



The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

Crestview Hills Winter 2012

Mark your calendars now for the 2012 Reds Season!



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

Game	Opponent	Area	Cost
Opening Day	Florida Marlins	Field Box	\$60
June 9th	Detroit Tigers	Infield Box	\$25
July 14th	St. Louis Cardinals	Party Deck A	\$60

There will be a lottery drawing for tickets for Opening Day. Residents may drop by the City Building to put their name in for these tickets. Only one name per household. The drawing will take place on Friday, March 2nd at 9:00 am. There is a limit of four tickets per household, and City staff will contact those that have been selected in order of the drawing.

All other tickets will be available for purchase beginning Monday morning, March 5th at 9:00 am. (The City accepts only cash or personal check).

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The City of Crestview Hills – The Early Days

Have you ever had a family member or friend visit you, and remark what a nice community you reside in? We all often hear the refrain about our community being such a nice place to live and work. What many of us do not realize is that the outstanding quality of life we enjoy was not an accident, but rather a result of the time, effort, and passion of many residents over the years. In the first of a series of newsletter articles, we will explore the history of the City's local government, and how those leaders created a vision for Crestview Hills that remains today. We will post the expanded version on the City's website.

During the summer of 1951, the residents of what was known as Crestview Hills, consisting of no more than 30 or 40 homes in the partially developed subdivision, came together with the owners of the Brink farm (now Lookout Farm), and Meiman and Mackoy farms, to discuss the possibilities of incorporating into a sixth class city. The primary motivations were 1) to block potential annexation of the community by the City of Erlanger, 2) block purchase and development on adjacent land by the Railroad, and 3) effectuate a possible reduction in fire insurance rates to residents. However, as it has become clear over the intervening 60 years, the most significant motivation was to allow the residents to properly control our own growth and development and assure that the community remained what was termed in an early letter to residents "one of the most beautiful stretches of Dixie Highway in Northern Kentucky." Crestview Hills at the time was one of the few remaining stretches of Dixie Highway that had not been developed, and several farms fronted Dixie Highway within the new City boundaries. Early leaders saw with dismay the haphazard development along other stretches of the road, and desired to ensure that Crestview Hills would remain a different kind of community.

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City Offices will be Closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.

Mayor's Message



Crestview Hills Residents:

2012 Begins another exciting year for our Community! As I reflected on 2011 recently, it was with great pride that I realized together with our residents, businesses, City Council and our dedicated staff, we have accomplished much for the betterment of the community. As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, we completed many initiatives, including the Dixie Highway Sidewalk, Horsebranch Road, and Shinkle Road/Lookout Farm Drive Bridge Work. I look forward to accomplishing many new goals in 2012, including preparation of a new long range plan for Crestview Hills.

As I read the accompanying article about the early days of our City (see pages 1 & 3– [A Vision for our Community](#)), I was humbled to know that I have been chosen by our residents to be another in a long line of stewards for the City. The work that has gone into creating such a wonderful community is a product of many outstanding citizens over the years. I look forward to following this series of articles over the next few newsletters, and learning more about the contributions of our early residents.

This will be another busy year (see [Mayor sets City Objectives for 2012](#) – page 5) in the City, with major street reconstruction, a revamping of the City website, preparation the first-ever business appreciation day in Crestview Hills this spring, a City Survey and Council goal setting process. Several residents have recently volunteered to work with us on City Committees. Both I and the City Councilmembers appreciate the time and efforts given by these residents.

On behalf of the City Council, I would like to extend our appreciation for the 30 years of service to our community by Police Chief Paul Herbst. The Chief will be retiring at the end of February and the Police Authority Board is currently working to appoint a new Chief for the community. We wish Chief Herbst well in his retirement.

Look for several upcoming events in the newsletter, including the Thomas More Basketball/Crestview Hills Day on February 4th. This is a great opportunity to come out and support the College, meet your neighbors, and enjoy a fun day. We are also planning for the Easter Bunny day on Saturday, April 7th, and have several fun events planned throughout the year.

Finally, I wanted to thank our Councilmembers, Staff, and especially my wife Julia, for their support and encouragement over the years. The recent recognition by the Municipal Government League of Northern Kentucky of outstanding elected official of the year could not have been possible without their support.

