

what's happening!

MARCH 2023

in OLDHAM COUNTY, KY

Springtime + Summertime = PLAY TIME!

CITY OF LA GRANGE - PARKS & RECREATION

PARKS IN LA GRANGE:

JOHN T WALSH PARK
N 4TH ST.

PLAYGROUND
PAVILION (AVAILABLE TO
RESERVE)

SPRINGS PARK
S. 2ND ST.

SPLASH PAD
PLAYGROUND
PAVILION (AVAILABLE TO
RESERVE)
SKATEPARK (COMING SOON)
SWING SET (COMING SOON)

**RAYMOND & IRENE WILBORN
PARK**
LAKESHORE DR.

30 ACRES OF WATER
PLAYGROUND
PAVILION (AVAILABLE TO
RESERVE)
SWING SET (COMING SOON)

**JAMES T. BEAUMONT/
LA GRANGE COMMUNITY
CENTER**
W. JEFFERSON ST.

BASKETBALL/PICKLEBALL
COURTS
WALKING TRACK
PARTY ROOMS
MEETING AREAS
YOGA CLASSES

EAGLE CREEK GOLF COURSE
HWY 53
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

EDDIE MUNDO JR. PARK
EDDIE MUNDO WAY

PLAYGROUND
SWING SET

THE GLEN
MAPLE ST.

WALKING NATURE TRAILS
FISHING POND

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL 7TH – SKATE NIGHT

LA GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTER
6:00PM TO 8:00PM
BRING YOUR OWN SKATES
\$3 SKATE RENTAL *WHILE SUPPLIES LAST*

MAY 20TH - MOVIE NIGHT

SPRINGS PARK
9:00PM

JUNE 3RD – FREE FISHING DAY

EAGLE CREEK GOLF COURSE
9:00AM TO 11:00AM

JUNE 9TH – END OF SCHOOL BASH

SPRINGS PARK
6:00PM TO 8:30PM

UPCOMING LEAGUE:

FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S
BASKETBALL LEAGUE
BEGINS: APRIL 21ST
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 14TH

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO
HOST A BIRTHDAY PARTY,
BASKETBALL PRACTICE,
RECEPTION, ETC.?
CONTACT THE COMMUNITY
CENTER AT 502-222-1433
TODAY TO BOOK YOUR SPOT.



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REATION
@LAGRANGEPARKS

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From the Desk of Judge/Executive David Voegele

See Something, Say Something, Do Something.

Watching local television news at night seems to be a continuous rundown of crime news in the metropolitan area. High unemployment and other economic circumstances may be among the contributing factors.

While insulated in the past from much of the unfortunate activity found in many larger communities, Oldham County has witnessed a gradual increase in home and car break-ins, an occasional robbery, and brazen backyard thefts of recreational and construction equipment.

Our police and sheriff's deputies investigated more than 841 reported crimes last year, arrested more than 450 people, and responded to more than 10,000 requested neighborhood and home checks. Every time a burglar alarm is activated, even by wind or a curious dog, police respond. Despite this high volume of activity, we all know that law enforcement cannot be everywhere. In order to assist police and help protect each other, it has become even more important to step up. **When you SEE SOMETHING that causes you concern, SAY SOMETHING, and DO SOMETHING.**

If you have noticed suspicious behavior in your neighborhood or unusual behavior by someone you may know or may have heard that someone is making threatening remarks or is on social media with comments that cause you extra concern, share this information with police. This is a positive step. Even though the information you provide may not make

complete sense to you, it may lead to providing valuable medical assistance or provide the missing piece to a puzzle for law enforcement.

The 'SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING' campaign began as a nationwide terrorism prevention effort designed to ask for the public's help reporting suspicious activity. But the slogan does not have to be limited to reporting odd occurrences, such as unattended packages or luggage, or questions about security procedures at government buildings, infrastructure or large public gatherings. The slogan is very applicable to assisting our local law enforcement agencies.

Here are two recent examples of critical information provided by someone who saw something, and then did something which led to resolving the problem.

On December 25, 2022, an individual was struck by a vehicle and killed while walking on Highway 146. After media releases concerning the incident, an individual in his neighborhood saw something which seemed out of place. He reported it to the Oldham County Police and that information eventually led to the arrest of the driver.

On January 24, 2023, a juvenile riding a bicycle on Hwy 146 in Crestwood was struck and the driver fled the scene. Witnesses and anonymous callers gave information to investigators which led to the arrest of the driver.

In addition to reporting suspicious activity which appears connected to theft or some other negative activity, all of us need to be aware of individ-



uals whose behavior may appear unusual. Concern about another's welfare is not invading someone's privacy or being a tattletale, but could be critical to solving a crime or even saving someone's life.

In Oldham County, dial **911** for emergency assistance, anytime day or night. Non-emergency assistance is available from Oldham County Dispatch at 222-0111. Call **988** if you are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support.

**SEE SOMETHING,
SAY SOMETHING,
DO SOMETHING.**

Quick Hits

- Construction has begun on the Oldham County Courthouse. The courthouse is expected to be completed in the second half of 2025.
- AT&T is halfway through its contract to provide access to high-speed broadband by April 1, 2024 to every home in the county on record as of March 30, 2021.
- KYTC has on and off ramps under construction on I-71 for a new Exit 20. Ramps are expected to be open for use by late spring, 2024.
- Retirement living is now available at The Springs at Oldham Reserve, a Trilogy Assisted Living facility. Call 516-3176 to arrange a tour.
- The new Kroger store on Hwy 393 is expected to be open late this year. McDonald's is expected to have a spot in the same location.

Sincerely,

David Voegele

Oldham County Judge/Executive

County Spotlight

County government is staffed by many dedicated and skilled individuals. These individuals are known among the community members, service organizations and vendors, but remain largely unfamiliar to the community at large.



