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Late additions spice up fall general election

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – The filing deadline for the Nov. 3 general election has closed.

And the field is surprisingly large for town board positions.

Plus, one candidate is retiring from a county office and is now seeking a place on the Shepherdsville City Council.

As the 4 p.m. deadline struck on Tuesday, there are plenty of candidates in races – some in cities which often have trouble finding enough hopefuls to fill the ballot.

SHEPHERDSVILLE

Mayor Jose Cubero will have opposition in his bid for a second term as leader of Shepherdsville.

Current council member Jennifer Mendez filed on Tuesday for the position.

Incumbents Rob Adams, Mike Hibbard and Bonnie Enlow have filed for another two-year term.

Also filing to earn one of the six seats: Jo Coffman, Terry Stamps, Paula Mangus, Steven Ayling, Deb Huffman, Don Wilson, Dennis Hooper, Thomas Kirk, James Southern, Lisa Carter, Kevin Robinson, Kyle Burton and Donna

BURKE

Mangus, Huffman, Carter and Burke have previously served on the council.

MOUNT WASHINGTON

With incumbent Stuart Owen not seeking a second term, two council members have filed for the office of mayor.

Greg Gentry and Layne Abell have filed for the four-year office.

With the election of Bruce Gooden to the Second District magistrate seat, and current members Gentry and Abell running for mayor, there are four open seats on the Mount

WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Incumbents Sandra Hockenbury and Dustin Armstrong have filed for re-election.

Also filing for the council include: Stephen Strong, Dalen Lance, Jeremy Jenkins, Jason Cantwell, Brian Anderson, Michael Hoben, Rick Clements, Lisa Armstrong, Roy Daugherty, Doyle Downey, Samantha Davis, Hunter Harp, Alex Meincken, Charles Smith, Alex Wimsatt and Scott Klosterman.

HILLVIEW

With long-term mayor Jim Eadens deciding to retire, city clerk Karen

Richard is the lone candidate to fill the position.

The six seats on the city council will apparently be filled by Robin Triplett, Alice Meredith Keister, Randall Hill, Wes Stafford, Lisa Boggs and Kim Whitlock.

All but Whitlock are currently on the council as she retired last year.

Terry Saunders had filed but has withdrawn from the race.

Hill had filed for mayor but also withdrew and opted to run for the council.

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Stephen Thomas

Bullitt Central's Angela Zorn, selected by the Class of 2026 as its Most Influential Teacher, was honored during the school's graduation ceremony



Stephen Thomas

North Bullitt graduate Samuel Felix flipped for joy after receiving his high school diploma



Stephen Thomas

Bullitt East graduates flipped their mortarboards toward the Broadbent Arena ceiling at the end of their 2026 graduation ceremony

Former deputy jailer faces charges

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – A deputy with the Bullitt County Detention Center is being charged

with inappropriate sexual contact with an inmate and he is no longer employed at the facility.

According to a press release from Bullitt County Jailer Bryan Whittaker, it was determined that

Antonio Robertson may have committed misconduct in his position as a deputy.

That information came forward on May 27 and Whittaker said the Bullitt County Attorney's Office and the Bullitt County Sheriff's Office were immediately contacted.

At around 5:30 p.m. on May 29, the sheriff's office arrested Robertson.

He was charged with two counts of sexual abuse, two counts of promoting contraband, two counts of official misconduct and one count of terroristic threatening.

He was being held in the Metro Louisville Corrections

on a \$10,000 cash bond.

"After thorough investigation, the sheriff's office was able to move forward with charges and arrest," said Whittaker. "I

credit the diligent efforts of my staff and of the Bullitt County Sheriff's Office with a quick resolution regarding this matter. The top concern is the safety for the inmates and the public at large."

According to the arrest citation, the former deputy "forcibly grabbed a female inmate's buttocks and kissed her while she was incarcerated."

He allegedly supplied notes which were against departmental policies.

And the misconduct charge relates to having illicit relationships with two inmates.

