

The Eagle's View



An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills



Crestview Hills ~ Fall 2015

City Adopts Property Tax Rates for



The Crestview Hills City Council unanimously adopted a real property tax rate of \$.161 per \$100 of valuation for tax year 2015. The tax rate is an \$.001 increase from the 2014 tax year. This rate will cost a homeowner with a \$200,000 home, \$322 in annual City taxes or an increase of \$2 over 2014 rates.

Tax bills will be mailed out the last week of September and are due by December 31, 2015. Please note that the payment must be postmarked by December 31st.

Crestview Hills continues to have one of the lowest property tax communities in Northern Kentucky and one of the lowest cost area to operate a business. Maintaining a tax rate that keeps up with inflation is crucial to maintain the long-term viability of the community.

If you have questions regarding your bill, please call the City office at 859-341-7373. Property Assessment questions should be directed to Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) at 859-392-1750.

DON'T FORGET!!!

2015 City Property Taxes are DUE by:

December 31, 2015



Crestview Hills Christmas Celebration



Mark your calendars now and join us for the annual City Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 4th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the City Building. The annual event includes Carrabba's Italian Grill and pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus!!

We will have two seating times: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm &

6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Please call the City Office @ 859-341-7373 to reserve your seating time!

The City will also be accepting food donations for United Ministries. We encourage you to bring along canned food or other non-perishable items.



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Mayor's Message

Dear Crestview Hills Residents: As summer winds down, fall is a wonderful time to enjoy the last of the warm sunshine and view of the beautiful fall colors. I hope residents get an opportunity to enjoy many fall festivals, hayrides, and pumpkin patches around Northern Kentucky.

The City will again partner with the Crestview Hills Town Center in October to host the Halloween Annual Trick-or-Treat event. It will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. The City will have a Mayor's costume contest for different age groups and stores will pass out candy. Also, the City will have trick-or-treat that evening from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

The City will continue the crack sealing program and finish repairing small sections on Woodspoint Drive, Claiborne Court, and Lookout Farm Drive. As always, be careful around construction zones.

As election season gets closer, we would like to remind residents the City does regulate the size and number of signs allowed in residential zones. A total of four (4) signs are allowed per property and each sign can be no more than six (6) square feet in size. If you live in a Homeowner's Association or a Condo Association, please be sure to check their regulations as they may differ from the City's.

Finally, mark your calendars for the City's Annual Christmas Dinner. The dinner and pictures with Santa will be held on Friday, December 4th at the City Building. Please make reservations by calling the City office at 859-341-7373, as we will have two dinner seatings starting at 5:30 pm & 6:30.

I hope you enjoy the fall weather. Should you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact myself or City Staff.

Paul W Meier

	
GreenSky Credit Opens New Offices in Crestview Hills	

Crestview Hills is excited to welcome our newest employer to the community, GreenSky Credit. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, GreenSky has chosen to expand their existing business center in the City's Office Park. The company has grown rapidly since its inception, facilitating consumer home improvement loans for small contractors and homeowners. GreenSky works with several major national consumer retail businesses, including Home Depot and Champion Windows.

The company will initially employ 200 employees at the new Crestview Hills location on Chancellor Drive and invest over 7 million dollars into the operation. GreenSky projects the total employment might eventually grow to as much as 350 over the next few years.

In order to secure the company's investment, Crestview Hills agreed to match a portion of the State of Kentucky's tax incentive for new investment. Mayor Paul Meier and the Crestview Hills City Council were excited to see the former Fisher Homes office building again occupied with a top-notch company such as GreenSky Credit. The combination of the company's investment in the community and the new employees in the Office Park will bring additional energy and excitement to the area. Find out more about GreenSky by visiting their website: www.greenskycredit.com.

Public Works Update

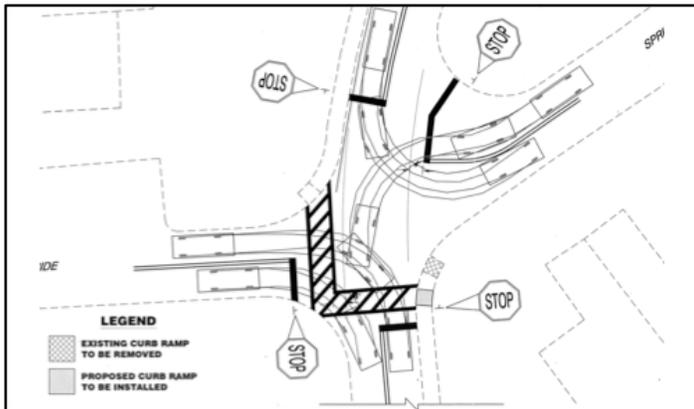
The City is currently wrapping up a very busy construction season for street repairs and replacements. As part of our ongoing effort to rebuild older streets, Campus Drive (North) was completed in late August. The northern section of University Circle is currently undergoing reconstruction with work slated to finish by November 7th. Several streets were re-paved in late summer, including Shinkle Road, Summit Drive, and portions of Chancellor Drive and Town Center Blvd. The City is also repairing small sections of failing concrete including areas on Woodspoint Drive, Claiborne Court, and Lookout Farm Drive. Finally, the City will continue the crack sealing program this fall to ensure water does not get underneath the pavement and lead to premature failure of recently paved streets.

