



# The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

## *Crestview Hills Spring 2014*

### City of Crestview Hills Summer Concert Series

The City is excited to host a Summer Concert Series located in the Crestview Hills Town Center. (in front of Joseph Beth). Live entertainment will be provided on the following dates:

Friday, June 6, 2014 - Stays in Vegas

Friday, July 11, 2014 - Carter New & Pistol Holler

Friday, August 22, 2014 - Midnight Special

Music will begin at 8pm and will conclude around 11pm. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. This a community event and is open to the public. Bring your friends and family! We are looking forward to these events.



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### Summer Road Work Ahead

Watch out for construction crews this summer as the City has numerous street projects scheduled.



Residents in College Park

subdivision can expect the total reconstruction of Campus Drive from College Park Drive to Dudley Road in late July. This is a continuation of the City's efforts to begin rebuilding old, deteriorated streets. Residents should anticipate some inconvenience as the road is torn out in sections and the new concrete installed. The project should take between four to five weeks.

The City is also currently planning to mill and repave the following streets; Lookout Farm Drive, Sunset Drive, Darby Dan, and a portion of Rhine Valley. Individual concrete panel repairs are also scheduled for several streets where significant undermining of the subsurface has been detected.



City Staff conducts a thorough review and grading program for every street each year. This forms the basis of the street repair program. Over the last three years, the City has averaged over \$350,000 dollars annually in street re-

pair and reconstruction work. For more information on the City's street evaluation process, residents can look up the latest street inspection report on the City's website at [www.crestviewhills.com](http://www.crestviewhills.com).

# Mayor's Message



## *Crestview Hills Residents:*

It appears that spring is finally beginning to take hold after an exceptionally harsh winter. It is nice to see everything beginning to bloom and our community starting to shine! The winter was particularly hard on City streets, and we anticipate there will be a number of street repairs this summer. We are also closely monitoring our landscaping areas to determine if any plant materials were damaged by the sub-zero weather.

This summer will again be very busy for the City, as we pursue an aggressive schedule of street resurfacing and reconstruction projects. The City will continue our multi-year effort to reconstruct older streets with the rebuilding of the southern portion of Campus Drive in the College Park subdivision. We also plan to pave several streets around the City and make a few sectional repairs to deteriorated concrete panels. As noted on page 4, the City's engineering consultant continues work on the design of the lane addition on eastbound Thomas More Parkway. We look forward to beginning construction on this project in the summer of 2015.

We are very excited to provide numerous entertainment and recreational events again this summer, including the annual Easter Bunny visit on April 12th, several Reds games including the bus trip on July 12th, and three summer concerts at the Town Center. Last year's concert was a great success and we are looking forward to a great time this year for the concerts in June, July and August.

I would like to thank all of our citizen volunteers that are currently working on our Council Committees. The Safety Committee members worked particularly hard over the past year analyzing our Fire and EMS protection needs and developing a RFP that both improves our response times and lowers the taxpayer's cost. Our volunteers bring great talent and insight to the City and provide the Council with much greater input and analysis than could be accomplished without them.

Enjoy the spring, and as always, don't hesitate to contact me or our City Staff!

**Paul W. Meier, Mayor**



## **Nuisance Complaints**

The City strives to maintain a safe and clean appearance. You can help by letting us know of violations to City Ordinances such as high grass, weeds and property maintenance issues. The City belongs to the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission's Code Enforcement Board, allowing us to access additional manpower and expertise in pursuing and rectifying nuisance code issues. Call the City Building at 341-7373 if you are aware of a problem.



## **Easter Celebration**

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 1:30pm.

## **Winter Weather Reminders**

In light of the recent winter weather, the City wants to remind residents of a few general rules to follow during a snow emergency.

The City of Crestview Hills will generally issue a snow emergency with snowfall totals exceeding three inches. When a snow emergency is issued, residents must remove all vehicles from streets so that streets are clear for snow plowing and salting of streets. Vehicles that impede snow removal may be towed by the Lakeside Park/Crestview Hills Police Department.



