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November - December 2025

City Matters

Informing and engaging residents of Versailles and Woodford County, Kentucky

The City is building an Auto Parts Store! ***(Just Kidding! That's a Joke! Hahaha!)***



The yet-unnamed road includes a roundabout to facilitate smooth, efficient movement of vehicles and to prevent “stacking” on US 60. Kroger is on the left. The road continues north beyond the roundabout to the future entrance of TKC Distilling Co. There are also three stub streets on the road’s east side that will lead to a large commercial development with plans to begin construction in early 2026.

In the two previous newsletters, we told you about changes coming to the intersection of US 60, Marsailles Road, and Kroger Way. The picture shows the newly completed road, which includes a roundabout that most of us have likely driven around!

There has been a lot of speculation about which retailers will be coming to the commercial development to the east of the new road, but despite what some people seem to believe, the City has no say as to who these retailers will be! This is always the case unless the City owns the property. Otherwise, as a privately-owned development, the owners decide which businesses open there. (The City does disallow adult entertainment establishments.)

Land is zoned for certain types of development – residential, commercial (or business), industrial, professional office, and agricultural. Within these zones, there may be subsections, (particularly in residential zones, where the subsections define how many homes can be placed on an acre or if the zone allows multi-family housing). As long as developers’ building plans are in accordance with the zone the property is in – and meet other requirements as well – they try to attract businesses that both believe can succeed. And if that’s an auto parts store, then so be it!



The City plants 40 trees!

The City recently planted FORTY red oaks and bald cypresses along the two-mile stretch of the Falling Springs Bypass. They were planted, staked, and mulched thanks to the efforts of the City of Versailles' "streets crew" who did the lion's share of the work in less than two days.

Kudos, too, to Master Gardeners' Debbie Tichenor and Sue Van Patten for their help and expertise in proper planting techniques and a shoutout to MacDougals for digging the holes (with a machine), which made the planting much faster and easier!

Funding for the trees came from three sources:

*\$2,500 via a Kentucky Utilities "Plant for the Planet" grant

*\$2,500 from the City (the grant had a match component)

*\$5,000 from Estep's fueling center on Tyrone near the FS Bypass

Let's enjoy watching them grow and adding beauty to the bypass!

Did You Know...

...that the City of Versailles employs more than 120 people? These people keep the city running smoothly and efficiently for the residents of Versailles (and beyond)! Here's a snapshot of the services the city provides:

- *Police protection
- *Fire protection
- *Water treatment plant operations
- *Wastewater treatment plant operations
- *Street & stormwater operations & maintenance
- *Cemetery operations & maintenance
- *City Hall operations, including water and tax payment services, HR, events coordination, city bill payments and other financial transactions, grants administration, budget administration, and more!

On October 23rd, the City held an Employee Appreciation Lunch at the District! Check out the October 25th "Two Minutes with the Mayor" to meet some of the employees and page 3 of this newsletter for photos.

And, next time you meet a city employee, thank them for their service! The work is hard and not particularly flashy but crucial to the efficient, seamless operation of a growing town.

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Nonprofit Spotlight:



Visit frontier.edu

This year, Frontier Nursing University (FNU) celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Frontier Nursing Service (FNS) in 1925 in Hyden, Kentucky. In 1939, FNS started the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery – now known as Frontier Nursing University, the oldest and largest continually operating nurse-midwifery education program in the U.S.

The need for more space led to the purchase of the property in Versailles in 2017. Renovation and construction began in 2018; a ribbon-cutting ceremony in 2022 officially marked the opening of the new campus.

With a current enrollment of more than 2,700 students representing every state in the country, FNU's community-based distance education model enables them to perform most of their coursework while continuing to live in their home communities. Students come to campus twice during their studies at Frontier, a steady cycle throughout the year.

FNU offers post-graduate – its students are already nurses – degrees and certificates beyond midwifery, including Family Nurse Practitioner; Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner.

FNU has quickly become part of the Versailles community by participating in events like the Twilight Festival and Chamber health-and-wellness focused events. FNU is a legacy partner for the downtown revitalization project and awards an annual scholarship to a WCHS senior who intends to study nursing.

City of Versailles' Employee Appreciation Lunch 2025!



Everyone on this page is Versailles' finest!



