Crestview Hills Christmas Celebration

Mark your calendars for the annual City Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 1st from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the City Building. The City has hosted this annual Christmas tradition for over twenty years. It will include a catered dinner provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill and an opportunity for pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Please bring your own camera. Entertainment includes a full band performing classic Christmas carols and the yearly kids sing-a-long!

We will have two seating times: 5:30pm to 6:30pm and 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Please call the City office at 859-341-7373 or e-mail cityclerk@crestviewhills.com to reserve your seating time. Include the total number of attendees and how many are children and/or adults.

As with years past, the City will also be accepting food donations for United Ministries. We encourage you to bring along canned food or other non-perishable items. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rental Registration Ordinance

Last year the Crestview Hills City Council enacted a rental registration ordinance. Owners of residential rental properties are required to register with the City once per year. Rental properties include short-term rentals used for AirBNB, HomeAway and VRBO. Registration for 2018 will be due by January 31st, 2018. If you registered for 2017, you are required to re-register for 2018.

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. If you have any questions, please contact the City at 859-341-7373.

City Adopts Property Tax Rates for 2017

The Crestview Hills City Council unanimously adopted a real property tax rate of $.160 per $100 of valuation for tax year 2016. There is no change in the rate from the 2016 tax year. This rate will cost a homeowner with a $200,000 home $320 in annual City taxes.

Tax bills will be mailed out by the first week of October and are due by December 31st, 2017. This year December 31st falls on a Sunday and the City Building will be closed. If you wish to pay in person, please do so by Friday, December 29th. Otherwise, please note that the payment must be postmarked by December 31st. As a service to our residents, the City is now accepting online payments. Visit our website at www.crestviewhills.com and select the "Pay Now" button. A service fee will be charged for utilizing the online payment option.

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 any 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.

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Mayor's Message

Crestview Hills Residents:

The Fall season is upon us in Northern Kentucky. Kids are back in school meaning our weekends are spent cheering on our favorite football team, roasting marshmallows over a bonfire, or visiting the various pumpkin patches Northern Kentucky has to offer.

I am looking forward to the Annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat at the Town Center on Saturday, October 28th from 11:00 am to 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 1st (see front page for more details).

With the end of Summer, the City closed out a few construction projects. Residents resumed normal traffic conditions in the Lookout Farm subdivision as reconstruction of Calumet Court finished in September. Bluegrass Paving completed resurfacing of Centre View Blvd., Rhine Valley Lane, Dixie Lane, and a portion of Winding Way in August. The City continues to strive to keep its streets and walkways in great condition.

Don't forget about Daylight Savings Time ending on Sunday, November 5th. Make sure to set your clocks back one hour!

As always, we encourage our residents to call the City with any problems, questions or concerns you may have. Enjoy the fall weather!

Sincerely,

Paul W. Meier
Mayor

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 “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!” Don’t wait for a fire to happen to figure out how to exit your home safely. Plan it out so that you and your family know exactly what to do in case of a fire. Go to our website www.edgewoodkyfire.org and click on the “Public Education” link for more information on Planning A Safe Exit.

During the month of October, the Edgewood Fire Department will be doing programs to enhance these prevention efforts. One of the events will be our Annual Open House on Sunday, October 1st from 11 – 2 at the fire station. We will have lots of things for the kids to do including inflatables for the kids! So please save the date and join in on the fun activities planned.

Lastly, fall is the season when the fire department responds to 911 calls regarding camp fires. As a reminder, open burning is prohibited within the city limits of Crestview Hills. Permissible fires are those fires that include candles, torches, grills, and ceremonial fires that are burned in an area no greater than three (3) square feet. These fires must also be in an enclosed metal container or surrounded by noncombustible materials, such as stone. All fires should not be left unattended and is recommended that a hose connected to a water source or other appropriately sized extinguisher be present. During extreme weather conditions, this regulation may be superseded by a higher governmental authority.

For more information regarding fire prevention please contact Fireman Mike at mconstantino@edgewoodky.gov.
From the Chief's Desk:

**Congratulations to Sgt. Sam Goodman**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sgt. Sam Goodman 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. Goodman 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. Goodman.

**Citizens Police Academy**

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department held its first ever Citizens’ Police Academy in 2014 and it’s second in 2016. We are offering this academy again in 2018. As with our first two academies, 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. These sessions will provide the participants 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.

Our Citizens’ Police Academy will be held at the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm beginning on February 28th 2018 and concluding on March 28th 2018. 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.

**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

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**Turkeyfoot Road Congestion**

The City has been very active in pushing for State funding to upgrade the intersection of Turkeyfoot Road and Thomas More Parkway/Town Center Boulevard to ease traffic congestion. This section of road is the second most heavily traveled non-interstate in Northern Kentucky based on KYTC traffic counts. The congestion impacts economic growth and development not only in Crestview Hills and Edgewood, but also Erlanger, Independence and the Florence Industrial Park as a primary eastern entrance to these areas. Since Crestview Hills/Edgewood has the largest concentration of medically based employment in Northern Kentucky, we urge our State Senators and Representatives to push hard for funding for the project in the next State budget.

The City recently presented this important project to the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Consensus Committee as a top priority for Northern Kentucky. The City also recently learned that the Transportation Cabinet included this project in statewide planning money for a more detailed study of the area and engineering options and costs. City officials are cautiously optimistic that momentum is beginning to build to resolve traffic issues for this economically important area of Kentucky.
Public Works Updates

Another summer has come and gone and the winds of fall are now upon us. As the summer ended a number of street improvement projects throughout the City were being finished up. Street repair work consisting of milling the old asphalt surface and installing a new asphalt surface along Centre View Boulevard, Rhine Valley, Dixie Lane and a portion of Winding Way was completed in August. Prior to the resurfacing work, isolated full depth repairs were also made along Centre View and Rhine Valley.