COLONEL GREG SMITH has been the Chief of Police for the Oldham County Police Department for the last twelve years. His prior law enforcement experience was with the Louisville Division of Police, where he retired from there as the Chief. Greg worked 27 years with the Louisville Division of Police before he retired. His total law enforcement tenure is 39 years. After leaving the Louisville Division of Police and before joining the Oldham County Police, he worked as the Third Congressional Representative for Senator Jim Bunning. Greg has a degree in English from Bellarmine College and a master's degree from the University of Louisville in Community Development. He is married, has two sons, and five grandchildren. Enjoying the outdoors is his favorite hobby.



JAMES G. SILLIMAN III, P.E. (JIM) has been proud to serve as the Oldham County Engineer since 2019. He is an Alumnus of the University of Louisville Speed Scientific School. Jim currently serves as Engineer Representative on the Oldham County Board of Health, on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA), and is Chair of the Central Branch of the APWA. In his free time, Jim enjoys music and ice hockey with his wife, playing guitar, and bicycling.



GARY PARSONS has been with the County Parks and Recreation Department for 17 years. He was promoted to Director in February 2020. Gary supervises 5 full-time employees and 30 seasonal staff. When not managing the 460 acres of park land and facilities, Gary is head archery coach for both North Oldham Middle and High School teams. In his spare time, he enjoys RV camping, hiking, running, puzzles, and photography.



JIM URBAN is the Director of Planning & Development Services (PDS) and administers all functions of the Planning Commission as well as building permits and inspections. The following are some functions of the PDS: long-range land use and transportation planning, staffing the Planning Commission and three Boards of Adjustments, site, landscape, and lighting plan review, Code Enforcement, floodplain management, and liaison to KY Transportation Cabinet and KIPDA. Jim has worked for the county in this capacity for 17 years.



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Upcoming Programs

ARCHERY LESSONS

Lessons taught by certified archery instructor, Gary Parsons, will be offered for adults and children 9 and up. Classes will meet once or twice a week for a total of five sessions at a total cost of \$60 (+ tax). All equipment is supplied for class.

YOUTH RUNNING & MORE CLUB

Youth Running and More will not only train youth to complete a 5K (3.1 miles) race but will also teach them life skills. Club is designed for youth ages 8-15. Begins the week of April 21st and meets twice a week for 12

weeks. \$65 (+ tax) fee includes entry into the Firecracker 5K (July 11th).

U.S.S.A. SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Men's Softball league on Thursday evenings. \$460.00 per team (includes USSSA sanction fee) includes up to a 10-game season plus a single-elimination tournament. League play begins on May 11th.

BEGINNING YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

For ages 6-14 meet at the courts at Wendell Moore Park. Morning classes: Meet twice a week for three weeks for \$48.00 (+ tax); Evening

classes: Meet once a week for 6 weeks for \$48.00 (+ tax). Sessions start in June. Limited space available.

FUN-TASTIC DAY CAMP

Hey parents...are you looking for something for your kids to do over the summer? Try our Fun-tastic Day Camp! Camps run Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. The cost is \$100 per session. Each day we will have fun games and activities, a craft. Your child needs to bring a sack lunch! Camps are for ages 6-9. Call us for more information.

Special Events

PRINCESSES MEET AND GREET: APRIL 22ND

Come to the John W. Black Community Center, from 10:00am-12:00pm to meet some of our beloved princesses from your favorite movies! For \$10 per person your day will be filled with stories of the Princesses adventures, creating your own royal crown and your very own coronation. Everyone will walk away feeling like a Prince or a Princess. Pre-registration is required.



MOTHER/SON DANCE: APRIL 28TH

Held at the John W. Black Community Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Features a live DJ. For only \$30 per couple (add \$5.00 for each additional son) enjoy light refreshments, contests, photo booth, and a carnation for your young fella. Tickets available by calling 502.225.0655.

MOVIES IN THE PARK: JUNE 2ND & JULY 21ST

Free movie night in the park. Come out to Wendell Moore Park and enjoy a movie under the stars. Bring your lawn chairs, blanket, or just lay in the grass to watch a movie on our 16' screen. Popcorn and sodas will be sold before and during the movie.



JULY 4TH FREEDOM CELEBRATION

Tuesday, July 4th join us at Wendell Moore Park for a spectacular fireworks display over the lake at 10:00 p.m.!



ROLLIN' IN THE PARK MUSIC & FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 7TH



Join us in our new location at Wendell Moore Park in LaGrange, Kentucky. Food trucks, live music (featuring JD Shelburne), craft beer, and kids activities! What more can you ask for on a beautiful October day? Join us for our 4th annual Music and Food Truck Festival on October 7th. You are sure to have a foot stomping good time.



Facility Rentals

The John W. Black Community Center is available for rental for almost any type of event. This clean, elegant, and affordable facility will create a lasting memory of your next event!

We also offer picnic shelter rentals, \$40 (+ tax) per day, at Wendell Moore Park in Buckner, Peggy Baker Park in Crestwood, Schamback Park in Westport and Briar Hill Park in Crestwood. This very economical option provides a great space for a wide variety of events. Call Amanda at 502.225.0655 to book your event space today!

See all our programs/events and register online on our new website or scan the QR code above (left).

OLDHAMCOUNTYKY.MYREC.COM/INFO/DEFAULT.ASPX

Additional information and registration forms available at OldhamcountyKY.gov or call us at 502.225.0655!

2022 Rubber Modified Asphalt (RMA) Grant Program

Oldham County Fiscal Court has been selected by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet to participate in the 2022 Rubberized Asphalt Grant Program.

This grant program provides financial assistance to projects that further the goals of the Kentucky Waste Tire Program by promoting the development of markets for rubber-modified asphalt using waste tires generated in Kentucky.

