



The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

Crestview Hills Spring 2013

City Signs Extension to Fire and Emergency Services Contract

The City of Crestview Hills City Council voted in February to approve an amendment to the agreement with the City of Fort Mitchell to continue providing Fire and Emergency Services for a one-year period beginning April 1st 2013, ending March 31st, 2014.



The City's Public Safety Committee determined that the best approach to the expiration of the agreement this year was to renew for one more year so Fort Mitchell had the opportunity to assess the new Advance Life Support services and determine the costs vs. insurance reimbursements. The Committee also determined that the City needed more time to look at Fire and Emergency Services incident run times and how the adjoining fire departments around Crestview Hills encompassed the City in 1 mile (lane mile) distances.

Residents can expect no change in services for the next year. The City's agreement with Fort Mitchell included a four percent increase to \$225,711. This remains an outstanding value for the community, as the cost of a City operated Fire Department would be far greater than the contracted amount.

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Summer Road Work Ahead

The City of Crestview Hills plans several road projects this summer. The City will be installing a new drain line on Woodspoint Drive to fix an ongoing water problem on the street as well as fixing several concrete panels. This work is anticipated to begin in July, and residents can anticipate some inconvenience during construction. The City will send out a notice approximately one (1) week before the construction work begins.

We also plan to replace several concrete panels on Campus Drive and Fraternity in College Park, along with a number of small patching jobs around the City including Vernon, University and Summit Drive. The small patch work will begin in late April, and the full panel replacements should take place in July.

Finally, the City is continuing our multi-year effort on street reconstruction. We have numerous older streets that have deteriorated to the point where it is not cost effective to make patch repairs. This summer the City will reconstruct University Circle in College Park Subdivision. There may be some inconvenience for the residents, but we plan to hold a neighborhood meeting onsite with the contractor and City Engineer before the work begins to review the staging plan (similar to the College Park Drive meeting).

If residents have further questions, they are encouraged to call the City Building at 341-7373 to get more information.



Mayor's Message



Crestview Hills Residents:

After the extended cold weather, it is exciting to see spring flowers finally blooming! The City's landscaping really shines this time of year and sets a distinctive tone for our community.

Residents may note several beautification projects in the next few months. The City has finally received approval from the State Transportation Cabinet to begin the median planting on Dixie Highway. The area near the entrance to Town Center and Winding Way will receive a makeover with shrubs, small trees, grass, and mulch similar to the two other planted areas on Dixie. Residents may also see work taking place on Turkeyfoot Road as we repair the existing planted island near TGI Fridays, and work to install a planted island in an area in front of Thomas More College. Residents stated overwhelmingly last fall in the City survey that they supported the City's beautification efforts. The Council decided to continue these efforts during their January goal setting session.

We have several recreational opportunities over the next couple of months, including Reds tickets for May 24th, July 24th and August 2nd, and our annual bus trip to the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday, June 8th. Also, mark your calendars for the City's summer concert, to be held at the Town Center on Friday, July 26th from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. We anticipate the Town Center Businesses will be actively involved that evening with sales, promotions, etc. The City has an outstanding lineup of performers for the evening.

Summer is always a busy time for street construction (see article on page 1), so please be cautious when around a construction work zone. The City's Public Works Committee is continuing our efforts to replace older streets in our subdivisions. This summer the City plans to reconstruct University Circle in College Park. Many of these streets are nearing fifty years old and patching is no longer cost effective. Other streets will be scheduled over the next ten years.

Enjoy the spring season!

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

Paul W. Meier, Mayor

Thomas More College 2013 Summer Camps

Thomas More College offers an array of summer camps, through which area youth are invited to enhance their skills and learn new ones in a safe, fun and interactive environment. As a community-focused institution, Thomas More College welcomes literally thousands of children each summer to experience a variety of opportunities. For more information about specific times and fees, visit tmcsaints.com/camps/index or contact Thomas More College at 859-341-5800.



Horsebranch Creek - Erosion Issues

Residents may have noted the extensive work done along the Horsebranch Creek bank last fall. This work, in conjunction with the City of Edgewood, stabilized 175' of creek bank along Horsebranch Creek near Right Fork Road and the Interstate 275 overpass. The erosion was threatening the stability of the road and geotechnical engineers recommended a project to shore up the bank. This problem is the result of periodic significant flooding events along the creek that have been eroding the banks. Much of this erosion can be attributed to upstream development from the Hospital to Office Park and into a portion of Lakeside Park. The City's Engineer has been meeting with Sanitation District #1 to identify possible stormwater retention projects along the streams that drain into Horsebranch Creek. If the water is slowed down entering the creek, the thought is that will protect the banks and lessen further erosion. Look for more information on possible public works projects to address this erosion issue in the fall newsletter.



Office Park Wayfinding Sign Project

The City has been in discussions since last summer with various businesses within the Thomas More Office Park about improving the identification of buildings so visitors and patients to the Office Park can better find their locations. Many communities have taken a cue from theme parks and other types of frequently visited areas that have installed what is known as "wayfinding signage" to help visitors around the park.

Such a system could be a great benefit to the businesses within the Office Park, and would ensure our business base remains strong for many years. The City Council agreed last fall to fund a consultant to study the Office Park and create a design for wayfinding signage. The City created a steering committee comprised of the largest employers within the Office Park to consult on the consultant selection and design elements of the wayfinding system. The City Council is set to select a signage consultant for the design at the May Council meeting. We anticipate design, funding, and installation of the signs should be completed by early 2014.

