



The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills Crestview Hills Summer 2012

City Adopts 2012-2013 Annual Budget

The City Council in June adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Several highlights of the new budget include:

- Total appropriations of \$ 2,849,301. This represents a decrease in expenditures of \$66,707 over FY 2011-2012. This decrease can be attributed to the completion of the Dixie Highway Sidewalk project, and a drop in grant revenues used to pay for the project. Business and Occupational taxes are anticipated to increase modestly next year over the current year's projection (about 3.7%), while minor revenue sources are expected to remain flat.
- The City has budgeted for several significant maintenance projects in the new budget. Those include reconstruction of College Park, other street repairs and paving, the Horsebranch Road erosion problem, and funding to complete the Dixie Highway median planting project.
- The budget anticipates a 2% increase in the property tax rate this year, which will bring in an additional \$12,000 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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The City has slated several streets for repair/resurfacing this year. We anticipate a contract for the work will be awarded in August and work will take place in September this year. The following streets will have repairs and/or asphalt overlay this summer:

Shinkle Road
Rhine Valley
Winding Way
Campus Drive



The City will also work on several curb sections and continue sidewalk replacements and installation of the new ADA warning mats at sidewalk/street intersections.

Don't Miss the City's Free Ice Cream Social!

The City will be hosting an Ice Cream Social activity on Friday, September 7th. Everyone is invited out to enjoy free ice cream and lemonade and enjoy entertainment provided by John Ford. This will be a very casual event for our residents and located on the grounds of Thomas More College. We will be set up near the Bank of Kentucky Observatory and the event will take place beginning at 5:30 pm and ending around 7:30 pm. There will also be a caricature artist providing free portraits, face painting for the kids, and the Thomas More Saints Mascot.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet your neighbors, City Council, staff and students of Thomas More College for a fun and entertaining event! Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

*** See map of the event on page 2 ***



Mayor's Message



Crestview Hills Residents:

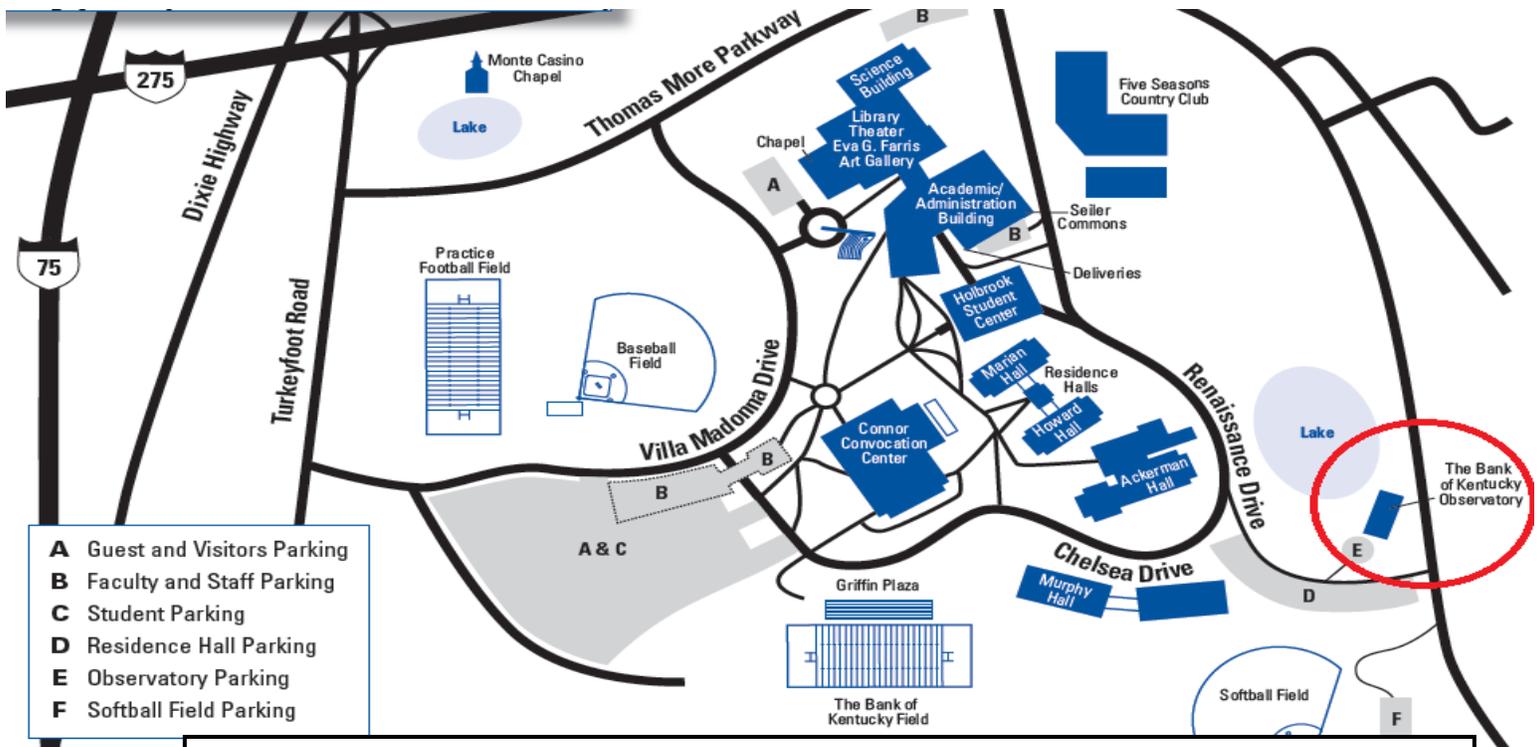
The recent summer storm and lingering heat reminded me of how fortunate we are to have the modern conveniences of life, and how quickly you miss them when they are gone. Although we were very fortunate in Crestview Hills to only experience a short term power outage, many in the region had to go several days without power.