As of September 23, 2022, 3000-foot of Locke Lane, from US Hwy 42 to Reading Room Road, commenced its participation in a project that will assess the benefits of rubber-modified asphalt including, but not limited to, increased skid resistance, increased road life, and noise reduction. To assess these potential benefits, Oldham County placed 1500-feet of rubber-modified asphalt surface overlay and 1500-feet of conventional asphalt surface overlay along Locke Lane

and will subsequently monitor the performance of both road segments for a five-year period.

Detailed information concerning this project can be obtained by contacting or visiting the Oldham County Engineering Department, Fiscal Court Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, Suite 3, LaGrange, Kentucky during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).



Oldham County Parks Run/Walks:

Upcoming run/walks featuring your Oldham County Parks. Challenge yourself in these vastly different terrains:

FIRECRACKER 5K RUN/WALK SATURDAY, JULY 8TH

Schamback Park - 8:00 a.m.

OCPR SKELETON 5K RUN/WALK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

Wendell Moore Park - 8:00 a.m.

360° CHIROPRACTIC TURKEY TROTTER 5 MILE RUN/4K WALK SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

Wendell Moore Park - 8:00 a.m.



Oldham County Streams and Watersheds:

HOW DO I CLEAN-UP MY STREAM?

To answer this question, we must first talk about the purpose of a stream. Streams have a BIG job to do! When it rains most precipitation will end up in a local stream from runoff, groundwater, storm drains, and pipes. Streams are tasked with handling all of this water, while also providing essential habitat for wildlife. Often, we don't start to notice or think about streams until we see water in places we don't want. Most residents don't have a stream on their property, but the health of local waterways impacts everyone. We encourage stream owners to do their part as stewards of this essential resource. Rather than prioritize form, as we often do when it comes to our lawns and landscapes, it's better to focus on function. Structurally, healthy streams show minimal signs of erosion, have vegetative stream buffers, and are surrounded by a floodplain or un-developed space.

We promote three main strategies for stream owners:

1. **Help create a vegetative stream buffer by leaving at least a 20 foot no-mow area.**
2. **Remove invasive plants and re-plant native vegetation along stream buffers and directly in streambanks with live stakes.**
3. **Add logs and woody material by building hand-placed log structures.**

Hand-placing logs in and along streambanks is a new practice we are learning about and sharing with local stream owners. This is yet another method of supporting nature by mimicking what nature does all on its own. Hand-placing logs is the perfect complement to our tree planting efforts.

Logs and woody debris strategically placed in the stream will:

1. **Help slow down high velocity stream flows**
2. **Keep water and erosive forces off the streambank**
3. **Give time for planted trees to grow and develop strong root systems**
4. **Allow for streams to develop slow moving areas ideal for aquatic wildlife**

Watch a 3 Minute Overview About Hand-Placed Logs Here: www.bit.ly/handplacedlogs



Current Opportunities for All Oldham Residents:

1. **Live Stakes Tree Giveaway:** Request free trees to plant along the stream on your property. Requests due by April 15th. Trees will be available for pick-up at the end of April. www.bit.ly/freelivestakes2023
2. **2023 Pond and Lake Management Field Day:** May 13th - More details coming soon. Watch a recording of the 2022 Field Day here: www.bit.ly/PONDFIELDDAY20
3. **Rain Barrels:** Sign up by April 15th to receive \$50 back on an Earth Minded Rain Barrel and Diverter Kit. Rain Barrels will be ready for pick-up in May. Approximate cost per rain barrel after discount is \$55. www.bit.ly/rainbarrels2023

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Baptist Health La Grange: Robot-Assisted Knee Replacement

Baptist Health La Grange now offers robot-assisted knee replacement for partial or total knee replacements. Learn more about our robotic knee surgery from two of the orthopedic surgeons who use this technology.

“Orthopedic surgery technology has continued to advance very rapidly, particularly in the area of knee replacements. One of the newest technologies is robotic surgery. In robotic surgery, the robot typically operates by moving an arm in space to be able to guide the surgeon as to how the cut is made or how the preparation is done during the procedure. The surgeon still has to actually perform the procedure, and the surgeon still has to cut the bone manually. These are tools we utilize to be able to help us navigate through the knee and make sure that we have the knee straight and it's going to achieve maximum function and motion for them,” said Nicholas Kenney, MD, Orthopedic

Surgeon with Baptist Health Medical Group Orthopedics in La Grange.

There are several benefits to having this type of joint replacement surgery. According to Jonathon Lindner, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon with Baptist Health Medical Group Orthopedics in La Grange, “I think the benefit to the patient is that it allows us to achieve a more consistent and reliable result in the operating room to hopefully allow the patient to have the best outcome consistently from surgery to surgery.”

Dr. Kenney added, “Using a robot during surgery allows us to be less invasive and cause less trauma to the knee itself. In doing so, they are able to achieve their motion

quickly, have less swelling, and their physical therapy is a much easier process for them to get back on their feet.”

“The greatest thing is that we have been able to acquire this technology here at Baptist Health La Grange and it's not something that every hospital has. Patients are very surprised to hear that we have this technology here. They're excited about the technology and excited about what it can do for them.” explained Dr. Lindner.

To learn more about Dr. Kenney and Dr. Lindner, visit BaptistHealth.com or contact their office at 502.222.0598.



Nicholas Kenney, MD



Jonathon Lindner, MD



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We're Growing!

Check out the New Goshen Library Plans

Since receiving a 5+ acre land donation in December 2021, the Oldham County Public Library has been excitedly dreaming up a new Goshen library at the intersection of US 42 and HWY 1793. The innovative new space will allow for a large expansion of library services and better accessibility for the Goshen community. Much progress has been made since the initial donation a little over a year ago. Gorgeous building designs are nearly finalized, and an invitation to bid was posted this past February. The library is eager to keep up the good pace and anticipates breaking ground on the project this spring.

