



The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

Crestview Hills Winter 2011

Winter Weather In Crestview Hills

The City of Crestview Hills strives each year to provide the best possible service in clearing streets of snow and ice. We contract with the Kenton County Road Department for this service. They provide a dedicated truck and driver and follow a set schedule starting with the major roads (Thomas More Parkway, etc) and then move to collector roads (Lookout Farm Drive, Winding Way, College Park, etc) and finally to minor subdivision streets.

Depending on the depth and duration of the snowfall, it may take several passes in order to fully clear the streets. If you are aware of particular



problem spots, please call us at 341-7373. If it is after normal business hours, you may call Police Dispatch at 727-2424 to report areas that are an immediate safety hazard and that are on major city roads.

Also please note that residents with on-street temporary overnight parking passes should remove their vehicles from roadways during significant snowfall events. During a declared snow emergency, residents are required to remove vehicles from streets, or will be subject to fines and possible towing.

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REDS TICKETS IN 2011

Mark your calendars now for the 2011 Reds Season!

The City will again be offering discounted Reds tickets to City residents. This year we have planned two Reds outings, which include bus transportation from Crestview Hills, seating, and all you can eat buffet. The City has also secured tickets for two popular games in 2011, Opening Day and a June 21st visit by the New York Yankees.

The following are the dates, opponents, seating level and cost of tickets:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Section</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 3/31/2011 | Brewers | Field Box | \$49 |
| 6/4/2011 | Dodgers | Club | \$60 |
| 6/21/2011 | Yankees | Mezzanine | \$30 |
| 7/16/2011 | Cardinals | Party Deck A | \$65 |

There will be a lottery drawing for tickets for Opening Day and for the New York Yankees. Residents may drop by the City Building to put their name in for these tickets, and a drawing will take place on Friday, March 18th 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 28th at 9:00 am. (The City accepts only cash or personal check)

The Reds trips have proved to be a popular City event over the years, so make plans early if you are interested in joining us!

For more information, call Kara at (859) 341-7373:

City Offices will be Closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day. City news and information is posted weekly on the City's website. Go to <http://www.crestviewhills.com> for current news and events.

Mayor's Message



Crestview Hills Residents:

We start the new year with many plans for our community.

We have several important goals for the new year, including completion of our new decorative street signage project, the finalization of the new sidewalk for Dixie Highway in front of the Town Center, installation of a section of landscaped island in front of the main entrance to the Town Center (Grant funded), repairs to the Shinkle Road Bridge, and development of a new ten-year street maintenance plan. In addition, the City plans to increase our communication with the local business community, including cooperative ventures with our friends at Thomas More College. We are excited to offer new recreational programming opportunities during the year, such as the Zumba Classes that will be held at the City Building beginning in February.

We are also excited to offer Reds tickets again this year. This is an excellent value for residents, with ticket discounts and access to quality games and seating. For the second year, the City has gained access to opening day tickets. Also, look for the annual Easter Bunny celebration in April.

After two terms in office, we bid farewell to David Thiel on the City Council. Dave has been an excellent representative over the past four years, providing valuable input as chairman of the Garbage and Recycling Committee and member of the Economic Development Committee. David provided a conservative, common sense approach to local government and we wish him well in 2011.

We also welcome Ken Palmer to the City Council for 2011. Ken has been actively involved on various City Boards and Committees and should be well prepared to fill the council seat vacated by David Thiel. Ken is a 16 year resident of the City and has worked closely with City staff previously on the Economic Development and Public Works Committees.

The City recently received the Government Finance Officers Annual Financial Report Award for the ninth consecutive year. This represents the highest recognition for financial reporting. The City has also received a clean audit for the most recent fiscal year.

I am honored to continue to live in and serve this community. We are blessed with a wonderful quality of life and a proactive and professional local government. I look forward to the coming year and wish every resident a safe and prosperous 2011.



Paul W. Meier, Mayor



Ken Palmer Joins Council

The City has a new City Councilman effective January 1st. Mr. Kenneth Palmer, who lives on Palmer Court in the Legends Way Subdivision was elected to office last November.

Ken is a retired former executive with Western Southern Life Insurance, and attended Miller-Draughn Business College. Ken has lived in the community with his wife Brenda for 16 years. Ken has been on the Board of the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, served as corporate chairman on the United Way and is currently serving with the Major Gifts Committee of the St. Elizabeth Foundation. In his spare time, Ken enjoys playing golf, reading and physical fitness.

