

# The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents of Crestview Hills

## Crestview Hills Fall 2008

### WEBSITE

Our website is getting a facelift! We hope to have it live on October 27 and it features an even more streamlined look than before featuring:

- ★ rotating pictures of sites photographed in Crestview Hills running along the top of the page,
- ★ A home page calendar with event days shaded in yellow. You can click on the date and the event will be shown as well as location and times.
- ★ Council and staff buttons give you a little more information about your elected and appointed officials,
- ★ The minutes button takes you to a page filled with twelve years of searchable official City Council minutes. If there is a topic that you wish to check to see if it has been discussed, simply type a couple of key words into the search function box and it will display all the in-

stances, if any, that subject has been discussed,

- ★ The agendas feature will keep you up to date on what the committees and council are discussing in their most current meetings,
- ★ The financials button will feature the most recent five years of our comprehensive annual financial report,
- ★ BUT, the most exciting feature will be the pay online button for property taxes only located on the home page. It will take you to another site where you can pay your property taxes with your Mastercard, American Express, Discover, debit card, or e-check. Please note that there is a convenience fee charged for this by our third-party vendor.

We hope you like the new look and the updated features!

### STREET NAME CHANGE!

We want to remind our businesses and residents that on January 1, 2009 Crestview Hills Mall Rd. will change to Town Center Blvd. The building or street number will remain the same as it is currently. Please remember to update your envelopes, stationery, business cards with the new street name.

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# Mayor's Message



**Residents of Crestview Hills:**

Crestview Hills has a new City Administrator! Dan Groth left us in August to pursue an opportunity in Independence. We wish him well in his new endeavor. Starting on Monday November 3 is Rick Lunnemann. His appointment was approved by council on Thursday October 9. Rick has twenty-two years of municipal experience with the Cities of Ft. Thomas and most recently Florence. Make sure to stop in and introduce yourself to Rick. A convenient time might be on November 4th.

Do not forget that November 4th is Election Day. I have always been proud that our residents have contributed to Crestview Hills' high voter turnout. There are three locations in Crestview Hills at which our residents can vote: City Hall on Crestview Hills Mall Rd., Atria Summit on Legends Way, and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Lookout Farm Drive at Dixie Hwy.

For those running for an office, our sign ordinance states that only one political sign per candidate is allowed in each yard and permission to install the sign must be obtained from the occupant of the premises. Also, the sign cannot be located inside the street right of way line. Political signs cannot exceed twelve (12) square feet in size and must be removed not more than ten (10) days after the election. Good luck to those seeking office.

Our city has been very busy in committees with various safety, public works, and recreational projects. A listing of the latest streets that have been done and those still on the list are located on page 4.

Please be aware that Halloween hours for trick-or-treating are from 6PM to 8PM. Also, our Recreation Committee has put together Halloween goodie bags once again this year for distribution to our residents beginning Monday October 20th. There is a limit of six per household.

I hope to see you at our annual tree lighting ceremony on Friday December 5th from 4PM to 7PM. We will have Carrabba's on hand serving a great array of food, Mr. and Mrs. Claus are back again for pictures, and Jason the Great will be entertaining us all.

Please remember to have a safe fall season.

Thank you.

Paul W. Meier, Mayor

## PROPERTY TAXES 2008

**A**s a reminder, all city property tax bills are mailed in mid-October and are due on or before December 31st. If you decide to wait until the very last day to pay your bill, please make sure to bring it to the City Building **BEFORE 5PM** on that day, otherwise it will be considered late. Payments brought after hours and placed in or near the front door on that day will also be considered late.

Postmarks are accepted as on time, provided you take the bill to the post office, go inside, and ask the clerk to make sure it gets postmarked on or before December 31st. Payments put in your mailbox or dropped off at the post office are not guaranteed to have that postmark! Payments that are late will be held until penalty and interest is received. **THERE ARE NO EXEPTIONS** per our code of ordinances.

