



The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills
Crestview Hills Summer 2013

City Adopts 2013-2014 Annual Budget

The City Council adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Several highlights of the new budget include:

- Total appropriations of \$ 2,955,625. This represents an increase in expenditures of \$88,925 over FY 2012-2013. This increase can be attributed to several major capital projects for the upcoming budget year. These projects include street repairs on Woodspoint Dr, Campus and the reconstruction of University Circle. Also, a project extending the second lane of Thomas More Parkway heading east to Center View Blvd. Eighty percent of the cost for this project will be funded through federal funds.
- The budget includes conservative estimates for revenues due to slow growth in the City. The City does not anticipate an increase in payroll tax revenues.
- The budget anticipates a 2% increase in the property tax rate this year, which will bring in an additional \$10,215 in revenue.



Overall, the City maintains an adequate reserve and continues to fund ongoing expenses. We have been fortunate to not experience the same decreases in revenues seen by other cities, but must deal with rising operating and maintenance costs just like other communities. A detailed budget and the Mayor's budget message can be found on the City's website at www.crestviewhills.com.

Crestview Hills remains one of the lowest cost cities in the region for residents and businesses.

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Summer Outdoor Concert

The City will be hosting a Summer Concert on Friday, July 26th from 8pm to 11pm in the Crestview Hills Town Center (in front of Joseph Beth). Live music will be provided by John Ford and Dog House. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. This is a complimentary event and is open to the public. Bring your friends and family. We look forward to this fun event!



Thomas More College Welcomes New President

David Armstrong began his tenure on July 1st as Thomas More College 14th president. Armstrong replaces Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P., who retired as president on June 30, 2013.

Previously, Armstrong was the vice president and general counsel of Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio, where he was instrumental in increasing enrollment and retention securing the largest gift (\$2.1 million) in college history and developing new academic programs and initiatives, along with leading a re-branding campaign in 2010.



Source: Thomas More College

Armstrong holds a Juris Doctor from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Accounting from Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA. He said his wife, Leslie and their two children, David and Johanna, are excited about moving to the Northern Kentucky area.

"Leslie and I were treated like good friends on our visits to Thomas More, We felt right at home because of the hospitality of the Board of Trustees,

Board Chair John Hodge, Sister Margaret and the rest of the college community. It is very important to us that we are among people who are friendly and welcoming as we raise our children. Thomas More College and the Northern Kentucky community have a warmth and comfortableness we felt immediately on our first visit. We look forward to becoming part of the fabric of such a vibrant and friendly community," he explained.

The City of Crestview Hills welcomes President Armstrong and his family to the City.

Mayor's Message



Crestview Hills Residents:

The City's annual summer construction work is in full swing as we prepare this Newsletter. The State's widening of Turkeyfoot Road has been completed, and the City has begun reconstruction of University Circle and will soon begin drainage work on Woodspoint Drive. Other projects such as the annual sidewalk repair program and the Dixie Highway Median Planting project will begin soon.

As noted on page six of the Newsletter, the City Council recently adopted the City's Goals & Objectives for the next few years. This has been a new initiative facilitated by the City Administrator. The Council has taken the results of our recent citizen survey, along with ongoing City needs, and prepared a list of high and moderate priorities, with corresponding objectives to achieve each priority. A list of the Council Goals & Objectives is listed on the City website at www.crestviewhills.com. Preparation of this list will assist Council in identifying and funding our future priorities.

The City is again hosting the annual summer picnic at Summit Hills Country Club on Tuesday, August 6th at 5:30 pm. We also have Reds Tickets remaining for the July 21st game against the Pirates and the August 2nd game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

The City encourages residents to be vigilant in picking up after their pets. We have recently received complaints and urge those with animals to be conscientious of their neighbors.

We encourage residents to call the City with any problems, questions, or concerns you may have. We strive to provide high quality services and low taxes for the community. Have a great summer!



Paul W. Meier, Mayor

CRESTVIEW HILLS 2013 RECREATIONAL EVENTS

Friday, July 26th, City of Crestview Hills Summer Concert from 8pm to 11pm at the Crestview Hills Town Center.



GO REDS!

Friday, August 2nd, 7:30 P.M., Reds vs. St. Louis Cardinals. These tickets are in section 110. The cost is \$30 for each ticket. Stop by the City Building to purchase your ticket. Cash or check only.

Tuesday, August 6th, Crestview Hills annual picnic at Summit Hills Country Club. See page 3 for sign up form.



Saturday, September 21st, Check Your Genes 5k Walk/Run at Thomas More College. See www.checkyourgenes.org or contact Betsy DeLage at 513-288-1161.