Sincerely,

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

Paul W. Meier
Mayor



Mayor Meier judging the Halloween Costume Contest

The City of Crestview Hills – The Early Days (from page 1)

The first representatives that formed the community were Mr. Frank Anthe, Mr. James Brink, Mr. William Jordre, Mr. Anthony Dibo and Mr. George Schaefer. Mr. William Hoppenjans was appointed as the City's first Clerk of the Board. The group regularly referred to themselves as the Board of Directors, and Mr. Anthe was referred to as the Chairman of the Board. They held their first meeting in October, 1951 at the home of Mr. Anthe. (This followed an October incorporation banquet of residents at Summit Hills Country Club) The Board's very first action was to appoint the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Committees. The second action was to begin the process of exploring methods to reduce fire insurance rates. The third action was to begin the process of developing a zoning map and regulations for the community. Finally, the Board began the process of annexing adjacent properties not within the initial Crestview Hills boundary, particularly areas along Turkeyfoot Road and adjoining Lakeside Park.



1st Mayor - Mr. Frank Anthe

It is interesting to note that the Board met initially for several years in the Lookout Farm Stud Barn offices, since there were no commercial buildings in the City. Other early actions were to appoint Mr. Omer Stubbs as the City's Attorney, and Mr. John Morlidge as City Engineer. Finally, the Board started the process of negotiating with the City of South Fort Mitchell to obtain a Fire Protection contract. Even though this dialogue began in early 1952, it was not until 1954 that a contract was finally signed.



Dixie High School Buses - Late 1940s

Current residents on Summit Drive will appreciate the fact that a constant theme for the last sixty years has been the traffic and parking problems from the adjacent Dixie High School. Beginning with minutes as early as 1953, the City notified the Kenton County School System about parking on lawns, blocking driveways, creating trash, and couples "courting in automobiles" and creating a nuisance!

Along with the early steps to establish the City's organization, one of the first and most pressing issues facing the City was development pressure. Not long after organizing the City, a zoning designation was given to all properties. They were classified as either 'farm' or Residence "A". Residence "A" was intended to maintain the same lot size and setbacks as the existing homes in Old Crestview. Within three years, there were proposals for a shopping center on the Meiman property (purchased by Robert and

Alan Gould, developers from Cincinnati) and a mix of development on the Center Farm (Lookout Farm). Interestingly, the proposed development on the Center farm would have included Industrial and Multi-Family Residential. The Council held firm with this proposal that the City would have no industrial development and residential would be similar to that in Old Crestview Subdivision.

The controversies surrounding the City's shopping center began within the first few years of incorporation. According to former Mayor Hank Boehmer, while the property across from Old Crestview was zoned Residential "A", the Council recognized the costly process involved with a zoning fight with developers, and engaged in dialogue with the owners as early as 1954 to re-zone the property for commercial use. While the majority of the Board was wary of creating any commercial zones in the City, they did discuss in great detail, over several meetings, in late 1954 and early 1955 how a proposed commercial zone may look. The final settlement placed restrictions on the development to maintain the unique views within Crestview Hills. Any shopping center that was built on the Gould property had to be set back at least 250 feet from the Dixie Highway right of way, including any parking areas. In 1956, the developers erected a 75 foot sign on the property advertising the planned Dixieland Shopping Center. Interestingly, it would be another 33 years before the site was finally developed with McAlpin's and the Crestview Hills Mall.

In 1954, the Council meetings moved to Summit Hills Country Club (after annexing the property) and remained there for many years until the first City Building was erected in the 1980's. As late as 1957, the Council noted that Crestview Hills' tax rate was "still substantially lower than any other community in Northern Kentucky".

In the next article, we will explore more early efforts of the City, including creation of a sewer collection system, initiation of Police Protection, and further growth and development of the community.

City Completes Dixie Highway Sidewalk & Shelter

The City recently wrapped up construction of the long awaited Dixie Highway Sidewalk and Bus Shelter from Dudley Road to the main entrance to the Town Center. This project was a part of a Federal grant in 2007 that funded 80% of the cost. The new sidewalk will be an asset to the community and now will safely connect areas south of the city with the Town Center. As part of the project, the City installed conduit for future lighting along this section of Dixie Highway. Look for decorative lights (similar to those found on Town Center Boulevard) to be installed in the next few years.

College Park Drive to be reconstructed in 2012

Residents in the College Park Subdivision will be experiencing inconvenience this summer as the City is set to completely rebuild College Park Drive. This street was originally constructed in the mid-1960's and a recent geotechnical survey revealed significant subsurface failures on the street.

