



The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

Crestview Hills Winter 2014

2014 Reds Tickets

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

Date	Opponent	Area	Cost
5/23/14	St. Louis	Mezzanine	\$20
7/12/14	Pittsburgh	Party Deck	\$60
8/22/14	Atlanta	Field Box	\$30
9/26/14	Pittsburgh	View Level	\$5

Unfortunately, due to the increased number of season ticket holders for the 2014 season, the Reds were not able to offer the City Opening Day Tickets.



The above discounted tickets can be purchased beginning Monday, April 21st at 9:00 am. The City

accepts only cash or personal check. There are a limited number of tickets for each game. Make sure you purchase your tickets before it is too late!

The July 12th game against the Pittsburgh Pirates includes seating in the Party Deck, great food, 2 beer tickets and bus transportation to and from the game.

Go Reds!

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Mayor releases State of City Address and 2014 Goals & Objectives

The City begins a new year with a reflection on the past year as well as a fresh set of goals for 2014. As noted in the Mayor's State of the City address www.crestviewhills.com, our City had a very productive year in 2013. We received a major grant to widen Thomas More Parkway; the State completed the long planned widening on northbound Turkeyfoot Road; the landscaped median island on Dixie Highway was completed in front of the Town Center; and work began with the ad-hoc wayfinding signage committee to begin design work for new signs in the Office Park. Work also continued last year to rebuild old streets, as we completed work on University Circle (south). The City added to our fund balance for the fourth straight year in 2012-2013, continuing our conservative approach to financial management of the community. Finally, the City sponsored several fun community events, including the business appreciation luncheon, annual summer picnic at Summit Hills, and the concert at the Town Center in June.

2014 will be another busy year for the community, as we plan to finalize the new City website. This will be a major improvement for citizens and businesses, as well as a better recruitment tool for prospective new residents and businesses.

The City plans to move to the next phase in signage development for the Office Park, completing the design work and developing a funding plan to implement the new signs. We anticipate the design work will be completed on Thomas More Parkway in



2014 widening and the City will begin right of way acquisition and utility relocations. We also plan to rebuild the southern section of Campus Drive, and will continue planning efforts with SD#1 and

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City Offices will be Closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day.

Mayor's Message



Crestview Hills Residents:

The recent unusually cold weather that has gripped the area helps us to remember that dedicated individuals in the community provide many of the services we take for granted. Take a few moments to thank the utility workers, postal employees, public safety officers, and snow plow operators that keep things running even during sub-zero weather.



We start the new year reflecting on the successes in 2013 and looking forward to the challenges in 2014. The economy has finally begun to improve and we anticipate new activity at the Town Center and Thomas More Office Park this year. We have a robust list of goals for the City in 2014, summarized on page 1 of the Newsletter, and listed in full on our website at www.crestviewhills.com.

We are excited to begin the planning and design for the lane widening/extension on Thomas More Parkway this year. We believe this project will further reduce traffic congestion on Turkeyfoot Road and make it easier for our businesses and visitors to come into the Office Park. As noted in earlier newsletter articles, our businesses are the foundation of the City's tax base and we must continue our efforts to create a great climate for new and existing businesses. We also believe the Wayfinding Signage initiative in the Office Park will enhance access to those businesses.

City staff is planning a number of exciting community events this year, including annual events such as the Easter Bunny (page 3, Reds outing/tickets (page 1), and the annual Summer picnic in August. We also anticipate more summer concerts at the Town Center, and joint activities with Thomas More College.

The City works hard to provide excellent service to our citizens. Should you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact me or our staff at (859) 341-7373.

I hope that you have a safe and prosperous new year!

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

Paul W. Meier
Mayor

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the State to build storm water retention areas on the tributaries to Horsebranch Creek. The concert last summer at the Town Center was very successful and we plan to continue the fun this year offering three concerts in June, July and August. The schedule of dates and bands should be finalized in early February and will be advertised on the website, Facebook, and through email announcements.



Design work begins on Thomas More Parkway lane widening project

The City recently received approval from the State Transportation Cabinet to retain the services of CDS Associates, a local engineering firm, to begin design work on the Thomas More Parkway lane widening/extension project.

The City received a federal grant through the Ohio/Kentucky/Indiana Regional Planning Agency last summer to extend the second lane of eastbound Thomas More Parkway at its current terminus at Renaissance Drive to a point past Centerview Blvd. (Approximately 35% of the traffic turns off by this point) CDS Associates will begin the design work in January by studying traffic improvements at the Centerview intersection, including a possible round-a-bout to replace the signalized intersection. Once the traffic analysis/study has been completed, the design will be finalized by late spring of 2014. The second

phase of the project will be right of way acquisition and utility relocation that is scheduled for late 2014 and early 2015. The final phase will be the actual construction, which is currently funded with the grant for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. We hope to have the project completed by late September 2015.



This project will be another important step in improving the traffic flow to the City's Office Park and to St. Elizabeth Hospital.

The City of Crestview Hills Annual Audit

The City's Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30th, 2013 has been completed by Rankin, Rankin & Company, Certified Public Accountants. The City received an unqualified opinion, which means there are no qualifications or exceptions to the auditing process. This is the highest level that a CPA firm renders on financial statements.

