

# Focus on Frankfort



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## New Connectivity Trail Offers Additional Access to Cove Spring

A new trail will be ready for use this Fall at Cove Spring Nature Preserve according to Park, Recreation and Historic Sites Director Jim Parrish. Cove Spring Connectivity Trail, partially funded by a Recreational Trails Grant, has been completed and will be available for public use this Fall.

The project involved the construction of two trail sections and the creation of two new pedestrian entry points to Cove Spring Park and Nature Preserve.

An “upper trail” extends the Cove Spring trail system one half mile to the east and creates a pedestrian entrance near the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) office at 801 Schenkel Lane. The trailhead is within easy walking distance of the Indian Hills and Ridgeview neighborhoods.

A “lower trail” extends the Cove Spring trail system approximately one third mile to the west and creates a pedestrian entrance near the Jones Run Pump Station off Lewis Ferry Road. The west trailhead is within easy walking distance to Buffalo Trace and the Boone Plaza neighborhood. In addition, the lower trail makes key connections with the Buffalo Trace trail system and the pedestrian-bicycle path which continues almost one and a half miles along Wilkinson Boulevard and the Kentucky River to downtown Frankfort. The trails are approximately six feet wide.



Portions of the Cove Spring Connectivity Trail including a pedestrian bridge, the trail head signage and the stream.



The lower portion of the Cove Spring Connectivity Trail connects Wilkinson Boulevard with the recently restored wetlands.

Both portions of the trail allow hikers/bikers to enjoy the beauty and peaceful setting of Cove Spring. Much of the upper trail follows an old steam engine rail and gently slopes down into the main section of the Nature Preserve. The lower trail winds through portions of Cove Spring wetlands recently restored through a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Stream Restoration Project.

Although Parrish is planning a grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new trail, he said some citizens are already enjoying the trail and seem to appreciate the addition to Frankfort’s trail system.

## Flood Protection Information Designed to Aid Citizens

Flooding in Frankfort is caused by several sources: The Kentucky River can leave its banks during heavy storms and through recurring rainstorms. Floodwaters can cover many areas by up to four and five feet deep. In addition, in older sections of the city including the South Frankfort, Bellepoint, and the Holmes Street area, properties can flood due to combined storm and sanitary sewer overflows. Flooding in all three areas may come with little warning. The last eight floods were in 1997, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1978, 2002, 2010, and 2015. Some of these flood events exceeded the 100-year flood zone areas.

Floods are dangerous. Even though they appear to move slowly (three feet per second), a flood two feet deep can knock a full grown man off his feet and float a car. Your property may be high enough that it was not flooded recently, however, it can still be flooded in the future because the next flood could be worse. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. This article gives you some ideas of what to do to protect yourself.

**City Flood Services:** The first thing you should do is check your flood hazard. Flood maps were revised and adopted in 2013, with the effective date of June 18, 2013 and flood protection references are available at the Paul Sawyer Public Library, at City Hall, as well as online. You can also contact the Department of Planning and Building Codes at (502)352-2094 to see if you are in a mapped floodplain or visit the Department's website at [www.frankfortpbc.org](http://www.frankfortpbc.org) or the City of Frankfort's web site at [www.frankfort.ky.gov](http://www.frankfort.ky.gov). If so, we can give you more information, such as depth of flooding over a building's first floor as well as past flood problems in the area.

If requested, the Public Works Department will visit a property



to review its flood problem and explain possible ways to stop flooding or prevent flood damage. Call the Public Works Department at (502)352-2088. These services are provided to residents at no cost. If you are in a floodplain or have experienced a flood, drainage or sewer backup problem, check out these sources of assistance.

### What You Can Do:

- Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or streams. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. A plugged channel cannot carry water and when it rains the water has to go somewhere. Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding.
- If your property is next to a ditch or stream drainage easement, please do your part and keep these areas clear of brush and debris. The City has a stream maintenance program which can help remove major blockages such as downed trees.
- If you see dumping or debris in the ditches streams or drainage easements, contact the Public Works Department at (502)352-2088
- Always check with the Planning & Building Department before you build, alter, grade, or fill on your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties.
- Check out flood proofing, flood insurance, flood safety, and flood warning.

For more information contact Frankfort Planning and Zoning or see their website at [www.frankfortpbc.org](http://www.frankfortpbc.org).



## Changes Proposed for City Parade/Special Event Permitting

On September 28, 2015 the Frankfort City Commission heard the first reading to revise the Parade and Special Event Ordinance proposed by the Frankfort Police Department. The Ordinance is scheduled to have its second reading at the October Voting Meeting and includes changes to the permitting process of parades and special events.

According to Police Chief Jeff Abrams the ordinance revision proposes several changes including requiring the applicant to be at least 18 years of age and to provide proof of comprehensive liability insurance. Permit fees will increase from the standard \$25 per event to \$150 for parades/races, \$75 for Special Events that require oversight and parking restrictions and \$50 for Special Events that require only barricading an area.

