



# The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

## *Crestview Hills Spring 2011*

### Water Main Construction Work

The Northern Kentucky Water District has a cross-county water main improvement project which will run from the District's water storage tanks at the end of Rogers Lane in Edgewood down to Horsebranch Road near Interstate 275. This project will involve clearing the proposed alignment from the top of the hillside to Horsebranch Road, laying three different parallel water mains down the hillside, connecting to the existing water mains and final restoration of the hillside and other disturbed areas. There will also be a 36' water main that will run up the shoulder of Horsebranch Road and continue up Rhine Valley to Centerview Blvd. The primary access for this proposed work will be from Rogers Lane. Construction is expected to begin the week of February 21st and is expected to last approximately 360 days.

Although construction traffic is expected to be heavy at times, the project should have little effect on traffic along this route.

Should you have any problems, concerns, questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the Northern Kentucky Water District at 859-426-2707.

### Public Works Projects

A drive through of City streets will take place in April and the Committee will prepare a list of priorities for budget consideration. The City is also anticipating for the joint sidewalk project with the City of Edgewood and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to begin in 2011. It is anticipated the Horsebranch Road project will be underway sometime this Fall. Also, several City streets, catch basins, sidewalk, curbs and/or intersection will be added during the drive through.

It is possible for minor traveling delays when street and sidewalk projects begin due to the closure of a lane of traffic. Please be patient with our contractors as they are working for the maintenance and improvement of roads and sidewalk.

There will be additional information in the July Eagle's View newsletter about proposed spring and summer projects and how they will affect you. As always, please call the City Building with any questions or concerns regarding streets or sidewalks.

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# Mayor's Message



## ***Crestview Hills Residents:***

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We are always happy to see spring reappear each year after a long and cold winter!

Soon you will see a great deal of activity around the City, as our contractors prepare the median planting beds on Dixie Highway and Turkeyfoot Road for the growing season. The City is also working with the State Transportation Cabinet to repair broken curbs on Dixie Highway in the median. Once the repairs are completed, the City will utilize a transportation grant to plant another bed on Dixie Highway in front of the Town Center.

Look for construction this spring and summer on Horsebranch Road, as the Northern Kentucky Water District replaces a water main along the road. The City in partnership with the City of Edgewood will be re-paving the road once the water line work is completed. We also hope to begin work on the grant-funded Dixie Highway sidewalk and bus stop later in the year.

The City has several exciting recreation programs planned for the spring and summer, including two outings to the Reds games in June and July and a trip to the Elk Creek Winery in July for dinner and a concert. Staff is also working on a Crestview Hills day at the World of Sports. Also, look for registration information in the next Newsletter for the August City Golf Outing and Dinner at Summit Hills.

I want to extend a warm welcome to new businesses in the Town Center, Sephora and President Tuxedo. We also congratulate Coach Brian Neal and the Thomas More Women's Basketball team for an outstanding season. They were ranked number one in NCAA Division III for most of the season, and ended the regular season with an undefeated record.

Have a safe and prosperous spring!

 Paul W. Meier, Mayor

## **Cincinnati Reds**

There are still tickets available for the following games:

Saturday, June 4th @ 4:10 PM vs. the Los Angeles Dodgers  
Saturday, July 17th @ 7:10PM vs. the St. Louis Cardinals



The cost for the Dodgers game is \$60. This includes Fox Sports Ohio Club seating, great food and nonalcoholic drinks and bus transportation to and from the game. The cost for the Cardinals game is \$65. This includes watching the game from the Party Deck, great food and nonalcoholic drinks and bus transportation to and from the game.

# Living and Doing Business in Crestview Hills – A great value!

## Final in Series

Over the last two articles we have discussed tax rates and the low cost of living or doing business in Crestview Hills. We have been blessed with leaders over the years with the foresight to develop the community with a good mix of residential, commercial, and office development. Few communities of our size can boast of an outstanding four year college, country club, extensive office park, fine residential communities, and upscale retail center. Not only did those City officials encourage a balanced development, but a high quality development mentality that has produced an attractive community.

One of the strengths in minimizing costs to residents has been the decision early on in the City's life to utilize contractual services. This has minimized city staff and facilities and kept costs low. The City currently contracts out our public safety services as follows:

Police Protection	Lakeside Park/Crestview Hills Police Authority	\$ 843,220
Fire Protection	City of Fort Mitchell	\$ 162,850
Ambulance – Advanced Life Support	Rural Metro Ambulance Services	\$ 38,750
School Resource Officer	City of Edgewood	\$ 12,150
Animal Control	Kenton County Animal Control	\$ 4,850

Many of the City's Public Works programs are also contracted, from landscape services to street repairs, solid waste collection to storm water maintenance. Because of the extensive use of contractual services, the City has only four full-time employees, that handle accounting, administrative, and routine public works services (personnel costs are only 16% of the City's budget).

While this approach continues to pay dividends to the community, we are not immune to the increasing costs facing all local governments. Traditionally, the City's revenue base has grown at a greater rate than our fixed costs, but during this last economic downturn we have seen flat revenues which may begin to affect future City budgets. Our elected officials continue to monitor our long term trends, and strive to maintain our traditionally low tax rates.

