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PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATION

Property tax rates set across county

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Property tax rates have been set for all residents within Scott County for 2026, according to Property Valuation Administrator John Burke. Tax bills should be distributed on or around Nov. 1 and should be paid by the end of 2026 to avoid late fees, which vary by city. Every household will receive a bill based on the county combined rate

of 88.72 cents per \$100 of assessed property value for real estate, Burke said. Those within the city limits of Georgetown, Stamping Ground, Sadieville, or Corinth will also be charged for rates set by each city. The county combined rate comprises property tax rates set independently by the state, county, school, library, health, and extension office boards, according to Burke. The 2026 rate is the lowest since 2022

In the know	
Real estate taxes will be assessed at the following rates for 2026, based on property valuation assessments:	
County combined rate (all residents): 88.72 cents per \$100 assessed.	Stamping Ground: 13.5 cents per \$100 assessed, plus county combined rate; \$1.0222 per \$100 total.
Georgetown: 6.1 cents per \$100 assessed, plus county combined rate; 94.82 cents per \$100 total.	Sadieville: 13.7 cents per \$100 assessed, plus county combined rate; \$1.0242 per \$100 total.
	Corinth: 26.5 cents per \$100 assessed, plus county combined rate; \$1.1522 per \$100 total.

and represents the fourth consecutive year of rate reductions.

“Almost all of (the taxing districts) lowered (their independent rate)

a little bit, except for the school,” he said. “Everybody who lives in the county of Scott will get that combined bill.” Residents who reside within an incorporated city will receive the county combined rate charge, administered by the Scott County Sheriff’s Office, plus an additional tax bill based on rates set by each city government, Burke said. City of Georgetown opted for a compensating rate tax levy at 6.1 cents

per \$100 assessed, down one tenth of a cent from 2025, after City Council unanimously struck down a proposed property tax increase of one tenth of a cent from last year. Georgetown residents can anticipate a real estate property tax rate of 94.82 cents per \$100 after city and county combined rate taxes are assessed. Stamping Ground has set its real estate property tax rate at 13.5

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GEORGETOWN-SCOTT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

New Brooking Park playground slated for 2027

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The playground at Charles Brooking Park will soon be completely remodeled as Georgetown City Council and Scott County Fiscal Court have moved the project to the top of a shared priority list of parks projects. Work is expected to begin early 2027, and the new playground could be complete around summer of next year. Brook- ing Park’s play- ground equipment is around 25 years old, George- town-Scott County Parks and Recreation Director Drew Beckett said. With the park seeing near 60,000 visitors

‘The most important thing for us is the surfacing. We’re looking at turf or the poured-in-place rubber, which definitely makes our playground more accessible to the community. The features are awesome.’

Drew Beckett
Parks and Rec Director

during peak months, the community’s highest-traffic playground is more suited for “a maximum” lifespan of 20 years. “We’re kind of at the point where we’re starting to remove some of the items in the playground, so we’re ecstatic that the council and the fiscal court both decided to approve a new playground,” Beckett said. “It’s desperately needed.” As part of the joint resolution between the City and County, the Brook- ing Park playground project will be “undertaken during the third quarter of fiscal year 2027,”

