

The Eagle's View

Crestview Hills - Fall 2016

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

Nuisance Ordinance - Dead Trees



For those residents that may not know, the City has an ordinance that declares dead/dying trees a nuisance if the trees have the potential to cause damage or injury to people or property by falling within the adjacent public rights of way or streets. The City has sent out notices to several property owners that they are in violation and will continue to do so

throughout the fall season. After notification, the property owner is given sufficient time to remove hazardous limbs and/or trees before the City will refer for a code violation and potential fines.

In 2009, an exotic beetle, the Emerald Ash Borer, migrated to Kentucky and over the years has killed thousands of Kentucky Ash trees. As a result of its appearance many Ash trees within the City are dead or dying. We highly recommend taking a walk around your property and identifying dead/dying trees that pose a hazard. If you have any questions or would like help identifying dangerous trees on your property please call 859-341-7373.

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Rental Registration Ordinance

Earlier this year the Crestview Hills City Council enacted a rental registration ordinance. Owners of rental properties will be required to register once per year starting on January 1st, 2017, and it will be due by January 31st. A nominal fee of \$15 per year will be charged to offset the City's cost of notification and data management. Notices will be sent out in October with the City's property tax bills to all property owners.

City Adopts Property Tax Rates for 2016

The Crestview Hills City Council unanimously adopted a real property tax rate of \$.160 per \$100 of valuation for tax year 2016. The rate is an \$.001 decrease from the 2015 tax year. This rate will cost a homeowner with a \$200,000 home \$320 in annual City taxes or a decrease of \$2 from 2015 rates. The \$.160 rate will bring in approximately 25% more revenue than last year's budget.

Tax bills will be mailed out the first week of October and are due by December 31, 2016. This year December 31st falls on a Saturday and the City Building will be closed. If you wish to pay in person, please do so by Friday, December 30th. Otherwise, please note that the payment must be postmarked by December 31st.

Crestview Hills continues to be one of the lowest property tax communities in Northern Kentucky and one of the lowest cost areas to operate a business. The City does not charge for garbage collection, nor is there an insurance premium tax or personal property tax.

If you have questions regarding your bill, please call the City office at 341-7373. Property Assessment questions should be directed to Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) at 859-392-170.

Mayor's Message

Dear Crestview Hills Residents:

The Fall season in Northern Kentucky is a wonderful time. I am looking forward to the Annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat at the Town Center on Saturday, October 29th from 11:00am – 1:00pm. The City will again partner with the Crestview Hills Town Center for another great family event. The City will also be hosting the annual Christmas Dinner with Santa Claus on Friday, December 2nd (see below for more details).



The contractors are at work widening Thomas More Parkway. We are excited to finally get this project started. The final paving is set for the beginning of November. Please be careful around construction zones.

Residents will note a lot of exciting new changes around the City. The Crown Point developers recently wrapped up Home Fest 2017 with glowing reviews. Expect to see more new houses started next spring. There have also been recent changes in the office park and several new retail businesses have joined the Town Center. We also have seen a number of significant renovations taking place over the past couple of years in our residential subdivisions and more recently a complete tear down/replacement on Rose Terrace. This signifies a continued healthy housing market in Crestview Hills. (see page 4-5 to find out more).

The City will host two voting precincts at the City Building on Tuesday, November 8th. As always, we urge all of our residents to get out and vote. The polls will be open 6am to 6pm.

We encourage residents to call the City with any problems, questions or concerns you may have. We strive to provide high quality services and low taxes for the community. Enjoy the fall weather!

Sincerely,



Paul W. Meier, Mayor

Summer Concert Series a Great Success!



This year's Crestview Hills' Summer Concert Series drew a great crowd! We would like to thank all those that attended the concerts.



Also, we would like to thank our sponsors: BB&T, Cincinnati Children's Outpatient of Northern Kentucky, Hummel Hatfield Insurance Agency, Grandview Summit Apartments, Central Bank, Five Seasons Sports Club, Thomas More College and the Crestview Hills Town Center.



