



# The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

## Crestview Hills Fall 2010

### 2010 PROPERTY TAXES

The City of Crestview Hills will be mailing out property tax bills the first week of October for 2010.

The City Council voted this year to take the compensating tax rate, which is the rate which produces the same amount of revenue as last year. The Council recognized the difficult economic environment and continues to strive to maintain low tax rates. A recent survey of the Northern Kentucky area highlighted the fact that Crestview Hills has one of the lowest overall tax burdens in the region.



As noted in the summer newsletter, residential property owners on private streets will now receive a discount of \$.025 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed property. After many months of meetings, the City Council accepted the recommendation of the City's Private Streets Committee to provide a reduction in property taxes for residential owners located on private streets. This was a recognition that these owners do not receive the same benefits of street maintenance as those residents on public streets. The reduction roughly equates to the average cost of street maintenance on private roads over the last five years, and will be approximately twenty-eight thousand dollars in 2010.

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### RECYCLING NEWS

The City's new Solid Waste provider, Rumpke, collects recycling material on Tuesdays each week. Their procedure for collection of plastics has changed from the previous provider.

Rumpke Recycling offers customers a comprehensive list of acceptable recyclables to maximize waste diversion. A key thing to remember is that if an item is not listed as an Acceptable Material it is not recyclable, even if the item itself says it can be recycled. Several items commonly placed in the recycle bin that are unacceptable include plastic bags, buttercups, yogurt cups, tin foil and plastic ware such as forks, spoons and plates. As a general rule, only plastic bottles and jugs # 1 - 7 may be recycled. For additional information or to arrange a tour of Rumpke's recycling facility, please visit their website at [www.rumpkerecycling.com](http://www.rumpkerecycling.com) or contact them by phone at 1-800-582-3107.

### **Acceptable Materials**

- Newspaper
- All plastic bottles and jugs #1-7
- Steel food cans
- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Residential mixed paper, including: envelopes without windows, cereal boxes, construction paper, school papers, office paper, brown paper grocery bags.
- Clean pizza boxes, free of food or grease
- Cardboard boxes (broken down into 3 feet by 3 feet sections)

If you experience a missed pickup or have any questions regarding your waste, please call Rumpke at:

**Rumpke, Inc**  
**(859) 472-7339**

**Don't miss the City's annual Christmas celebration! Mark your calendars for Friday, December 3rd from 5:30 to 9:00 pm for tree lighting, dinner, and holiday spirit!**

# Mayor's Message



## **Crestview Hills Residents:**

As we begin to close out 2010, we reflect on the results of a very productive year for the City.

The City was able to resolve a long-standing issue this year in addressing residents that live on private streets. A citizens committee met for six months to examine all of the issues surrounding private street maintenance and ultimately recommended to the City Council a property tax reduction for home owners on private streets of \$.025 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value. Residents will see this reduction on their 2010 property tax bills.

The City is currently in the process of repaving several streets around the City and making spot repairs. The City strives to be diligent in assessing and maintaining our streets and roads. We also completed the first phase of our new decorative street signage program. We have received many positive comments from residents about the new posts and signs. Note that the concrete ring at the bottom of the posts is to protect the metal and prevent long term rust/damage to the posts. Also, we have received some questions regarding the height of the poles. The height is set by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) promulgated by the Federal Highway Administration.

There are several recreation activities planned for this fall and winter. The City will accept reservations for a lottery for Cincinnati Reds playoff tickets in October. We also will participate again in partnership with the Town Center in the annual Halloween event on Saturday, October 30th from 11:00 to 3:00.

Several new residents have come on board this year to volunteer on our City Committees. We encourage our residents to get involved with the community by participating in our events and if possible volunteering to serve on one of our many Committees.

In August, the City appointed Kara Kuertz as our new Financial Officer/Treasurer. Kara has hit the ground running and will make great addition to the City's professional staff.

The City continues to be in good financial condition and has weathered the economic downturn well. Our outstanding business community plays an instrumental role in the financial health of the community. Please support our businesses when possible!

I hope that all have a safe and joyous Holiday season!

