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10.

Tell us other places you seek information on national & political topics.

13 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	In person meetings
2	anonymous	News
3	anonymous	News ,social media
4	anonymous	Substacks
5	anonymous	Watch floor proceedings of congress on youtube
6	anonymous	Internet searches
7	anonymous	X / Twitter
8	anonymous	Newsletters and communication from my elected officials and groups where I am a member.
9	anonymous	I go directly to government websites and read agendas, proposed legislation/regulations on topics of concern and interest. You can even watch livestreams of the meetings.
10	anonymous	Radio, television, social media, online news and articles
11	anonymous	Personal research
12	anonymous	Non-partisan news apps

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13	anonymous	I gather information from every possible place. The more you have the better decisions one can make.

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Tell us other places you seek information on Paris - Bourbon County topics.

17 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Blah blah blah
2	anonymous	Updates from Political party emails.
3	anonymous	In person meetings
4	anonymous	Attending meetings
5	anonymous	People
6	anonymous	I attend Fiscal Court Meetings, Paris City Commission Meetings, E911 Meetings, Planning and Zoning Meetings. I read minutes from meetings too where they are shared online.
7	anonymous	Facebook and newspaper
8	anonymous	Business owners, politicians and city officials
9	anonymous	Groups where I am a member- animal shelter, farm groups and the extension office, FFA, etc.
10	anonymous	volunteering at various entities.
11	anonymous	I go to the corresponding government website and look the agendas to see what they are up to.
12	anonymous	Longtime Paris city employee. 6 term city commissioner

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13	anonymous	Speak with candidates
14	anonymous	Meetings of both parties monthly.
15	anonymous	Prior to voting season, the paper comes out with some information about the candidates. In primary season, I research to find the most conservative of the Republican choices (and/or Trump supporter) but usually there is only one choice for most offices.
16	anonymous	I don't
17	anonymous	I talk to lots of people. It's amazing where you can get information.

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14.

Why / why not are you satisfied with the direction of the City of Paris?

51 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Paris seems to be stuck in its "old ways" of doing things. It feels like a real divide between those in office and the rest of us and I'm not sure why.
2	anonymous	Need to fix infrastructure
3	anonymous	We've lost the best City Manager the City has had in many years, (Jamie ?) ... the reason to my knowledge has not been made public, but I would like to know the truth. Transparency, it's not in the City's Leadership vocabulary.
4	anonymous	There has been little tangible growth in the city for quite some time. The same people always run for office, and I'm ready to see a change.
5	anonymous	They won't let our small town grow but every city around us is growing
6	anonymous	Mayor all the way down to the city manager and police chief show absolute corruption and "good ol' big system". The new police chief is a yes-man who lies, cheats and steals and only got the job based on being best friends with city manager. City manager and mayor violate grievance laws and retaliate against whistle blowers
7	anonymous	Need more transparency
8	anonymous	There could be a better public vision for revitalization and more pressure put on some property owners for the maintenance of blighted properties that give the whole city a black eye.
9	anonymous	Would love to see us have more businesses rather than always going to Winchester or Lexington to make my purchases. We need grocery stores,

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		eateries, and retail. Quit limiting who can come into Paris and having so many restrictions on businesses.
10	anonymous	They spend all this money with no public input. City commissioners meeting are in the morning or too early in the evening for working citizens to get there. You call to speak to city managers or workers and just get machines. I'm a disappointed citizen.
11	anonymous	I do not feel as if this new city manager has the abilities to perform his job.
12	anonymous	Nothing changes
13	anonymous	Because they are starting to get rid of the good old boy system
14	anonymous	Need more jobs for skilled workers. Something for younger people to do. Restaurants that aren't Mexican.
15	anonymous	Concerned about Paris City and Bourbon County School test scores; lack of opportunities for students to intern, apprentice, lack of vocational education within Bourbon County-we bus students outside of our county for vocational education.
16	anonymous	Need growth
17	anonymous	They talk about wanting to grow yet they won't put any effort, after many years they started tearing down the abandoned properties but then won't go the extra step in taking the property to sell, they slap a lien on it, Paris city school took a property for back taxes so the city should be able to do it, they say it takes a lot of time yet we pay for a city attorney. The lots could be sold for the amount to tear down and new properties built
18	anonymous	Need more growth and less taxes.

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19	anonymous	Never any kind of growth. If there is a mention of something new everyone loses their minds about it. Its just a very stagnant place.
20	anonymous	No, they lack vision and lack the ability to govern without satisfying personal agendas. To much focus on Public Relations and not enough on good policy!
21	anonymous	Nothing for the young people to do. Too many old people running and running down Paris
22	anonymous	There is absolutely nothing to do here and lack of retail and restaurants is very disappointing. There has been no growth in my 48 years of living here.
23	anonymous	Growth and spending seems to be controlled by too few of the “good ‘ol boys”
24	anonymous	Business don’t last. The school system is not great. And nothing is done about community issues.
25	anonymous	Paris doesn’t seem interested in growing.
26	anonymous	It’s run by the good ole boys group with kickbacks and money under the table
27	anonymous	I feel we keep building house that are way out of price range for the middle class and no growth
28	anonymous	It doesn’t look like muc growth is happening.
29	anonymous	Too anti/ good development downtown and instead they waste money on low income housing etc

