

The Eagle's View

Crestview Hills - Winter 2017

An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

New Year, New Councilmember

The City begins a new year with one new councilmember, Arlene Luebbe. Bill Dorsey, Frank Sommerkamp Jr., Dave Kramer, Joe Roesel and Sharon Gronotte are returning council members.



Arlene Luebbe married her husband, Tom Luebbe in 1969. Tom was a "westsider" from Cincinnati. Together they had three children and then Tom died suddenly in January 1977. Her family has grown to include five grandchildren who light up her life.

Arlene attended Blessed Sacrament for grade school and Villa Madonna Academy for high school. She then crossed the river to receive her undergraduate degree from Our Lady of Cincinnati and Masters of Education from Xavier University. She loved being a Montessori teacher but changed careers to better support her family as a single mom. She made three career changes, but most of her time was in sales at her family's dealership, Airport Ford, in Florence, KY. Most locals know her as Arlene Brinker.

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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 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 356-3191 to report areas that are an immediate safety hazard and that are on major city roads.

Also, please note that residents with off-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.

Mayor's Message

Crestview Hills Residents:



I look forward with great excitement to this coming year. We have many important initiatives planned for the community in 2017. Residents can see a complete list of the City's 2017 Goals and Objectives on our website at www.crestviewhills.com.



I would like to welcome Arlene Luebbe to the City Council for 2017. Arlene has lived in the Crestview Hills for 35 years and has loved raising her family in our wonderful city. Arlene replaces Councilmember Tim Adair. Tim served one term on Council and was also a member of the Finance Committee. I would like to

thank Tim for his commitment to the City and helping to ensure its betterment & growth. Tim will join the Economic Development Committee in 2017.

After 14 years serving on the Board of Adjustment Committee, we bid farewell to Bon Cahill. Bon has been an excellent representative over the years, providing valuable input to the board. David Thiel will replace Bon on the BOA Committee. David previously served on City Council from 2007-2010. I would personally like to thank all of our residents who volunteer their time to participate on one of our boards or committees.

Mark your calendars for our Summer Concerts at the Town Center. We are excited to have a great list of bands this year. Hotel California, a national touring act and tribute to the Eagles will perform in July. A full list of our concert dates can be found on page 5.

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 2017.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Meier

Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement

Thomas More College offers FurtherMore classes, a series of non-credit courses for adults. This information rich seminar introduces the concepts and practices that will help you spend your retirement comfortably and in control of your finances. This class will show you how to prepare for a financially secure retirement. This course gives you the essential information and tools you need to handle your day-to-day finances, potentially reduce your taxes and manage your investments. It will teach you how to assess your current financial situation and develop a personalized plan to reach your retirement goals. This class will pay dividends for the rest of your life!

For more information call 859-344-3304.

Mondays – 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/9 or Wednesdays- 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8

All sessions 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Fee: \$60

Instructor: R. Michael Stacy, CFP Merrill Lunch Financial Advisor

Location: Thomas More College Center For Adult & Professional Education

Public Works Updates

The City recently completed the majority of the new lane widening project on Thomas More Parkway. The project proved to be more difficult than expected due to utility relocations and working through traffic and construction easement related issues. However, the new lane was opened up in late November. Final road milling and repaving of the street will take place in early spring. Please use caution when traveling in the new right lane near Centre View Boulevard intersection, as drivers become accustomed to the merging lanes.

The City will finally be able to move forward with the relocation of the Shinkle Road sidewalk this spring. We encountered numerous utility issues during the process, but have finally been able to relocate all electric facilities that will be within the new sidewalk area. As a part of the overall sidewalk project, the City will also install a four-way stop at the intersection of Shinkle Road and Springside Drive. The new stop signs were requested by the Lookout Farm Homeowners Association as a safety precaution for pedestrians and motorists leaving Springside Drive. The way the road was constructed originally, there are some blind spots at that intersection.



The City continues working on the erosion issues along Horsebranch Creek. If you recall from prior newsletters, the City has been working for several years to stem the tide of creek bank erosion that in some cases could affect the adjoining road. We are pursuing a two-pronged approach to the creek erosion. The City is partnering with Edgewood and has recently engaged a geotechnical firm to study the entire length of the creek along the roadway to determine those areas where we may need to armor the creek banks to prevent further erosion. We anticipate the final report may recommend two or three areas that are currently in significant jeopardy and need stabilization. Since Horsebranch Creek is jointly maintained by Edgewood and Crestview Hills, the project costs will be shared. This work would likely be spread over several years due to the large costs. The second approach is to detain some of the storm water further upstream to slow down the erosion. The City expects to build a detention area near Horsebranch and Rhine Valley in 2017 that will pool storm water for several hours during heavy rains. We are hopeful that other upstream facilities are constructed down the road by Edgewood to also detain storm water from the St. Elizabeth complex.