And he threatened to do physical injury against the spouse of one of the inmates.

The report stated that the defendant provided a statement of admission to all charges with the exception of the two counts of sexual abuse.



Antonio Robertson

Cease and desist ordered on trucking operation

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FOX CHASE – A capacity crowd wanted to know one thing – what could be done to stop a proposed truck parking area next to its city.

For the past month, residents in the city of Fox Chase, as well as those living across Hebron Lane, have been meeting to see what action they could take to stop the movement of dirt.

In May, those residents came to the meeting of the Fox Chase City Council seeking some support.

As of May 19, there should be no activity on the property owned by GNS Express.

According to a letter from Bullitt County Planning and Zoning director Charlie Spalding, a cease and desist order was sent to the owners.

In the letter, Spalding advised the owner that a prior

warning was given that Danny Rhodes Trucking & Excavation could not disturb more than 50 cubic yards of dirt through its land disturbance permit.

Due to evidence presented by residents, that limit had been exceeded on May 15-16 and May 18.

Fines are possible if any violations of the cease and desist order are documented.

During the discussion at the Fox Chase meeting last month, several residents spoke.

Veronica Brown, along with Hadassah Chilton, presented a petition with around 300 names signed by people who concerned about the truck proposal.

The land is in the city of Hillview and has been zoned light industrial for years.

Chilton said that Hebron Lane is not legally wide enough to have the trucking

operation used as its access.

The residents were concerned that county and state officials were doing nothing to stop the operation.

Brown asked the city officials to support their legal fight financially. However, city attorney Mark Edison said tax dollars could not be spent on such an activity.

There is no problem with the city approving a resolution showing its support for the residents.

Brown said she didn't understand the inability to assist. She was also concerned that state officials would not enforce the weight limits over bridges serving Hebron Lane.

The width of the current road, which has been estimated at 19 feet, makes it dangerous when passing a truck or school bus.

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Fair weather hoped for a great Hillview City Fair

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HILLVIEW — Not wanting to jinx it, Hillview Recreation Department director Chris Gomez said the weather looked nice for the rest of the week.

That meant a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come out and enjoy the 2026 Hillview City Fair, scheduled for June 4-6 at the Eadens Resource Center, 1191 Hillview Boulevard.

"It's gonna be nice weather all weekend," Gomez said. "It rained a lot last year, so we brought back the bands as a result. We're giving them another shot to please the community."

A full list of concerts will take place each night of the fair, beginning on Thursday with Kids Night. DJ Makata will begin the music at 5:30, with Taylor Made, a Taylor

Swift tribute artist, performing at 8.

Friday night The Crashers will make up for last year with a fun set beginning at 9 pm. Moonshine Magnolia will open the evening at 6.

Long-time city fair favorite Thunderstruck, an AC/DC tribute band, performs Saturday at 9 pm. Other Saturday performances include The Bottle Tree, and an acoustic performance courtesy of duo Allison Bray Ferguson and Justin Koltenberg.

Gomez mentioned that the Hillview Square Dance Club will perform at the stage on Saturday at 1 pm. The group meets each Sunday, 6 pm, at the Hillview Government Center. Anyone wishing to attend a session, or for more information, call (502)957-5280.

A performance of a different kind will be presented

by magician Aaron Harp. Gomez said Harp will perform two shows on Thursday and Friday, with 4 shows scheduled for Saturday.

The city fair also plays host to the 2026 Miss Hillview Festival Preliminary Pageant, scheduled for Saturday at the Hillview Government Center, 283 Crestwood Road. Pageants will begin at 10 am, with the doors open at 8.

All ages are welcome to enter the competition, which features evening gown and Sunday best. There will be no stage questions. The entry fee is \$60.

Optionals, including best hair, best eyes, best gown, best smile, and most photogenic, are all free to contestants donating 10 or more canned goods to

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HILLVIEW CITY FAIR JUNE 4-6

in front of the Jim Eadens Resource Center, Hillview Blvd.