The City ended the fiscal year with a positive balance of \$173,344, compared to last fiscal year of \$775. This is the fourth year in a row that the City has added to its fund balance. Governmental funds revenue decreased \$49,472 over the prior year primarily due to the decrease of grant receipts in the current year. Finally, the total cost of all City government funds expenses decreased \$222,041 from the prior year, due to the City's sidewalk project and street programs in fiscal year 2012.

The City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be found on the City's website.



City's New Website

The City's new and improved website will go live on January 22nd. The City's website was re-designed by Civic Plus and features enhanced functionality as well as cleaner, easier layout to navigate. In addition, the website uses a responsive design, which allows for easy viewing no matter the device.

The City's website is an important tool to communicate with the community. Citizens and employees who work in the city are able to sign up for email notifications for different alerts.

City Staff is very excited about the new website. This redesign will allow the City to better organize and present valuable information and also foster a more transparent City government.

A Note from the Chief of Police



The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department is planning a Citizens' Police Academy for this March. Citizens' Police Academies have become a nationally proven method of developing an environment where the public can learn more about their local police department in an interesting and unique way. Since the instructors are the officers, the participants are afforded with the opportunity to get to know those officers, thereby fostering a healthy dialogue between the community and the police department.

Participants will be afforded a distinctive opportunity to gain insight into the many different aspects of law enforcement. Our Citizens' Police Academy is a **five week** program, consisting of **meetings one night a week**. Some of the topics include:

- Introduction to Policing
- Patrol Operations
- Legal Procedure
- Investigations
- Crime Scene Processing
- DUI & Drugs
- Special Operations
- Firearms
- Community Policing
- Crimes against people



These sessions will provide our residents the ability to gain first-hand knowledge of a variety of topics that encompass modern day policing. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about your local law enforcement.

The Citizens' Police Academy will be held at the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department on Monday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm starting on March 3rd, 2014 and concluding on March 31st, 2014. Residents must be at least 18 years old to apply. Those interested should contact the LPCH Police Department at 331-5368 for more information or to obtain an application. The class size is limited to 20 students and there is no fee to participate.

Remember, we are your police department. Please feel free to contact us at 331-5368 or www.lpchpd.com

Col. Christopher J. Schutte
Chief of Police
Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department

UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS!

- ◇ The City will celebrate the Easter Holiday with a visit by the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 12th. Pictures can be taken with the Easter Bunny. Please remember to bring your camera. This no cost event runs from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.
- ◇ 3rd Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon will be May 23rd from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Rain date will be May 30th. This is a free luncheon for Crestview Hills Office Park Employees. Live entertainment will be provided by The Sunburners.
- ◇ This City is excited to host a Summer Concert Series in the Crestview Hills Town Center. We will have live music in June, July and August. Dates are TBD. More details will be provided in the Spring Newsletter.



News Around Crestview Hills

- ◇ Vom Fass is now open in the Crestview Hills Town Center. Vom Fass is a German Company that sells vinegars, oils, wine and spirits. Vom Fass is located next to Francesca's. Stop by for a free tasting.



- ◇ The Crestview Hills Town Center is set to welcome the following new tenants: Buffalo Wings and Rings, Jimmy Johns and a restaurant offering Sushi later this spring.

- ◇ Thomas More College will be offering a free service to help prospective students fill out the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) for the 2014-2015 school year. This service is open to the general public; however, in the event of limited space, priority will be given to current and prospective TMC students. "FAFSA Saturdays" will be offered on campus Jan. 25th. This will take place in the Administration Building from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There is no cost to attend but an RSVP is requested. For more information please call the Office of Enrollment at (859)344-4043.



- ◇ New Year/New You Series: Improve Your Sleep: Healthy sleep effects all aspects of your well being. Join Kenton County Library, Erlanger Branch on Tuesday, January 28th at 7:00pm for a presentation by local clinical psychologist Dr. Emily Sander. Dr. Sander will give tips and tricks on how to improve your quality of sleep. Call 859-962-4000 for more details.

- ◇ Beginner Yoga on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00pm. Free class at Erlanger Branch Library. This class will stretch and strengthen your body as well as calm your mind. Bring your own yoga mat and towel. Call 859-962-4000 for more details.



- ◇ Thomas More College will be celebrating St. Thomas More's Birthday February 6-21st. Come check out these fun events.

-Friday, February 7th "Night of Irish Music" Featured Artists: Ceol Mohr, Murphy's Law and Silver Arm 7:00pm in Steigerwald Hall in Saints Center.

-Monday, February 10th Performance by Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers 12:00pm in Steigerwald Hall in Saints Center

Check out Thomas More Website at www.thomasmore.edu for more details.

- ◇ Join Thomas More College for an up close look at the stars at Bank of Kentucky Observatory. Open House Dates will be as follows:

Saturday, February 15th at 7:00pm
Saturday, March 22nd at 8:00pm
Saturday, April 12th at 8:00pm





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Police Dispatch	356-9131
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	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 Ken Palmer Frank Sommerkamp, Jr.
City Administrator	Tim Williams
Finance Officer/ Treasurer	Kara Kuertz
City Clerk	Kelly Micek
City Attorney	Mary Ann Stewart
City Engineer	Jim Berling
Building Inspector	NKAPC
Zoning Consultant	NKAPC
Auxiliary Staff	Mary Louise Haglage
Public Works	Jeff Smith