**Thank you.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul W. Meier".

## **CITY HIRES NEW TREASURER**

The City is happy to announce the recent appointment of Ms. Kara Kuertz as the new Financial Officer/Treasurer for the City of Crestview Hills.

Kara is a graduate of Bellarmine University with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's of Business Administration. Prior to joining the City, Kara worked in Public Accounting for over 5 years.

Kara is a resident of Villa Hills and a graduate of Dixie Heights High School. She is excited to join the City and serve the community. Along with her financial responsibilities, Kara will also assist the Recreation Committee and assist in maintenance of the City's website and newsletter.

Kara may be reached at 341-7373, extension 13.

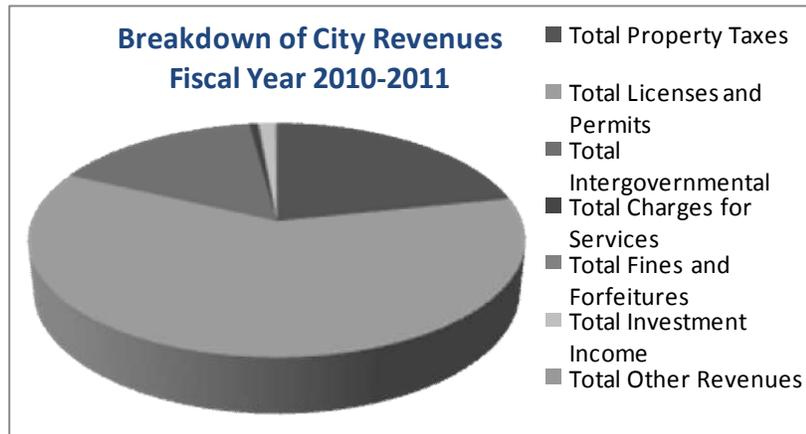
# Living and doing business in Crestview Hills - A great value!

Often times around tax season, new residents will call or come by to ask how their taxes are being utilized by the City. Many of these residents soon find out what many long time residents have known for years; Crestview Hills is a great place to live, not only for the quality of services, but for the value to both residents and businesses.

Among cities in Northern Kentucky, Crestview Hills ranked third in 2009 for having the lowest property tax rate (see table below). The City also does not levy a tax on personal property, nor a tax on insurance premiums. Only a few other cities do not levy this tax. Add to that no fee for garbage collection (most cities levy a fee around \$150 per year per household), and Crestview Hills comes out consistently on top of rankings of least expensive places to live in Northern Kentucky.

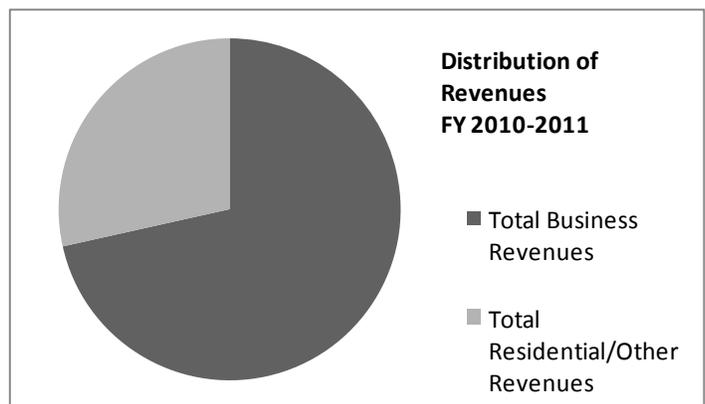
How is this accomplished in such a small City? The story really goes back to the City's Mayors and City Councils' that had a vision for the community that included a good mix of housing, retail, and business. The City is blessed with a business community that funds some 71% of the cost of

City	Real Estate Rate	Tangible Personal
Lakeside Park	31.40	118.20
Fairview	30.00	-
Covington	29.95	29.95
Erlanger	29.80	55.00
Kenton Vale	28.00	-
Taylor Mill	27.00	61.30
Bromley	25.90	25.90
Edgewood	24.00	24.00
Crescent Springs	23.00	18.70
Elsmere	21.80	24.00
Ludlow	21.20	35.90
Fort Wright	21.00	30.80
Park Hills	20.90	-
Villa Hills	20.60	12.50
Independence	20.00	59.60
Fort Mitchell	14.60	-
<i>Crestview Hills</i>	14.55	-
Walton	10.50	23.10
Ryland Heights	8.90	16.60



services. While this may seem like a lot, one must consider that the same low tax rates also apply to our businesses.