A WONDERFUL WOODFORD

Christmas

TREE LIGHTING

DEC 5TH 5:30PM

court street, versailles, kentucky



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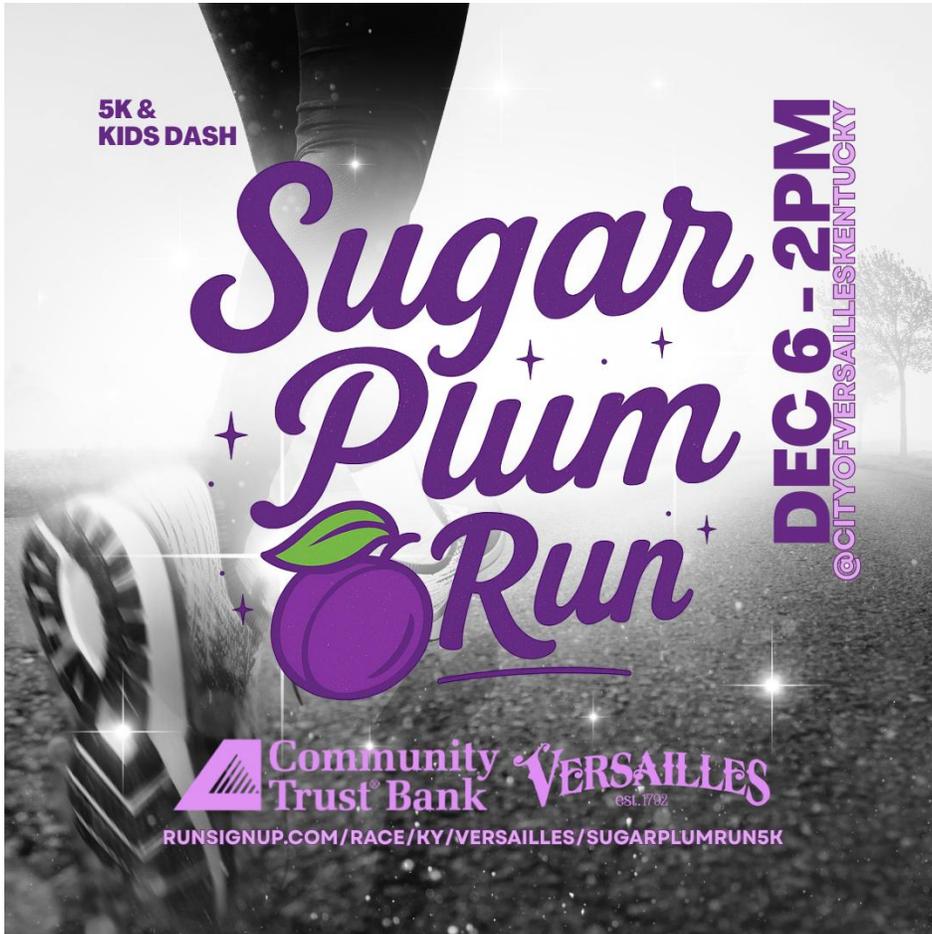
**5K &
KIDS DASH**

Sugar Plum Run

DEC 6 - 2PM
[@CITYOFVERSAILLESKENTUCKY](#)



[RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/KY/VERSAILLES/SUGARPLUMRUN5K](https://runsignup.com/race/ky/versailles/sugarplumrun5k)





A WONDERFUL WOODFORD

Christmas

PARADE DEC 6TH, 5PM

main street, versailles, kentucky

 Community
Trust Bank

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A WONDERFUL WOODFORD

Christmas
**pet
pics with
Santa**

DEC 12TH
11am - 3pm

 Community
Trust Bank

470 Lexington Road
Versailles, Kentucky



proceeds benefit
WOODFORD
HUMANE SOCIETY

A WONDERFUL
WOODFORD
Christmas

DECEMBER 13TH

12 PM - 5 PM

THE DISTRICT
105 ROSE HILL AVE, VERSAILLES



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Instructions for the coloring sheet on the next page!

 **How to Participate:**

Open to kids age 12 and younger. Pick up your coloring sheet from downtown businesses, City Hall, the Courthouse, or print the one in this newsletter. Be creative and design your *A Wonderful Woodford Christmas* snow globe and turn it into Community Trust Bank, 470 Lexington Road in Versailles.

 **Voting:**

Voting will also take place at Community Trust Bank.

 **Prize:**

The winner will have the special honor of assisting with our annual *A Wonderful Woodford Christmas Tree Lighting* on December 5th at 5:30 pm!



What magical scene lives inside your Woodford Christmas Globe?

Show us your creativity by designing your very own snowglobe illustration! The winning artist will be honored as the Official Countdown Announcer at this year's Tree Lighting Event

How to Enter: Bring your artwork to Community Trust Bank to be entered into the drawing.

