Quality regulation. From there, she transferred to the state's Department for Environmental Protection and became an Environmental Inspector with the Division of Water. During her time with the Division of Water she conducted inspections and issued technical reports of wastewater and drinking water treatment facilities to ensure compliance with state regulations and the Clean Water Act.

Also in her role at the state, Mitzi aided municipalities and the public in preventing water pollution through technical assistance and training. She promoted a uniform enforcement response which was fair and equitable to the regulated community, yet protective of human health and the environment. She is a Registered Sanitarian with the state of Kentucky and also holds a Class III Water Distribution License.

Mitzi currently serves on the Kentucky River Authority Board, to which she was appointed by the Governor. In her spare time, Mitzi enjoys outdoor activities, like pickleball, slow pitch softball, fishing, hiking, and jogging with friends, as well as listening to music. Congratulations on your promotion, Mitzi!

P&Z Engineer joins the City of Versailles!



Mary Beth Robson is a Professional Engineer with 35 years of experience in Kentucky and – until July 1st – worked part-time in the Woodford County Planning Commission office. She has designed and managed numerous projects for private and public entities. Her passion is water resources, with a focus on helping make our streams swimmable and fishable. Mary Beth is also interested in creating safe transportation systems, especially for pedestrians. She and the mayor previously worked on a Safe Streets and Roads for All grant, which was subsequently awarded, and will focus on traffic safety on and near Lexington Road and on Midway Road.

Mary Beth will still do some work for the Planning office and will continue to serve as the county's floodplain coordinator. In that role, she is always looking for ways to avoid and minimize the adverse effects of large rain events. In her spare time, Mary Beth enjoys hiking and gardening. Welcome to city hall, Mary Beth!

Did You Know...

...that the Versailles Police Department has created a Traffic Unit?

Have you ever watched someone speed past you, clearly going much faster than they should? Or maybe you were about to pull out into traffic when someone runs a red light, nearly causing a crash. In those moments, have you ever thought, "Where is a police officer when you need one?" You are not alone, and we've heard your concerns.

In response, the Versailles Police Department recently established a dedicated Traffic Unit focused on improving roadway safety across our community. Officers **Ben Dawson** and **Ben Hartley**, both known for their passion and commitment to traffic safety, have been selected to lead this new initiative.

The Traffic Unit will handle a wide range of responsibilities, including responding to traffic collisions, conducting traffic safety checkpoints, staffing roadway closures, and increasing traffic enforcement efforts. The reason this is so important is that last fiscal year (07/01/24 thru 06/30/25), the Versailles Police Department responded to 775 non-injury collisions and 245 injury collisions.

It is our hope that a dedicated Traffic Unit will ensure that all our Woodford County roadways are safe for everyone – vehicular traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists. No one wants to be injured (or worse), and no one wants to hurt someone else. Please drive defensively, come to complete stops, look both ways before you accelerate, drive sober, wear your seatbelt, and watch your speed! Nothing you haven't heard before!

Be safe out there!





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8:30AM - 12:00PM
SELECT SATURDAYS

JULY 12TH & 26TH
AUGUST 9TH & 23RD
SEPTEMBER 13TH

105 ROSE HILL AVE, VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY

Market Days at The District will feature local farmers and other food producers, as well as crafters!

Music, grab-and-go breakfast food, and crafts for kids, too!

Select Saturdays 8:30 am -12 pm

Listen to some of your favorite local bands one Thursday a month from 7-9 pm!

Food and drinks available for purchase!

THURSDAY 7PM - 9PM NIGHT CONCERT SERIES

MAY 8 CALEB FLORENCE

JUNE 12 WILL PADGETT TRIO

JULY 10 GOOD THANG BAND

AUG 14 MATT CASTLE

SEP 11 SUNSET BLONDE

THE DISTRICT OPENS AT 06:00PM - TICKETS - NO COST

Meet our Social Media Darling: POTHOLES!



The Pothole



The Pothole Destroyer

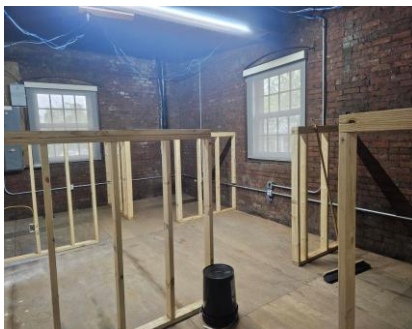
We know them when we see them, but how do potholes happen? In a nutshell, potholes occur when pavement has been weakened by water in the supporting soil structure. Vehicle traffic applies the loads that stress the pavement past the breaking point. Potholes form over time, so you may first notice their precursor: crocodile (or alligator) cracking. Eventually, chunks of pavement between the cracks gradually work loose and may then be plucked or forced out of the surface by continued wheel loads, which creates the pothole.