The City contracts with Kenton County for snow removal. If your street has not been adequately cleared within 24 hours of the snow event, please call the City at 341-7373. After hour questions may be directed to the Kenton County Public Works Department at 392-1920.

The City's snow emergency routes (see [www.crestviewhills.com](http://www.crestviewhills.com) for a full list of streets) will be the first priority during a snow storm, followed by collector streets, and finally subdivision streets.

When snow plow drivers clear residential streets, their plows will throw snow to the side and into driveways. There is no way to avoid this during heavy snow fall events, and residents are responsible for clearing their driveways.

## **Changes for Fire and Emergency Services**

For the last several years, the City of Crestview Hills has contracted with the City of Fort Mitchell for the provision of Fire and EMS services. However, the City recently sought proposals for Fire and EMS services from adjoining communities. We received two proposals, one from the City of Fort Mitchell and one from the City of Edgewood. The City's Safety Committee had previously decided to split the City into three protection zones: one east of Turkeyfoot Road, one between Turkeyfoot Road and Dixie Highway, and the third west of Dixie Highway.

After a thorough review of the proposals and with a desire to lower the response times within the eastern areas of the City, the City's Safety Committee unanimously recommended to the City Council that Crestview Hills enter into an agreement with the City of Edgewood for the eastern zone, and with the City of Fort Mitchell for the other two protection zones. While this arrangement will save the community money over the next four years, the main reason cited was the closer proximity of the Edgewood station and facilities to this area. The City of Edgewood operates a very professional, well trained, and well-equipped fire and emergency services department. The City Council has the utmost confidence in their personnel to continue to provide excellent services to our community.



Beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, the eastern area of the City, will be served by the City of Edgewood Fire Department. Since all emergency agencies in Kenton County have mutual aid agreements, this area will continue to have backup from other adjoining communities including the City of Fort Mitchell. Emergency 911 and dispatching services will not change for this area. The Edgewood Fire Department can be reached at 859-341-2628 or [info@edgewoodkyfire.org](mailto:info@edgewoodkyfire.org).

As we move forward with this new service provider, the City is anxious to hear your thoughts about the service levels provided by Edgewood. We strive to provide the best possible municipal services at the most reasonable costs. Our business model of contracting most of our municipal services has proved to be both cost effective and responsive in the past. Because of efficient management, Crestview Hills remains one of the lowest cost areas to site a business within the greater Cincinnati region. All residents and businesses may want to contact their security system provider about the change in services if they are in the new East(Edgewood) protection zone. Police services will still be provided by the Lakeside Park/Crestview Hills Police Authority.

Should you have additional questions or would like to discuss this or any other service provided by the community, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Williams at 859-341-7373.

## **Thomas More Parkway Lane Widening**

Work continues this spring on the design of the Thomas More Parkway lane addition project. The City was awarded a federal grant last summer from the Ohio/Kentucky Indiana (OKI) Regional Planning Agency to add a second eastbound lane from Renaissance Drive to past the intersection with Centre View Boulevard. The City has hired CDS Associates to prepare the plans for the project.

As a part of the initial analysis of the project, CDS evaluated the feasibility of converting the current Centre View Boulevard signalized intersection into a round-about. Although the round-about would be both environmentally friendly and a potentially scenic enhancement, the traffic study (see the City's website at [www.crestviewhills.com](http://www.crestviewhills.com)) showed that a round-about would be unable to adequately handle the peak afternoon traffic at an acceptable level of service (LOS). Traffic will continue to be regulated with traffic lights.

The plan design will be concluded by July, and the next phase of the project will begin with right of way acquisition and utility relocation. The current project timeline includes a construction start date of July, 2015.

The City anticipates this project will provide a significant improvement to the current morning traffic congestion on Turkeyfoot Road. The final phase of the Turkeyfoot Road improvements, aligning Thomas More Parkway with Town Center Boulevard, has been requested for inclusion in the State's Six Year Transportation Plan, but unfortunately was not included in the Governor's proposal. We are working closely with our State representatives to keep the project high on the priority list for funding. (Turkeyfoot Road in this area carries over 40,000 vehicles per day and is one of the busiest streets in NKY.)