The ordinance revision also establishes a reimbursement schedule for manpower expenses that are provided by the city. Four events will be grandfathered in to this requirement: Gubernatorial Inaugurations, the Annual Jaycee's Christmas Parade, Kentucky State University's Homecoming Parade and Frankfort Independent School's Homecoming Parade.

## Police Receive LEPP/JAG Grants

The Frankfort Police Department recently received two law enforcement grants to aid in community policing throughout the city.

The first grant is for Kentucky Homeland Security's Law Enforcement Protection Program (LEPP). LEPP provides grants for body armor and other protective gear for sworn peace officers and service animals. The Frankfort Police Department applied for and received over \$7,000.00 for eleven sets of body armor including safety vests and other protective equipment. Remaining funds needed to purchase the protective equipment will come from the department's asset forfeiture account.

The second grant received by the department is a 2015 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the Federal Department of Justice (DOJ). The City will receive funds in the amount of \$15,016.00. These funds can be used for a number of projects geared toward aiding in community policing. The Frankfort Police Department will be utilizing these funds for a Directed Patrol Project that will increase patrols and police presence on specific neighborhoods with high crime rates.

"Permittees will also be required to pay for and advertise two notifications of the event in the local newspaper as well as provide proof that residents and businesses adjacent to the route have been notified," Chief Abrams said.

The revision will be based on a first come, first serve clause for conflicting event applications as well as a clause to require event holders to remove any no parking signs/equipment immediately after the event and return the city property undamaged to the police department. The permittee will also be accountable for the cleanliness of the route and to reimburse the city any cost that is generated from city personnel cleaning the route after an event.

Parade/Special Event permit applications can be found on the City's website at [www.frankfort.ky.gov](http://www.frankfort.ky.gov) or the Police Department's website at [www.fpd.frankfort.ky.gov](http://www.fpd.frankfort.ky.gov). Questions concerning permit applications can be directed to Captain Travis Ellis through the Frankfort Police Department at 502/875-8523.



## Walk/Bike Frankfort Requests Citizen Input

Walk/Bike Frankfort is updating their original Walk-Bike Master Plan which was developed in 2007 and adopted by the city and county governments. They want your ideas and suggestions about what Frankfort's network of trails, sidewalks, and bike lanes should look like in the future. Please take about five minutes to complete an on-line survey to provide your thoughts. The survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WalkBikeFrankfort>

or can be accessed from the QR code below:





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Please send questions or story ideas to [rhall@frankfort.ky.gov](mailto:rhall@frankfort.ky.gov) or call 502/352-2076.

### Upcoming Holidays

Please note the dates below. City Offices will be closed, Solid Waste Schedule will be altered and limited transit services will be available.

#### Veterans Day

Wednesday,  
 November 11, 2015

#### Thanksgiving

Thursday & Friday,  
 November 26 & 27, 2015

#### Christmas

Thursday & Friday,  
 December 24 & 25, 2015

#### New Years

Thursday & Friday,  
 Dec. 31, 2015 & Jan. 1, 2016

## CITY OF FRANKFORT LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE

The City of Frankfort will provide street side Leaf Collection Services. **All leaves should be by the street, at 7:00 A.M., on the scheduled period for collection. Leaves with trash and sticks will be tagged until owner corrects it. All sticks should be placed in your yard waste cans and trash should be placed in city issued trash carts. NO TRASH BAGS!**

**Zone 1:** South Frankfort, Meadows, Westwood, Gardenpoint, Westgate, Juniper Hills, Holly Hills, Parkview, Riverbend, Cavelawn, Buttimer Hill, Bellepoint, Fort Boone, Leestown, N. Frankfort and Holmes St.

Scheduled Collection Dates: OCT. 26, 27, 28 NOV. 12, 13, 16 DEC. 3, 4, 7

**Zone 2:** Tanglewood, Thistleton, Cloverdale, Arlington Heights, Montrose Park, College Park, Hickory Hills, Rolling Acres, Bellview, and Thornhill

Scheduled Collection Dates: OCT. 29, 30 NOV. 2, NOV.17, 18 19 DEC. 9, 10, 11

**Zone 3:** Fairview Heights, Crestwood, Colony, Landings, Allnut, Lee Ct., Pickett Ave. Franklin Heights, Franklin Acres, Capital View, Cardinal Hills, Butler, Grandview Heights, Country Club Heights, Tierra Linda, and Inverness

Scheduled Collection Dates: NOV. 3, 4, 5 NOV. 20, 23, 24 DEC. 14, 15, 16

**Zone 4:** Indian Hills, Ridgeview, Arnold Ridge, Silver Lake, and Woodlands

Scheduled Collection Dates: NOV. 6, 9 10, 30, DEC 1, 2 DEC. 17, 18, 21

December 21, 22, 28, 29, 30 will be used for clean-up and all remaining leaves must be to the curb during these dates. Please call Public Works Department at 352-2088 with questions about the Leaf Collection Schedule or visit [www.frankfort.ky.gov](http://www.frankfort.ky.gov).