Thanksgiving, Christmas Holiday Schedule: City of Henderson Municipal Center and all other administrative offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29, for the Thanksgiving holiday and Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday. For details of your holiday week trash collection schedule visit and scroll to the schedule link: www.cityofhendersonky.org/224//Sanitation-Collection.

YouTube sensation bringing us some Holiday Music

The group Cimorelli, originally from California and now based in Nashville, first gained popularity on YouTube singing cover songs. With more than 1 billion views and nearly 5 million subscribers on their YouTube channel, the six sisters of Cimorelli have an explosive fan base willing to travel far and wide to hear them sing and perform their stage show. Some of those fans will be present to hear Christina, Katherine, Lisa, Amy, Lauren and Dani perform at Preston Arts Center on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The group will do a show featuring cover songs, original music and Christmas music. (They have two Christmas EPs in their discography.) Tickets for the Dec. 14 show are $29 and $19. It’s the fourth event in the Henderson Area Arts Alliance’s 26th performing arts season.

Want more holiday music? The decades-old Alice P. Taylor Christmas Candlelight Service will take place at 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, First United Methodist Church. The church’s new organ will be featured.

Laugh a little • The Second City Comedy Club opened its doors in 1959, and since has become known as the world’s premier name in improv-based sketch comedy and education. Successful alumni have included Dan Aykroyd, John Belushi, Steve Carell, Catherine O’Hara, Joan Rivers, Tina Fey, Martin Short and many more. At the Henderson Area Arts Alliance “The Second City: Greatest Hits” show at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, at Preston Arts Center, you might see the next star. Tickets: 270-826-5916. *NOTE: This show may not be suitable for younger audiences.

“Old-Fashioned Holidays” • Henderson County Homemakers will host its annual “Taste of Homemakers” from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 9. The various clubs will offer holiday-themed food samples. Admission is $2, toiletries or non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries. Craft items and used cookbooks also will be for sale.

Have a Blue Christmas • The fifth-annual “Christmas on the Farm” hosted by Healing Reins Therapeutic Riding is set for Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 at Blue Moon Stables. A day on a horse farm decorated for Christmas features a children’s play area and corn tables, petting zoo, pony rides, hay rides, face painting, visits with miniature horses, cookies, crafts with Mrs. Claus, food, photo opportunities and a vendor area. Some activities have a small charge. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Blue Moon Stables is located at 8124 Kentucky 268.

Shop local • Downtown Henderson Partnership has set a few opportunities showcasing downtown merchants and holiday shopping opportunities in November. DHP will host Holiday Open Houses for its merchants on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-9, with special promotions and exceptional hospitality. The Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving are Black Friday and Small Business Saturday.
Very few things are as unique to the winter holiday season as the custom of decorating your home and yard. While holiday lighting and electrical decorations do contribute to the splendor of the season, they can also significantly increase the risk of fires and electrical injuries if not used safely.

Take a tip—or two—from the Electrical Safety Foundation International:

• When hanging lights outdoors, use a wooden or fiberglass ladder.
• Turn off all indoor and outdoor holiday lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.
• Never drape anything over a light bulb or lamp shade.
• Avoid using candles when possible. Consider using battery-operated candles in place of traditional candles.
• Unlike incandescent bulbs, which generate most of their energy in heat, LEDs are cool to the touch—which also indicates greater energy-efficiency.

Christmas lights can create holiday magic, but it’s wise to use common sense when planning your display.

LIGHT IT UP
But play it safe when decorating for holidays

DECK THE DOWNTOWN
DHP hosting décor contest

Downtown Henderson Partnership will host the 2019 “Deck The Downtown” merchant contest. Businesses are encouraged to transform our downtown into a festive wonderland this holiday with creative, whimsical and even snow-covered windows and displays on their exterior and/or interior.

Voting will take place Nov. 29-Dec. 6. First ($300), second ($200) and Third ($100) plus People’s Choice will be selected in both Exterior and Interior categories. Winners will be announced Dec. 7. For details, visit the DHP Facebook page.

