



# The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

## Crestview Hills Fall 2013

### City Adopts Property Tax Rates for 2013

The Crestview Hills City Council unanimously adopted a real property tax rate of .1570 for tax year 2013. This tax rate is an \$.0025 increase from the 2012 tax year. This rate will cost a homeowner with a \$200,000 home \$314 in annual City taxes. Thus, the increase is about **\$2.00** per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Tax bills will be mailed out by the second week of October this year, and will be due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Please note that the payment must be postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Mayor and City Council strive every year to minimize costs of providing services. The City took a 2 % increase for property taxes to help offset the growing Public Safety and Public Works costs.

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.



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### Summer Concert a Great Success!

The City of Crestview Hills' Summer Concert hosted on Friday, July 26th was a great success! We would like to thank all of those that attended the event. Also, we would like to thank our sponsors: Citizens Bank of Northern Kentucky, Cincinnati Children's Outpatient of Northern Kentucky, European Wax Center and the Crestview Hills Town Center.

The City is planning a Summer Concert Series for the Summer of 2014. Be on the look out for those dates in upcoming newsletters.



### City Website Update

The City of Crestview Hills is in the midst of upgrading the City's website.

This past summer City Council approved a contract with Civic Plus, an expert in local government website design, development, content management and e-government applications.

The City's website is our 'front door to the world'. It is very important that the City provides a site that best reflects all that the City has to offer for both residents and businesses.

The new and upgraded website is planned to go live by the end of 2013.



**REMINDER: As noted in previous newsletters, the City has moved to Kenton County Dispatch as of August 1st. The new number is 859-356-3191. Please note this new number.**

# Mayor's Message



## **Crestview Hills Residents:**

Our local businesses are a critical part of the community. The City Council and staff work hard to enhance the community and ensure that we continue to be a choice retail and office destination in Northern Kentucky. Along with offering the lowest tax rates in Northern Kentucky, the City works with business owners to meet their needs. A great example is the ongoing work of the City and State of Kentucky to improve traffic flow on Turkeyfoot Road and Thomas More Parkway. The City is currently beginning design on a widening of Thomas More Parkway, and also continues to work with the State to secure funding for an improvement to the intersection at Turkeyfoot Road and Thomas More Parkway. Additionally, the City is currently working with businesses in the office park to develop a wayfinding signage system to make it easier for patients and customers to find their intended destinations.

The nature of business does change, and while we may not fit every business need, the City will continue to make every effort to support the business community. Our residents currently have the lowest tax burden in Northern Kentucky, on average paying only 20% of the cost of local government. The City will continue to invest in the community.

Residents can look forward to several Public Works projects over the next couple of months as we re-pave a section of Vernon Drive, patch several areas in Lookout Farm, College Park, and Old Crestview. We are also beginning work on Woodspoint Drive to install an inceptor stormwater drainage line to alleviate water problems on that street.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for the annual Halloween celebration at the Town Center. The City will also be hosting the annual Christmas Dinner with Santa Claus on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Crestview Hills City Building.

Enjoy the fall season, and consider getting involved with your community!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul W. Meier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Paul W. Meier, Mayor**

### **Nuisance Complaints**

The City strives to maintain a safe and clean appearance. You can help by letting us know of violations to City Ordinances such as high grass and weeds and property maintenance issues. The City belongs to the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission's Code Enforcement Board, allowing us to access additional manpower and expertise in pursuing and rectifying nuisance code issues. Call the City Building at 341-7373 if you are aware of a problem.

### **Peddler and Solicitor Permit**

All peddlers and door-to-door solicitors are required to apply for a permit to do business in the City of Crestview Hills. The permit application can be obtained from the City Building.

Please report any unusual activity to the police at 859-331-5368. As always for emergencies dial 911.

## **Several Street Projects Underway**

The City recently completed the reconstruction of University Circle in the College Park subdivision. Work will continue over the next few years to identify and rebuild many of the older streets in College Park.



The City's contractor recently began a project on Woodspoint Drive to install a drain line to intercept storm water runoff for uphill houses that has been degrading the street over the last 25 years. With the installation of this pipe that will tie in private roof and sump pump drains, the City hopes that the street's subgrade will start to dry out and we can properly repair the road. In the meantime, the City's contractor will patch a few sections this fall on Woodspoint.



The City also continues to make various sidewalk repairs around town, including the installation of ADA tactile dome pads at street crossings. Due to the large number of crossings, the City has prepared a multi-year plan to work on the crossings as budgets allow. Residents on Vernon Drive will notice that the north section of the street from Sunset to Rossmoyne will be milled and re-paved in October. The City is also making several patch repairs around town.

The City is soliciting proposals from qualified engineering firms to prepare plans for the widening of Thomas More Parkway. The City recently received an \$800,000 grant through the Ohio/Kentucky/Indiana Regional Transportation Authority to widen the road from Five Seasons past the Centerview Parkway intersection. Design will take place this fiscal year, with utility relocation and right of way acquisition in FY 2014-2015. Actual construction will take place beginning in July of 2015.

## **City Advisory Boards**

Have you ever considered volunteering time to serve our community? The City has a long-standing tradition of citizen involvement and advise to the Mayor and Council. The City currently has numerous Boards advising our elected representatives on a number of issues. Those Committees include :



- ◇ Public Safety (Police, Fire, Emergency Services)
- ◇ Public Works (Streets and City infrastructure)
- ◇ Finance (City budget and taxes)
- ◇ Economic Development (business recruitment and retention, planning & zoning issues)
- ◇ Recreation (special events and programs)
- ◇ CHEER (Garbage and recycling)
- ◇ Ethics Board (three member board to review financial disclosures and arbitrate ethical complaints)

Additionally, the City maintains its own Board of Adjustment to consider variances and appeals to the Zoning Code, and occasionally forms ad-hoc committees to work on specific issues.

