

NASA eyes next Artemis mission after astronauts' successful moon flyby

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HOUSTON — Never-before-glimpsed views of the moon's far side. Check. Total solar eclipse gracing the lunar scene. Check. New distance record for humanity. Check.

With NASA's lunar comeback a galactic-sized smash thanks to Artemis II, the world is wondering: What's next? And how do you top that?

"To people all around the world who look up and dream

about what is possible, the long wait is over," NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman said as he introduced Artemis II commander Reid Wiseman, pilot Victor Glover, Christina Koch and Canada's Jeremy Hansen at Saturday's jubilant homecoming celebration.

Now that the first lunar travelers in more than a half-century are safely back in Houston with their families, NASA has Artemis III in its sights.

"The next mission's right around the corner," entry flight

director Rick Henfling observed following the crew's Pacific splashdown on Friday.

In a mission recently added to the docket for next year, Artemis III's yet-to-be-named astronauts will practice docking their Orion capsule with a lunar lander or two in orbit around Earth. Elon Musk's SpaceX and Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin

are racing to have their company's lander ready first.

Musk's Starship and Bezos' Blue Moon are vying for the all-important Artemis IV moon

landing in 2028. Two astronauts will aim for the south polar region, the preferred location for Isaacman's envisioned \$20 billion to \$30 billion moon base.

Vast amounts of ice are almost certainly hidden in permanently shadowed craters there — ice that could provide water and rocket fuel.



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Monday, May 4, 2026

The City of La Grange City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, May 4, 2026, at approximately 6:30 p.m. pertaining to the second reading on the following item. The Public Hearing will be held at La Grange City Hall located at 307 W. Jefferson St, La Grange, Kentucky. **ORDINANCE NO.06, SERIES 2026-**

An Ordinance amending the Personnel and Pay Classification Plan for City Employees

All interested parties are hereby notified that a copy of the proposed ordinance is available in their entirety for public inspection at La Grange City Hall, 307 West Jefferson Street, LaGrange, Kentucky, and may be examined during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). All those interested are invited to be present and participate in the discussion.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
OLDHAM COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, April 28, 2026 at 9:00AM

The following item has been scheduled for Public Hearing by the Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission to be held on **Tuesday, April 28, 2026.** The Commission Meeting will be held on the second floor of the Oldham County Fiscal Court Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, La Grange, Kentucky.

DOCKET PZ-26-005 – An application has been filed by Thomas Finch for a Waiver of Division 300-050: Vehicular Use Area Perimeter Landscape Buffer Area on property located at 428 E. Main St., La Grange. The property is 0.55-acres and zoned I-1, Light Industrial District.

Detailed information is on file in the office of the Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission, Fiscal Court Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, Suite 3, La Grange, Kentucky and may be examined during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

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