The Thomas More Pkwy lane widening project preparation will continue over the next few months. The engineering for the additional in-bound lane from Renaissance Drive to past Centre View Blvd has been completed and approved by KYTC. City Staff continues to work with property owners to come to a satisfactory agreement on purchasing the additional right of way necessary for the project. The City recently contracted with a second appraisal company to review the original valuation estimates. The goal is to complete the right of way acquisition this fall and place the project for bid in early 2016.

Horsebranch Creek Detention Basin

As noted in prior Eagle's View Newsletters, the City has been planning for the construction of a stormwater detention pond along a tributary of Horsebranch Creek for several years. Over the summer, Army Corps of Engineers, who now regulates all waterways throughout the country, approved the City's plans to construct an inlet that would hold back the flow of water into the creek. This area encompasses portions of Thomas More College and the Office Park. The City is now working closely with the Sanitation District to develop a cost sharing agreement for the project. The City has also met with the City of Edgewood to urge them to consider constructing a second detention facility near the hospital. Both projects, if constructed, will significantly slow the flow of stormwater into the creek that has been eroding the banks and could potentially compromise Horsebranch Road.

Springside Drive & Shinkle Road



The City's Safety Committee met over the summer, and among other items, reconsidered the possible installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Shinkle Rd & Springside Dr. Several concerned residents first brought this issue before the City in 2013. After review, City Staff agreed there were sight distance issues and retained a traffic engineer to further study the area and make a recommendation. The Engineering firm, CT Consultants, recommended the best option was to install a four-way stop. Although the City's Safety Committee voted unanimously to recommend the stop signs, City Council chose not to accept the recommendation after a few residents at the Council Meeting expressed objections.

Recently, the Lookout Farm HOA Safety Committee approached the City about reconsidering the four-way stop. Their recommendation was to follow the advice of the traffic consultant as they felt the sight distance created a hazard to both pedestrians and vehicular traffic attempting to pull out/into Springside Drive.

Before the City Council takes up this issue again, the City has asked Lookout Farm HOA to poll residents in the subdivision that would be affected by the change. Once this information has been accumulated, the City Council will again consider a possible four-way stop at the intersection.

Another result of the earlier traffic study was the City's decision to relocate a section of the sidewalk near Springside so that pedestrians do not have to cross Shinkle Rd. After delays with the electric utility to move a transformer within the path of the new sidewalk section, the City is ready to bid the project. If all goes well, we anticipate the new section of sidewalk will be completed before the end of the year.



FROM THE POLICE CHIEF'S DESK



I would like to take a moment to make our residents and guest aware of two classes that the Police Department is offering: Drug Recognition & RAD.

Self-Defense for Women (RAD) - The Lakeside Park-Crestview Hills Police Department is offering a RAD class this fall. RAD which stands for Rape Aggression Defense, is a nationally recognized, premier self-defense program taught exclusively to women. RAD's core four principles of awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance are coupled with basic physical defensive moves, all of which when combined, afford a woman the option to defend herself. The class consists of 12 hours of instruction separated into four, 3 hour sessions taught over a four week period. The next class will be October 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm each night at the Lakeside Park-Crestview Hills Police Department. There is no fee to attend the class. For more information, or to enroll, please contact the Police Department at 859-331-5368.

Drug Recognition Class - DRUGS 101: Basic Recognition for Parents, Families, & Friends - It is no secret that illicit drug and prescription abuse happens daily in our community. Whether it's a stranger, neighbor, friend acquaintance, or even a loved one, the average user still conducts their everyday lives by going to work, school, and even getting behind the wheel of a car. Would you be able to recognize impairment? Would you be able to recognize drug residue or paraphernalia if you saw it? The LPCHPD will be presenting a one night, 2 hour, basic drug recognition course designed to teach the community about common drugs, their physical effects, different methods of ingestion, and paraphernalia. In addition this course will teach the physical and clinical signs of impairment caused by each of the 7 drug categories. The class will be held at the LPCHPD on Monday, October 26th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There is no fee to attend. For more information, or to enroll, please call the Police Department at 859-331-5368.