The City currently has an opening on the Public Works Committee for a representative from the College Park Subdivision. We also are recruiting another citizen member for the Finance Committee, and a resident from Old Crestview for the Economic Development Committee.

Most Committees only meet a few times per year, and the time commitment is not substantial. If you are interested in serving, please visit the City's website at [www.crestviewhills.com](http://www.crestviewhills.com), and fill out a Committee application form. You can also call the City at 341-7373 and request an application.

# Crestview Hills Picnic

On August 6th, the City hosted the annual City Picnic at Summit Hills Country Club.

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 gift donors from the community. Please support these sponsors, and thank them if you are in their place of business.

- ◇ Beiting Family Dentistry
- ◇ Cincinnati Red's
- ◇ Colleen Collins-Bright
- ◇ Colonial Cottage
- ◇ Color Me Mine
- ◇ Dewey's Pizza
- ◇ Eddie Bauer
- ◇ Mayor Paul Meier
- ◇ Moe's Southwest Grill
- ◇ Thomas More College
- ◇ Xavier University Piano and Guitar Series



## TANK— Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

TANK is considering the elimination of several routes in Northern Kentucky such as the 18X which travels through Crestview Hills. This topic will be discussed at the October Council Meeting. City Council is encouraging residents to come voice their opinion on October 10th at 7:30pm.

# News Around CVH

- Spirit Halloween is now open at the Crestview Hills Town Center. Stop in and see them in the old Famous Footwear space located north of the Clock Tower.
- Crestview Hills Town Center will have a family friendly day of trick-or-treating on October 26th from 11am-1pm. Stores will be handing out candy for the trick-or-treaters and samples/coupons for the adults to enjoy. The City will once again host a Mayor's Costume Contest during the day for various ages.
- Thomas More College's 14th President, David A. Armstrong, will be inaugurated on October 18th. The community welcomes President Armstrong as he begins his first year at Thomas More College.
- The Bank of Kentucky Observatory at Thomas More College is having an event on Saturday November 9th, 7pm "Humans in Space: Past, Present and Future", and Saturday December 7th, 7pm, Speaker: Dr. Tom Pannuti from Morehead State University. Located on the Thomas More College campus, the Observatory gives our community the chance to view the moon, stars and more with telescopes. All ages are welcome and events are free. No RSVP required.



## A Note from the Lakeside Park/Crestview Hills Police Department



From the Chief's desk:

I would like to convey to our residents and guests a few opportunities that the police department offers, Citizens' Academy and RAD classes.

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department is planning a Citizens' Police Academy for early 2014. Participants will be afforded a distinctive opportunity to gain insight into the many different aspects of law enforcement. The Citizens' Police Academy is an eight week program, consisting of meetings one night a week. Some of the topics include: Introduction to Policing, Patrol Operations, Legal Procedure, Crime Scene Processing, Investigations, Firearms, Community Policing, and Drug/DUI's. The courses will provide our residents the ability to gain first-hand knowledge of a variety of topics that encompass modern day policing. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about your local law enforcement. Those interested should contact the LPCH Police Department at 331-5368 for more information or to obtain an application. The class size is limited to 20 students and there is no fee to participate.

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department also offers RAD classes. RAD, which stands for Rape Aggression Defense, is a nationally recognized, premier self-defense program taught exclusively to women. RAD's core four principles of awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance are coupled with basic physical defensive moves, all of which when combined, afford a woman the option to defend herself. The RAD class consists of 12 hours of instruction separated into four, three hour sessions taught over a four week period. There is no fee to attend the class. For more information, or to enroll in a class, please contact Officer Lora Comte at 331-5368.

Lastly, please keep in mind that as fall approaches, so too does the holiday season. As such, please be careful while driving, watching out for the little ghosts and goblins on Halloween.

Remember we are your police department; please feel free to contact us at 331-5368 or [www.lpchpd.com](http://www.lpchpd.com)

Col. Christopher J. Schutte  
Chief of Police

## Crestview Hills Christmas Celebration

Mark your calendars now and join us for the annual City Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 6th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Crestview Hills City Building. The annual event includes food from Carrabba's Italian Grill and pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!

We will have two seating times: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm and 6:30 pm to 7:30pm. Please call the City Office at 859-341-7373 to reserve your seating time.

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





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FALL 2013 EDITION

- ◇ Don't forget about Daylight Savings Time ending on Sunday November 3rd. Fall back!
- ◇ REMINDER: Crestview Hills Trick-or-Treating with be 10/31/12 from 6pm-8pm.



**NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Police Dispatch	356-3191
Police Administration	331-5368
8 AM to 4:30PM	
Fire Dept. Ft. Mitchell	331-1267
Ambulance Ft. Mitchell	331-5553
Sanitation Dist	578-7450
(for sewer odors & problems)	

**OTHER NUMBERS**

City Building	341-7373
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM	
Animal Control	356-3191
Best Way	1-800-354-1830
Duke Energy	513-421-9500

City Website: [www.crestviewhills.com](http://www.crestviewhills.com)

**CITY OFFICIALS**

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City Council	Colleen Collins Bright
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	Ralph Laird
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Treasurer	
City Clerk	Kelly Micek
City Engineer	Jim Berling
Building Inspector	NKAPC
Zoning Consultant	NKAPC
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	Shae VonLehman
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