



# The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

## Crestview Hills Fall 2011

### Construction Begins on Dixie Highway Sidewalk

After numerous delays and red tape over the past four years, the City will soon begin work on constructing the Dixie Highway Sidewalk on the Town Center Side of the Road.

Residents may recall that the City received a federal grant for 80% of the construction cost for building a sidewalk on the east side of Dixie Highway from Dudley Road to the main entrance to the Town Center. The project will include a bus shelter near the



Town Center entrance and conduit for future decorative street lighting on that section of the road. Due to the traffic and terrain issues (steep slope to the creek), the project will take several weeks to complete. However, if the weather cooperates, the City anticipates the sidewalk will be completed before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Residents can follow the construction progress on our website at [www.crestviewhills.com](http://www.crestviewhills.com).

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### City Adopts Property Tax Rates for 2011

The Crestview Hills City Council unanimously adopted a real property tax rate of .1520 for tax year 2011 in September. This tax rate is the same as 2010 and represents the "Compensating Rate" which brings in the same amount of property tax revenue as the prior year.

Tax bills will be mailed the first week of October this year, and will be due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Please note that the City offices will be closed on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, however property owners may make payments on Saturday at the Bank of Kentucky offices in Crestview Hills, or may mail the tax bill on December 31<sup>st</sup> as long as the payment is postmarked on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

City residents and businesses continue to enjoy some of the lowest tax rates in the region. Crestview Hills does not levy a personal property or motor vehicle tax, and this year's rate of .1520 is the second lowest in Northern Kentucky.

The Mayor and City Council strive every year to minimize costs of providing services. The current fiscal year budget increased by four and one half percent over last year, and excluding a large increase in the City's required contribution to the Police Authority, the total City budget did not increase from 2010-2011.

Residents on private streets should note that the private street discount will be included on their tax bill. If you have questions regarding your bill, please call City offices at 341-7373. Property Assessment questions should be directed to the Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) at 859-392-1750.

**Don't miss the City's annual Christmas celebration! Mark your calendars for Friday, December 2th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for tree lighting, dinner, and holiday spirit!**

# Mayor's Message



## *Crestview Hills Residents:*

Crestview Hills is a great place to live and work! I hear this often from residents in our community, and it really reflects the attitude of many in our community. We are very blessed to live in a city with a great mix of business, retail, outstanding neighborhoods, and other amenities. We enjoy some of the lowest tax rates in the region, yet receive a full range of municipal services. It is always an easy sell when discussing the community with business prospects. However, during these difficult economic times, it's been difficult to retain some businesses. The City will continue to work hard to retain our businesses and cultivate the community.

You will note in the newsletter many public works projects that will be taking place in the City this fall. The City has recently awarded contracts for the annual street paving and repair program, this year focusing on the resurfacing of Shinkle Road, and repairs to Lookout Farm Drive and Centre View Boulevard. Residents will also see repair work to the bridges at Shinkle Road and Lookout Farm Drive, and a new section of storm sewer pipe will be installed on Summit Drive in Old Crestview Subdivision. We are also finally able to begin work on the Dixie Highway Sidewalk Project, which has taken several years to make it through the approval process. All this work around town may cause some minor inconveniences, so please be cautious while near construction zones.

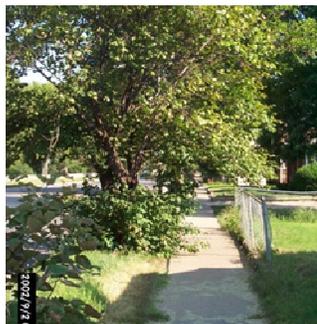
Also note in the Newsletter the upcoming City recreational events, including our annual Holiday celebration at the City Building on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Last year's event had the largest turnout ever, and we always look forward to seeing everyone at this free event. I would also like to thank our sponsors for the City Golf Outing and Picnic, and Ice Cream Social in August.

As we enjoy the fall weather, remember to thank those that serve our community, state and nation. May you have a safe and blessed holiday season!

**Thank you.**

**Paul W. Meier, Mayor**

## **Do Your Tree Limbs Hinder the Right of Way?**



Fall is a great time of year to prune back trees and shrubs in your yard. While looking at your fall clean-up, please also check to see if your trees and shrubs are hanging over sidewalks and City Streets. It normally takes City staff many hours to prune overhanging tree limbs and shrubs and your assistance will save both time and cost to our local government.

Thanks for your cooperation!