Why do they seem to be so bad here? In areas subject to freezing and thawing, frost heaving can damage a pavement and create openings for water to enter. Spring thaws accelerate the process when the thawing of upper portions of the soil structure cannot drain past still-frozen lower layers, thus saturating the supporting soil and weakening it.

Why don't potholes seem to get fixed right away? They get fixed as quickly as we find out about them! Streets department staff deploys a machine called a "paving hot box" – a recent purchase – that heats the asphalt that fills the hole, which gives a better seal than previous patching methods did. This said, city workers can only patch city streets.

Many of the roads that develop potholes are STATE roads, which makes sense. Generally, these are the bigger roads that see more traffic. The city is not allowed to patch potholes on state roads, even at its own expense. There is a state garage in Versailles, and the employees there travel our roads on a daily basis. Once they are aware of a pothole, they fix it quickly.

In the last newsletter, we told you City Hall was expanding! Not literally, just using its space more efficiently. Here are before and after pictures of the new office space, which will house the city engineer, code enforcement officer, and others who work on city infrastructure.



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AND



AFTER



CITY OF VERSAILLES & WOODFORD COUNTY, KENTUCKY
PRESENTS

fourth OF JULY CELEBRATION

PARADE | MAIN STREET 12PM - 2PM

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FOOD & FUN | COUNTY PARK -

THE FOOTBALL STADIUM | 6PM - FIREWORKS

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WOODFORD VETERANS COMMISSION



Upcoming City of Versailles Meetings and Events >>>

Regular City Council Meetings (Everyone welcome)

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5:30 pm in council chambers at the Versailles Municipal Building (City Hall), 196 S Main Street

- July 1st
- July 15th
- August 5th
- August 19th



Regular City Council Work Sessions (Everyone welcome)

2nd Tuesday at 5:30 pm at the Versailles Municipal Building

- July 8th (if scheduled)
- August 12th (if scheduled)

Holidays (City Offices Closed)

- Independence Day, Friday, July 4th (See flyer for info about the City's July 4th festivities, including a daytime **Parade** downtown and **Food, Fun, and Fireworks** at the football stadium at the Woodford County Park!)

Community Events (supported or sponsored by the city)

- *Market Days!* Twice a month till September 13th. Next Market Days is July 12th from 8:30 am – 12 pm at The District, 105 Rose Hill Ave in downtown Versailles. See the flyer in this newsletter for dates.
- *Block Party!* Friday, August 15th, 6:30-9:30 pm at the District
- *Sunday Socials!* Listen to Barrel Heads on Sunday, July 27th, Trippin' Roots on August 31th, and Mash Grass on September 28th. All concerts are from 2-5 pm at the District. Food trucks and ice cream, too!

City meetings, work sessions and committee meetings are open to the public. We welcome and encourage you to attend! You do not have to have a specific reason to be there, and you do not have to sign in, say your name, or speak, though if you wish to speak, you may only do so during public comment. (Public comment is an agenda item at council meetings only.) You may also submit comments in writing to the city clerk.

If you prefer to watch the meetings from the comfort of home, Council meetings and Work Sessions are shown live on the City's Facebook page (@City of Versailles, Kentucky).



Look Who's New in Town!

The following businesses recently registered with the City of Versailles...

Blaze and Graze

Damon's Barbershop (new owner)

JD's Hobby Shop

Kentucky Gym LLC

Mayra's Ice Cream

Rae Salon Company LLC

Food

Hair

Retail

Fitness

Food

Salon

Food Truck

110 Lexington Street

93 Crossfield Drive

509 Marsailles Road

Food Truck / Mobile

466 Kroger Way

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From the Mayor...



For many city governments, the start of the new fiscal year (FY2026), which started July 1st and ends June 30th, 2026, is kind of like New Year's. Not in the party sense but as a time to reflect on where the city has been and to look forward to new projects, programs, and initiatives that will lead to a promising future.

In the pages of this newsletter, you will read about two new positions at the city and the creation of a Traffic Unit under the police department. These are just a few examples of ways we are trying to be forward-thinking and proactive as we plan for growth in the city, but always with the goal of positively impacting the health, safety and welfare of residents.

Because the newsletter only comes out every two months, I will be spending more time on my FB page (Mayor Laura Dake) describing some of the initiatives we are working on as a city. For example, I am setting up two committees under Executive Order – a Walkability Committee and a Sustainability Committee – and will be asking for community members to serve on them. If you are interested, please let me know!

Happy Independence Day!

Want to get the city e-newsletter directly in your inbox?

Simply click the "Subscribe" button below or email City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds at ereynolds@versaillesky.com with "Newsletter" in the subject line. The newsletter is completed around the first of every other month, so the next one will arrive on or about September 1, 2025. If you'd rather not get an email, the newsletter will be available on the city's Facebook page and on the city's website. Past issues are archived on the website also.



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