New event showcasing Hispanic Heritage

DAY OF THE DEAD
Wander into Henderson’s Central Park on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 2, and you are likely to see dozens or more figures sauntering about, their bodies adorned in beautiful clothes. And their faces? They will be hollow-eyed skulls, although many of them could be fabulously decorated.

You might also see families picnicking contentedly in a makeshift graveyard or spy an 8-foot-tall skeleton sculpture. There will even be a 12-foot-wide altar where gifts to the beloved deceased will be left.

This won’t be some Halloween hangover or the zombie apocalypse. It will be Día de los Muertos—the Day of the Dead. And it’s very much a family affair.

The public observance of the annual Mexican holiday, the first of its kind here, will certainly be a visual spectacle. But its intent extends beyond that—to serve as an extension of friendship by Henderson to its Hispanic residents.

There will be picnicking and dining from food trucks. A Mariachi band will perform and folkloric dancers will perform in fantastic costumes. Tacoholics restaurant will operate a Mexican-style beer garden on the county ground in front of the courthouse. Face painting will be available and folks will be able to decorate sugar skulls.

11th Art Hop returns on Nov. 1

One of the community’s most popular events is set for Friday, Nov. 1. The Art Hop Gallery Show & Sale features pop-up galleries that will feature more than 50 artists from around the Tri-state. Enjoy, admire and purchase the work of student artists and professional artists. It’s an opportunity to put a dent in your holiday shopping while enjoying complimentary food, beverages and entertainment.

Food establishments downtown are also open to provide a dining experience for anyone who wants to take a dinner break while “Hopping.”

ENVISION THIS. The Housing Authority of Henderson received the designation of EnVison Center from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on Oct. 15. EnVision Centers are incubators for self-sufficiency in the categories of economic empowerment, educational advancement, health and wellness and character and leadership. The Housing Authority was recognized as Large Public Housing Authority of the Year at the annual Kentucky Housing Association meeting in September.

CHILLY HILLY Ready to run? Up some hills? Junior Achievement of Henderson County will host the 9th Columbia Chilly Hilly 5K at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 2 in Audubon State Park. Sign-up: westky.ja.org.
Only on Main Street

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Take a walk Main Street between Washington Street and the CSX Railroad to find the images pictured on this page and the next.

Email your answers to: DStinnett@CityOfHendersonKy.org    Deadline: Nov. 30, 2019

Correct entries will be entered into a drawing for a gift card from a downtown Henderson business.
Answers from the September-October issue:
1. Lewis & Clark sign, Audubon Mill Park.  
2. Admiral Kimmel’s hat, Riverfront.  
3. Caboose, behind The Depot.  
4. Playground equipment, Sunset Park.  
5. Restroom sign, Sunset Park.  
6. Tennis Court rules sign.  
8. 1937 Flood marker, Riverfront.  
10. W.C. Handy Marker, Audubon Mill Park. Winner: Congratulations to Janet Campbell!
YOUR GOVERNMENT AT WORK

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Changes made in fireworks use
The Board of Commissioners finalized changes in the City’s Fireworks ordinance in October. Those using fireworks will need to be at least 400 feet away from an animal shelter, nursing home or hospital. Sky lanterns are considered a fire hazard and not allowed. Also, Kentucky law requires seasonal fireworks vendors not located in a permanent building to have someone on premises in the overnight hours. The City ordinance underscores that no sleeping quarters are allowed in those seasonal outlets.

PUBLIC WORKS
Watson Lane project progresses
The City and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet hosted informational meetings in late September for the Watson Lane widening project and associated sidewalk extension project on Green River Road. Also, the Wathen Road widening project took a next step with a planned installation of a new bridge in the 6900 block.

SPECIAL PROJECTS
The Perch wins another award
The Perch pocket park received an award in November from the Kentucky Chapter of the American Public Works Association at their annual meeting. City’s Special Projects Manager Dylan Ward, who was in charge of the project, accepted the award. City Commissioner Brad Staton participated in a panel discussion on pocket parks at the annual conference of the Kentucky League of Cities in September. Ward also recently wrapped up another special project that connected the sidewalk above Sunset Park with a small boardwalk.