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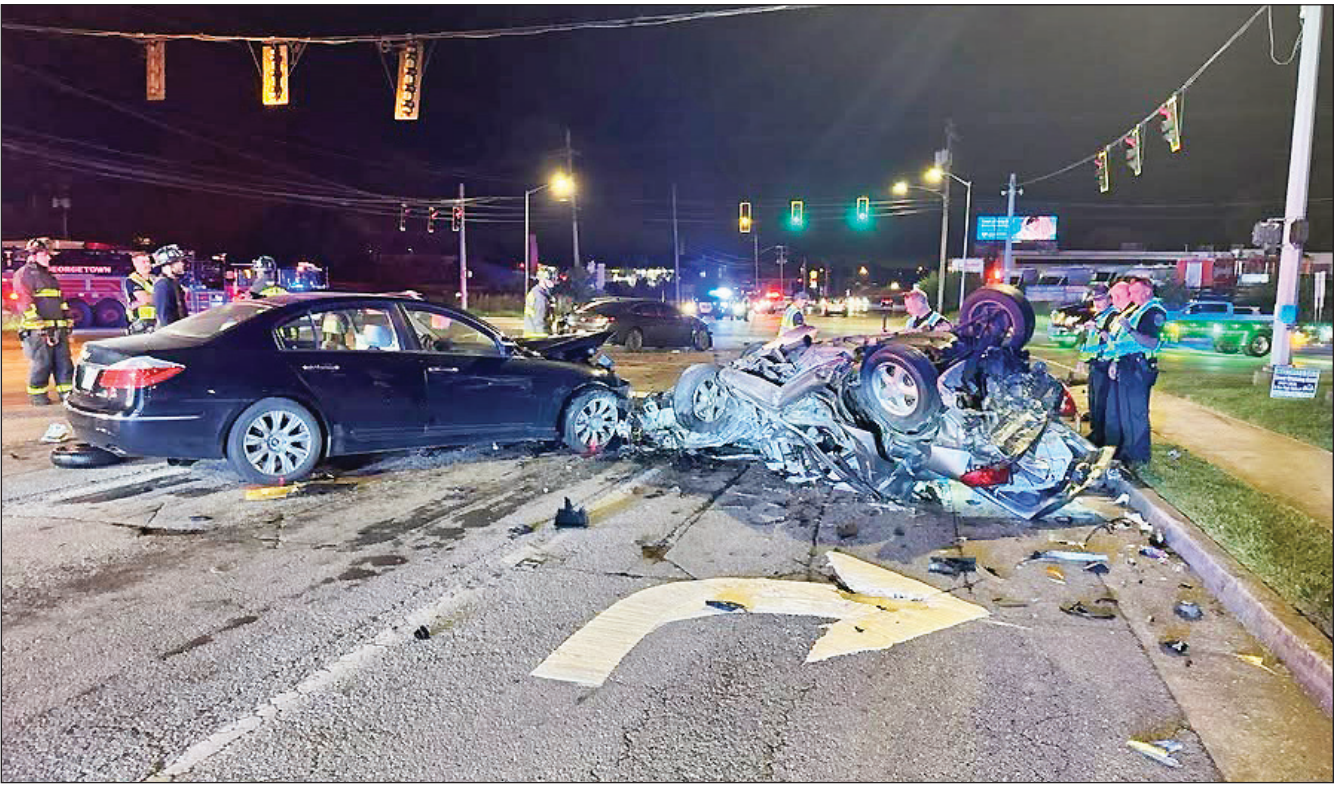


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Four vehicles were involved in an early morning crash Wednesday, Sept. 23, during which multiple drivers suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Georgetown Police Department personnel believe the wreck involved a driver they have linked to larceny from vehicles reports in northeast Georgetown hours prior.

Wednesday morning wreck linked to overnight car break-ins, police say

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A four-vehicle collision occurred around 6 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Lexington Road and McClelland Circle after a driver sped through the intersection, leaving involved vehicles damaged and multiple drivers with non-life-threatening injuries, Georgetown Police Department (GPD) Captain Lewis Crump said. That driver, who police say had an active warrant, is believed to

be involved in a string of larceny from vehicles reports hours earlier in northeast Georgetown. The driver was spotted by an officer posted near the Scott-Fayette county line moments before the crash, Crump said, going at an unknown speed but believed to be exceeding the speed limit. There was not an active police pursuit involving the driver prior to the wreck.

In the know

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has additional information about the incident should contact GPD at **502-863-7820**.

“He was speeding, and as the officer turned around, the vehicle was gone,” he said. “What we believe is the motorist sped up and may have then, obviously, entered that collision.” As the speeding driver entered the intersection at McClelland Circle and Lexington Road, they collided with three other vehicles, each with one occupant, Crump said.

Two people were transported to the hospital following the accident and are expected to recover. “(The involved drivers suffered) non-life-threatening injuries, just a few broken bones for a couple people, but no fatalities.” The accident remains under investigation, according to Crump. At the site of the wreck, “a lot of property” was discovered inside and around the car that initiated the collision that police “know came from

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