We anticipate the construction will take place in August. Prior to the construction, you may note trucks and equipment from Sanitation District #1 as they are evaluating replacing the old vitreous clay sewer pipes underneath the street. Although the contractor will be keeping one lane of traffic open at all times during reconstruction, residents can still expect major inconveniences during this period. The City will supply parking passes to affected residents to park on adjoining streets while the concrete is curing in front of their driveways.

(normally about 5-7 days) While the City understands the disruptions this may cause, due to the failing condition of the street, we have little choice but to proceed with full reconstruction. As part of the ten year road plan developed by the City, College Park will be the second (Rose Terrace was reconstructed in 2010) of several streets replaced over the next several years.



Residents that would like to review the plans may contact the City at beginning of June of this year when they are finalized. More information is planned for the spring Newsletter, and as always you can check the City's website for the most up-to-date information. We appreciate your patience and support!

Citizen Survey

Residents can anticipate receiving in the mail this spring a survey about our community. The City has not conducted a survey in more than ten years, and the Mayor and Council would like to hear from residents on everything from their satisfaction with City services (public safety, streets, garbage, recreational activities) to their opinions on the future and what we can do to further improve the community.



Please take a few minutes when the survey arrives to fill it out and send back to us. The survey will be postage paid, so you can fill it out, fold it over, and drop back in your mailbox. The results of the survey will be utilized later this year when the Mayor and Council meet in goal setting sessions. As always, residents are encouraged to call, write, email, or stop by the City Building at any time to express their ideas, opinions, or concerns with the City. Crestview Hills strives to have a responsive and professionally managed organization for our taxpayers. Your continued active support and participation are critical to maintain our community as one of the premier locations in the greater Cincinnati area.

Mayor Sets City Objectives for 2012

At the regular January Council meeting, Mayor Paul Meier set the City's goals and objectives for 2012. He also reviewed 2011, and noted that all but one of the goals set for that year have been accomplished (see City's website for a full review of 2011 – under Mayor's State of the City Address).

The following is an abbreviated list of City Objectives for 2012 (full list of all 13 Objectives can be found on the City's website):

1. Continue working closely with KYTC District Six on the lane additions on Turkeyfoot Road. Since the lane addition will take a good portion of the City's planted island currently in place, we will work with KYTC to explore opportunities to add a landscape strip in front of Thomas More College after the reconstruction.
2. The City will continue our efforts to identify solutions to the significant erosion issues on Horsebranch Road and work with the City of Edgewood, Sanitation District, and KYTC to stem the erosion problems and explore avenues to detain the storm water that is affecting Horsebranch Creek.
3. The City will complete the island planting project on Dixie Highway in front of the Town Center. (This is a grant funded project.)
4. The City will continue our annual street evaluation and repair list. Several older streets in the City will be evaluated with core samples and City staff will complete a 10 year road plan to be presented to the Public Works Committee in May. College Park Drive will undergo a major reconstruction in 2012.
5. City staff will work with the Chamber and others to host a business exchange luncheon during the year. The City will also host a business appreciation day in the office park in the spring. Outreach efforts will continue to foster positive relationships and encourage and support future growth and expansion in our community.
6. A goal setting session with Council and staff will review our progress in the community, and envision future efforts to improve the City. Staff will prepare a long range projection of revenues and expenditures in preparation for the meeting, and conduct a citizen survey to gauge the needs of the community.
7. City staff will work with a committee of citizens and businesses during the year to evaluate the City's website and explore opportunities for improvements to the sites usability and ease of use.
8. Bid contracts during the year for Garbage Collection and Landscaping.
9. Continue work with Ft. Mitchell and Ft. Wright as they plan to convert the ALS services to an in-house model with their Fire Departments.

City Set to Begin Work on Website

City Staff will begin a review early in 2012 of the City's website. If you have interest or expertise in marketing, public relations, communications, Information Technology, or just general interest in the subject, please contact us to join a citizen-based focus group to evaluate our current site and begin plans for possible upgrades or enhancements to the site. This Ad-Hoc Committee will probably meet about 5 times from March to August to review the current site, and develop a checklist of possible improvements. Since the City's website is our 'front door to the world', it is very important that the City provide a site that best reflects all of the great things we have to offer for businesses and residents. You can check out the current site at <http://www.crestviewhills.com>.