Let the holiday spirit inspire you—we can't wait to see what you create!



Another “Two Minutes with the Mayor” Follow-up: Our State & City Roads!



Road resurfacing on Versailles Road in Woodford County

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On September 18th, the mayor spoke with Assistant Public Works Director Dan Knight during “Two Minutes with the Mayor” on a topic they both hear about often: **ROADS!** A synopsis of their conversation is below, or you can watch the video on the city’s Facebook page (at City of Versailles, Kentucky).

Why can’t the City repave Lexington Road, Main Street, etc., etc.? They need it!

The City is not allowed to maintain any roads owned by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. “State roads” include many of our most heavily traveled: Lexington Rd/St; North and South Main; Rose Hill; High Street; Frankfort Street, Falling Springs Boulevard, and more. The state prioritizes its road projects according to pavement conditions. You can see the map for our area (and the rest of the state) here: <https://maps.kytc.ky.gov/pavementconditions/>. The red lines indicate roads that are being prioritized for resurfacing or repaving. Green lines indicate roads that are in decent shape.

I see some red lines in Versailles! Which roads are these?

Recently, Versailles Road (US 60) near the Bluegrass Parkway was repaved. You may have noticed! Plans are to continue this work all the way to the Fayette County line. Once this work is completed, the state has identified additional work in town, including a total rehab of Lexington Road/Street, North Main Street, and Frankfort Street. This will be a complicated project because it isn’t just a resurfacing (renewing the top layer of asphalt) but replacing the old pavement completely. This is generally done when a road is severely damaged or at the end of its lifespan.

When will the work in town begin?

We aren’t 100% sure, but we think by summer 2026. The money has been allocated for the work.

There is a state maintenance garage on Crossfield Drive. What do they do there?

These state employees drive around Woodford County daily to fix immediate needs, like potholes. They are also responsible for plowing snow on state roads.

Who should I contact if I want to report a problem with a city street?

You can contact Dan Knight at dknight@versaillesky.com or at 859-873-5436 (press 5, then 2 for Dan).

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

- November 4th
- November 18th
- December 2nd
- December 16th



Regular City Council Work Sessions (Everyone welcome)

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

- November 11th (if scheduled)
- December 9th (if scheduled)

Holidays (City Offices Closed)

- Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th
- Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th and Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th
- New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st and New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st

Community Events (supported or sponsored by the city)

- Too many holiday events to list! See the flyers in this newsletter or on Facebook for more information.
- *Meet with the Mayor!* Monday, November 24th, 8:00-9:30 am. Drop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time – ask questions, address concerns, or discuss city-related topics that you're interested in or wondering about. We'll meet in council chambers at city hall. There'll be coffee and donuts, too!
- *Annie*, Woodford Theatre, December 5-7 | 12-14 | 19-21. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 pm; Sunday performances are at 2 pm.

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...

Adoughable Donuts LLC

Black Squirrel

Enchanting Bridal

Tammy's Market

Food Truck

Restaurant

Retail

Retail

175 N Main Street

178 S Main Street

113 W Green Street

(inside Green Street Gifts)

From the Mayor...



2025-2026 Versailles
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We hope you will join us in all the fun this holiday season! There are lots of event flyers in this newsletter so get your calendars out and start planning ahead! Enjoy what this community has to offer in the way of shopping, dining, and magical, memory-making activities. A special thank-you goes out to **Community Trust Bank** for their sponsorship of *A Wonderful Woodford Christmas!* Finally, be sure to check out visitwoodford.com for a complete calendar of ALL community events.

I've served as mayor for nearly a year – hard to believe! – and have tried hard to be open, transparent, and communicative with residents. My office door is always open unless I'm in a meeting, and if you see me in there, you're more than welcome to stop in. This month, though, I'm going to try something a little different. Come by anytime between 8 and 9:30 am on November 24th to ask questions, share a concern or just to talk about something Versailles-related! A casual drop-in kind of thing.

Meet with the Mayor

Monday, November 24th, 8:00 – 9:30 am, Council chambers, City Hall
Join me for questions, conversation, and coffee and donuts, too!

On a more sober note, I am writing this on the day that SNAP benefits are no longer being issued, at least for the time being. If you are hungry and don't know where to turn, please call the city at 859-873-5436 and tell the person who answers the phone that you need food assistance. We'll do our best to connect you to resources, confidentially, of course.

Happy Holiday Season to you and yours!

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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 published around the first of every other month, so the next one will arrive on or about January 1st, 2026. 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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