Current patrons of the Goshen Library can look forward to much of the same intimate feel of their beloved branch. Special interior features will include a cozy reading room complete with a fireplace, a dedicated Teen area with a recording booth, and a large Children's activity room perfect for crafts and story times. Patrons and community organizations alike will also enjoy a variety of meeting rooms available to reserve for free for educational, training, and board meetings. Similar spaces at the LaGrange Library have remained in demand since its opening in 2009; the library is thrilled to meet these same needs for Goshen residents.



CHECK OUT SOME OF THE DESIGNS FOR THE NEW GOSHEN LIBRARY!

Architectural Design: Studio Kremer Architects
 Civil and Landscape Design: Carman
 Structural Design: Brown & Kubican Structural Engineers
 Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electric Design: ShROUT Tate Wilson Engineers

As libraries increasingly become essential community spaces, the need for current materials, technology, and resources is ever-growing. "We know there are so many Goshen residents that love and rely on their local library. We can't wait to better serve them and the many more patrons that will accompany us on this new adventure," says Julie Wilson, Library Director. Construction for the Goshen Library is scheduled to begin this spring with a projected grand opening in late spring 2024.

Open Play Café Returns to The Maples Park

It's time for another great season of Open Play Café at The Maples Park! Drop in and enjoy coffee & conversation while your little one engages in dramatic play geared for ages 3 and up. Each month, enjoy an array of interactive stations all centered on a singular theme—whether it's dinosaurs, oceans, or construction, there's always fun to be had at Open Play Café!

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR THIS FREE SERIES OF EVENTS.

OPEN PLAY CAFE WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING TUESDAYS FROM 9:30AM -11:00AM:

APRIL 11

MAY 9

JUNE 13

JULY 11

AUGUST 8

SEPTEMBER 12

OCTOBER 10

FREE



THE WORKSHOP

Visit The Workshop at LaGrange Library!

The Workshop is a collaborative space offering free classes on a variety of topics, with a focus on technology and the arts. Make a free appointment to use to technology such as a 3D printer, a Cricut machine, podcasting equipment, and more! To learn what The Workshop can offer you or to make a 1:1 technology help appointment, visitoldhampl.org/Workshop.



Stay In Touch!



Want to stay in touch with the Library and learn about all the new events, programs, and services offered each month? Follow us on social media or sign up for one of our email newsletters to be the first to know!

Newsletter Sign Up:

www.oldhampl.org/Digital-Newsletters



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Celebrating Extension Leaders & 4-H Member Achievements

EXTENSION LEADER OF THE YEAR:

Nancy Dahlgren

FRIEND OF EXTENSION AWARD:

**Stan Klausing,
Fran Scott**



Nancy Dahlgren and Extension District Board Chairman Ken Heppermann

4-H LEADERS, YEARS OF SERVICE:

- 1 year: **Katie Kramer**
- 5 years: **Joe Simonson,
Yvonne Simonson**
- 10 years: **Karen Horton**
- 20 years: **Terri Griffin**
- 30 years: **Cindy Guenther,
Kenny Smith**

4-H ACHIEVEMENT CLOVER LEVELS:

- Level 1: **Case Shirrell,
Autumn Riordan,
Lars Isenhardt**
- Level 3: **Xander Atherton,
Chloe Hardesty,
Peyton DeCuir,
Ben DeCuir**
- Level 4: **Lucia Isenhardt,
Savanna Claggett**

10-YEAR 4-H MEMBER AWARD:

Kendall Kennedy

4-H SENIOR OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD:

**Kendall Kennedy,
Savanna Claggett**

SHOOTING SPORTS STATE CHAMPION, BLACK POWDER RIFLE & BLACK POWDER PISTOL:

Andrew Myers

KENTUCKY 4-H HORSE NATIONAL TEAM:

**Carrie Olds,
Ella Olds,
Savanna Claggett**

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:

**Oldham County
Cloverbuds Club**

4-H SECRETARY RECORD BOOK AWARD:

Savanna Claggett

EXTENSION PIGGY BANK CONTEST:



**Jocelyn Richey,
James Carter**



Upcoming Classes:

Registration is required for all programs. Call 222-9453 or check our website and Facebook page for details.



ALTERNATIVE VEGETABLE GROWING METHODS

April 26 @ 5:30 pm



POND MANAGEMENT FIELD DAY

May 13 @ 9:00 am (held off-site)



YOUTH BBQ COOKING CAMP

June 7 (Fee TBA)



YOUTH BAKING CAMP

July 11-12 (Fee \$25)

ENTER FAIR EXHIBITS

July 24 @ 3:00 – 7:00 pm

FAIR EXHIBIT RECEPTION

July 26 @ 6:00 pm

MAKING FORAGES WORK FOR YOU

August 3 @ 6:00 pm

Tourism Ensures Oldham County Is On The Map

Did you know that Oldham has an organization within the county whose sole purpose is to promote and market the county to visitors?

Oldham County Tourism is the Destination Management & Marketing Organization (DMO) for Oldham County. It draws visitors of all types, including specialized groups, motorcoach companies, business travelers, event planners, and leisure travelers such as those experiencing the Kentucky Bourbon Trail®, just to name a few. Oldham County Tourism also represents the County in corporate tourism and legislative functions throughout the region.

Tourism markets and promotes Oldham County to 8 states and ALL types of visitors - those looking for vacations, corporate retreats and private functions, weddings, meetings and conventions, traveling sports teams, family reunions, bus trips, spiritual & wellness retreats, celebration trips, bank incentive trips, weekend get-

aways, school field trips, group teambuilding, charity golf tournaments, and regional events such as the Old Kentucky Home Bike Tour.