CHEER Committee Soliciting Input on Garbage and Recycling Services

Residents may not be aware that Crestview Hills is one of the very few cities in the greater Cincinnati area that does not charge individually for garbage and recycling collection. We also are one of the few cities that still collect refuse twice per week. The current collection contract is set to expire at the end of the current fiscal year, and the City's CHEER Committee is hard at work planning for bids for the upcoming two year period. Over the next month, the CHEER Committee would like to hear from you about your thoughts on the current contract provider, Rumpke, as well as our current services. Would you like to see any services changed, added, or reduced from the current contract? The following citizens, along with Councilpersons Tom Moser and Colleen-Collins Bright, are currently leading this effort:



Bill Rowekamp (Lookout Farm)
Ky Webb (Lookout Farm)
Margo Baumgardner (College Park)
Jeff Simpson (Old Crestview)

The City changed from Bavarian to Rumpke two years ago and was able to save almost \$50,000 over the contract period. Please call us at 341-7373 or email us at jcox@crestviewhills.com with your comments and suggestions.

Upcoming Crestview Hills Events

Saturday February 4th: "Crestview Hills Day" at Thomas More Basketball Game at 2:00 pm. Come cheer on the Saints. Discounted tickets will be sold at the City Building for \$2 each. The game starts at 3pm. Light sandwiches and snacks will be provided. Please call the City Building if you are interested in purchasing tickets.



Saturday April 7th: The City will celebrate the Easter Holiday with a visit by the Easter Bunny. Pictures can be taken with the Easter Bunny. Please remember to bring your camera. Children will be making a small craft project. This no cost event runs from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Yoga: Would you be interested in taking a yoga class at the City? We are looking into hosting a yoga class in the Spring. If you would be interested please contact Kara Kuertz at 341-7373 or email her at kkuertz@crestviewhills.com.



Thomas More Basketball Players pose for a quick picture with a young fan!



Top Flight Dancers perform at Atria Summit, 1st Annual Christmas Caroling

Thomas More College Offers FurtherMore Classes

Thomas More College announces its schedule of upcoming FurtherMore classes, a series of non-credit courses and events designed for adults who want to expand on a hobby or skill to further enrich their talents. Many programs are offered at no charge or for a nominal fee. Most of the programs are held in the Center for Adult & Professional Education, 365 Thomas More Parkway, located just behind the main campus of Thomas More College in Crestview Hills.

Programs include a variety of topics from photography to yoga to financial strategies for successful retirement. Participants can register online at thomasmore.edu or by phone at 859.344.3304. Some of the courses offered are:

Discovering Wine: Gain knowledge of wine varieties and regions through a series of weekly tastings and learn traditional and less common food and wine pairings.

Beginning Yoga: This is a beginner's level yoga with a gentle approach that explores basic yoga poses and introduces a complete relaxed yoga practice with soothing stretches, breathing, meditation and focused relaxation.

Photography Basics 101: Learn some tips to take great shots and turn them into priceless prints, mugs, collages or share them with friends and family.

For more information, visit thomasmore.edu and choose "FurtherMore" in the quick jump section or contact Cora Hills at The Center for Adult and Professional Education at 344-3304 or by email at urthemore@thomasmore.edu.

Citizens Recently Appointed to Serve on Several City Committees

The City has valued an active citizenry since the beginning, and appreciates the time and talents that are given by our residents. The following residents have recently been appointed to serve on City Committees:

Public Safety (Advises Mayor and Council on Police, Fire, Ambulance, and general safety related issues)

Bill Culbertson (Old Crestview)

Brian Baumgardner (College Park)

Bill Rowekamp (Lookout Farm)

Charlotte Volpenhein (Summit Lakes)

CHEER Committee (Advises City on Refuse and Recycling Issues)

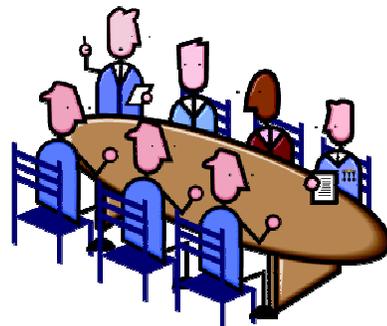
Margo Baumgardner (College Park)

Jeff Simpson (Old Crestview)

Bill Rowekamp (Lookout Farm)

Recreation

Carol Sprinkle (Summit Lakes)



Please join the Mayor and Council in thanking these individuals for agreeing to provide their time and expertise for our community.



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Snow Emergencies and delays in garbage collection will be posted on the City's website at http://www.crestviewhills.com.



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

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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