The City’s street replacement program continued this summer with the complete replacement of Calumet Court (in the Lookout Farm Subdivision) with a new concrete street, new catch basins, and an under drain system. The work was substantially complete at the end of August with minor punch list work extending into September.

Over the next couple of months, the City will begin evaluating the condition of its City maintained road system to formulate a road repair plan for the coming year. The street evaluation process takes into consideration the condition of the street, maintenance expense history for each street, whether the street condition has significantly deteriorated from one year to the next, anticipated repair strategy, and anticipated street repair funding available for the coming year. Additionally, decisions regarding the City’s street repair plan may also be impacted by local utility companies that use our City rights-of-way. If, for example, a utility company plans to replace a water line or gas line under a street identified as needing repairs, an adjustment to the City’s street repair plan may be necessary to ensure proper coordination and appropriate use of our available funding resources.

This fall the City will be installing a much needed bus shelter along eastbound Thomas More Parkway adjacent to Thomas More College. The new bus shelter will have a similar design as the other bus shelters installed by the City over the last few years along Dixie Highway near the Crestview Hills Town Center.

Mixed Use Committee Continues Work

The City’s Ad-Hoc Mixed-Use zone committee continues their work with consultants Duncan & Associates and Codametrics. The Committee is working diligently towards a draft document that will be presented to the City’s Economic Development and Zoning Committee and public early in 2018. The goal of the City Council is to develop zoning regulations that would allow for a mix of uses (office, residential and retail) within the areas of the current Town Center shopping center and the corner properties at Turkeyfoot Road and Thomas More Parkway. The zoning code is intended to support high quality development/ Redevelopment on those parcels while ensuring uses are compatible with adjoining properties and support the overall vision of the community. This proactive approach will better shape any future development proposals.

Safety Committee Meeting

The City’s Safety Committee recently met to begin reviewing documents soliciting services for Fire and Emergency Services for the next five-year period, beginning May 1st, 2018. This process will continue over the next six months, culminating in proposals from agencies willing to serve the community for the next contract period. The Committee continues to monitor staffing levels at our current providers and may include requests for additional information on staffing in the next request for proposals. The Committee also heard from Councilmember Arlene Luebbe, discussing Electromagnetic Field pollution and its potential health effects. Particular attention was focused on Wi-Fi fields and the pending introduction of “smart meters” by Duke Energy. The Committee determined that there was a good deal of recent research on EMF and residents should take the time to review this information and make their own decisions on the smart meters and other EMF producing fields. The following links have been supplied by Duke Energy and Ms. Luebbe as points of reference for EMF:

https://www.itron.com/na/resourcesAndSupport/Pages/RF-Resource-Center-FAQs.aspx
Summer Concert Series a Great Success!

This year's Crestview Hill's Summer Concert Series drew fantastic crowds! Our concert in July, featuring Hotel California "The Original Eagles Tribute Band", produced our largest turnout in five years with well over 1,000 attendees from over 35 different cities in Kentucky and Ohio. We received wonderful feedback from our survey of the July Concert, including comments such as:

"Most enjoyable evening I have spent in years."

"Lovely evening out tonight. Great weather, good music! This was our first concert here; we were suprised by the big crowd!"

"It was fantastic! We love going to these concerts. All of our neighbors go and sit together every time. We have a great night out in Crestview Hills!"

Thank you to all those that came out and helped promote Crestview Hills to the Northern Kentucky community!

News 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 28th 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 Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

-Household Waste Collection Event
Residents of Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties may drop off select household hazardous waste items on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the UC Health Stadium, "Home of the Florence Freedom" located at 7950 Freedom Way in Florence, KY. The event is FREE to the community. Please visit www.nkyhhw.org for more information on the event. (A registration form is required to drop off items.)

-Kenton County Fall Clean-Up
The Kenton County Fall Clean-Up event is being held on October 5th, 6th and 7th from 9:00am until 6:00pm at Kenton County Public Works on Independence Station Road. Items such as appliances, trash, tires and other junk will be accepted. Paint or hazardous material will NOT be accepted. The first four tires will be free; there will be a $3.00 disposal charge for each tire beyond that amount. For more information on this event, please call 859-392-1920.

-MOMs Club of Fort Wright
Are you a mom looking for other moms and kids to hang out with during the day? Join the MOMs Club of Fort Wright. The group is open to any mom in Crescent Springs, Crestview Hills, Edgewood, Elsmere, Erlanger, Fort Mitchell, Fort Wright, Lakeside Park, Park Hills and Villa Hills who is home with her kid(s) during the day. They will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, October 5th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Michael Breaden Shelter in Devou Park. For more information, please e-mail momscluboffortwright@gmail.com.

-Welcome Health Connections Direct Primary Care
The City of Crestview Hills would like to welcome Dr. Cynthia Villacis, independent family physician with Health Connections Direct Primary Care, to the City. She graduated from St. Elizabeth's family medicine residency in 2002 and spent the past 15 years working in community health centers in Ohio. Her office is located at 527 Centre View Blvd, Crestview Hills, KY. Please call (859)905-0707 for more information or to schedule your appointment.
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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

Please remember to clean up after your pets.