



SENATOR DANNY CARROLL

Legislative Update

The Spirit of Independence lives on in Kentucky

Each year, as the Fourth of July approaches, we're reminded that Independence Day is about more than fireworks and backyard barbecues. It's a time to reflect on the values that gave birth to our nation and continue to shape it today: freedom, opportunity, and the belief that a better future is always within reach.

This Independence Day, we honor the country our Founding Fathers brought to life: one grounded in the belief that liberty, justice, and self-determination are worth fighting for. Their declaration was more than a rejection of a distant crown. It was a declaration of a new way of governing, where power rests with the people.

As we gather with family and friends, we celebrate not just the founders', but the lasting strength of the country they built. Still standing, still striving, and still guided by the ideals that lit the path to freedom, it's what built the American dream and it's what fuels the spirit of Kentucky communities every single day.

We see it in the young families working hard to give their children more than they had, in the small business owners who take risks and create jobs, and in the service members and veterans who continue to protect the freedoms we hold dear. These quiet, determined, and hopeful everyday efforts are what truly define our country.

The American dream has never promised perfection. What it promises is the freedom to try, to grow, and to build something better. It's a promise rooted in the belief that our future is not fixed. Our future is forged by each generation, one decision at a time.

Here in Kentucky, we carry that responsibility with pride. From the historic grounds of Camp Taylor to today's missions at Fort Campbell and Fort Knox, our commonwealth has always stood in defense of that promise. Honoring that legacy means more than looking back, it means living up to the values we celebrate this time each year.

So as flags fly and families gather this Independence Day, take a moment to remember what the red, white, and blue truly celebrates: a nation that's still standing, a dream that's still alive, and people, right here in Kentucky and across this country, who still believe in the promise of America.

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Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Paducah, represents the 2nd Senate District, including Ballard, Carlisle, Livingston, Marshall, and McCracken Counties. He serves as co-chair of the Interim Joint Committee on Families and Children and is a member of the Interim Joint Committees on Education; Judiciary; and Health Services. He serves on the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee and is a non-voting ex officio member of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council. Carroll is also a member of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board. He is also a member of the Governor's Early Childhood Education Advisory Council and the Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Panel. Finally, he serves on the National Conference of State Legislatures' Nuclear Legislative Working Group.



Best of Luck Nyla Holder in Chicago!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that M&T Development, at 7309 Benton Road in Paducah, KY 42003, has filed an application with the KY Energy and Environment Cabinet for bank stabilization and boat ramp construction along the Kentucky Lake shoreline near Grand Rivers, KY. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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Jackson Purchase Distillery reaches a milestone

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Jackson Purchase Distillery in Hickman, Kentucky, recently reached an impressive milestone by filling its 100,000th barrel! This incredible achievement showcases the growth and artistry of the distilling craft. The atmosphere during the celebration was filled with pride and gratitude, honoring the dedicated teams that work tirelessly to create every drop of bourbon.

To mark this special occasion, the distillery brought together teams from all shifts, recognizing the collaborative effort that made this remarkable goal possible. From talented distillers to the barrel crew and supportive partners, every individual plays a crucial role in the journey from grain to barrel.

Nestled in the heart of the Jackson Purchase region, this distillery has become an essential part of Hickman's economy and character. With each barrel produced, the team is crafting a legacy that beautifully intertwines innovation with tradition.

As the momentous 100,000th barrel was filled, cheers of joy resonated throughout the facility—not just for the milestone itself but for the spirit of teamwork that made it all possible. This celebration was not only a time for reflection but also a chance to look ahead with excitement and ambition.

With immense passion, precision, and pride, Jackson Purchase Distillery continues to write its story—one barrel at a time. Here's to the journey ahead and all the new milestones yet to come!

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PADUCAH, Ky. (July 3, 2025) – A nighttime lane restriction for a micro-surfacing project on Interstate 24 in McCracken County is expected to resume on Monday, July 7, weather permitting.

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will begin paving on I-24 westbound near Exit 16 and working toward the I-24 Ohio River Bridge before moving eastbound.

Crews will be working overnight from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., in approximately 8-mile sections per night and alternating between the left and right lanes. Intermittent ramp closures will take place when work is occurring in the adjacent right-hand lane. These closures will generally last about one hour. Personnel will be stationed on the ramp to alert motorists to the temporary closure.

This work is part of a \$9.2 million micro-paving project along sections of Interstates 24 and 69 in KYTC District 1.

The entire project is scheduled for completion by September 30, 2025.

To get traffic advisories and alerts for KYTC District 1 counties via email, please go to <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/KYTC/signup/13651>. Click on the District 1 counties you regularly drive through, or on any of the specialty corridors you travel. Check your SPAM filtering to ensure Gov Delivery is on your approved list.

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