## **News Around Crestview Hills**

- Strides for STARS 5K Run/Walk: Saturday, April 26, 2014. Race start time is 9AM. Check in starts at 7:30AM at Dixie Heights High School. This race benefits STARS Grief Support for Kids. For more information go to [www.stridesforstars.com](http://www.stridesforstars.com)
- The City congratulates the Thomas More College women's basketball team on their recent recognition as the number one rated team in NCAA Division III. The saints recently swept the first rounds of the NCAA Tournament in Crestview Hills and have advance to the regionals in Walla Wall, Washington. You can follow the team at [www.tmc saints.com/sports/wbkb/index](http://www.tmc saints.com/sports/wbkb/index) and on their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/thomasmorecollegeky](http://www.facebook.com/thomasmorecollegeky). Go Saints!
- The City of Crestview Hills would like to welcome Pediatric Dentist, Dr. Eric Soper. Dr. Soper's office is located at 220 Thomas More Parkway.



### **Kenton County Public Library– Free Programs & Events**

- Beginner Yoga: Tuesday, April 8th 7pm Erlanger Branch Library. Join for a free beginner session that will stretch and strengthen your body as well as calm your mind. Please bring your own yoga mat or towel.
- AARP Tax Aide: Wednesdays through April 9th, 9 AM to 3PM. AARP Tax Volunteers are on hand to help seniors and others with basic tax form preparation. First come, first serve. Bring your ID and tax documents with you.
- Easter Party: Sunday, April 13th 1:30 - 3pm. Hop on in to the Erlanger Library to visit with the Easter Bunny from 1:30-2:30pm. Bring your own camera to get that special photo! There will be games available from 1:30-2:30pm and crafts beginning at 2:00pm and while supplies last.
- Paying for College Creatively: Wednesday, April 30th 5:30pm –7pm. Think the only way to pay for college is with student loans and a part time job? Think again. Freelance artist and college-debt free instructor Danielle Metz walks you through ways to raise extra money and finance you college education. No supplies needed, booklets of information will be provided. Teens and their families are welcome to attend.



## City of Crestview Hills Business Appreciation Luncheon

The City of Crestview Hills will be hosting the 3rd Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, May 23rd (rain date May 30th) from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The event will be held in the parking lot of Children's Hospital (2765 Chapel Place).

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats and Veggie Burgers will be provided by Lotter's Catering. This is a complimentary luncheon for all office park employees. We ask everyone to show their employee badge or bring a business card. Live entertainment will be provided by The Sunburners. We will have drawings for door prizes, including Reds Tickets.

This event is sponsored by: Central Bank, Hemmer Management Group and Grandview Summit Apartments and the City of Crestview Hills.



## Cincinnati Reds Tickets!

The City will again be offering Reds tickets to City residents and taxpayers 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



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

There are a limited number of tickets for each game. Make sure you purchase your tickets before it is too late!



## LEASH LAW & POOPER SCOOPER REMINDER

The city has a leash law and a pooper-scooper law, stating that it is illegal for animals to run at large on city streets and it is illegal to leave excrement on city streets and sidewalks or on sidewalks next to your neighbors yard. It also constitutes a nuisance to allow animals to annoy your neighbors whether by excess barking or vicious behavior. Take a few minutes to review the ordinance on the

website.

The Crestview Hills Animal Ordinance is available online at [www.crestviewhills.com](http://www.crestviewhills.com).

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### NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Dispatch	356-3191
Police Administration	331-5368
8 AM to 4:30PM	
Fire Dept. Ft. Mitchell	331-1267
Ambulance Ft. Mitchell	331-5553
Fire Dept. Edgewood	341-2626
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 Disposal	1-800-354-1830
Duke Energy	513-421-9500

### 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
Public Works	Jeff Smith