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SWEARING IN—Former District 1 Metro Councilwoman Jessica Green was sworn in as Circuit Court Judge this past Friday. Family and friends gathered at the Muhammad Ali Center for the Swearing In Ceremony. She was sworn in by Hon. Denise Clayton, Chief, Court of Appeals. Inset Photo above, Judge Green gave remarks after being sworn in. *Photos by Clinton Bennett*

Making Black History: Adria Johnson has a proven ability to lead as President & CEO for Metro United Way

Having focused her career on lifting some of society's most vulnerable populations, Adria Johnson embodies hope, integrity, and humanity. She is a dedicated and well-respected servant leader with more than 27 years of experience in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors.



Adria Johnson

ward reform and work collaboratively across a wide range of stakeholders positioned her well to become President & Chief Executive Officer for Metro United Way. Prior to leading the organization, she served as its Chief Impact Officer and previously held roles in Kentucky State Government and Louisville Metro Government.

Johnson's leader-

ship has been instrumental in developing transformative investment strategies and collective approaches in many areas—including neighborhood revitalization supports, preventive services for children at risk of abuse or neglect, comprehensive services for children with behavioral and developmental needs, employment opportunities for youth aging out of foster

care, and development of workforce opportunities. In addition, she led and supported efforts aimed at

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INVITATION TO BID

Jefferson County Public Schools will receive sealed bids and award contract(s) for: **BOILER REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS, Louisville, KY.**
 Pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., March 1, 2022, at Carter Traditional Elementary School, 3600 Bohne Ave, Lou, KY 40211, with Semple Elementary School to follow.
 Bids will be received at the following times:
 March 10
 1:00 pm
 Carter TES
 March 10
 2:00 pm
 Semple ES

at the Facility Planning Unit, C.B. Young, Jr. Service Ctr, 3001 Crittenden Dr, Lou, KY 40209, at which time and place bids will be opened and read aloud. Bidders must be present at the bid opening. Bid documents are prepared by Kerr-Greulich Engineers, Inc., and are available at Lynn Imaging, 11460 Bluegrass Pkwy, Lou, KY 40299, phone (502) 499-8400.

JCPS Board of Education has established goals and good faith effort of 15% participation for Minority Business Enterprises, and 10% for Women Business Enterprises in all construction contracting. JCPS reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in bids received where such acceptance, rejection, or waiver is considered to be in the best interest of the Owner.

INVITATION TO BID

Jefferson County Public Schools will receive sealed bids and award contract(s) for: **PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS AT BLOOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Louisville, KY.**
 Pre-bid meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m., March 7, 2022, at Bloom Elementary School, 1627 Lucia Ave, Lou, KY 40204.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., March 22, 2022 at the Facility Planning Dept. C. B. Young, Jr, Service Ctr, 3001 Crittenden Dr, Lou, KY 40209, at which time and place bids will be opened and read aloud. Bidders must be present at the bid opening. Bid documents are prepared by Qk4, Inc. and are available at Lynn Imaging, 11460 Bluegrass Pkwy, Lou, KY 40209, phone (502) 499-8400.

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Advertisement for Bid

Sealed Bids will be accepted at Louisville Metro Housing Authority (Purchasing Department) 3223 South Seventh Street Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40216 up to 10:00 a.m. Local Time on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022**, for the following project:

Scattered Sites Siding Replacement at 4513 Fegenbush Lane 4317 Norwood Drive 10014 Whips Mill Road Louisville, Kentucky Proposal No. 1560

A "pre -bid meeting" will convene at 10:00 a.m. Local Time on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, by joining Zoom meeting or dial in number, visit LMHA website at www.lmha1.org for further information.

The project may be visited during normal business hours 7:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday by adhering CDC, State and Local Authorities guidelines.

Copies of the bid documents, may be obtained from the Housing Agency Marketplace at:

https://ha.economicengine.com/requests.html?company_id=9038

Or visit our website at www.lmha1.org and follow the link under bid opportunities. There is no cost to receive plans/specifications from our agency.

Section 3 Opportunities

The project(s) will provide opportunities for Section 3 residents and Section 3 Business concerns. Contract Phil Reidinger, MBE/ Section 3 Coordinator at (502) 569-4922 for further information.