The City is again hosting several recreational events over the summer. The Reds trip is slated for Saturday, July 14th. The bus will leave the City Building at 3:00 pm. There are still a few tickets available for this game. The annual City picnic will take place Tuesday, August 7th at Summit Hills Country Club. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00. Finally, the City is planning our second annual Ice Cream Social on Friday, September 7th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Thomas More College. The event is free and includes music, caricature artists, face painting, and of course homemade ice cream churned on location.

The City will begin our annual street repair/paving work in August. Residents are encouraged to drive cautiously near construction zones, and make alternative travel plans when possible. The City also will begin the reconstruction of College Park Drive this summer. Tearing up and replacing older streets such as College Park is both expensive and very disruptive to residents. This is why our City and other Kenton County cities have been championing new subdivision regulations that would require strengthened new street construction standards.

Enjoy the summer and stay cool!

Paul W. Meier, Mayor



Map of Thomas More College

*** The Ice Cream Social will be held at the Bank of KY Observatory, located at the far end of campus. Parking is available in Lot D Residence Hall Parking and Lot E Observatory Parking. ***

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
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
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10					
11					
12					
13					
14					

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 Wednesday 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.

**The 2012 Business Luncheon was a great success.
Thanks to everyone that attended the event!**



2012 Garbage and Recycling Services Frequently Asked Questions

The City of Crestview Hills begins a new waste and recycling collection contract in July 2012 with a new vendor, Best Way Disposal, Inc. The following is a list of frequently asked questions about the new contract.



Q. Why did the City Council select Best Way Disposal since they have not worked in Northern Kentucky?

A. Best Way's bid for the three year contract period was \$70,884 less than Rumpke who currently provides the service to Crestview Hills. The second lowest bidder, Forrest Green, was \$45,144 more than Best Way Disposal. City staff checked multiple municipal references on the company, and found all the contacts were satisfied with Best Way's performance.

Q. Why is the City changing to a once per week collection? I liked having my trash picked up twice each week?

A. The City's CHEER (Solid Waste) Committee discussed this issue thoroughly. Crestview Hills is one of only a handful of cities in the region that still collects garbage twice per week. The Committee believed that moving to once per week collection would not only save the City money, but was also more environmentally responsible. (less trucks and may encourage more recycling of waste)

Q. So who is the CHEER Committee, and why didn't the citizens have a say in the decision?

A. The City Council established the CHEER (Crestview Hills Encourages Environmental Responsibility) Committee many years ago to advise the Mayor and Council on solid waste and recycling initiatives. The Committee consists of residents representing every Crestview Hills Subdivision and the Committee worked very hard to consider all of the solid waste collection options. In order to ensure that resident's thoughts were also considered, the City included in the April Eagle's View Newsletter a survey of residents regarding once vs. twice per week collection. Out of 1,086 surveys mailed, over 540 residents responded with the vast majority (70%) supporting once per week collection. Even of those residents that requested twice per week collection, only a small minority were willing to pay extra for that service.

Q. When will Best Way Disposal begin collection in Crestview Hills? What day of the week will they collect garbage? Recycling Materials?

A. Best Way begins collection on Tuesday, July 3rd. They will deliver trash and recycle carts around the last week of June to each residence. Collection of both garbage and recycling material will take place on Tuesdays. For the Christmas and New Year's Holiday, collection will take place the day immediately following the Holiday if it falls on a Tuesday.

Q. Will the City be supplying trash and recycle carts?

A. Yes, the City included in its contract with Best Way Disposal the allocation of a standard trash cart for each residence. The CHEER Committee felt this was the most environmental and cost effective approach. Residents will receive a 65 gallon trash cart and 65 gallon recycle cart. However, residents that need a larger container may request the 95 gallon container. Residents that prefer a smaller recycle bin, similar to what is currently used, may also request this bin from the City or from Best Way Disposal. Additionally, the contract was written such that residents can choose not to take either a trash cart or recycle cart/bin. Best Way will pick up garbage in your containers or garbage bags.

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Q. Will Best Way Disposal pick-up large items like Rumpke? What about tree limbs and yard debris?

A. Best Way will pick up items placed near the trash carts up to a certain size and weight (approximately 5x4x4). Tree limbs must be bundled and not exceed five foot in length. Items larger than this size will still be picked up, but the resident must call Best Way Disposal for a special large pickup.