Saturday, October 5th, Loop for Lana 5k Walk/Run at 9:00am to benefit the Elana Brophy Memorial Foundation and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. See www.runningtime.net for more information.



Crestview Hills Annual Picnic Sign up

Dinner is \$12 per adult, \$6 child ages 4 - 11.
Swimming & Cards \$2 per person.



Total Amount Due \$ _____

	Names	Dinner	Cards	Swimming	Amt Due
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2					
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Please make check payable to City of Crestview Hills. No Credit Cards. You are not officially registered until payment is received; no advance reservations without payment.

Daytime telephone number of group representative: _____

General FAQ's and Instructions for Crestview Hills Day at Summit Hills Country Club:

- ◇ Please list each person in your group separately, with the name of a GROUP Contact (if more than one person will be listed on the form) in **BOX 1**, and mark an **X** in the appropriate column of the activity in which they wish to participate. The cost for dinner is \$12 per adult, \$6 per child ages 4 - 11, swimming \$2 per person, card playing \$2 per person.
- ◇ Total amount due at the bottom of the page and make sure to provide a Phone Number for the person who agrees to be the contact for your group.
- ◇ Card players are limited to the first 52 who complete and turn in a registration form with a contact name on line 1, and all players in the group listed with a phone number.
- ◇ There will be a cash bar at 5:30pm and dinner begins at 6:00PM.
- ◇ Swimming begins at 2 PM.
- ◇ Card playing commences at 2:00 PM and ends near 5:30 PM.
- ◇ All activities are held at Summit Hills Country Club on Dudley Rd. Summit Hills has a dress code which includes: no cut-offs, no T-shirts, no blue jeans on the golf course. In the pool, children not potty trained must wear little swimmers diapers.
- ◇ All residents, businesses, employees within the City are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to mingle at Crestview Hills' beautiful country club.
- ◇ Remember, payment must accompany reservation paperwork or your reservation will not be honored.
- ◇ **Registration ENDS promptly at 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 1st.**
- ◇ Numbers must be turned in at this time so proper totals may be on hand the day of the event.

Please mail in the sign up sheet (page 3) with payment to:

City of Crestview Hills
50 Town Center Blvd.
Crestview Hills, KY 41017
Attn: Kara Kuertz

Please make checks payable to the **City of Crestview Hills**. Credit Cards are not accepted at this time.

2013 Business Appreciation Luncheon

On Friday May 17th Crestview Hills hosted the second annual business luncheon for the office park businesses and their employees. Over 560+ business professionals attended the event. The City would like to thank the businesses who sponsored the event; Grandview Summit Apartments, Central Bank, Children's Hospital, St. Elizabeth Physicians, Hemmer Management Group. We look forward to next year!



City to Begin work on Dixie Highway Median Planting Project



The City recently accepted bids from contractors for the long awaited Dixie Highway Median Planting project. The State of Kentucky awarded Crestview Hills a grant for \$28,100 several years ago to beautify a section of Dixie Highway across from the intersection at Winding Way and Town Center entrance.

The low bidder for the contract, Cru Cutters, LLC, should begin work in August to install irrigation lines, and begin installing the landscape materials. Depending on weather, the contractor expects to complete the work by September. Next spring the City will complete a smaller scale planting project on the new island on Turkeyfoot Road in front of Thomas More College.

The City's beautification work has been well received by residents and visitors. In fact, during the recent citizen survey 96% of those responding to the survey indicated support for the City's past beautification projects.

Thomas More Parkway Grant Award

In our ongoing efforts to improve the traffic flow on Turkeyfoot Road and Thomas More Parkway, the City recently applied for a federal grant to add another lane to eastbound Thomas More Parkway. The Ohio/Kentucky/Indiana Regional Council of Governments, the agency that administers the grant program, approved an \$800,000 grant for the City to add a lane on Thomas More Parkway from a point near the first Five Seasons Sports Club entrance past the intersection with Centerview Parkway. This additional lane should move more traffic onto Thomas More Parkway as both turning lanes can now be utilized without need to merge back into one lane after the turn.

The City will begin engineering and utility work this fiscal year, and construction work is set to begin during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

With the recent completion of the lane addition on northbound Turkeyfoot Road, and our continuing discussions with the State Transportation Cabinet, we believe the City's ongoing efforts will eventually improve traffic around the Office Park and Town Center.

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.

