

Focus on Frankfort



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City Receives Transportation Funding for Wayfinding Signage

The City of Frankfort's Wayfinding Signage Project has been selected for funding through the 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The City was informed by the state's Office of Local Programs that \$289,863.00 had been allocated for the project.

This grant will help implement the City's Wayfinding Master Plan which began in 2014 when the City Commission hired a consultant to develop the plan. After months of local input and public meetings, the Wayfinding Master Plan was presented to the City Commission who adopted it in early 2015.

"There were several organizations and many individuals who helped create this Wayfinding plan. I would like to thank them for their input and our legislators for their support," Mayor Bill May said.

The plan consists of fabricating and installing approximately 105 signs in downtown Frankfort to help citizens as well as visitors to the Capital City to easily navigate their way to points of interest such as local landmarks, city/county/state office build-



ings, historic sites, shops, and museums.

The Wayfinding Master Plan Signage area encompasses the City's "Renaissance on Main" or Main Street area which is bordered by Wilkinson Boulevard, Mero Street, East Main Street, Capital Avenue and Second Street.

The Wayfinding system includes directional signage for state and city routes, public parking signage, pedestrian signage, interpretative signage, directional signage and street identification

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City App Available for Smart Phones/Devices

Need to report a damaged street sign? Pay a parking ticket? Find out when the next ArtWalk is taking place? Discover what's on the next City Commission Agenda for discussion? Well, all that and more can now be found at your fingertips thanks to the new Frankfort City App for Smart Phones, tablets and other devices.

The App, which is now available free of charge on the App store for Iphone users and on GooglePlay for Android users, came about as a direct result of the City Commission's Goals for 2015. A high ranking Commission goal was to produce a City Guide that would put needed information in the hands of our citizens.

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Mayor's Message—

Over the past few months, city and state crews have focused on upgrading our roads and streets throughout our community. Some of the upgrades have also included new sidewalks and bike paths in an effort to encourage a healthy community. These upgrades have also made it safer for people to walk and ride their bicycles to school and work. There are also several infrastructure projects that are winding down and when finished will make our storm sewers and sanitary sewers operate more efficiently. The upgrades to our storm sewers will also address drainage issues in our neighborhoods.

We also need to work on keeping our city clean. Please remember,

that it is important for everyone to keep our community free of litter. As we work to attract new businesses and industry it is important to put our best foot forward and a clean city is a very important part of that effort.

So, I am asking for everyone's help. If you see litter or trash as you are traveling throughout the city, please be sure to call my office at 875-8500, so we can take steps to get it cleaned up. Also, if you notice any street signs, stop signs or other signs that are in need of repair, please report that as well.

Let's all work together to keep our city clean and looking nice. It



William May

will make a huge difference if we all work together.

As always, please call my office at 875-8500, or email me at william.may59@gmail.com if you want to share an idea, have questions or need anything. Thank you for your assistance in making our community better.

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signage which will be installed in right of ways owned by the City or State. The Master Plan addresses current signage and obstacles in navigating downtown Frankfort. The Plan's proposed "Family of Signage" will help accomplish a number of goals by making signage instantly recognizable to anyone trying to find their way in Frankfort and creates a sense of place that visually communi-

cates the unique personality of Frankfort.

Total cost for the project is estimated at \$362,329. TAP funding requires a 20% match from the City which can be cash and/or in-kind services.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), is a reimbursement program administered by the Office of Local Programs in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Rural and Municipal Aid.

TAP assists communities in funding transportation improvements such as safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, scenic routes, beautification, and other investments. Projects may be a mix of elements and accessible to the general public or targeted to a broad segment of the general public.

Sample of signage
from the Master
Plan



We're on the Web—Frankfort.ky.com



Community Calendar Introduced

The Frankfort/Franklin County Community Calendar is now live at www.fkycalendar.com. The Calendar is sponsored by the City of Frankfort and Franklin County. Information for the calendar is supplied by the City, County, Downtown Frankfort, Inc., the Frankfort Area Chamber of Commerce, the Kentucky Capital Development Corporation and the Frankfort/Franklin County Tourism Commission.

Citizens and visitors can access the calendar to discover what entertainment, recreational, governmental and civic events are taking place in Frankfort and Franklin County.

City App—(continued from page 1)

City Staff researched several variations of printed guides and concluded that much of the requested information was currently on the City website. After receiving the Commission's approval, the City's IT Department, led by Manager Bobby Ripy, began working with a consultant to build the App.

To find the App, search for City of Frankfort KY. The App gives citizens access to the Frankfort/Franklin County Community Calendar, the City's Facebook page, Commission Videos, Parking Ticket and Property payments as well as access to the City's Website. The App also gives direct contact information to City Hall including email, phone and an interactive map.

The App can also be expanded to include additional functions as they are needed and the City welcomes citizens' input on what additions might be helpful.

Status of the Old YMCA Building Located on Bridge Street

There are currently two cases involving the Old YMCA building located on Bridge Street. The first case arises out of the Code Enforcement Board's Amended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order entered on February 17, 2014, determining that the building's condition violated the City's Property Maintenance Code. The owner of the building was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00 and to correct the violations or raze the structure within 30 days of February 17, 2014. If the violations were not corrected or if the building was not razed, the Amended Order stated that the City would raze the structure. The owner of the Old YMCA appealed this Amended Order to the Franklin District Court. Limited discovery will be taken in the appeal, and then the appeal will be decided. It is anticipated that the appeal will be decided in mid-2016.

The second case involving the Old YMCA building arises out of its placement on the list of abandoned properties for purposes of assessing the triple tax rate. The owner of the building appealed this determination, but failed to attend the hearing, and its appeal was denied. The owner then filed an appeal with the Franklin District Court. Cross motions for summary judgment were filed by the parties, and both motions were denied. Limited discovery will be taken in the appeal, and then the appeal will be decided. It is anticipated that the appeal will be decided in mid-2016.





Division of Solid Waste Holiday Collection Schedule

Holiday Observed	Pickup Day for the Holiday Observed
No garbage, recycling or yard waste will be collected on this day.	
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday—January 18, 2016	Recycle Center Closed
Memorial Day—Monday, May 30, 2016	Recycle Center Closed
Fourth of July—Monday, July 4, 2016	Recycle Center Closed
Labor Day—Monday, Sept. 5, 2016	Recycle Center Closed
Presidential Election Day—Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016	Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016
Veterans Day—Friday, Nov. 11, 2015	No Change Recycle Center Closed on Monday, Nov. 7, 2016
Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016	Monday, Nov. 28, 2016
Day After Thanksgiving—Friday, Nov. 25, 20156	Monday, Nov. 28, 2016
Christmas Eve —Friday, Dec. 23, 2016	Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016
Christmas Day —Monday, Dec. 26, 2016	Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016
New Year's Eve—Friday, Dec. 30, 2016	Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017
Day After New Year's —Monday, Jan. 2, 2017	Recycle Center Closed

All garbage and recycle must be set out by 7:00am the day of collection. For more information please call City of Frankfort Division of Solid Waste @ (502) 875-8527 or (502) 352-2088. For the complete garbage and recycle regulations check the City of Frankfort website at www.frankfort.ky.gov

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