## City Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Year of Golf Outing and Picnic

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the City hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> annual City golf outing and picnic at Summit Hills Country Club. This event started as part of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, and quickly grew into an annual event. More than 150 residents and guests attended during the day, which included the traditional golf outing, swimming, cards, and the picnic dinner. According to long time resident Carmen Trotta, "This is a wonderful event each year, when we look forward to catching up with old friends and meeting new neighbors. For the cost, I would highly recommend it to anyone."

The event would not be possible without the tremendous support of our sponsors, and the generosity of Summit Hills to host the event each year. The following lists our hole sponsors, and gift donors from the community. Please support these sponsors, and thank them if you are in their businesses.

Also, mark your calendar for next year's event. (Information on the date/time and sign-up sheets will be included in the summer 2012 Newsletter)

### **Golf Hole Sponsors**

- ◇ Adams, Stepner, Woltermann and Dusing
- ◇ Bank of Kentucky
- ◇ Beiting Family Dentistry
- ◇ CDS Engineers
- ◇ Central Bank
- ◇ Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- ◇ Coldwell Banker
- ◇ Columbia Sussex Corporation
- ◇ Five Seasons Sports Club
- ◇ Hair Color Experts
- ◇ Huntington Bank
- ◇ J.W. Berling Engineers
- ◇ Rumpke
- ◇ Shilling Properties
- ◇ St. Elizabeth Physicians
- ◇ Thomas More College
- ◇ Towne Properties
- ◇ Waltz Business Solutions

### **Beverage Sponsor**

- ◇ Bone Fish Grill

### **Other Sponsors**

- ◇ TGIF Fridays
- ◇ DBL Law
- ◇ Summit Hills
- ◇ C.C. Hatfield Insurance



## Crestview Hills Christmas Celebration Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars now and join us for the annual City Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Crestview Hills City Building. The annual event includes food from Carrabbas Italian Grill and pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!

The City will also be accepting food donations for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Northern Kentucky's Food Pantry. Please bring along canned food or other non-perishable foodstuffs.

The pictures below are from last year's Christmas Event.



## CRESTVIEW HILLS UPCOMING 2011 RECREATIONAL EVENTS

Saturday, October 22nd: Trip to Keeneland. The City has reserved tables in the Lexington Room at Keeneland for 50. Includes admittance, luncheon, snack and beverages. The bus departs at 9:45 am from the City Building. A few tickets are still available at \$50 each. You can reserve your seat now by calling the City at 341-7373.



Saturday, October 15th: Loop for Lana 5K Run/Walk at 9:00am. Proceeds benefit the Elana Brophy Memorial Scholarship Fun & CureSearch for Children's Cancer. The 5k course begins and ends at Columbia Sussex. For complete information, directions, course map, online registration and results, go to: [www.runningtime.net](http://www.runningtime.net)

Saturday, October 29th: The City will be participating with merchants at the Town Center this year in a Halloween festival. The event is from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Merchants will be handing out candy. Come out and enjoy the fun!

Monday, October 31st: Halloween Trick or Treating will be 6:00pm to 8:00pm



Friday, December 2nd: City Annual Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 16th: Christmas Caroling at Atria Summit Senior Living. Also, Topflight Flight Dancers will perform a little routine. Please call Kara at 859-341-7373 if you would like to come caroling with us!

## **Scarf It Up For Those In Need**

This year the City of Crestview Hills will participate in the Scarf It Up program. This program gathers and distributes handmade scarves to inner city youth, homeless, the elderly and other in need. Handmade scarves can be knitted, crochet, or made from cut fleece. There will be a collection barrel located in the lobby of the City Office. You may drop off the handmade scarves, or store bought hats/gloves from now until February. Why a handmade scarf? Scarves that are handmade show that someone cares for the recipients. Lots of time and care go into a handmade item. The people who receive these scarves need to know someone loves and cares for them.

Also, Crestview Hills will be hosting a knitting class. There will be two different class options:

Wednesday, November 2nd from 10:30am– 12:00pm OR

Wednesday, December 7th from 6:00pm– 7:30pm

Class participants are asked to bring a skein of Hometown yarn (available at Wal-Mart, Michaels) and knitting needles size US 25.

Fee for class is 1 skein of any type yarn. Class participants are also asked to donate at least one scarf to Scarf It Up For Those In Need.