The 2017 dates will be announced in the winter newsletter.



Fireman Mike Says... by Firefighter Mike Constantino



Hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Fall weather is just around the corner. And of course fall means October which is Fire Prevention Month. This year's theme is "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years!" This is the third year in a row that smoke alarms have been the focus. It's that important! We've learned that we need a smoke alarm in every bedroom and on every floor and that the batteries need to be checked on a regular basis. The final focus is for you to check the manufacturer's date on the back of your alarm. If your smoke alarm is over 10 years old, it needs to be replaced.

A few more tips for the Fall: 1. Watch those Flames. Never leave burning candles or open flames unattended for any period of time. 2. Climb with Care. When using ladders to clean gutters or decorate, check the rungs, make sure the ladder is securely placed, and don't overdo the angle when propping it against your home. 3. Keep it to Treats, No Tricks. Keep the scariest night of the year fun by purchasing flame retardant costumes and teaching your kids about Halloween Safety.

During the month of October, the Edgewood Fire Department will be conducting programs to enhance these prevention efforts. One of the events will be our Annual Open House on Sunday, October 2nd from 11am-2pm at the fire station.

Additionally, We will have Fire Station Tours, School Visits to the classrooms, and visits to Day Cares. We are going to tell each child during the school visits that they have a homework assignment for their parents. The assignment is to make their parents test their home smoke alarms and check the age of the smoke alarms. So parents should be ready to assist them. Plan now to help us continue to keep Crestview Hills a safe place to live.



For more information regarding fire prevention please contact Fireman Mike at: mconstantino@edgewoodky.gov.

Crestview Hills' Summer Intern

In mid-May the City welcomed a new face for the summer, Eric Pollitt, for an internship position. He is a graduate student at the University of Kentucky working towards his Masters in Public Administration. Eric is glad to be a member of the Big Blue Nation, and always tries to catch a game when he's not in class. He received his undergraduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. With most of his family having ties to West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh steelers are his first love. He enjoys reading the local sports section and talking football with Cincinnati Bengals fans.



Over the past months, Eric helped the City on numerous projects including developing a RFP (Request for Proposal) for various marketing firms to obtain innovative and fresh ideas to market Crestview Hills. Additionally, he worked diligently identifying landscaping violations at multiple properties located in the Office Park and then notifying the property owners. He assisted the City Administrator in special events and other Public Works functions during the absence of the City's Public Works Specialist. Finally, he collected data spanning 10 years covering home sales to additions within the College Park subdivision and helped create plans to present to the College Park Reinvestment Ad Hoc Committee.

Eric plans to work towards becoming a City Manager/Administrator after graduation. He has enjoyed serving the City of Crestview Hills and looks forward to the last few months of his internship this fall.

College Park Reinvestment Committee Meets

The City recently formed an ad-hoc committee of residents in the College Park Subdivision to look at the neighborhood and how the City can best support efforts to spur significant renovations to the homes. The subdivision was constructed from the mid-1960's through early 1970's. The City has noticed a dramatic turnover in the neighborhood over the last 10 years as over 25% of the properties have changed hands, substantially through generational changes. However, significant building permits for remodeling and additions have lagged other neighborhoods in Crestview Hills. The Reinvestment Committee will be looking at how the City might best provide incentives for owner-occupied residences interested in important remodeling and renovations.



The Committee's first meeting was held on August 30th and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm at the City Building. The Committee is chaired by College Park resident and City Councilmember Sharon Gronotte and consists of residents representing each of the subdivision's streets. Once the Committee has prepared a recommendation, it will be reviewed by the City's Economic Development Committee and final action will be considered by the City Council.

Work Continues on Thomas More Parkway Lane Widening



Contractors began work on the widening of Thomas More Parkway in late June. The project is anticipated to take approximately 4 ½ months to complete and will add a second eastbound lane from Renaissance Drive past Powleit Court. The new retaining wall and underground stormwater pipes were added over the first two months of construction. Actual road construction should start toward the end of September with final paving set for the first week in November.