City Staff will be preparing the street paving and reconstruction list for next fiscal year in the next month. This list is reviewed by the City's Public Works Committee and then incorporated in the FY 2017-2018 annual budget. Based on early projections, we anticipate one street reconstruction in 2017 and the repaving of two streets within the office park, along with ongoing repair work (crack sealing, curb repairs, small area repairs and sidewalk repairs) throughout the City.

Another Christmas Dinner Success!



LPCH Police Department - From the Chief's Desk



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our two newest officers, Patrol Officer Todd Amann and Patrol Officer Autumn Ruehl. Officer Amann started with our department in October of 2016. He has over 10 years' law enforcement experience at the federal level. Officer Ruehl started with our department in January of 2017. She has over 13 years' law enforcement experience with a county sheriff's office. Both of these professionals bring a unique and different blend of law enforcement experience which will augment our professional team. I am confident that they will both be an asset to the department and the cities of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. Welcome Officer Amann and Officer Ruehl.

As the winter season is upon us, please take extra precautions when traveling in any inclement weather. When there is significant snow, if possible stay home and off of the roads until the weather subsides. The fewer vehicles on the snowy/icy roads helps reduce the potential for collisions and also facilitates the snow plow drivers' increased ability to be able to clear the roads. However, sometimes the option of not traveling on the roads may simply not be possible. So, if you must drive on the snowy/icy roads, please remember to drive appropriately for the road conditions. Lastly, if a snow emergency is declared by the city, please remove your vehicle from the city streets. This greatly aids in the efficient and safe treating of the streets.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, 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



Fireman Mike Says... by Firefighter Mike Constantino

I hope everyone had a great holiday. A few safety tips for the winter season. Cooking, heating, holiday decorations and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months. Cooking and heating are by far, the leading causes of these fires. To ensure a fire safe winter season, it is important to be more attentive to the use of cooking materials and equipment, and make sure furnaces and chimneys are professionally cleaned and smoke alarms are properly maintained.

Although the popularity of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms has been growing in recent years, it cannot be assumed that everyone is familiar with the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning in the home. Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. The only safe way to detect carbon monoxide in your home is with working carbon monoxide alarms. CO alarms are available at your local home improvement store and are easy to install. Be sure to place CO alarms on every level of your home and near sleeping areas to help keep your family safe. CO alarms should be replaced every 5 to 7 years.

Continue making Crestview Hills a safe place to live. For more information regarding fire prevention please contact Fireman Mike at mconstantino@edgewoodky.gov.

The City of Crestview Hills Annual Audit

The City's audit for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30th, 2016 has been completed by Van Gorder Walker & Co., Inc. The City received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level that a CPA firm renders on financial statements.

The City ended the fiscal year with a negative balance of \$1,653,961 compared to last year of negative \$82,246. This is due to paying off the bonds of the building. Governmental fund revenue increased by \$216,211 due to an improving economic climate coupled with several new businesses locating to the City. Finally, the total cost of all City government funds expenses increased \$191,579 from the prior year. This is primarily attributable to the increase of Public Works costs – spending more money on capital projects this year compared to last year.

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

New Year, New Councilmember Contined...

She was inspired to run for council after observing how well our council members and mayor work together. That stood out in the midst of all the contention she read about in state and federal government.

Having met so many people as she went door to door in Crestview Hills, she saw how eager residents are to share and ask questions about what is important to them. She wanted to get input from our city staff about ways to simplify communication so that ideas can be shared prior to council meetings, giving members time to have a better discussion with those in attendance.

Arlene feels that Northern Kentucky is the "greater" part of Cincinnati. She lived in Crestview Hills for 35 years and feels it has been a wonderful city to raise her children here. Her family has been the recipient of all the great things Crestview Hills has to offer.

What's Happening Around Crestview Hills?

KY Defense Lawyer of the Year: Congratulations to Councilmember David Kramer on being named Kentucky Defense Lawyer of the Year. The award is granted annually to an attorney based on achievement in the practice of civil litigation defense and service to the organization. Councilmember Kramer is a partner at DBL Law located in Crestview Hills, KY.



LEGO Fun: Kids, tweens, teens and adults who love to build with LEGOS here is your chance to build different creations either together as a family, group or as individuals. Kenton County Library- Erlanger Branch will be having Family LEGO night **February 6th 7:00 -8:00PM.** The library will supply the LEGOS, you provide the imagination.

For more information call Maria at (859)962-4200 x4235.



Summer Concert Series: The City will host the Summer Concerts Series in the Crestview Hills Town Center the following dates:

June 16th - Buzz Bin (90s themed band)

July 14th - Hotel California The Original Tribute to the Eagles

August 11th - Soul Pocket (R&B)

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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	Bill Dorsey Sharon Gronotte David Kramer Arlene Luebbe Joe Roesel Frank Sommerkamp, Jr.
City Administrator	Tim Williams
City Financial Officer / Treasurer	Kara Kramer
City Clerk	Jaime Mahoney
Public Works	Vacant
City Engineer	Jim Berling
City Attorney	Mary Ann Stewart

Please remember to clean up after your pets.