FINANCE
City property tax deadline
Don’t forget to pay your City of Henderson property taxes by Nov. 15 to receive your 1 percent discount. This year’s rates are the same as they have been the past two years (49 cents per $100 of assessed value for real property and 81.3 cents for personal property). The 2019 tax bill is due in full no later than Jan. 3, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
911 fee shifting to water bills
A fee that supports the 911 communications system that has been levied on land-line telephone bills will shift from telephone bills to water bills on Jan. 1. The fee, $3.25 per billing cycle, also applies to county water customers. The fee still does not generate enough revenue to completely fund the 911 system; both City and County will make up the shortfall from the general fund.

PARKS & DOWNTOWN HENDERSON
HOLIDAY FUN
Christmas in the Park, Parade, Skating Rink
It wouldn’t be Christmas in Henderson without certain events, including Christmas in the Park and the Henderson Shrine Club’s Christmas Parade. Christmas in the Park organized by the Henderson Breakfast Lions Club opens the night before the Parade with a lighting of the Community Christmas Tree.

This year’s tree lighting is 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6. The Henderson County High School band sets the stage with seasonal music.
The City’s Public Facilities crew has placed different lighting in the park this year that should make it even more festive.
The Christmas Parade takes place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. It typically features marching bands, dignitaries, beauty queens, clowns and costumed characters, numerous parade units from both the Hadi and Rizpah Shrine Clubs, antique cars, school and Scout groups, floats, horses and, of course, Santa Claus, who afterward takes up residence in Central Park at Christmas in the Park to hear the details of the Christmas lists compiled by Henderson’s children.
Santa is typically present in his Central Park home for a few hours on the Saturdays and Sundays in December.
If you miss him, children can always leave him a letter in the special mailbox located in Central Park. If it’s placed well before Christmas and has a return address, Santa has elves standing by to send a reply.

The Magic of Our Hometown
Christmas in Henderson has been beautifully captured in a YouTube promotional video produced by the Henderson Tourism Commission. https://youtu.be/avgz38FjDqc

Downtown Henderson Partnership has a special surprise for Christmas in the Park goers on the first weekend of December. It is planning to offer an Ice Skating Rink for the enjoyment of kids of all ages in the area of Central Park. Watch for more details.

COMMUNITY SERVICE SHOUT OUT
The Henderson Audubon Board of Realtors was recognized as best Small Board at the annual meeting of Kentucky Realtors in September. Congratulations!

CHEERS! Henderson Brewing Co. won a silver medal at the 2019 Great American Beer Festival in Colorado, the world’s largest commercial beer competition. Hendo Brewco placed in the “Extra Special Bitter” category for its Bridgeview.

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Women’s group chooses finalists

POW!

The Partnership of Women (POW!) membership will choose between grant finalists Spottsville Volunteer Fire Department, Habitat for Humanity and The Gathering Place/Henderson Senior Center at its Annual Dinner taking place Thursday, Nov. 7, at Farmer & Frenchman Winery.

Following a short, no-frill's presentation from each finalist as to why they should receive the largest impact grant, one $15,000 award will be presented.

Each of the runners-up will receive $3,000.

POW! has awarded $112,000 in the organization's first six years, and the 2019 campaign will increase that amount to $133,000.

Interested in joining the POW! effort?

Contact: Kim Chavira, KChavira@bpp401k.com or 812-453-0095.

Previous top POW! grant winners: Hugh Edward Sandefur Training Center, St. Anthony's Hospice, Audubon Kids Zone, Children's Advocacy Center, Father Bradley Shelter and Brain Injury Adventure Camp.

TAKING-A-HIKE. Naturalist's staff at John James Audubon State Park has fall/winter walks planned in its hiking series for November and December. NOVEMBER: National Take-A-Hike Day is a Family Trek (and we mean the WHOLE family) on the Eagle Glen Pet Trail. It's free and starts at 2 p.m. on Nov. 17. DECEMBER: Winter Wander at 2 p.m. on Dec. 14 will explore the pristine winter landscape.

The Brain Injury Adventure Camp (BIAC) was the first recipient of the Partnership of Women! Grant established in 2013.