Ken would like to continue the good work of the Mayor and Council over the next two years. He is interested in improving the quality of life for residents and improving the City's infrastructure. Ken can be contacted at kpalmer@crestviewhills.com.

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

PART II

A resident recently came in to the City Building to pay property taxes and commented that they saw very little value from the taxes they paid to the City. While our taxes seem to go into a ‘black hole’ when sent to the federal and state government, our local City taxes remain some of the lowest in Northern Kentucky. When one lays out the amount of services that are received by residents, it is easy to see why many residents and businesses believe they are getting a good value for their money.

The City has since its inception chosen a management model in which as

| Service | Annual Cost per Household |
|---|---------------------------|
| Garbage Collection and Recycling | \$ 130 |
| Police Services | \$ 646 |
| Fire Protection | \$ 125 |
| Ambulance Services | \$ 30 |
| Streets & Road Maintenance ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 367 |
| Recreation | \$ 32 |
| Total ⁽²⁾ | \$ 1,330 |



many services as possible are contracted with outside providers, thus limiting employees and overhead costs. This model has proven a cost effective and efficient way to deliver services to residents. The following table lists the range of direct services provided by the City and the cost per household of each service.

⁽¹⁾ Street and Road Capital Costs vary each year depending on number of street repairs needed.

⁽²⁾ Does not include related City costs such as overhead (i.e. - insurance, utilities, attorney, debt service on City Building, and other administrative costs)

The typical residential household only pays an annual property tax. If the resident works in the City, they would pay an additional occupational fee of 1% of their gross wages, up to the Social Security maximum of \$106,800. Assuming both scenarios, the annual City tax would be as follows:

Property Owner working in Crestview Hills

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| Assumed Value of House | \$250,000 |
| Assumed Wage subject to Occupational Fee | 55,000 |
| Property Tax (250,000/100) * .1520 | \$ 380 |
| Occupational Tax (55,000 * 1.0%) | <u>550</u> |
| Total Annual City Taxes | \$ 930 |

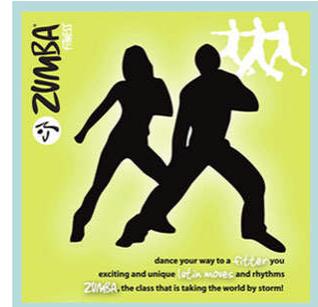
Property Owner not working in Crestview Hills

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| Assumed Value of House | \$250,000 |
| Assumed Wage subject to Occupational Fee | 0 |
| Property Tax (250,000/100) * .1520 | \$ 380 |
| Occupational Tax (0 * 1.0%) | <u>0</u> |
| Total Annual City Taxes | \$ 380 |

Zumba Classes Begin in February

Want to trim a few extra pounds after the holidays? Looking for opportunities to have fun and dance with your friends? Consider signing up for Zumba classes in February. The City will be offering these classes beginning Tuesday, February 1st at 6:00 pm. Zumba is a fun new way to get in shape with a series of Latina inspired dances. Led by our own certified instructor, the classes are a great opportunity to meet new friends in a fun, high energy atmosphere.

Residents may sign up by calling City offices at 341-7373. Eight sessions are \$25 for residents, and \$35 for non-residents. All classes will be held at the Crestview Hills City Building and Tuesday and Thursdays at 6:00 pm. For more information on the class, call Kara Kuertz at the City.



News Around Crestview Hills

Thomas More College recently received re-accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The extensive review process occurs every ten years and covers items such as the college's quality of academic programs, faculty, financial health, governance and student support.

The Thomas More Football team, under the direction of head coach Jim Hilvert, recently completed a perfect regular season in the President's Athletic Conference and advanced to the second round of the Division III playoffs. This was a particularly stellar season in which four players were named to the Division III All-South Region Team and Defensive Tackle Tyler Owens was recognized as a Division III first team All-American.

The Elk Creek Winery recently joined the Town Center as a new tenant. The business offers a selection of wines and related goods. They are located between Eddie Bauer and Talbots.

Several Physician practices in Crestview Hills have recently joined St. Elizabeth Physicians, including NKY Heart Associates at 380 Centreview Boulevard.