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LOUISVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

SDF ARFF DOOR REPLACEMENT LOUISVILLE MUHAMMAD ALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

This project consists of the replacement of existing overhead doors, associated electrical components and HVAC/exhaust improvements.

This project will utilize electronic bid submission through www.flylouisvillebids.com, until and not later than 2:00 PM local time on **Thursday, March 10, 2022**. Immediately following such deadline, all Bids will be publicly read online via video conference and telephone conference. The video conference may be accessed at the following website: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89179486555?pwd=NWxMaFZWdjRPTlZnRnpjNDdDTEFE5dz09>

The Join Zoom Meeting ID: 891 7948 6555, Passcode: 689662. For those calling in by phone, the toll free numbers are 877-853-5247 US Toll-free and 888-788-0099 US Toll free.

Those contractors that ordered plans through www.flylouisvillebids.com can submit their bid(s) from their account on the project page. If you did not obtain plans through www.flylouisvillebids.com please contact Lynn Imaging, the administrator of www.flylouisvillebids.com, at 800-888-0693 or email support@lynnimaging.com in order to submit your bid electronically to set up an account. All documents required for the bid submission must be submitted separately.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, (electronic or paper copies) may be obtained at Lynn Imaging, 11460 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299, 1-800-888-0693, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or the documents can be ordered at www.flylouisvillebids.com, upon registration and deposit of a nonrefundable fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50).

Each sealed Bid shall be accompanied by an irrevocable Bank Letter of Credit, or satisfactory Bid Bond with good corporate surety, in a sum not less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate amount of the Bid, payable without condition to the Louisville Regional Airport Authority, to guarantee that if the Bidder's offer results in an Award, the Bidder will furnish all required bonds, insurance certificate(s) and insurance policy(ies) within ten Calendar Days after the date Notice of Award is given, and enter into the Contract within thirty (30) days after Notice of Award is given.

The Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat., 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an Award.

The Authority will conduct a **Pre-Bid Conference beginning at 11:00 AM local time on Thursday, February 24, 2022** for the purpose of reviewing the Contract Documents. The Pre-Bid conference will be held online via video conference and telephone conference. The video conference may be accessed at the following website: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86213287635?pwd=cU5iUUlWQ3JLYkZoSG5RNnhlcjQ5UT09>
 The Join Zoom Meeting ID is 862 1328 7635, Passcode: 832185. For those calling in by phone, the toll free numbers are 877-853-5247 US Toll-free and 888-788-0099 US Toll free. All prospective Bidders are invited and encouraged to attend this conference

The Authority has a No Contact Policy which prohibits communication or contact by Bidders(s) or its representative(s) directed at members of the Authority's Board, its employees, its consultants, or its other representatives concerning the subject of the Bid Documents except as permitted by the Bid Documents.

Brian Sinnwell, CM
 Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is seeking Volunteers

Catholic Charities Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the residents who reside in long-term care facilities. We protect the rights of nursing home residents by identifying, investigating, and working to resolve residents' concerns. As a volunteer you can either provide companionship to residents that do not receive visits, or you can become certified to investigate concerns raised by residents and families. For more information you can go to our website at: <https://cclou.org/long-term-care> or contact Natalie Brown-Radtke, Director of the LTCO Program at 502-637-9786.

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addressing racial disparities and inequities found within the populations served in child welfare.

During her time in state government, Johnson served as Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services. Before that she held key roles in Louisville Metro Government ranging from Capital Planning Analyst to Acting Director of the Department of Community Services and Revitalization. Her strong fiscal experience was gained in the

first half of her career at Humana, LG&E, and Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corporation.

Johnson completed her undergraduate studies at Ball State University and completed several post-graduate courses at the University of Louisville. She is also a published author, having published a book of poetry in 2004. She is a native of Louisville and has two children, a son and a daughter, and two precious grandchildren.