## NEWS AROUND CRESTVIEW HILLS



- ◇ Joseph Beth Booksellers is coming to the Town Center this Fall.
- ◇ Crestview Hills Resident and City Councilman David Kramer was were recently named as a 2011 Kentucky Super Lawyer. He was recognized as being among the top lawyers in the state. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from various practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process is multi-phased and includes evaluation of candidates based on 12 criteria including attorney's verdicts and settlements, professional experience, pro bono and community service and other accomplishments in the field.
- ◇ David Cole, president of Top Flight Gymnastics was recently inducted to the Kentucky USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame. Mr. Cole founded Top Flight Gymnastics in January of 1989. Top Flight is located in Crestview Hills.
- ◇ Thomas More College is off to an impressive start with its 90 Days of Service initiative. The first 30 days have produced more than 620 documented service hours for organizations, an average of more than 20 hours of service per day. 90 Days of Service was launched Aug. 21 at the College's opening convocation. It's a three-month initiative through which students, staff, faculty and friends of Thomas More College perform service hours for organizations throughout the United States and beyond.
- ◇ The City of Crestview Hills has now joined Facebook. "Like" the Crestview Hills Facebook page to stay informed with City events, news and happenings!

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY?

The City is always seeking civic-minded residents that would like to get involved with the community. There are many ways to get involved, including serving on regular standing committees, ad-hoc committees, or volunteering to work at a recreational event.

If you would be interested in donating some of your time and talents to our community, fill out an application on our website or call City Administrator Tim Williams at 341-7373.

The City currently has the following standing committees with citizen members:

Public Works	Board of Adjustment (Planning Issues)
Public Safety	Finance
Recreation & Communications	CHEER (Recycling)
Ethics	Economic Development

We also may need volunteers for recreational events such as the Christmas Dinner, Summer Picnic, Ice Cream Social, or Easter event. Finally, the City occasionally will create ad-hoc committees to study certain issues such as private streets last year.

Most importantly, if you have an idea, question, or even a concern, please let us know! Active and engaged residents create a much stronger community.



## Thomas More Ice Cream Social Sponsored by First Security Trust Bank

On Friday August 5th the City of Crestview Hills held an Ice Cream Social at Thomas More College. Crestview Hills thanks First Security Trust Bank for sponsoring the event. Residents and Thomas More staff enjoyed entertainment from Mark Cormican, children activities such as a caricature artist, and face painting. This was a first time event and proved to be a great success!



## Residents Will See Numerous Construction Projects This Fall

The City has planned several construction projects this fall. Residents in Lookout Farm subdivision will see repair work on the bridges on Shinkle Road and Lookout Farm Drive. Substantial repairs will be made to the wood railings, and the areas around the bridge walls will be repaired to prevent erosion. This work is anticipated to begin in mid-October. The City has also let bids to re-pave Shinkle Road and replace several concrete sidewalk panels along the road. Finally, contractors will dig up and replace a few concrete panels on Lookout Farm Drive. Residents should expect some minor delays and lane closures while this construction work is taking place.



The City also plans to install storm sewer piping and catch basins on Summit Drive in Old Crestview Subdivision. This work will alleviate flooding issues to several homes on the street near the Dixie H.S. campus. Residents can expect lane closures for about two weeks on Summit Drive after the project begins.

Businesses in the Thomas More Office Park may experience some minor delays and inconvenience in October as several concrete panels are replaced on Centerview Parkway, and a portion of Rhine Valley Road is re-paved (from Centerview to Napa Valley). Finally, work will start in October on replacing a section of concrete median on Dixie Highway. The existing median has crumbled and the State Transportation Cabinet has contracted with the City to replace the median. The work should only take a few days.

Residents are urged to exercise caution when traveling through construction areas.



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- FALL EVENTS LISTED ON PAGE 5. Don't forget about Daylight Savings Time ending on Sunday November 6th. Fall back!
REMINDER: Crestview Hills Trick-or-Treating with be 10/31/11 from 6pm-8pm.



NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Table with 2 columns: Service and Phone Number. Includes Police Dispatch, Police Administration, Fire Dept, Ambulance, Sanitation Dist, etc.

OTHER NUMBERS

Table with 2 columns: Service and Phone Number. Includes City Building, Animal Control, Rumpke Garbage, Duke Energy.

City Website: www.crestviewhills.com

CITY OFFICIALS

Table listing City Officials: Mayor Paul W. Meier, City Council members, City Administrator, Finance Officer, Treasurer, Administrative Asst., City Engineer, Building Inspector, Zoning Consultant, Attorney, Auxiliary Staff, Public Works, and various board members.