The Recent Inclement Weather caused a delay in the pickup of trash by the City's solid waste provider, Rumpke. According to Rumpke officials, the snowfall blocked the roads to the their Pendleton County landfill and prevented the trucks from dumping trash. This

caused a one day delay on collection of trash. While Rumpke assures us that collection delays are very infrequent, it is important to check the City's website during significant snow events to verify if trash collection will be delayed by Rumpke.

Solid Waste News



The City has recently received complaints regarding incomplete pickups by drivers and leaving loose paper and debris on the ground after pickup. If you experience these problems, please call City Hall so we can both pass along the concerns and record the complaint in our system. The Rumpke contract includes performance standards that must be met, and the City needs to monitor any problems associated with the service.

CRESTVIEW HILLS SPRING 2011 RECREATIONAL EVENTS

Tuesday, February 1st, Zumba! The City will be teaching a twice per week Zumba class beginning in February 1st. Residents can purchase eight sessions for \$25. More information on the classes are available in another section of the newsletter.

Thursday, March 31st, Reds Opening Day. The City has obtained a block of 60 tickets for opening day at the Cincinnati Reds. We have excellent tickets in the Field Boxes along the third base line. A lottery will be held for the tickets. Residents can put their name in for the drawing up until March 17th. In order to ensure as many residents as possible get an opportunity to purchase the tickets, we are limiting purchases to 4 per household.

Saturday, April 16th, Easter Bunny. The City will again this year celebrate the Easter Holiday with a visit by the Easter Bunny. Pictures can be taken with the Easter Bunny, and goodie bags with candy and fun trinkets are available for children. This no cost event runs from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.



Public Works Updates

Several important projects were completed in 2010, including the new traffic signal on Thomas More Parkway, the reconstruction of Rose Terrace, and new paving and repairs in Lookout Farm, Summit Lakes, Old Crestview and College Park subdivisions. 2011 will bring about a new list of repairs, normally determined in March or April of each year by the City's Public Work's Committee. After numerous bureaucratic delays, the City anticipates the Dixie Highway Sidewalk will finally begin construction this year.

Another important project for 2011 is repairs to the Shinkle Road bridge. The City has contracted with CDS Engineers to inspect and prepare an engineering report on the bridge. We anticipate repairs will be required during the 2011-2012 budget year.



CITY ADOPTS NEW BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FEES

The City maintains a Board of Adjustment, consisting of five residents, to hear requests for variances to the City's Zoning Code. This Board reviews the variance or conditional use request from a property owner, and determines whether the variance will be granted. However the Board is bound by law to only consider granting a variance to the Zoning Code if it will (1) not alter the essential character of the general vicinity, (2) not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare, and (3) denying the request would create an undue hardship on the property owner's use of their land.

The Board currently consists of the following Crestview Hills residents:

Joe Overmann, Chairman
Dan Dougherty, Vice-Chairman
Ron Gibbons
Bon Cahill
Wayne Clark

In early January, the City Council approved a new set of fees that applicants must pay for a BOA hearing. The fees had not been changed since 1989, and in most cases were insufficient to even cover the required cost of advertising the hearing. The new fees were set a \$500, which is consistent with other BOA fees charged in Northern Kentucky, and comes closer to covering the City's cost for the hearing.



The City will post all BOA hearing requests on its website at least ten days prior to the hearing. More information on the Board of Adjustment can be found on the City's website.



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- ◇ **REDS TICKETS** - Lottery and ticket details on page one.
- ◇ **Snow Emergencies and delays in garbage collection will be posted on the City's website at <http://www.crestviewhills.com>.**



NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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| Police Dispatch | 727-2424 |
| Police Administration 8 AM to 4:30PM | 331-5368 |
| Fire Dept. Ft. Mitchell | 331-1267 |
| Ambulance Ft. Mitchell | 331-5553 |
| Sanitation Dist (for sewer odors & problems) | 578-7450 |

OTHER NUMBERS

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| City Building 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM | 341-7373 |
| Animal Control | 356-3191 |
| Rumpke Garbage | 472-7339 |
| Duke Energy | 513-421-9500 |

City Website: www.crestviewhills.com

CITY OFFICIALS

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| 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 |
| City Clerk | Judy Cox |
| City Attorney | Mary Ann Stewart |
| City Engineer | Jim Berling |
| Building Inspector | NKAPC |
| Zoning Consultant | NKAPC |
| Auxiliary Staff | Joan Connelly Mary Louise Haglage |
| Public Works | Jeff Smith |