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20.

Please tell us any other issues for Bourbon County that are most important to you that are not listed above.

22 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	We need Elected Officials who truly care, and are here to serve every citizen in our community, not just thier political party and "friends". They also need to be accountable and transparent.
2	anonymous	Again, infrastructure.
3	anonymous	Bourbon County needs to focus its energy on growing its urban core instead of allowing for unmitigated sprawl outside of city borders. Condensed development is a more responsible use of taxpayer dollars. Bourbon County also had the charm to attract young families but thinks it needs to wait on a big employer to come in and change the game for it, instead of taking the reins and making the change ourselves to attract those folks.
4	anonymous	Same as above
5	anonymous	Everyone around us is growing but us
6	anonymous	Smart growth-not building low quality housing just to have units. Traffic flow considerations. Not condemning land with eminent domain.
7	anonymous	The country club deal was awful
8	anonymous	Roads and infrastructure.
9	anonymous	Animal care and supporting the shelter (PAWS)
10	anonymous	No transparency,issues handled under the table

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11	anonymous	Maintain rural/horse/ farming
12	anonymous	Same as above.
13	anonymous	The proposed airport at Bluegrass station was/is a fiasco
14	anonymous	If the housing, education and entertainment areas grew, jobs would increase, no?
15	anonymous	Growing the area in such a way that protects and cultivates the fact it's an Ag area that draws in tourists to experience horse country.
16	anonymous	WORK ON AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND SHOW THE YOUNGER GENERATION HOW IMPORTANT IT IS. IT SHOULD BE TAUGHT OUTSIDE OF A CLASSROOM WHEN ITS CONSIDERED OPTIONAL IN SCHOOL.
17	anonymous	Immigration. No sanctuary policies.
18	anonymous	The county has stopped growth for years.
19	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

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		go to Keeneland. There is no Taxi or Uber so it limits going out since I do not drive after a glass of wine.
20	anonymous	Infrastructure and communication
21	anonymous	See above.
22	anonymous	I honestly believe that the most important issue in Bourbon County is the thought that there are conspiracies. The truth is that most issues happen because people have 1/2 or less of the information. I included myself in that assessment. We just don't have people involved in the little things that make the biggest difference. Most people are too busy to get involved, or are scared to get involved. I believe we are close on so many issues and most just come down to money.

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22.

Please explain why do you do / don't feel informed about Paris infrastructure / city business projects (roads, water / sewer, housing, internet, etc.)

27 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	No easy access to info - except live coverage on social media of meetings
2	anonymous	This goes back to transparency, the public is not always informed of 100% facts.
3	anonymous	Attend local party meetings, close personal connections with most elected officials.
4	anonymous	Roadways are a mess and the contracts aren't carried out correctly
5	anonymous	Could be better efforts to generally make those types of projects more well known to the public.
6	anonymous	Cause the city doesn't inform anyone of anything they just do it
7	anonymous	City nor county update consistently any social media or ads in paper.
8	anonymous	They tear up the same streets OVER and OVER
9	anonymous	The City has a Facebook, that they could be more transparent about issues with. But its like the people in control of it just choose not to let everyone know.
10	anonymous	No comment
11	anonymous	I read the local paper and they tend to cover city issues well. But it is a newspaper- we need more modern communication routes.

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12	anonymous	Nothing is discussed or voted on by residents
13	anonymous	Meetings about these issues are during the day when most people work. These meetings should be held in the evening so that more participation can happen.
14	anonymous	I read about it in the paper
15	anonymous	Don't live in Paris
16	anonymous	I don't live in the city of Paris, so I don't really pay attention to much of the infrastructure of it.
17	anonymous	I have contacted officials about unsafe sites, locations, etc. more than one time and NOTHTING has ever been addressed.
18	anonymous	You can look at the corresponding government websites to see what they are doing and watch meetings live or on replay. It's not that hard.
19	anonymous	No one reports on it. No one digs into it nor is it discussed, everything's kept a secret
20	anonymous	Directly involved.
21	anonymous	Needs big improvement.
22	anonymous	I'm not getting the whole story. what is happening and what is said or two different things.
23	anonymous	There needs to be a recap of city meetings in the paper or on social media after each meeting.

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24	anonymous	<p>This is my fault that I am not informed because I have a business I operate from home that keeps me very busy and I take care of the ten acres and house alone since my husband passed away in 2021. I do not have time and to find out things, I must figure out how, if there was an email or newsletter sent electronically, I could find out more things easier. I want to be involved, but it is difficult with so much to do and a way to communicate through online information coming from an email would be helpful. I have been involved in political campaigns and was a person involved in the Tea Party at the beginning in California. I want to be involved, but being far out and swamped with work makes it difficult.</p>
25	anonymous	See above
26	anonymous	<p>I know people in various areas of the city and county who inform me on what's taking place in our community.</p>
27	anonymous	<p>It's a money problem 90% with infrastructure. The other 10% comes from how to make these infrastructure projects happen. Property, timing, politics and NIMBY.</p>

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24.