City Council passed the second reading of the property tax rate ordinance in September and lowered the rate from \$1.525 per thousand to \$1.415 per thousand of valued property. That's now NINETEEN years that your property tax rates have either been lowered or remained the same. We have received inquiries from residents who claim that even though the tax rate has not increased, they are paying more in taxes. If that is the case, it is because the value of your property has gone up by Kenton County PVA reassessing it and you are paying the new rate on an increased property value.

If you are 65 or older, you qualify for the homestead exemption, which is a reduction of \$31,400 in the taxable value of your property.

For questions concerning your house value, or to apply for the homestead exemption, call or write:

Kenton County Property Valuation Adm.  
303 Court Street  
Covington, KY 41011  
859-392-1750  
859-392-1770 (fax)  
Website: [www.kentonpva.com](http://www.kentonpva.com)

The application for the homestead exemption is also on our website for downloading under the bar *online forms*.

The low tax rates that you enjoy do not affect the superior services that you are receiving. Services include police, fire, ambulance service, and emergency medical service, animal control, trash and recycling curbside pickup, recreational programs, and streets and sidewalks that are kept in excellent condition.

## INSURANCE OR MUNICIPAL TAX

Recently, we have received several calls from residents wanting to know why we are charging a municipal tax on their home, auto, or health policy. **CRESTVIEW HILLS DOES NOT CHARGE THAT TAX!**

The reason for the charge showing on our resident's policies is that there are several cities located within the 41017 zip code. It is very important that you contact your agent to make sure the city is being listed as Crestview Hills in your address. Having almost any other city listed within the 41017 zip code could result in your being charged this extra tax that you should not be paying nor should the insurance companies be collecting.

# CVH COMMITTEE NEWS

## FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The annual tree lighting ceremony is back and will be held on Friday December 5th, beginning at 4:00 PM and concluding at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendars to attend this fun event. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be on hand for the kids, with photos and treats. Our favorite magician, Jason the Great, will be performing magic and escape tricks for all. Don't forget the food! If you would like to have pictures taken with the Claus's, please remember to bring your own camera as Polaroids are now obsolete. Get into the Christmas spirit early and join us on December 5th.

A reminder that Halloween falls on Friday October 31st. Trick-or-treat hours will be from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on that day. Halloween bags will again be available to our residents for their children and grandchildren. Bags of goodies will be available beginning Monday October 20th at the City Building. There will be a six bag limit per residence.

## PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

The Public Works Committee has been busy keeping our streets and sidewalks in great shape, as well as making our city aesthetically pleasing for our residents, businesses, and guests.

Recently paved streets include College Park Drive East in the College Park subdivision, and the Druid, Rossmoyne, and Warwick loop in the Old Crestview subdivision. Several concrete slabs were replaced on Woodspoint Drive. Many sidewalks, curbs, and catch basins were repaired this season as well.

The improvements don't end there! Still to come are repairs on Lookout Farm Extension, Lookout Farm Drive, and Rose Terrace. Please be cautious of our contractors as they improve our infrastructure.

## POLICE

Please be reminded that an overnight parking ordinance is always in effect. There is NO parking on any City street between 3AM and 6AM. Parking during those times will result in a \$5 parking ticket.

Temporary overnight parking permits may be obtained for special circumstances, such as guests or driveway repair, at the City Building during normal operating hours.

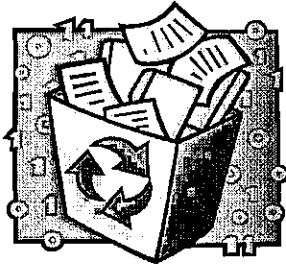
Also, a number of residents throughout Crestview Hills have been reporting automobile break-ins. It is very important to remember to lock your vehicle, even if it is sitting in your driveway.