Leash Law & Pooper Scooper Reminder

The City has a leash law and a pooper-scooper law, stating that it is illegal for animals to run at large on City streets. It is a fineable offense to leave excrement on City streets and sidewalks, in your neighbor's or your yard, or along roadways in grassy areas. It also constitutes a nuisance to allow animals to annoy your neighbors whether by excessive barking, vicious behavior, or defecating anywhere without properly disposing thereof. This includes walking your dog on Town Center property.



All pet stores and many chain department stores carry inexpensive aluminum scoops and plastic bags can be obtained everywhere.

The Crestview Hills Animal Ordinance is available online at www.crestviewhills.com. Be a good neighbor by taking a few minutes to review the ordinance and become familiar with the contents. We want everyone to be healthy and our neighborhoods clean and odor-free.

City Set to Join Kenton County Consolidated Dispatch

The City of Crestview Hills City Council voted unanimously at the regular April 2013 meeting to file notice with the City of Erlanger to drop participation in the Interlocal agreement providing emergency communication services for the City. The Kenton County Fiscal Court decided last year to levy an \$85 per parcel fee to fund emergency dispatch services in the County and for all cities. The parcel fee was designed to replace the 911 fee that had been placed on resident's home phone bill. The City Council, on recommendation of the City's Public Safety Committee, decided it was in the best interest of the City to join the Kenton

County Dispatch since our public safety partners, Fort Mitchell (Fire and Ambulance) and Edgewood (primary Police backup) have decided to join the County Dispatch.



The changeover to the new dispatch center is set to take place on our about August 1st, 2013. Although the cost has increased for the average resident (\$51.00 to \$85.00 per year), the County has pledged to run an efficient and sustainable communications system that has a stable source of revenue. Residents will note that a twelve cent (\$.12) per month charge will remain on landlines as part of the FCC Regulated costs for Cincinnati Bell switch maintenance to dispatch centers.

City of Crestview Hills Business Appreciation Luncheon



The City of Crestview Hills will be hosting the 2nd Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, May 10th from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The event will be held in the parking lot of Children's Hospital (2765 Chapel Place).

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats & Veggie Burgers will be provided by Lothar's Catering. This is a free luncheon for office park employees. We ask everyone to show their employee badge or bring a business card. Live entertainment by Covermodel. We will have drawings for door prizes, including Reds Tickets.

The event is sponsored by : Central Bank, St. Elizabeth Physicians, Hemmer Management Group and Grandview Summit.

Free Summer Concert



The City is excited to host a outdoor summer concert from 8pm - 11pm on Friday, July 26th in the Crestview Hills Town Center. Live music will be provided local artists, John Ford and Dog House. Bring your family and friends, as well as lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Come enjoy a night of music under the stars! This is a free event open to the public.



Save the Date

The Annual City Picnic will be held at Summit Hills Country Club on Tuesday, August 6th. This year we will

have the card tournament and the dinner buffet. Additional information will be available in July newsletter but be sure to mark this date on your calendar now.



A Note From the Chief of Police

The Lakeside Park - Crestview Hills Police Department would like to remind everyone that as warmer weather approaches, so does the opportunity for an increase in outdoor activities such as children playing, people running/walking and bicycling. Please be cognizant of these activities and remain attentive while driving. As a reminder the speed limit on Crestview Hills city streets is 25 mph.

Also, please help to keep our communities safe by taking simple precautions such as locking your doors and windows, especially at night and when you are not at home. Additionally, keep your vehicle locked. If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, please secure them in the trunk or place them under the seat out of view of potential thieves.

Remember we are your police department; please feel free to contact us at 331-5368 or www.lpchpd.com if you should have any questions.

Col. Christopher J. Schutte
Chief of Police
Lakeside Park - Crestview Hills Police Department

Cincinnati Reds Tickets

The City will again be offering Reds tickets to City residents and taxpayers for the following games:

<u>Game</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Cost</u>
May 24th	Chicago Cubs	Section 509	\$5.00
June 8th	St. Louis Cardinals	Party Deck	\$60.00
July 21st	Pittsburgh Pirates	Section 509	\$5.00
August 2nd	St. Louis Cardinals	Section 110	\$30.00



The June 8th game vs. the St. Louis Cardinals includes seating in the Party Deck, great food, 2 beer tickets and bus transportation to and from the game.

There are a limited number of tickets for each game. Make sure you purchase your tickets before it is too late!



Congratulations to Sister Margaret Stallmeyer

Thomas More's President, Sister Margaret Stallmeyer was recently awarded the 2013 Outstanding Women of Northern Ky. Sister Stallmeyer has devoted her life to the spiritual and educational guidance of young people, first as a science and math teacher at Our Lady of Divine Providence girls' academy, then assistant principal at Newport Central Catholic High School. Sister Stallmeyer has been Thomas More's President since 2004. She plans to retire this coming June. The City of Crestview Hills has maintained a wonderful relationship with the College under Sister Stallmeyer's leadership. She will be missed in our community. The City wishes her well in her retirement!



City of Crestview Hills
50 Town Center Boulevard
Crestview Hills, KY 41017



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
Best Way Disposal	1-800-354-1830
Duke Energy	513-421-9500

City Website: 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.
City Administrator	Tim Williams
Finance Officer/ Treasurer	Kara Kuertz
Acting City Clerk	Kara Kuertz
City Attorney	Mary Ann Stewart
City Engineer	Jim Berling
Building Inspector	NKAPC
Zoning Consultant	NKAPC
Auxiliary Staff	Mary Louise Haglage Shae VonLehman
Public Works	Jeff Smith