Please explain why do you do / don't feel informed about Bourbon County infrastructure / city business projects (roads, water / sewer, housing, internet, etc.)

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1	anonymous	No easy access to info - except live coverage on social media of meetings
2	anonymous	Sames as City; the public is not always informed of 100% facts.
3	anonymous	Things are done back door
4	anonymous	Attending fiscal court and planning and zoning meetings in person almost every time.
5	anonymous	It's all a secret. Behind closed doors.
6	anonymous	See above
7	anonymous	They tear up the same areas over and over
8	anonymous	No comment
9	anonymous	Again, I have to read the paper. I would appreciate more modern routes.
10	anonymous	Nothing is discussed or voted on by residents,,,example the new park and raping residents on property taxes
11	anonymous	Same people making the same decision and I feel don't really listen to the majority of the people
12	anonymous	Read about it in the paper

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ID	Name	Responses
13	anonymous	From friends
14	anonymous	Just need more information..
15	anonymous	see above
16	anonymous	Once again. You can look at the corresponding government websites to see what they are doing and watch meetings live or on replay. It's not that hard.
17	anonymous	No one reports on it. No one digs into it nor is it discussed, everything's kept a secret
18	anonymous	Same as above.
19	anonymous	Lack of information by county officials.
20	anonymous	I'm not getting the whole story. what is happening and what is said or two different things.
21	anonymous	If you go to meetings you can't hear what is being said. It seems the Judge is spoon feeding the magistrates to vote for what he says. Why can't we have an open microphone for citizens to voice there concerns.
22	anonymous	This is my fault that I am not informed because I have a business I operate from home that keeps me very busy and I take care of the ten acres and house alone since my husband passed away in 2021. I do not have time and to find out things, I must figure out how, if there was an email or newsletter sent electronically, I could find out more things easier. I want to be involved, but it is difficult with so much to do and a way to communicate through online information coming from an email would be helpful. I have been involved in political campaigns and was a person involved in the Tea Party at

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23	anonymous	See above
24	anonymous	See answer above.
25	anonymous	It's a money problem 90% with infrastructure. The other 10% comes from how to make these infrastructure projects happen. Property, timing, politics and NIMBY.

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26.

Why do / don't you feel informed about the new park being built on Millersburg Road?

25 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	No easy access to info - except live coverage on social media of meetings
2	anonymous	The sad truth is, we're most likely only being told what they want us to know, and not 100% facts and truths. Lack of honesty and transparency.
3	anonymous	It's been secretive and good ol boy system
4	anonymous	Attending fiscal court meetings in person has helped.
5	anonymous	It is for pickle ball players and out of town kids. What a waste of my money. The park beside my house has been forgotten. Turned over to drugs and homeless. Trash and drug paraphernalia all along creek bank.
6	anonymous	Judge executive acts like we never have any money to take care of our employees and have took away money. It could've went to employees, benefits, etc., but decided to have a tour in the park to make his legacy and up his property that is next to it.
7	anonymous	I don't think anyone has the accurate budget on what it is costing, nor who is going to manage it going forward.
8	anonymous	No comment
9	anonymous	That was to make Mike Williams wealthy! Corruption!
10	anonymous	If there is an update in the paper I read it, but I rely on someone to write about it.

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11	anonymous	It was all done under the table and certain people were taken care of monetarily before anyone knew about it
12	anonymous	Meetings not at times when the working people can attend
13	anonymous	They haven't said much about it
14	anonymous	No knowledge
15	anonymous	Didn't know they were building one, until my daughter told me about it.
16	anonymous	That's an issue, I have not been following closely. That's all.
17	anonymous	Directly involved
18	anonymous	I'm not getting the whole story. what is happening and what is said or two different things. when the park was bought the plans have changed quite a bit. I'm not sure if the public was ever involved in any of the decision making. It just seemed that whoever got any funding made ethe decisions for the public.
19	anonymous	Again you can't hear what is voted on or what is happening. We can read the newspaper the following week.
20	anonymous	I don't know, probably because I am busy and these things happen at meetings that I do not know about and do not attend.
21	anonymous	Republican newsletter would be nice
22	anonymous	No idea what the purpose of the new park is, how it's being funded, how it will be sustained, what will create revenue, and who will benefit from revenue

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23	anonymous	Had no idea about this.
24	anonymous	It seems like this has been done in back channels and haven't been openly informative about what's going on.
25	anonymous	I have been involved for 15 years. Most people only have some of the information and it's very hard to make big projects happen. No matter the choice someone makes there is always another point of view that is valid. Making public decisions is always difficult. I can say 100% that every persons point of view was considered during the process but in the end someone has to make a decision.