Total City Budget (2010-2011)	\$ 2,535,365 <sup>(1)</sup>
Total Contracted Services	\$ 1,802,709
Percentage of City Budget Contracted	71% <sup>(2)</sup>
<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes Dixie Highway Grant Project	
<sup>(2)</sup> Excluding annual debt service on City Building, the City's contracted services are approximately 79% of total budget	



# NEWS AROUND CRESTVIEW HILLS

## ATTENTION RUNNERS

The St. Elizabeth Hospice Care STARS Program will be hosting the annual “Strides for STARS 5K” on Saturday morning, April 23rd. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. The race will begin at 9:00 AM at Dixie Heights High School and then proceed into Old Crestview Subdivision. More information is available at [www.stridesforstars.com](http://www.stridesforstars.com)



James A Caywood Elementary will also be hosting a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday April 30th. The race will begin at 9:00 AM at Dixie Heights High School and will also run through the Old Crestview Subdivision. All of the proceeds will benefit the Caywood Girls on the Run Team— a nonprofit that encourages preteen girls to develop self respect and healthy lifestyles through running and walking. For more information please email [julie.reinhart@kenton.kyschools.us](mailto:julie.reinhart@kenton.kyschools.us).

The Lakeside Park/Crestview Hills Police Department will provide traffic control for both events. While some minor delays may be expected, residents in Old Crestview should not experience any significant inconvenience. More information is available at [www.stridesforstars.com](http://www.stridesforstars.com).

## COMMUNITY WIDE SHRED -IT



The City of Crestview Hills, in partnership with the cities of Edgewood and Lakeside Park is teaming up with Shred-It and will hold a Free Community-Wide Shred Documents Event. The event will be held on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am -12 pm in the parking lot of the Crestview Hills City Building. At this event, you will be able to shred documents you no longer need.

Customer fraud and identity theft are becoming an ever increasing problem in the area. To raise awareness and to promote prevention, Shred-It organizes free Community Shred events. These events give individuals the opportunity to have their confidential documents destroyed on site, free of charge. Whether it is small business documents you no longer need or personal papers you want to safely dispose of, Shred-It's truck contains cutting edge technology that can handle the job.

## Properly Store Your Boats and RV's

As a reminder the City of Crestview ordinance explains the proper storage for RVs, boats and trailers.

Outside storage of any trailer, R-V, mobile home, camper, boat, or other such type equipment, must be on a hard surface. Equipment greater than 18 feet in length may be stored within an enclosed garage, or in the rear yard as approved by the zoning administrator. For more information for proper storage of RVs, boats and trailers refer to City Ordinance Section 9.22, which can be found on the City's website at [www.crestviewhills.com](http://www.crestviewhills.com)

## 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.

For more information please contact the City Offices at (859) 341-7373.

## Easter Bunny

On Saturday April 16th from 11 AM to 1 PM, the Recreation Committee will be having the annual Easter event. The event will include goodie bags, small craft project for children, refreshments and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Please be sure to bring a camera.



## Zumba @ Crestview Hills

The City began having Zumba classes at the City Building in February. We have had a great response and have full classes! The classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 - 7 PM. To be added to the waiting list or for more information please call Kara at (859) 341-7373.

Ditch the workout,  
join the party!



## Yoga Classes

The City of Crestview Hills will be offering yoga classes beginning May 18th-July 15th. There will be no classes June 30th-July 9th. The classes will be held Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at the City Building. Please wear loose clothing, bring a large towel, water bottle and yoga mat. The cost for the 8 week session is \$30. All ages are welcome. You must pre-register for the class. For more information please call Kara at 859-341-7373.

## UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS

The City of Crestview Hills is excited about the upcoming events planned for 2011. Please see the Summer newsletter and the City's website for more updates!

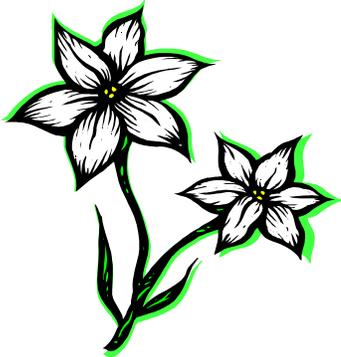
- Elk Creek Winery Outdoor Concert Series: Saturday July 23rd at 7:30pm the City of Crestview Hills is looking into reserving tickets to see Conch Republic. There will be two different ticket options. You can purchase VIP tickets which include transportation, dinner & the concert for \$60 or you can purchase regular admission tickets for \$10. Regular admission does not include transportation or dinner. Conch Republic is a Lexington based beach band, often referred to as a Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band. If you would be interested in attending this event please call Kara at (859)341-7373.
- Annual City Summer Picnic & Golf Outing: Tuesday August 2 at Summit Hills Country Club. This outing grows yearly and all residents and businesses are welcome to participate.
- Ice Cream Social: The City is looking to have an Ice Cream Social at Thomas More in August. The goal of the Ice Cream Social is to bring together Thomas More College staff/students along with residents and businesses. There will be live entertainment from Mark Cormican (John Denver Tribute Band). The City also wants to have some other entertainment such as a clown and a character artist for the children.
- Tailgating Party for Thomas More Football: Saturday September 17th the City of Crestview Hills will be hosting a tailgating party to cheer on the Thomas More Saints football team. Thomas More will be playing against Geneva College from Pennsylvania. Discounted tickets will be available. Be sure to come cheer on the Saints!
- Keeneland: The City will be planning another Fall bus trip to Keeneland in October. The trip will include transportation and buffet luncheon. Please look for updates in the summer newsletter.

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### NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Dispatch	727-2424
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
Rumpke Garbage	472-7339
Duke Energy	513-421-9500

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

### CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor	Paul W. Meier
City Council	Colleen Collins Bright David Kramer Ralph Laird Thomas Moser Ken Palmer Frank Sommerkamp, Jr.
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Zoning Consultant	NKAPC
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