The City is excited to finally get the project underway and looks forward to the improvement in traffic flow on Thomas More Parkway and Turkeyfoot Road. With the additional lane, we expect to see better flow of traffic in both turning lanes from Turkeyfoot to Thomas More Parkway as merging into a single eastbound lane will not be necessary until past the Centre View Boulevard light.

Horsebranch Creek Update

The City Council recently approved a contract with the City of Edgewood and Thelen & Associates to perform a geotechnical analysis of Horsebranch Creek and make recommendations and cost estimates for bank stabilization. Both cities have decided to attack the erosion problem from excess stormwater in the creek with both upstream detention areas as well as the more immediate focus on stream bank stabilization in the most critical areas. The consultant's report will be completed later this year, and we will post it on the website at www.crestviewhills.com. The City will also begin work on negotiating for easements with property owners within the defined detention basin areas. This is a multi-year process and may result in substantial costs to both cities to stem the erosion issue and preserve the integrity of Horsebranch Road.

Public Works Updates

As of this writing, contractors are completing the final phases of reconstruction on Fraternity Court in College Park. With the earlier reconstruction of Varsity and Sorority Courts, the City has now completed the new streets for the subdivision. Over the last five years, the City has committed over \$1.2 million to replacement of the streets in College Park. The City's focus will now shift to other older streets around the City in poor condition. Among those on a future list for reconstruction are Calumet Court, Lookout Farm Drive, Woodspoint Drive, and Summit Lane. The City Council remains committed to dedicating necessary tax dollars to replace older streets and ensure the City is not overwhelmed down the road with failing roadways. In order to ensure adequate resources, the Council will include in the Duke Energy franchise renewal a new franchise fee of 3% on electric and natural gas with the new revenue dedicated to the street replacement and maintenance program.

The City will resurface several streets in the current fiscal year, likely to take place next spring. Those include Dixie Lane, a portion of Winding Way, and possibly a portion of Rhine Valley depending on the status of the Horsebranch Creek Detention project. The City is also slated to complete the ADA compliant ramps on Shinkle Road as well as perform a series of sidewalk repairs on Shinkle.

Office Park Changes Afoot

Several changes have recently taken place in the City's Office Park. Long term occupant of the Office Park, Huntington Bank, recently announced their relocation to downtown Covington. Huntington will be selling or leasing their existing property in the Office Park and relocating 117 jobs in the next couple of months. Huntington was a substantial taxpayer in the City and will be missed as they accept a financial incentive package from the City of Covington (Huntington will receive both a 1% tax rebate from each employee's local payroll tax as well as incentives from the State for fixed relocation costs). The City plans to work closely with our Economic Development Agencies and Huntington to find new tenants for the property.



St. Elizabeth Healthcare recently announced the acquisition of the Kentucky branch of OHC on Centre View Boulevard. Due to changes in healthcare reimbursement formulas, this practice needed to locate closer to the Hospital Campus. The Kentucky partners have sold the practice to St. Elizabeth and the Oncologists and their clinical assistants will be relocating to the Edgewood campus this fall. St. Elizabeth has indicated that the existing building will be re-purposed

with other medical uses over the next year. The City will likely see some decrease in taxes with the changes as OHC was also a substantial taxpayer in Crestview Hills.

St. Elizabeth has also purchased the old AppleSauce Building on Centre View Boulevard and will be locating a new practice at that location in the next few months.

Finally, a developer recently purchased the one story office building at 351 Centre View Boulevard (at the corner of Thomas More Parkway) and will be demolishing the existing building and replacing it with a two-story modern building that will double the total square footage. The proposed new building should add to the aesthetics of the office park and will bolster the City taxes derived from that location.