Remember, we are YOUR Police Department. Please feel free to contact us at 859-331-5368 or www.lpchpd.com.

Col. Christopher J. Schutte
Chief of Police, LPCHPD

Summer Concert a Great Success!

This year's Crestview Hills' Summer Concert Series drew the biggest crowd yet! We would like to thank all of those attended the event. Also, we would like to thank our sponsors: BB&T (formerly Bank of Kentucky), Cincinnati Children's Outpatient of Northern Kentucky, Hatfield Insurance, Beiting Family Dentistry, Grandview Summit Apartments, Central Bank, St. Elizabeth Physicians and the Crestview Hills Town Center.

Mark your calendars for the 2016 Summer Concert Series:

- **Friday, June 17th.....*The Sly Band*
- **Friday, July 15th.....*After Midnight*
- **Friday, August 12th.....*Soul Pocket*





What's Happening Around Crestview Hills?



Crestview Hills Town Center in conjunction with the City of Crestview Hills will have a family friendly day of trick-or-treating on Saturday, October 31st from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Stores will be handing out candy for trick-or-treaters.

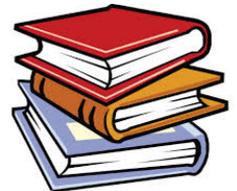
Note: The City's trick-or-treat will be from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm that evening.

MOMS Club of Fort Wright - Are you a mom looking for other moms to hang out with during the day? Join the MOMS Club of Fort Wright Area! This group is open to any mom in the area (Ft. Wright, Ft. Mitchell, Park Hills, Lakeside Park, Crestview Hills, Villa Hills, Crescent Springs, Edgewood, or Erlanger) who is home with their kid(s) during the day, either full or part-time. There are at least 2 activities for you and your children each week. Please contact fortwrightmomsgroup@yahoo.com for more information.

OKI Children's Literature Conference - Thomas More College will host the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Children's Literature Conference on November 7th from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The conference is being sponsored by the children's bookseller Blue Marble Books in Ft. Thomas, Dearborn Highlands Arts Council, and by a grant from the Kentucky Humanities Council. Organizers include Northern Kentucky Library Systems, Northern Kentucky University, and Newport Independent Schools.

Featured speakers include: national award-winning picture book creator and novelist Kathi Appelt, Eric Litwin (author of the first four Pet The Cat picture books), and Jeffrey Ebbeler (illustrator of more than 40 picture books).

A dozen workshops will be part of the day including an interactive workshop about the impact of literacy-based mentoring and integrating the arts with literature. Registration prior to Oct. 16th is \$85, and \$90 afterward. For conference registration or more information, visit: bit.ly/tmcliterature.



Events Around Town

- **RAD Self Defense Class for Women: October 7, 14, 21, & 28 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**
- **LPCHPD Drug Recognition Class: October 26 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**
- **Trick-or-Treat at Crestview Hills Town Center: October 31 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**
- **City of Crestview Hills Trick-or-Treat: October 31 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**
- **Thomas More College OKI Childrens Literature Conference: November 7 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**
- **City of Crestview Hills Annual Christmas Dinner: December 4 5:30 pm & 6:30 pm**
(reservations required for dinner)

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REMINDER: The City of Crestview Hills Trick-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Everyone have a safe and fun Halloween!



Incase of emergency, as always:

CALL 9-1-1

NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Dispatch	859-356-3191
Police Administration	859-331-5368
Ft. Mitchell Fire/EMT	859-331-1267 / 859-331-5553
Edgewood Fire Dept	859-341-2626
Sanitation District (sewer odors/issues)	859-578-7450

OTHER NUMBERS

City Building	859-341-7373
Kenton Co. Animal Control	859-356-3191
Duke Energy	513-421-9500
Rumpke (Trash & Recycling)	877-786-7537
Planning Development Services Of Kenton Co.	859-331-8980

CITY OFFICIALS

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Paul Meier

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Bill Dorsey

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Kara Kramer

City Clerk

Ashley Reuss

Public Works

Jeff Smith

City Engineer

Jim Berling

City Attorney

Mary Ann Stewart

Crestview Hills City Building Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M-F

LPCH Police Department Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. M-F

Please remember to clean up after your pets.