- City Related Business Taxes
- Business License
  - Net Profits Tax
  - Occupational License Fees (payroll)
  - Alcohol Licenses
  - Local Deposits Franchise Fees



## Crestview Hills Christmas Celebration Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars now and join us for the annual City Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 3rd from 5:30 to 9:00 pm at the Crestview Hills City Building. The annual event includes food from Carrabbas Italian Grill, live performances of traditional Christmas carols, and pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!

The City will also have drawings (must be present to win) for kids in the following age groups; under 5, under 8, under 11, and under 14. For the first time this year, the City will also be accepting food donations for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Northern Kentucky's Food Pantry. Please bring along canned food or other non-perishable foodstuffs.



The pictures below are from last year's



Christmas Event.



## CRESTVIEW HILLS UPCOMING 2010 RECREATIONAL EVENTS

Saturday, October 23rd, Trip to Keeneland. The City has reserved tables in the Lexington Room at Keeneland for 50. Includes admittance, luncheon, snack and beverages. The bus departs at 11:00 am from the City Building. A few tickets are still available at \$50 each. You can reserve your seat now by calling the City at 341-7373.

October, The City has secured tickets to the Red Playoff series. NLDS tickets are sold out. If you wish to enter the lottery for NLCS tickets, please come by the City Building and put your name in for the lottery by Monday, October 11th.

Saturday, October 30th, The City will be participating with merchants at the Town Center this year in a Halloween festival. The event is from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Merchants will be handing out candy and the Town Center will have many fun events during the day including face painting, balloon artists, story telling from the Kenton County Public Library. Come out and enjoy the fun!

**GO**



**REDS!**

## CITY WELCOMES NEW VOLUNTEERS

The City seeks and encourages participation from residents on a myriad of committees that assist the Mayor and Council in making the community a better place to live and work. We welcome the following residents who have recently volunteered their time and expertise to our community:

Susan Berns  
Wayne Clark  
Paige Shelton  
Karan Hackman  
Linda Phelps

Crestview Hills Ethics Board  
Crestview Hills Board of Adjustment (zoning)  
Crestview Hills Recreation Committee  
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**Volunteer  
Services**

The City thanks Susan, Wayne, Paige, Karan, and Linda for their willingness to serve the community!



## **CITY INSTALLS NEW STREET SIGNS**

Residents in College Park and Lookout Farms subdivision will notice the new decorative street signs and posts. This is the first phase of a project to replace all of the City's old and outdated street signs. New standards for signs will be coming into effect in the next few years and the City made a determination to make the change over two years and ahead of the required date. The new signs meet both height and reflectivity standards.

The final phase of the project will take place next summer. The City would like to thank the officials at the City of Florence who assisted in printing the new street name signs.



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HOLIDAY 2010 EDITION

- FALL EVENTS LISTED ON PAGE 5. Don't forget about Daylight Savings Time ending on Sunday November 3rd. Fall back!
REMINDER: Parking on City streets between 3:00AM and 6:00AM is prohibited in the City.



NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Table with 2 columns: Service and Phone Number. Includes Police Dispatch, Police Administration, Fire Dept, Ambulance, and Sanitation Dist.

OTHER NUMBERS

Table with 2 columns: Service and Phone Number. Includes City Building, Animal Control, Rumpke Garbage, and Duke Energy.

City Website: www.crestviewhills.com

CITY OFFICIALS

Table listing City Officials: Mayor Paul W. Meier, City Council members, City Administrator, Finance Officer, Treasurer, Administrative Asst., City Engineer, Building Inspector, Zoning Consultant, Attorney, Auxiliary Staff, Public Works, and various council members.