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28.

Why do / don't you support the new park on Millersburg Road?

40 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I think this is an exciting opportunity for Bourbon County to bring visitors in from everywhere. This means opportunities for our local businesses to increase sales and succeed.
2	anonymous	Other things seem more important - housing, education, growth
3	anonymous	It's nice to have access to recreational facilities.
4	anonymous	I believe the County knew years ago when the talk of building a new Park came about, they would not be able to 100% afford to maintain and sustain such a facility. Why? Common sense and facts have proven and will continue to prove, that the Revenue for the County can't keep up with the ongoing cost to provide required services, required expenses and employment cost. I feel this is further confirmed by the fact that they have employed volunteers to run the baseball program. This is just a start.....
5	anonymous	Too far out and the closer parks need attention
6	anonymous	It was a poorly planned concept that only came about because of COVID dollars and would not have otherwise made it into existence. But now that's it's here we should capitalize on its potential to attract new folks to the county and show off our assets.
7	anonymous	I think this is so positive for our families and kids.
8	anonymous	Waste of county, state, and federal money.

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9	anonymous	I will not allow my kids to go out there at least if it was in town they could ride their bicycles there can't do that on that road
10	anonymous	Waste of money with limited hotel or restaurant options nearby
11	anonymous	Didn't need to be that far out of town. Need to have something for families to do. Playground. Water park, walking trail
12	anonymous	It should have been built on land within the bypass so that kids could walk, bike to it.
13	anonymous	Why waste money on a new park when there are existing parks that just need some work done.
14	anonymous	Too far out of town
15	anonymous	For a long as Paris and Bourbon County have been stagnant its just good to see any type of growth.
16	anonymous	Needs to be managed and maintained effectively and not exceed budgets.
17	anonymous	This community cannot afford a project of this size. No growth for 75 years to support any type of restaurant, hotel or infrastructure improvements. Hard to put this size project on the backs of property owners especially considering that 1/2 the population is over 60 years old.
18	anonymous	I think parks and healthy public spaces are critical for a thriving community.
19	anonymous	Didn't get to vote on it
20	anonymous	Don't know enough about it

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21	anonymous	I will support more once I see how it's going to go and if the kids of Paris are going to be able to use it as much as the Bourbon County kids.
22	anonymous	Good for community
23	anonymous	Anything to draw people to the area!
24	anonymous	Our kids need a place for them to do their activities that doesn't flood & has the proper maintenance done. This is not a jab at the folks who ran the old park because I am positive their resources were limited. It's just nice to see our county take an interest in the youth of the community. This will directly affect where those kids grow up & stay in this community. It is also going to be a great way to bring in tourism which is desperately needed. That money can help push our county into the next level.
25	anonymous	but we need OTHER things happening too. We need motels, and eating places on NORTH end of Paris to accommodate those attending state meets, etc. and we are doing NOTHING!
26	anonymous	Modern, up to date, lots of potential growth
27	anonymous	Great for the community.
28	anonymous	It is too expensive. Should not have been so elaborate.
29	anonymous	I like what is going up, but how can you call it a park when you're covering the whole place in concrete? There is a huge equine community here and any plans for having trails have been dismissed from the original ideas. You also need to plan for traffic going in and coming out. Those turning lanes are not going to be enough for larger events.

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30	anonymous	We need more infrastructure to support the park (restaurants, motels, etc...). Seems like we're putting the cart before the horse. Would be nice to know who is profiting from this project.
31	anonymous	It's a positive entity for the county and city. Should bring in businesses/families that will add to our economy.
32	anonymous	I think the county paid far too much money for a piece of land to start with. They are spending way too much money for what they are getting out of it. It will create revenue for 2-3 months out of year only.
33	anonymous	I think a park is always a good idea unless it involves a force taking of someone's land or impacts someone's existing land. I do not know enough about it to make an informed response.
34	anonymous	Use the ones we have
35	anonymous	Funds could be better spent on other programs
36	anonymous	See questions and concerns above
37	anonymous	It seems like there are more important issues than a perk we already have a great park at the fairgrounds
38	anonymous	No idea about a park.
39	anonymous	We need a good park but it is restricted to those who can drive and not for those who have to walk.
40	anonymous	Because our economic development, jobs and homes are relying on the park. The studies are very clear and it's a project that Bourbon County could make happen. Many projects are out of reach. When someone is given all

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ID Name Responses

		the information (I have asked many) they tend to agree. Not in all aspects but in general they understand. We lose our youth everyday to other communities, our youth is the life blood of our future.
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