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30	anonymous	Need more dining options, less Mexican restaurants
31	anonymous	I believe we should be Bourbon County not cuty and County.
32	anonymous	No growth No change
33	anonymous	Lots of room for improvement
34	anonymous	I receive quite a few alerts about water problems. That seems to be an ongoing problem.
35	anonymous	I think the addition of Mark Burden is going to bring a great change to the PPD. Mark is a great leader & my hope is that he is able to motivate some folks who have become stagnant. I also like that current political members are looking to expand their knowledge & careers. I can't wait to see them in action.
36	anonymous	too much done without the knowledge of all voters. Not transparent enough. too much 'good ole boy' stuff and real issues not being addressed.
37	anonymous	There is some incompetence within the city that needs to be rectified.
38	anonymous	Nothing has changed
39	anonymous	The city itself puts out that they want to grow the town but when opportunity's present themselves they look the other way and have really no desire to actually grow it.
40	anonymous	We are growing. Housing, industry, jobs. Updating old infrastructure. Right old wrongs; moving the "dump" out of a neighborhood.
41	anonymous	Seems to be "less focused " on growing the local economy.

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42	anonymous	Paris is not as fiscally responsible as they should be.
43	anonymous	Seems to be "good le boy" politics. They take care of themselves before worry about what is best for citizens.
44	anonymous	City doesn't strive for excellence. Mediocracy runs deep
45	anonymous	I am concerned about the increasing water and property taxes. I also was very annoyed about the city taking out a whole lane of road for a dangerous bike path in the middle of the city. This reminds me of how things started with liberals in California. I am also worried because in the final Biden years, someone approved a huge dump (or bus in) of what appear to be illegal aliens who cannot speak English and I am worried the city and county are putting out tax dollars into welfare for non-citizens when so many in this city are in need. I am also concerned that this will depress the market for American citizens and their ability to have a fair wage when competing with illegal aliens. I want to know who approved this huge influx of people that were not born in this country and that are draining resources from city and county citizens through taxes and taking up space and resources in schools.
46	anonymous	Lack of business development and housing
47	anonymous	New businesses coming to town
48	anonymous	Encouraged by the growth in tourism, new people moving into the area and getting involved, efforts to highlight and preserve the culture and history of the community
49	anonymous	Taxes continue to increase. Regular water main breaks. Paris utilities website does not reflect payment history. Dog barking and property management of residents needs better/more regular monitoring.

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50	anonymous	It seems that there's a constant effort to keep Paris from growing developing. It seems that we are landlocked by horse farms that don't want growth.
51	anonymous	There is lots of work to do and there is no simple answer with an aging infrastructure

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16.

Why / why not are you satisfied with the direction of Bourbon County?

47 responses

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1	anonymous	Bourbon County seems to be stuck in its "old ways" of doing things. It feels like a real divide between those in office and the rest of us and I'm not sure why.
2	anonymous	I think things can always get better - always room for improvement
3	anonymous	Spent money on a park that will never bring in a drop in the bucket to what was spent.
4	anonymous	I've personally witnessed the infiltration of politics take over our County government. Most, of our elected officials are only working for thier political party and "friends"; they are not here to serve every citizen of our community. The word transparency, also does not exist in County government vocabulary.
5	anonymous	I think county wise, there has been more happen for infill development than in the city. The county government is more cohesive than the commission / mayor.
6	anonymous	Same as above
7	anonymous	Need more transparency
8	anonymous	Same as above- there needs to be a vision that doesn't rely on an outside corporation being the saving grace or rely on "economic development" handouts. Bourbon County has a lot to offer if it would better capitalize on and accept its current assets.

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9	anonymous	Same as above
10	anonymous	Spend all our tax player money and what do we have to show. A dump that is open only when working people are at work. A park that is just set up for pickle ball players and out of town travel baseball kids. I live in Paris so my magistrate just cares about the county and millersburg. Glad he got a personal boat ramp.
11	anonymous	Nothing ever changes
12	anonymous	Getting a new judge executive to hopefully take care of the employees not try to build a park To make a legacy and take away from the work of people
13	anonymous	Need more housing for the middle class families. Jobs
14	anonymous	Spending too much money on extras before we take care of the basics.
15	anonymous	Growth
16	anonymous	The new park is a joke, the old country club was sold to an outsider, then given back to have the zoning changed and then as a forced sale the outside party now known as potter. Potter then sold the property to one of his other companies showing he paid 1,600,000.
17	anonymous	Need more growth and less texes
18	anonymous	The county is more focused on positive change and better policies for their. Constituents.
19	anonymous	Same as above