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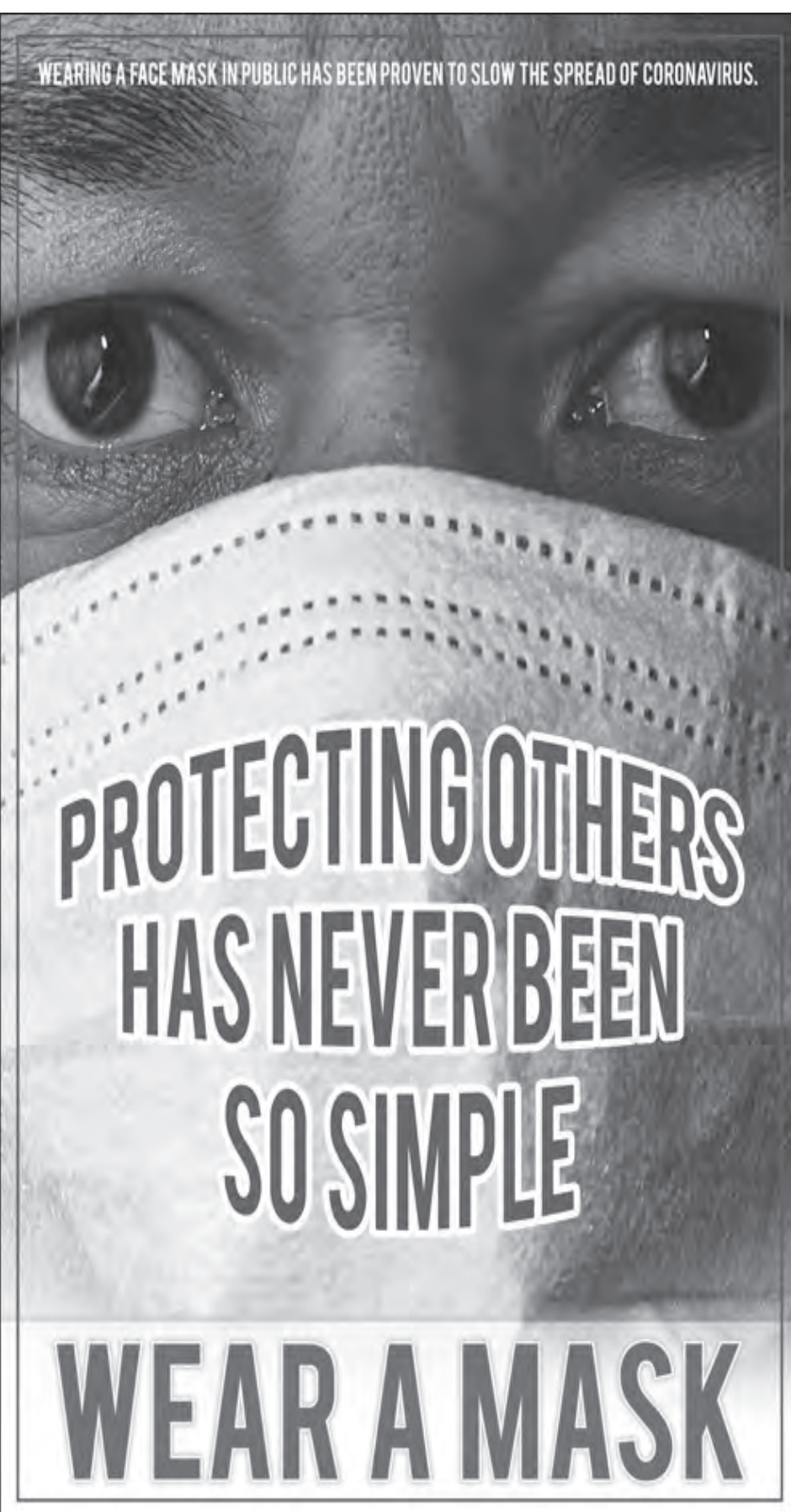
- African Americans and/or someone who has impacted our world through February 24.
- Grace James Academy of Excellence will have an African American Read-In on February 25, from 8 a.m. - 12 pm.
- J. Graham Brown School will host "Black Joy," a celebration in music, dance, poetry and song on February 28.
- Lyman Johnson Traditional Middle is collaborating with Louisville Male High School inviting students and other traditional school alumni as speakers.
- Martin Luther King Elementary School has invited local legends to speak February 25.
- Noe Middle School students are showcasing their art pieces celebrating blacks in aviation.

- Portland Elementary students will create their living Wax Museum February 24 at 10-11:30 am and Whitney Young Elementary will have a similar event on February 25 at 11 am.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, March 7**
 - In-Service Day, No School for Students
- Tuesday, March 8**
 - Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm (location to be announced)
- Tuesday, March 29**
 - Board of Education Special Meeting, (Time and location TBD.)

Public speakers have returned to JCPS Meetings. Additional information will be in the next article.



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