

2025 City of Danville Highlights

We're taking a moment to celebrate a few of the things our community accomplished this year. The City of Danville is fortunate to have a dedicated, community-focused staff, and residents who are engaged, informed, and willing to work alongside us to ensure Danville remains safe, healthy, vibrant, and prosperous for future generations. Thank you for being part of this effort, and we wish you and your family a very Happy New Year!



Public Works & Engineering

- Coordinated trash and recycling collection; issued educational materials and organized biannual bulky item pickup days
- Sidewalk & Pedestrian Improvements including Swope Dr, W Lexington, Maple Ave, Second & Walnut, Russell St, etc.
- Implemented Traffic Calming & Safety features on E Main, Jackson St, Skywatch Dr, Twinbrook Dr and Kemper Ln
- Completed the Twinbrook Culvert Replacement
- Updated Cemetery Rules & Regulations
- Annual Leaf Collection
- Improvements to cemetery fence and facilities
- Completed storm inlet and drainage improvements, including East Walnut Street
- Improved trailhead infrastructure, including parking, signage, and covered shelters
- Began the Active Mobility Planning Survey to improve sidewalk, trail, and bike connectivity
- Assisted with the Danville-Boyle County Planning & Zoning Comprehensive Plan
- Designed and installed new Welcome to Danville gateway signs (ongoing)
- Awarded \$12.6 million Safe Streets for All Grant – For future South Danville Bypass intersection improvements with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
- \$400,000 KYTC Transportation Alternatives Grant – Moving Baughman Avenue sidewalk project forward
- \$150,000 Recreational Trails Program Grant awarded – For future KY 2168 trail extension
- Received 2025 American Council of Engineering Companies of Kentucky Engineering Excellence Award for the design of the Downtown Danville Streetscape Project
- Received the 2025 Merit Award from Kentucky Chapter of the Society for Landscape Architects for Streetscape Project



Parks & Recreation

- Rehabilitated three ballfields
- Advanced Millennium Park playground and site furnishing improvements (ongoing)
- Initiated skatepark and mountain bike park design phases
- Completed utility vehicle and snow removal system upgrades
- Expanded recreational programming for youth, adults, and families, particularly at Jennie Rogers Community Center
- Expanded day camps, concessions, and fireworks programming
- Grew to 1,825 participants across athletic programs (i.e. T-ball, Softball, Baseball, Cheer, Basketball, Adult Leagues, etc.)
- Improved athletic field maintenance and turf planning program
- Established new partnerships with schools, healthcare providers, nonprofits, and local organizations
- Awarded \$250,000 Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant for future Millennium Park Performance Pavilion
- Selected a future childcare provider for Jennie Rogers Community Center



Transparency & Community Support

- Upgraded the business license system (ongoing)
- Issued 302 new business licenses
- Responded to 325 Open Records Requests
- Converted cemetery software to improve records management (ongoing)
- Issued 19 food truck permits
- Added five new businesses to the DanvilleKY Gift Card Program
- Published 10 City of Firsts podcast episodes with 525 downloads
- Grew the City of Danville Facebook page to 12,449 followers
- Expanded DKY Weekly Newsletter to 993 subscribers
- Hosted civic engagement and local government education series
- Ongoing research to support private commercial investment and promote local economic development
- Launched monthly Coffee with Commissioners events
- Supported numerous community festivals, events, and celebrations
- Began mailing monthly community updates with utility bills
- Co-hosted quarterly New Business Welcome Events
- Redesigned the City of Danville website including Utility and Parks & Recreation landing pages
- Established a formal succession planning process
- Implemented a new hire selection and development assessment tool
- Created a high school and college internship program
- Expanded employee health benefit offerings.
- Upgraded safety equipment at all City facilities (fire extinguishers, AEDs, etc)
- Completed the FY26 compensation market study
- Delivered safety and leadership training across all departments
- Added 6 Public Safety Positions
- Promoted 12 employees into advanced leadership roles
- Achieved a 96% employee retention rate
- Hired 15 new employees in 2025
- Began the FY27 Compensation Market Study

Utilities

- Added 755 new utility customers and two new wholesale customers (Parksville and Springfield)
- Completed 6,000+ utility work orders
- Secured \$9.3 million in SRF low-interest loans and \$1.99 million in EDA grant funding
- Completed systemwide SCADA upgrades at wastewater pump stations
- Completed Perryville Road Phase 3 and Hardee Street waterline improvements
- Completed Tower Hill water tank cleaning and painting
- Formed the US 150 Water Utility Commission to support regional growth.
- Completed Spears Creek Pump Station improvements
- Completed Balls Branch Sewer Project Phases 1–3
- Completed an Energy and Sustainability Study
- Began Lebanon Road / Clark's Run Trunk Sewer Phase 2
- Began Cox Street Water Tower Painting Project
- Began Advanced Inflow and Infiltration Sanitary Sewer Detection Project
- Received the 2025 Kentucky Medium Size Operational Excellence Award from the KY/TN American Water Works Association
- Named Finalist for the Kentucky Rural Water Association's Wooden Bucket Award (Water Treatment Plant)
- Completed ongoing continuing education and advanced technical training for utility staff

Public Safety & Security

Fire Department

- Appointed Mike McCurdy as Fire Chief
- Hired three lateral firefighters and one firefighter recruit
- Graduated one recruit as Co-Valedictorian of the Kentucky Fire Commission Academy
- Promoted two probationary firefighters to Career Firefighter/EMT
- Retired four senior personnel, including the former Fire Chief and Deputy Chief
- Averaged 322 training hours per firefighter, exceeding state requirements
- Earned 46 new professional certifications
- Maintained EMT certification for all firefighters, with three paramedics
- Installed and inspected 90 child safety seats
- Installed 42 smoke detectors, 46 detector batteries and 26 residential knock boxes
- Conducted 49 Baby Box tests
- Issued 124 open burning permits
- Conducted annual Citywide fire hydrant testing
- Celebrated Push-In Ceremony for new Engine 19
- Provided 91 confined-space standby operations for local industry
- Implemented new fire reporting software (Emergency Networking)
- Received the 2025 Child Passenger Safety Governor's Award
- Responded to over 3,000 total incidents

Information Technology

- Implemented citywide email gateway security scanning
- Implemented multifactor authentication for all city accounts
- Replaced legacy phone systems with RingCentral
- Upgraded network security appliances at remote facilities
- Joined CIS and MS-ISAC cybersecurity programs



911 / Emergency Communications

- Completed tri-annual LINK/NCIC paperwork and security audits with a 0% error rate
- Added three new dispatch employees
- Promoted a Lead Telecommunicator
- Integrated Emergency Medical Dispatch software into the CAD system through grant funding
- Awarded \$65,767 in grant funding
- Participated in multiple community outreach events
- Expanded TERT participation to three employees
- Completed advanced CPR, resuscitation, and statewide emergency training
- Recognized a dispatcher with the VFW Public Servant Award

Police Department

- Restructured the department's leadership and rank structure
- Responded to increased calls for service and patrols across the community, totaling 15,171 events involving police activity
- Completed Shop with a Cop, serving 21 local children
- Applied for over \$50,000 in grant funding for ballistic shields, helmets, and vests.
- Added one certified officer (starting January 2026); Recruited two officers for academy attendance in 2026
- Responded to 853 Collision Reports
- Conducted 3,396 Traffic Stops
- Deployed a visible traffic enforcement unit city-wide

Stay connected in 2026!

As we close out 2025, we invite you to make Civic Engagement your New Year's resolution. There are many ways to stay informed and get involved.



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