The goal of Tourism is to make sure Oldham County has a consistent place on Kentucky's map as an exciting destination, making it appealing to consumers, groups small and large, attractions, and businesses alike. Everyone looking to relocate, business or consumer, comes to Oldham County as a tourist first!

Oldham County Tourism is the organization that attracts, develops, and manages all the details of those important visits. We have become popular for our uniqueness, offering 'Only in Oldham' experiences visitors cannot get close to home. Visitors spend money in our community, support our local businesses (without cost to community services), then return home and tell others how they were changed by their visit. Hopefully, they immediately start planning the next visit. Tourism



is the driveway and the front porch of Oldham County, and we want visitors to come and stay awhile!

Do you know the 10+ unique tourism attractions that consistently put Oldham County on the map? Visit our website for Oldham Trip Ideas and the County Calendar of Events. Be sure to like us, follow us, and share us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!



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OLDHAM COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE CONTINUED...

Coming Soon:



CANNING BASICS

KICKING KENTUCKY CANCER

MOVE YOUR WAY

BINGOCIZE

KINDERGARTEN READINESS: TOUCH A TRUCK

STORY WALKS (CRESTWOOD & CENTERFIELD ELEMENTARY)

WALKING KENTUCKY

HOMEMAKERS YARD SALE



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CASA OF THE RIVER REGION

CASARIVERREGION.ORG



Did You Know...

In Kentucky, 17 out of every 1,000 children experience abuse and neglect - double the national average!

As a **CASA** volunteer, YOU can be a voice for a child and change their story for the better. CASA of the River Region recruits and trains volunteers to be friends, mentors and advocates for children in Family Court. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are everyday citizens from all walks of life who spend 1-4 hours per week making sure kids are in safe homes, succeeding in school & getting services they need to heal.

Learn more by visiting:
CASARIVERREGION.ORG



A Message from Mayor John Black

LaGrange Growth Is Firing On All Cylinders!

As we work to create an inclusive City for all, I would like to report that we are clicking on all cylinders. Our town is experiencing all types of new growth that includes new restaurant ideas, an assortment of unique housing opportunities and architectural styles, and upcoming reliable employment opportunities, all while we strive to keep our City clean, safe and attractive. Our historic downtown is also abuzz with all types of new investment in older properties, new shops, vibrant alleys, and plans for an exciting night-life on the horizon.

We aim to create 500+ higher paying, sustainable jobs in the next 18 months for those seeking to work closer to home. Our focus is attracting businesses into Oldham Reserve Business Park, Highway 53 & Commerce Parkway. We plan to provide funding to ensure that infrastructure projects such as roads, waste-water, and utilities are in place to attract excellent job opportunities for years to come.

Our City Parks Department has seen huge success with the new Springs Park and Farmers Market Pavilion. We expect to break ground this spring on a new skateboard park in addition to upcoming basketball court, restrooms, green space and nature trails! Looking ahead, a new clubhouse at Eagle Creek



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PHONE: 502.376.6799

Golf Course is part of our strategic plan to make Eagle Creek a top place for family entertainment.

I want to thank our City employees, City Council members and every volunteer for helping to make LaGrange such a special place to live and raise a family. Our commitment is always to keep improving our City for every family that chooses LaGrange as their home, for those who own businesses here, and for those who visit with us often. We all know we have something special in LaGrange, and it's anchored in our strong and committed community.

Sincerely,

John W. Black
Mayor Of LaGrange



CITY OF LA GRANGE CITY COUNCIL

City Council meets first Monday of each month, 6:30 pm at City Hall



JOE DAVENPORT: 502.599.9504
jdavenport@lagrangeKY.net

I have always heard visitors say how friendly our city is. A place you can call a HOMETOWN.



ELSIE CARTER: 502.639.1098
ecarter@lagrangeKY.net

Elsie Carter here, your roving representative from City Council, for any questions or problems in the city. You can find me after 10 am cruising the streets or hanging out at Dairy Queen. You can also find me on most Saturday nights on MAIN STREET at the old Central Hotel at 7 to 10 pm for Music On The Porch. Come hang out and let us hear from you.



TREY KAMER: 502.376.3391
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I appreciate the opportunity to continue working on making La Grange a vibrant and sustainable city for all citizens in our community to enjoy.



BILL LAMMLEIN: 502.310.614
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It's a great place for a family and the bus runs on time.



ANDREA ESSENPREIS: 502.594.3711
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I am honored to be a voice for La Grange, the Kindness Capital of Kentucky. As community leaders, it is our job to set a positive, forward-seeking tone. And as a resident and business owner, I'm excited to see how the city will continue to grow from the opportunities we've been presented.



DEBBIE POLLARD: 502.802.1883
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I feel blessed to be a part of this beautiful city. I look back and my heart smiles. We have come so far.



LAURA TAYLOR
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LaGrange is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I feel honored to have been elected by the citizens of LaGrange to represent your best interests on the City Council. Residents are always welcome to attend City Council meetings; please join us and share your ideas for our city! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.



KEVIN CRONIN
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Thank you, for electing me to the city council. I am honored to represent the City of La Grange, and most importantly to listen and represent the citizens who call it home. I encourage you to get involved, attend city council meetings, and help shape your community.



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Emergency: 911
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Crime Tip Line: 502.873.8945
Police Department: 502.225.0444
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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: COREY RUSNAK

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The City of La Grange Public Works Department's core objective is to provide quality service to our city residents, which includes maintaining our 5 parks, roadways, street drainage, paint striping, snow removal, chipping service, mowing, signage and streetlights, sidewalk repairs, tree trimming and removal and city-owned building maintenance.



PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: STEPHEN HALL

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The City of La Grange Parks and Recreation objective is to create exciting events for friends and families to enjoy. Utilizing our 5 city parks, Eagle Creek golf course and the La Grange Community Center, the City of La Grange Parks and Recreation takes pride in bringing our community together. We are excited to announce that we will be opening a new Skate Park in Spring of 2023!



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: STEPHANIE WENTHER
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502.222.1433

Through enforcement of ordinances our goal is to promote safe, healthy and attractive neighborhoods and business districts in our municipality and to ensure safe working conditions for our community. Our primary duties are the prevention, detection, investigation, and enforcement of violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public nuisance, public health, safety and welfare, business activities, property standards and municipal affairs.

LA GRANGE FARMERS MARKET

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La Grange
FARMERS' MARKET
ARTISANS

Saturdays April 22 - October 28
9AM - 1PM

La Grange Springs Park
Farmers' Market Pavilion, La Grange, KY



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Promoting Conservation of Natural Resources

State Conservation Districts were created as a direct result of the dust-bowl of the 1930s. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt recommended the Standard State Soil Conservation Districts Act be signed into law by all state governors. The Oldham County Conservation District was created in 1946. Although much has changed over the decades our mission remains the same – To promote voluntary conservation of the county’s natural resources of soil, water, woodland, and wildlife.

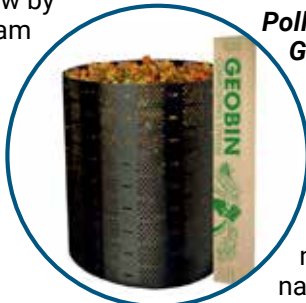
The conservation districts were formed originally to help farmers implement conservation tactics, but with the change in our agricultural landscape our conservation district now has programs for all sorts of landowners. We offer programs that backyard gardeners and those in a more urban landscape can utilize as well.

Soil Testing Voucher Program:

County residents may request up to 5 vouchers per year to cover the cost of soil testing at the Cooperative Extension Service (a total value of \$50). Funding is provided through the Oldham Co. MS4 stormwater program.

Backyard Composting Program: Receive a free portable Geobin Composting System when you watch our video titled “Composting 101” and take

a short quiz at the end (while supplies last). To navigate to the video please call or email the office. Funded using a grant from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management.



Pollinator Habitat/Wildflower Garden: The Conservation District will reimburse residents 50% (up to \$150, with an approved application) upon installation of a pollinator habitat/wildflower garden. Residents must install plants that are native to our region. Pollinator habitats can be installed in gardens, yards, landscaping, or even in potted cultures with the board’s approval! This is a great way to beautify your property while also helping out our local pollinators! Call the district for more information and go to our website to find the application!



Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP):

Federal program that provides funding for farm projects of a larger scale. Info and applications available on our website.

Tree Seedling Giveaway:

The annual seedling giveaway has been a staple in the community for many years now. In 2022 we gave away nearly 3,000 seedlings! We are hoping the 2023 Tree Giveaway on March 4th will be just as successful!

Annual Events:



Art and Writing Contest: Each year, the Conservation District, in partnership with the Farm Bureau Federation, administers the Jim Claypool Art and Conservation Writing Contests. Each year a different theme is chosen and students throughout the county can enter their art and writing. The winners will be announced at our annual awards banquet in May!

Glenn Watson Scholarship: The Glenn Watson Scholarship provides a \$1,500 scholarship to one graduating Oldham County senior intending to pursue a post-high school course of study in conservation, environmental science or agriculture, at either college/university or other post-secondary educational institution. The next scholarship will be awarded in the spring of 2023. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2023, on our website. There was no award for the 2022 year, so two awards will be given this year.

State Cost Share:

Applications are currently being accepted. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission voted in 2012 to have continuous sign ups. Ranking of applications will be performed once each year on the state level by the Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conservation in Frankfort. Approval of applications is based on a statewide ranking criteria and the availability of funds. Cost share rates are a maximum of 75 percent of the actual installation cost of the practice not to exceed \$20,000 per year.

To be eligible for the Kentucky State Cost Share program applicants must file an Agricultural Water Quality Plan (AWQP) with the Oldham County Conservation District. Please contact us at 502-702-9090 to complete your AWQP!

Practices Eligible for Cost Share:

- Agricultural and animal waste control facilities
- Animal waste utilization
- Vegetative filter strips
- Integrated crop management
- Pesticide containment
- Sinkhole protection
- Pasture and hay land forage quality
- Heavy use area protection (HUA)
- Rotational grazing system establishment
- Water well protection
- Forest land and cropland erosion control systems
- Closure of agriculture waste impoundment
- On-farm fallen animal composting
- Soil health management
- Precision nutrient management
- Strip intercropping system
- Livestock stream crossing
- Riparian area protection



OLDHAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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COALITION FOR A HEALTHY OLDHAM COUNTY

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Did You Know...

93%

of Oldham County students in 10th grade have NOT vaped/used electronic cigarettes in the past 30 days. (KIP 2021)



VAPING IS STILL TOBACCO.

Text "Start My Quit" to 855-891-9989 or call. Free, confidential help. Just for teens.

Knowing the Facts Matters:

96% of Oldham County students in 10th grade believe their parents think it is “wrong” or “very wrong” for them to vape/use electronic cigarettes regularly.

67% of Oldham County students in 10th grade believe that vaping/using electronic cigarettes some days but not everyday poses a moderate or great risk of harm. (KIP 2021)



Why These Statistics Matter:

Many teens think that substance abuse is a lot more common among their peers than it actually is. The “everyone is doing it” mindset can make it difficult for teens to say no in moments of peer pressure. Knowing that most teens their age AREN'T using substances can help ease that pressure.

Parents have a significant influence on whether their kids vape. Talking to your kids early and often can help them make healthy choices.