# RECYCLING



## WHAT TO SORT OUT

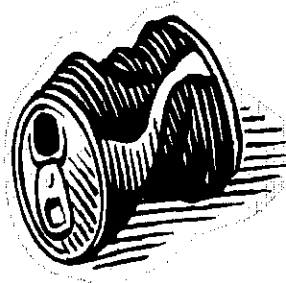
### What to recycle PAPER



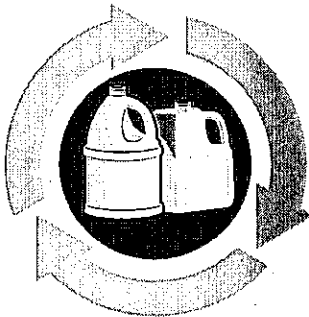
### GLASS



### ALUMINUM



### PLASTICS



### How to recycle it

Tie newspaper with string or place in brown paper sack. White bond, copy paper, ruled paper, computer paper, note paper, and documents. Flatten corrugated boxes and tie. Phone books and magazines.

All glass bottles and jars, all colors, (containers must be rinsed - non rinsed containers will not be picked up. Caps and neck rings must be removed.)

All beverage cans, all steel cans. (food cans must be rinsed)

All rigid plastic containers (all colors) - milk, soft drink, bleach, detergent, fabric softener, etc. (Anything with a screw cap), and contain the symbols #1 PET or #2 HDPE. (Containers must be rinsed)

### Do NOT include

No wet boxes  
No papers with tape  
No wax paper

No pesticides or herbicide containers, mirrors, light bulbs, window glass, ceramics or china ware.

No pie plates, no foil, no spray cans.

No plastic wrap, plastic bags, film, soft plastic, food wrappers, cups, plates, utensils, or used motor oil containers. No Styrofoam.

NO RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS.

PLEASE USE CURB-SIDE RECYCLING BIN

## Household Hazardous Waste

### The Big Three:

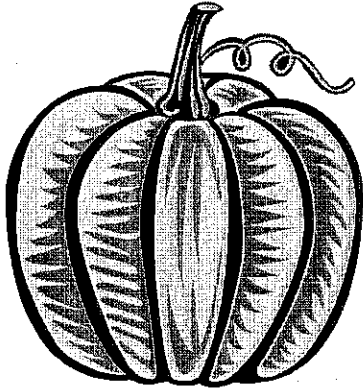
1. **Latex Paint** - Once paint becomes a solid (no longer a liquid), it can be disposed through normal garbage pickup. Here's how to dry it out:
  - ☞ Lift the lid to dry out paint, or
  - ☞ Add kitty litter, stir it up, and give it a few days to become solid.
2. **Used motor oil** - Take your used motor oil to local automotive supply stores, oil changing centers or the Boone County Public Works Dept. (334-3151; please call for hours of operation). They will accept it free of charge. Used oil must not be contaminated with other substances such as bleach, thinners, gasoline, anti-freeze, transmission fluid, or any other material.
3. **Anti-freeze** - Anti-freeze can be dropped off for no charge at the Kenton County Maintenance Dept. Please call the Kenton County Solid Waste Hotline at 371-9198. It will also be accepted for no charge at Boone County Public Works Dept. (334-3151).

For more information, call the hotline at 341-4151 or go to [www.nkyhhw.org](http://www.nkyhhw.org) and click on the HHW link.



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**HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING HOURS ARE FROM 6- 8 PM ON OCTOBER 31.**  
**Don't forget about Daylight Savings Time ending on Sunday November 2. Fall back!**

For Emergencies only:

**CALL 911**

**NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

**Police Dispatch 727-2424**  
**Police Administration 331-5368**  
**8 AM to 4:30PM**

**Fire Dept. (Ft. Mitchell) 331-1267**  
**Ambulance 331-5553**  
**Sanitation Dist 578-7450**  
**(for sewer odors & problems)**  
**Water District 578-9898**

**OTHER NUMBERS**

**City Building 341-7373**  
**8:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Animal Control 356-3191**  
**Bavarian Garbage 485-4416**  
**Duke Energy 513-421-9500**

**CITY OFFICIALS**

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