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20	anonymous	Same- growth and spending seems to be controlled by the same group of people. I feel strongly about supporting more progressive areas that do not seem to be represented.
21	anonymous	We are not a growing community.
22	anonymous	Like Avon in Clintonville was trying to build the airport. We stopped them again but they will continue to try again.
23	anonymous	Same answer as above
24	anonymous	Not in favor of large developments that seem to be the norm these days
25	anonymous	No growth
26	anonymous	Too much land with nothing on it to not have things here to do!
27	anonymous	Generally the public officials are supportive of horse industry and not subdivisions.
28	anonymous	No growth No change
29	anonymous	While keeping the bucolic landscape intact, a freshness needs to addressed to entice new residents.
30	anonymous	There is still a lot of “old tradition folks” who seem to have the power to make decisions about growth and other things in our community. This community needs a healthy dose of the “next generations” leadership. Those folks who grew up here & are now adults who can make a difference but aren’t always given the chance.
31	anonymous	see above for City of Paris

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32	anonymous	There needs to be a concerted effort to protect the ag economy and land. Local elected officials seem quick to screw over their constituents. That's what they attempted to do with the Airport debacle. Can't trust anyone these days.
33	anonymous	More has changed for the county than the city, but still relatively dormant.
34	anonymous	Ask yourself, why did it take one person to just walk into the court house to simply read and they just so happen to come across that there was a motion to eminent domain portions of bourbon county to build a flipping airport. Who in there right mind let that slide. Farmers feed American. There is a shortage of cattle and Kentucky is the largest PRODUCER on the east FUCKING side of the Mississippi and you want to take a portion of land from farmers that are GENERATIONAL for an airport. As a matter of fact that's not the only reason but I don't want to write a book so that's my main reason.
35	anonymous	Same as above
36	anonymous	Bourbon County is not as fiscally responsible as they should be.
37	anonymous	Seems to be "good le boy" politics. They take care of themselves before worry about what is best for citizens.
38	anonymous	County doesn't strive for excellence. Mediocrity runs deep
39	anonymous	It seems as though every penny is going into the new park. It's never open. Volunteer Fire Dept. Have to rely on donations to operate. County will not help with fire engines, uniforms, etc., which they should. If they get a fire first thing they ask was if volunteers showed up
40	anonymous	I am concerned about the increasing water and property taxes. I also was very annoyed about the city taking out a whole lane of road for a dangerous bike path in the middle of the city. This reminds me of how things started

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41	anonymous	Growth and housing
42	anonymous	Lack of business development and housing. Lack of transparency of School system funding .
43	anonymous	Good leadership & things are happening in Bourbon County - new businesses coming to town, new park more exposer
44	anonymous	Lack of transparency in decisions impacting local community and businesses; inadequate infrastructure to support growth
45	anonymous	See above.
46	anonymous	See above answer.
47	anonymous	Yes. It's a slow process but they have made great progress

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18.

Please tell us any other issues for the City of Paris that are most important to you that are not listed above.

22 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Affordable Housing Honesty and Transparency from all Leaders.
2	anonymous	Infrastructure!
3	anonymous	Revitalization of current housing that is blighted and preserving historic character. When a city looks good, it feels good about itself.
4	anonymous	We have to travel to other cities to do anything
5	anonymous	Needs to grow
6	anonymous	Litter, zoning, crime
7	anonymous	I WANT someone to explain to me WHY we taxpayers can't combine the city school with the county, the paris school says they have a paper claiming they dont have to, I want it published in the paper, I want to see it, Ive written to everyone I can think of and cant get an answer
8	anonymous	The city needs to focus on Less regulations and more pro business. Less focused on social justice issues and more free market.
9	anonymous	Animal care, specifically support for PAWS
10	anonymous	There is no transparency,too many issues are kept under table
11	anonymous	Police department

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12	anonymous	Not in Paris
13	anonymous	Need grocery stores...clothing stores....
14	anonymous	I just want to see bourbon county thrive to its fullest potential. I will reiterate that we need to allow folks who have vested interests in this community to step up & help grow our community. Also side note: I personally thing all positions should have a maximum amount of years to serve. Looking at some roles the same people sit in the same seats & it's time to freshen those up.
15	anonymous	Aging infrastructure is an issue--water, sewer and roads.
16	anonymous	Infrastructure upgrading, tax modernization
17	anonymous	It seems like Paris wants to be a bedroom community and never move forward.
18	anonymous	When we moved here about 14 years ago, it was a beautiful place. Now, it is getting crowded and more expensive as far as property taxes and water. I like some improvements downtown but some, like the ridiculous bike path are reminiscent of why we ran from California. These things start small and before you know it, policies that are high tax, high crime and against traditional values are gone. Now the city and county approved or invited the Governor or President Biden to dump a bunch of illegal aliens that I am certain the average citizen now has to support through taxes and resources. That is what I am concerned about here. I sometimes think about moving to a more rural area but I love my land and the area, so I am giving it time to see if things improve under a new administration nationally. The other thing I wish we had was direct transportation to Lexington so I could have wine and go to Keeneland. There is no Taxi or Uber so it limits going out since I do not drive after a glass of wine.

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19	anonymous	Infrastructure and communication
20	anonymous	Proper, strategic growth; affordable housing;
21	anonymous	We need to ensure what we have is working before we grow.
22	anonymous	Community involvement