IF A YOUTH IN YOUR LIFE WANTS TO QUIT VAPING, HERE ARE SOME RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP.

TEXT "DITCHJUUL" TO 88709

TEXT OR CALL MY LIFE MY QUIT 1-855-891-9989



Visit The Dinner Table Project and SAMHSA for more information on building healthy, resilient kids. <https://thedinnertableproject.org/> and <https://www.samhsa.gov/>. Visit Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids at <https://www.tobaccofreekids.org/> for more information about vaping.

KIP Data/Community Survey

Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) Student Survey is a bi-annual survey taken by most 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grade students in Oldham County – including all middle and high schools. These results are from the 2021 KIP Survey.



MY LIFE MY QUIT
1-855-891-9989

A Message from Mayor Jim Kramer



CRESTWOOD COMMISSIONERS:
DAVID BRYANT
RUSSELL CUNNINGHAM
DAVID HAIGHT
TERRY WEATHERS



We are so excited for the addition of the new Millstone Amphitheater to make this year's park events even more exciting! There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the amphitheater on May 21st. See event details below. Until then, please be aware of the construction in the rear of the park that may affect walkways and parking. Once again, the park will host Arts on the Green in June with even more food trucks; we're calling it a 'Food Truck Invasion'! The City is proud to present the below park event schedule for spring/summer. We hope your family can continue to make memories with us on these beautiful 22 acres. The Dennis Deibel Barn and Girls Playhouse venues are available for rent for family gatherings, graduations and weddings, etc. Please refer to the City website (crestwoodky.gov/parks) for rental information. For availability inquiries, please email the park at themaples@crestwoodky.gov. Like us on Facebook (@themaplespark) to keep up with added details about park events. *See you at the Maples!*
-Jim Kramer, Mayor



SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS AT THE MAPLES PARK

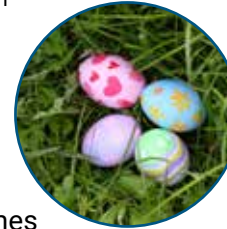
Special Events At The Park:

EASTER EGG HUNT

March 26 2:30pm and 4pm

Sponsored by Crestwood United Methodist Church

Come out to the park for the third annual egg hunt sponsored by Crestwood United Methodist Church! Two EGG HUNT times are offered, each with separate age group areas. Bring your basket!



Parking will be in the gravel lot at the rear park entrance: 6431 Railroad Avenue, Crestwood.

RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE MILLSTONE AMPHITHEATER

May 21, 2pm

Join us at the park for the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of the new Millstone Amphitheater.



Kentucky Shakespeare will be the first to perform on the new stage with a 90 minute performance of Hamlet!

Live music by Misty Mountain String Band to follow the play. Bring your own chairs to this free outdoor event. Food trucks will be available.



ARTS ON THE GREEN

June 10, 10am - 4pm &

June 11, 11am - 4pm

The Maples Park once again is hosting this amazing event hosted by the Arts Association of Oldham County!

This juried fine arts and crafts festival will have booths stocked with original handcrafted paintings, wood, photography, ceramics, sculpture, glass, jewelry and more! Food trucks will be in attendance! Admission to this event is free. Designated parking areas will be located at South Oldham Middle and High School as well as Camden Station Elementary School with shuttle service to the park.



HOT RODS AND MUSIC

July 28, 5pm - 9pm

Come on out to the park to put your eyes on some unique rides courtesy of Barney Barnett's Quads, Rod & Custom Car Club. Indulge at the food trucks and enjoy free live entertainment at the new Millstone amphitheater stage. Bring your own chairs to hang out!



Series Events At The Park:

Note all events below will be located at the Deibel Barn at the park.

OPEN PLAY CAFÉ **FREE**

2nd Tuesdays of the Month 9:30am - 11am:

**March 14,
April 11,
May 9,
June 13,
July 11,
August 8,
Sept 12 and
Oct 10**



Drop-in for some fun with the Oldham County Public Library at the Deibel Barn for a "play" date at this program featuring dramatic play for you and your little one, ages 3 & up. Enjoy coffee and play prompts at different stations throughout the space; each month will feature a different theme. Sponsored by the Oldham County Public Library.

CITY OF CRESTWOOD
PO BOX 186, CRESTWOOD, KY 40014
CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS:
2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH, 7:30PM
(JOIN AT DEIBEL BARN OR VIA WEBCAST - LINK CAN BE FOUND ON CITY'S HOMEPAGE)

THE MAPLES PARK
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EVENT UPDATES: CRESTWOODKY.GOV/EVENTS



QUIT NOW KENTUCKY HOTLINE:
1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669)



You are what we lovingly call a “Loyal Local.” You care about your community and want to stay informed and involved. We are here to help you do both.

Here's what's happening on Main Street!

NEW BUSINESSES OPENING!

La Grange is booming! You can enjoy a new wine bar, a new ladies' store, new restaurants, and more. Watch for news about a bourbon bar, an escape room experience, and a speakeasy opening this year. It just keeps getting better!

NEW SIGNS AND BANNERS

Banners will feature our annual events so shoppers know what is happening throughout the year. Wayfinding signs will help locals and tourists find downtown attractions.

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

If you are looking for a place to forge strong friendships while making your community a better place to live, consider joining our team! Our volunteers provided over 9500 hours to the city last year.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FUN!

DOWNTOWN LA GRANGE VOLUNTEER FAIR APRIL 15TH 9AM-11AM

When you shop, eat, explore, and volunteer in your hometown, you are ensuring your town is always a place you are proud to call home.

As you consider your charitable giving, keep in mind that our program is a non-profit supported in part by the generosity of people like you.

Together, we will not only keep historic La Grange thriving, but we can pass it on to the next generation, better than ever.