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

News around Crestview Hills

- The City of Crestview Hills welcomes the European Wax Center to the Town Center. The European Wax Center is located next to Bath and Body Works.
- For the 12th consecutive year the City of Crestview Hills has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by government and its management. Congratulations to Tim Williams, City Administrator and Kara Kuertz, City Treasurer for preparing the award-winning CAFR!
- The City of Crestview Hills welcomes Drew Cooper as Thomas More's Mens Basketball Coach. Cooper comes to Thomas More from Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY where he had been the assistant men's basketball coach for the past six seasons. While at Bellarmine he helped lead the Knights to a record of 152-41, a Final Four appearance in 2012 and Bellarmine's first National Championship in history in 2011.



Council Adopts City Goals & Objectives

During the July regular council meeting, the City Council voted to adopt a set of City Goals & Objectives for the next several years. This action was the conclusion of nearly a year of planning. The process began with a general survey of residents in 2012. The survey asked many questions about satisfaction with City services, taxes, city priorities, and governance. In early 2013 the Council met in a work session to review the results of the survey and begin discussing future City goals. At the conclusion of the work session, the Council was asked to rank in order of priority a series of City projects and initiatives.

Staff then compiled the Council rankings and prepared a preliminary list of Goals & Objectives. Then, in June, the Council met again to review the final rankings of priorities and discuss the relative merits of each goal. During this time, schedules and funding priorities were tweaked based on the discussions. Then, a final draft was prepared for Council review and action.



The following are the top five Goals approved by the City Council:

1. Develop program and funding to replace older City streets over a multi-year period.
2. Work with Office Park Businesses to develop a comprehensive wayfinding signage system.
3. The Public Safety Committee will work with existing and possibly other providers to assess the current level of Fire and Emergency services and develop contracts to most effectively service the needs of all property owners.
4. Work to address and solve the erosion issues along Horsebranch Creek that could threaten the integrity of Horsebranch Road.
5. Strengthen and support the City's economic development program by continuing marketing and communication efforts among existing and potential new businesses.

The Council also adopted the following moderate priorities:

6. Address traffic congestion issues, in conjunction with KYTC, on Turkeyfoot Rad and Thomas More Parkway.
7. Continue efforts to beautify highway medians on Dixie Highway and Turkeyfoot Road and identify other areas for beautification as budgets allow.
8. Work with Thomas More College regarding future condition of the Chapel pond.
9. Ensure a smooth transition to the consolidated dispatch system operated by Kenton County.
10. Continue work with other cities and governmental agencies to explore consolidation of services to save costs.

There were a number of other initiatives discussed during the work sessions that were not determined to be high priorities at this time. The full list of Goals and supporting objectives can be found on the City's website at www.crestviewhills.com.



A Note from the Chief of Police:

With the warmer weather here, many people are enjoying the simple gifts of summer such as outdoor activities, spending time with family and friends, and going on vacation. With that in mind, we would like to remind our residents that one of the community services that the department provides are vacation house checks. If you or your family will be going out of town, please do not hesitate to call the police department (331-5368) to complete a vacation house check form. The officers will then periodically check on your property while you and your family are away. While there is no absolute guarantee that nothing will happen, this service can help increase the security of your property and offer a little peace of mind.

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



University Circle Construction

Construction on University Circle has started. Unfortunately the construction work will cause some disruptions to residents. However, with good planning and communication, we hope to minimize the inconvenience for residents.



City to move to new Central 911 Dispatch System August 1st



As noted in previous Newsletters, the City Council voted to move the City's Emergency 911 system from the City of Erlanger to the new Kenton County Consolidated Dispatch System. The Council chose to make the move along with most of the Kenton County cities to improve efficiencies and enhance service delivery.

For residents and businesses in the City with private alarm systems, please note that your provider will need to change the effective number from 859-727-2424 to the Kenton County Dispatch number 859-356-3191. **This change must be made effective August 1st, 2013.**

For questions, please contact the City at 341-7373.



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REMINDER: Parking on City streets between 3:00AM and 6:00AM is prohibited in the City.



NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Police Dispatch 727-2424
Starting August 1st 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 Garbage 1-800-354-1830
Duke Energy 513-421-9500

CITY OFFICIALS

- Mayor Paul W. Meier
City Council Colleen Collins Bright, David Kramer, Ralph Laird, Thomas Moser, Frank Sommerkamp, Jr., Ken Palmer
City Administrator Tim Williams
City Treasurer/ Kara Kuertz
City Clerk
City Engineer Jim Berling
Building Inspector NKAPC
Zoning Consultant NKAPC
Attorney Mary Ann Stewart
Auxiliary Staff Shae Von Lehman, Mary Louise Haglage
Public Works Jeff Smith