

[View this email in your browser](#)



City Alerts: Bancroft Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treating will take place on Halloween, Sunday, Oct. 31 from 6 until 8 p.m. This is a rain or shine event. See below for Halloween safety reminders from Chief Mudd.



Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy for from Good Belly, Stephen Gould's music and fellowship with neighbors. We hope you had a good time.

Booking food trucks is not as easy as it was at the height of the pandemic, but we hope to hold similar events that give us an opportunity to meet and socialize again this year and next. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see, feel free to reach out to [Commissioner Jaimie Schapker](#).

Notes from the Mayor

AT&T 1G Fiber Optic Cable

I am pleased to tell you that we recently had AT&T contractors do utility markings in advance of the installation of AT&T 1G fiber optic cable in Bancroft. I consider this very good news. Fiber optic cable provides a much higher Internet speed than we currently have available. AT&T had previously laid fiber optic cable throughout the areas surrounding Bancroft. If you recall several years ago we thought that Google was going to provide 1G fiber optic cable throughout the Louisville Metro area, including all 83 suburban cities; however, we know Google eventually withdrew services in areas where they laid fiber optic cable and ceased any plans to expand services.

So what is the difference between Google's plan and AT&T fiber-optic plans? The Google plan was to lay cable in narrow and shallow trenches in the streets. I personally observed some locations where they did this and the installation in trenches was sloppily completed. It was a very poorly conceived plan. AT&T is laying the fiber optic cable in easements. They drill holes in the ground and then lay the cable laterally, underground. From the work I saw them do in areas adjacent to Bancroft, there was minimal disruption to homeowner's yards.

For those asking about what is AT&T's authority to lay cable in easements, here is the answer. "ATT's authority to occupy the public right-of-way in Louisville and Jefferson County stems from an irrevocable, perpetual, statewide franchise granted by Kentucky's General Assembly in 1886, not a franchise granted by Metro Louisville" or the City of Bancroft. In other words, AT&T was not required to obtain a new franchise agreement from the City of Bancroft to complete this work.

Based on the number of Bancroft residents who have inquired about when we would receive AT&T fiber optic cable, I think many residents are looking forward to having the option to obtain 1G fiber-optic Internet service.

Nextdoor Bancroft

If you received a letter in the mail inviting you to join the social media site, *Nextdoor Bancroft*, I want you to know that this is NOT an *official* City of Bancroft social media site. The only official social media site for the City of Bancroft is the *City of Bancroft Facebook Bancroft group page*. If you have not joined the Bancroft Facebook group page and want to join, please send an email to [Commissioner Jaimie Schapker](#), and she will give you instructions for joining. You can also click the Facebook button at the end of this communication not join. The *City of Bancroft Facebook group page* is limited to Bancroft residents.

Mayor Jeff Magers

August Meeting Minutes

Halloween Safety Tips from Chief Mudd

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.

- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

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, 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 the steps and the sidewalk.

- Use battery-powered jack-o-lanterns, candles, or light sticks. If candles are used, place the pumpkin away from the area where children will be walking or standing to prevent accidental fires.
- Consider handing out candy from your driveway vs porch to 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.

For more information, [click](#) here.

Chief Mudd

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.

Trash Services

RECYCLING

October 18

November 1

November 8

November 22

YARD WASTE

Every Monday

Questions? Contact Rumpke 1-800-828-8171

Meet Bancroft's "Matriarch" Marge Arehart



The City of Bancroft can boast of several long-time residents. One such resident (very possibly the longest) is Marge Arehart.

Marge and her late husband, Don moved into their home on Hollen Road in Bancroft from Frankfort, KY in June 1970. I met and spoke with Marge recently and she graciously shared some memories of her years in Bancroft.

She recalled that Bancroft has been home to several sports celebrities such as, NBA player Alex Grosa of the Indianapolis Olympians who lived on Hollen. PGA champion Frank Beard lived on Glen Arbor. Lou Tsioropoulos who was a UK All-American basketball player for UK lived on Greenlawn.

Marge and Don raised three children in their home in Bancroft. Her husband, Don was an Army Vet and definitely had a fun-loving nature. He really loved Halloween and had a grand time “frightening” the neighborhood children, then passing out treats to all. He had a passion for decorating the yard for Halloween. Marge recalls when they would have 50-60 children show up, many of whom are now adults with children of their own, still tell her how they recall their home as being the best part of Halloween.

Seems Bancroft had its share of pranksters, recalls Marge. Once, many years ago, a neighbor cut down a large tree and left the large trunk stump. After a few months, someone painted the trunk “shocking pink!” Then, this trunk was “somehow moved to another yard.” Then, just as mysterious, the trunk simply disappeared. Hmmm...

Marge still resides in her lovely home on Hollen. If you know her, you are fortunate. She is a delightful, witty, spry lady that is quick to smile. Bancroft is blessed to have her as a “matriarch” resident.

(Thank you to Bancroft Pam Magers for providing us this piece about Marge.)

Have a New Neighbor?

Let them know about our mailing list.

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

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, October 14

7 p.m.

Churchill Downs Building
600 N. Hurstbourne Parkway
Room 600

October Meeting Agenda

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 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 Mudd knows who to contact in case of an issue or emergency. [Rental permits can be found on the City of Bancroft website.](#)

Visit our City Website

City of Bancroft Commission

Mayor/Police Department

Jeff Magers

Mayor@CityofBancroft.org

Police@CityofBancroft.org

(Alternate email for police matters)

(502) 762-4334

City Maintenance Commissioner

Mike Borders

Maintenance@CityofBancroft.org

(502) 235-6968

Finance and Administration Commissioner

Edwin Evers

Finance@CityofBancroft.org

(937) 470-7384

Public Services Commissioner

Paul Chumbley

PublicServices@CityofBancroft.org

(502) 565-6882

Communications and Community

Outreach Commissioner

Jaimie Schapker

Communications@CityofBancroft.org

(440) 463-2775

Treasurer

Arnold Shaikun

Treasurer@CityofBancroft.org

(502) 802-7778

Clerk

Shannon Tuthill

Clerk@CityofBancroft.org

(502) 240-8491

Police Chief

David Mudd

Chief@CityofBancroft.org

Non-Emergency: (502) 263-3663

City Attorney

Richard Schiller

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:

4949 Old Brownsboro Road, #243

Louisville, KY 40222