LPCH Police Department - From the Chief's Desk



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sgt. Michael Paolucci in recognition of his recent graduation from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The FBI National Academy is a 10 week program for police supervisors that offers college level (undergraduate and masters) classes. Acceptance into this prestigious program is very competitive with less than 1% of police officers nationwide being selected to attend. There are courses offered in law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership development, and communication. Police leaders from across the United States attend this program which allows for the facilitation of networking on a national level. As Sgt. Paolucci returns to his duties at the Lakeside Park - Crestview Hills Police Department, I am confident that he will be able to utilize the skills and experiences that he gained from this educational experience to benefit the citizens of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. Well done Sgt. Paolucci.

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department also offers several services for the citizens and guests of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills.

- One of these services is self-defense classes for women. The department teaches RAD, which stands for Rape Aggression Defense. It 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, three hour sessions taught over a two week period. Class times can be morning, afternoon, or evening, whichever is convenient for the majority of the students. Classes are usually offered in the spring and fall. Please contact Officer Amy Chapman at 331-5368 for more information or to sign up for a class.
- The department offers child safety seat installations. Capt. Brad Degenhardt is a certified child safety seat technician. He can assist with the installation of the child safety seat in your vehicle. He will also provide training on the removal and proper installation of the child safety seat to ensure that your little ones are as safe as possible. Capt. Degenhardt can be contacted at 331-5368.
- The department also offers ALICE active shooter response training. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. It is a preparatory response training for an active shooter incident. If your organization is interested, please contact Capt. Degenhardt or Sgt. Goodman at 331-5368 for more information.
- Meetings with the Chief. As Chief of Police, I always value and appreciate conversations with our communities, both residential and professional. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is something concerning your police department that you would like to discuss. I can be reached at 331-5368 or cschutte@lpchpd.com.



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

Don't forget about Daylight Savings Time ending on Sunday, November 6th. Fall Back!

Crestview Hills Christmas Celebration

Mark your calendars for the annual City Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm 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: 5:30pm to 6:30pm and 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Please call the City Office at 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.



What's Happening Around Crestview Hills?



Annual Trick-or-Treat Event: The 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 29th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Stores will be handing out candy for trick-or-treaters.

*Note: The City's trick or treat hours will be Monday, October 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Household Waste Collection Event Saturday, November 5th: Residents of Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties may drop off select household hazardous waste items on Saturday, November 5th, 9am - 2pm at UC Health Stadium, "Home of the Florence Freedom." Visit www.nkyhhw.org for updates on this event as they become available.

Car Seat Installations: Besides the LPCH Police, Ft. Mitchell Fire Department has three certified technicians on staff to do car seat installations and seat checks for Crestview Hills residents. Please call 331-1212 to schedule an appointment.



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. This group is open to any mom in the areas; Ft. Wright, Ft. Mitchell, Park Hills, Lakeside Park, Crestview Hills, Villa Hills, Crescent Springs, Edgewood or Erlanger. There are at least two activities for you and your children each week. Please contact fortwrightmomsclub@yahoo.com for more information.



2016 Election Information: We encourage all of our residents to vote on Tuesday, November 8th. There will be two precincts for Crestview Hills. Both precincts will be at the City Building – 50 Town Center Blvd. The voting polls are open 6:00am to 6:00pm.

New Stores at the Town Center: The City of Crestview Hills would like to welcome the following stores to the City.

- J. Crew Mercantile is now located in the Town Center. J. Crew Mercantile will take the old Coldwater Creek space.
- Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa will open this Fall. They will be located at 2808 Turkeyfoot Rd – where the former Sableux Spa was located.
- Sprint Mobile Store



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In case 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	1-800-554-6900
Rumpke (Trash & Recycling)	877-786-7537
Planning Development Services Of Kenton Co.	859-331-8980
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

CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor	Paul Meier
City Council Members	Tim Adair Bill Dorsey David Kramer Joe Roesel Frank Sommerkamp, Jr. Sharon Gronotte
City Administrator	Tim Williams
City Financial Officer / Treasurer	Kara Kramer
City Clerk	Jaime Mahoney
Public Works	Jeff Smith
City Engineer	Jim Berling
City Attorney	Mary Ann Stewart

Please remember to clean up after your pets.