Q. Who do I call if they miss my trash cart and/or recycle cart?

A. Residents can call Best Way Disposal at 1-800-354-1830 to report a missed pick-up. Residents may also call the City Building (341-7373) to report a missed collection.

Q. Since this is a new company in our area without a local track record, how is the City going to guarantee we will get good service?

A. The City has a very detailed contract with Best Way Disposal that includes a number of performance standards and requirements. The City's staff and CHEER Committee members will be closely tracking the performance of Best Way over the next several months to ensure service is up to the standards of our community.



A Note from the Chief of Police

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department offers several services for the citizens and guests of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills.

One of these services is self defense classes for women. The department teaches RAD, which stands for Rape Aggression Defense. It 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 class consists of 12 hours of instruction separated into four, three hour sessions taught over a two week period. Class times can be morning, afternoon, or evening, whichever is convenient for the majority of the students. Classes are offered as soon as at least 8 women have enrolled with a maximum of 20 women per class. Please contact Ofc. Lora Comte at 331-5368 for more information or to sign up for a class.

The department also offers child safety seat installations. Sgt. Brad Degenhardt is a certified child safety seat technician. He can assist with the installation of the child safety seat in your vehicle. He will also provide training on the removal and proper installation of the child safety seat to ensure that your little ones are as safe as possible. Sgt. Degenhardt can be contacted at 331-5368.

These are just a few of the services we offer to our communities. 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



CRESTVIEW HILLS 2011 RECREATIONAL EVENTS

Saturday, July 14th 4:05 P.M., Reds vs. St. Louis Cardinals in Party Deck Area. Ticket includes free shuttle bus that will board at 2:45 PM and leave PROMPTLY at 3:00 PM from the Crestview Hills City Building. Tickets still available at \$60 each (\$80 value). PLEASE NOTE the time change of this game. Previously the game was to start at 7:10pm.

Tuesday, August 7th, Crestview Hills annual picnic at Summit Hills Country Club. See page 3 for sign up form.

Friday, September 7th, City of Crestview Hills Ice Cream Social 5:30pm– 7:30pm. For more detail see front page.

Saturday, September 29th, The City will host a “Crestview Hills Golf Day” at Summit Hills Country Club. The cost to play golf is \$65 this includes lunch.

Saturday, November 10th, Bus Trip to Wakefield-Searce. More details to come.

NOTE: The City is also planning a Keeneland Bus Trip for October. The exact date is TBD. Check the City website for more information.

College Park to be Reconstructed

As noted in the last two Eagle’s View Newsletters, the City plans to begin a major reconstruction of College Park Drive this summer. The advertisements for bids were issued in late June, and the City anticipates awarding a contract in July. Residents should expect construction to begin in August. Prior to the start of construction, the City plans to have a ‘curbside’ neighborhood meeting with the selected contractor and the City’s Engineer to discuss the project with residents. A notice of the date, time and location of the meeting will be placed on the City’s website, Facebook page, and on door hangers distributed around the neighborhood.

Unfortunately the construction work will cause some disruptions to residents. However, with good planning and communication, we hope to minimize the inconvenience for residents.

News around Crestview Hills

-The City of Crestview Hills welcomes The Limited and Altar’d State to the Town Center. The Limited, a women’s clothing store opened in June. It is located in the former Talbots space, next to Elk Creek Vineyards.. Altar’d State is a fashion retailer, that will open in the space vacated by Hoggy’s. Altar’d State will carry designer apparel for both men and women, as well as “inspirational” merchandise.

-For the 11th 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!

Best Way Begins Solid Waste and Recycling Collections in City

The City’s new waste collection contractor, Best Way, began collection on July 3rd. There has been some confusion regarding the trash carts and recycling carts. Residents have the option of taking the trash cart (either 65 or 96 gallons) or not utilizing the Best Way provided trash cart. The same holds true for the recycle container – residents may choose to utilize the standard 65 gallon recycle cart, use the smaller recycle bin, or not use a recycle container. By calling Best Way at the 1-800-354-1830 customer service number, residents can adjust the size or use of the trash container.

Because many of our residents live in condominiums, or might have a very small amount of trash each week, the City’s CHEER Committee felt it was important to provide options for the trash carts. As stated in the prior City Newsletter, the reason the Committee ultimately decided to go with the carts was two-fold; automated trucks can collect more quickly and thus are more cost effective (translating to lower costs for the City) and can be more environmentally friendly. Most communities have been moving to the automated collection over the past few years for these reasons.



Residents that experience problems with collections are urged to call Best Way. You may also call the City if the problems are not quickly resolved. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions on page 5.



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**REMINDER: Parking on City streets between 3:00AM and 6:00AM is prohibited in the City.
BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS - SUMMER STREET REPAIRS LISTING - PLEASE
TAKE NOTE !**



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 Garbage	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 Frank Sommerkamp, Jr. Ken Palmer
City Administrator	Tim Williams
City Treasurer	Kara Kuertz
City Clerk	Judy Rae Cox
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