-Teresa Boling



2023 Events Calendar

Farmers' Market and Artisans
April 22nd - October 28th
Every Saturday
9 am - 1pm

Chocolate Crawl
February 4th
11 am - 4pm

Main Street Derby
March 25th
11am - 1pm

Downtown La Grange Volunteer Fair
April 15th
9am - 11am
(location to be announced)

Blue Hydrangea Tea
April 23rd
1pm - 4pm

Trackside Tunes Concert
June 2nd
7 pm-9pm

La Grange Arts Fest
June 3rd
10 am - 4pm

Trackside Tunes Concert
July 7th
7 pm - 9pm

Oldham County Day by Project Guild
July 15th
10 am - 5 pm

LA GRANGE MAIN STREET PROGRAM
TERESA BOLING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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PHONE: (502) 269-0126
TERESA@LAGRANGEMAINSTREET.ORG

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS. LAGRANGEMAINSTREET.ORG

Trackside Tunes Concert
August 4th
7 pm - 9pm

Local Author's Book Fair
August 5th
10 am - 5pm

Trackside Tunes Concert
September 1st
7 pm - 9pm

Trackside Market
September 9th
9 am - 5 pm

AlleyLoop Festival
October 14th
4 pm - 10 pm

Halloween MAINia
October 28th
11am - 3pm

Ghost Tours
EVERY Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of October
7 pm - 10pm

Shop Small Business Saturday
November 25th
10 am - 5 pm

Light Up La Grange
December 6th - First Saturday
3 pm - 9pm

Quads Car Show
April through September
4pm - 8pm
4th Saturday



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-RUSS ROSE, CEO



More Payment Options at Your Fingertips with InvoiceCloud

We are thrilled to share that Oldham County Water District just launched a new user-friendly, digital payment portal! Our new solution, InvoiceCloud, was designed to make paying your water bill easier than ever.

Save time with guest checkout (no need to login to an account!) and choose from a variety of payment options, including e-check, credit card, pay by text, pay by phone, and even digital wallets like PayPal. InvoiceCloud's omni-channel functionality maintains all the necessary context between these payment options while protecting sensitive information, so you can pay your water bill anytime, anywhere, and without worry.

You are able to:

- Now go paperless and receive your bill more timely.
- Receive email, text, or calendar reminders when your bill is ready, when a scheduled payment is pending, and when your payment is confirmed.

- Choose when to pay – simply schedule a payment for any future date (before the due date).
- Avoid late or missed payments by enrolling in AutoPay.
- Easily access and manage your account, complete with two years of billing statements.
- Use InvoiceCloud's 24/7 pay-by-phone functionality that remembers caller information for easier payments.

Here at Oldham County Water, customer satisfaction is at the forefront of everything we do. We chose InvoiceCloud's secure payment solution because we know it has something for everyone and, ultimately, it frees up our staff to spend more time helping our valued customers!

REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT TODAY AT OLDHAMCOUNTYWATER.COM!



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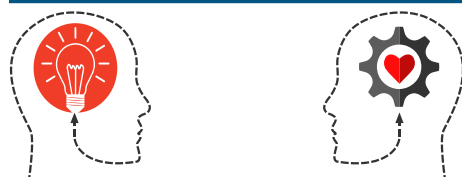
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Mental Health Task Force

As part of the community health assessment (CHA) process to inform Oldham County's three-year Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), the Coalition for a Healthy Oldham County conducted a Local Public Health Needs Assessment with coalition members, key stakeholders, and community members. The 2021 assessment recognized available resources and identified gaps and barriers to meeting public health needs of our community. One of the primary goals identified was the need to: create a community culture that supports mental health.

In response, the Oldham County Health Department, and the Coalition for a Healthy Oldham County, has formed the Mental Health Task Force of Oldham County. This multisectoral collaboration includes public health teaming with elected officials, and professionals from healthcare, education, labor, justice, transportation, environment, housing, and welfare sectors in addition to community members wishing to make a change.

After just four meetings, the Mental Health Task Force of Oldham County has made strides in addressing community needs for mental health support and treatment. The task force has:

1. *Identified existing gaps and barriers in mental health services in Oldham County*
2. *Created transportation assistance for patients through healthcare providers*
3. *Increased mental health awareness across sectors in Oldham County*
4. *Supported a Youth Linking Oldham County (YLOC) community event with a mental health vendor fair*
5. *Recognized steps for early identification of mental health challenges*
6. *Acknowledged the correlation of substance abuse and mental health*
7. *Utilized Care Solace data from Oldham County Schools to inform action plans*
8. *Acquired Mental Health First Aid trainers*
9. *Partnered with Seven Counties Services to offer ongoing Mental Health First Aid training for anyone working with youth or adults*
10. *Continued to develop efforts to reduce stigma associated with mental illness*

This endeavor to better serve the needs of Oldham County and create a community culture that supports mental health is ongoing. The effort to increase community knowledge on how to deal with and respond to mental health issues and illnesses will continue to direct the task force and create opportunities and improvements in Oldham County.



How To Get Involved...

Mental Health Task Force Meetings-

The Mental Health Task Force of Oldham County meets monthly and welcomes additional contributions from professionals and community members. The next two meetings will be held at OCHD on March 29, and April 26, 2023, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please call 502-222-3516 or email PeytonA.Brock@ky.gov to register.



Youth Mental Health First Aid Training-

Mental health is as important as physical health. If you work with youth, Youth Mental Health First Aid Training will teach you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to a youth who may be developing a mental health or substance use challenge and help connect them to appropriate care. Please scan this QR code if you are interested in this FREE training.



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MONDAY + WEDNESDAY: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM
TUESDAY + THURSDAY: 7:30 AM - 6 PM
FRIDAY: 7:30 AM - 4 PM