



The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents of Crestview Hills

Crestview Hills Fall 2006

Household Hazardous Waste



The Big Three:

1. Latex Paint - Once paint becomes a solid (no longer a liquid), it can be disposed of 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 and click on the HHW link.

It's nasty stuff..... Think before you dump it!

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE 5K RUN/WALK

Thomas More College will be sponsoring a 5K run/walk on Saturday October 28th at 9 AM. The event will benefit the Thomas More College Service Learning Program. For more information, contact Sue Thompson at 344-3333, or Tom Gilday at 344-3805. Applications can be obtained online at:

www.SPRunning.com or by writing:
RunMore 5K
c/o Steve Prescott
P.O. BOX 454
Mason, OH 45050

The Ft. Mitchell Fire Dept. is giving away smoke detectors to residents. Please call 331-1267 and ask for Jim.

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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.



Mayor's Message



Residents of Crestview Hills:

After years of planning, we are finally settling into our new City Hall. It is located at the intersection of Crestview Hills Mall Rd. and Town Center Blvd., on the north side of Bed, Bath, and Beyond; also next to Applebee's. If you haven't had a chance to visit yet, please come by anytime, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5 PM. As you might know, we share a Police Department with the City of Lakeside Park. The police now occupy the entire east wing of our building, whereas they were previously located in the Lakeside Park City Building on Butter-milk Pike. We are proud, as well, of our new Council Chambers, which is attached to a large meeting and community room.

Do not forget that November 7th 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. If you are not sure at which precinct to vote, call the City Building at 341-7373.

For those running for 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.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to check out our newly renovated website, please do so. The navigation bars across the top of the page make it easier to find what you need. The site is updated weekly with agendas and meeting times for council and committees, recreational events, and other goings-on in our event calendar. Under the community section, you will find quite a few useful links to places throughout the Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati area, such as Duke Energy, Cincinnati Bell, N. KY. Water District, Bavarian Waste (our garbage collectors), and the N. KY./ Greater Cincinnati International Airport. More information on the navigation and content of the site can be found on page 5.

Please remember to drive carefully, as school has begun, and have a safe fall season.

Thank you.

Paul W. Meier, Mayor



RENFRO VALLEY TRIP

Another Renfro trip has been planned, this time to hear the down home comedy of the timeless Carl Hurley. A favorite of Crestview Hills residents, Hurley combines his innate skills as a yarn-spinner with the expressiveness of a great comic actor. With an impish giggle on his lips and a benign twinkle in his eye, Carl spreads an infectious form of fun that is often outrageous yet always good-natured and clean.

We will also be having the wonderful family-style Renfro Valley dinner, with southern fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, corn bread, etc.

The bus will leave the City Building at 2PM on Saturday November 4, arriving at Renfro Valley between 4:15 and 4:30PM. Concert tickets will be retrieved upon arrival at Renfro Valley and distributed by a City staff member during dinner. We have been informed by Renfro Valley that we have rows A - F on the left side of the stage.

Price for this trip is \$40 and there are 25 spots available. Reservations will be made upon payment of ticket only.

Get your group
together today.
Spots are going fast!



Property Taxes

As a reminder, all city property tax bills are mailed in mid-October and are due on or before December 31st. If you are 65 or older, you qualify for the homestead exemption, which is a reduction of \$29,400 in the taxable value of your property.

City Council passed the second reading of the property tax rate ordinance and kept the same rate of \$1.525 per thousand of valued property. That's now **SEVENTEEN** 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 and you are paying the same rate on an increased property value.

For questions concerning your house value, or to qualify 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

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.

As always, please call City Hall at 341-7373 with questions or comments.

CVH COMMITTEE NEWS

FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The annual tree lighting ceremony is back and will be held on Friday, December 1st, 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 great food! This will be the first year this event will be held in our new City Hall, with all activities indoors. Get into the Christmas spirit early and join us on December 1st.

A reminder that Halloween falls on Tuesday, October 31st. Trick-or-treat hours will be from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on that day.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Any woman interested in participating in a self-defense class, please contact Sgt. Chris Schutte, Lakeside Park/Crestview Hills Police Authority, at 331-5968. The class is open to any woman who lives or works in Crestview Hills.

Sgt. Schutte is a certified RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) instructor. The program is a nationally recognized self defense system taught exclusively to women. The program consists of four classes that are usually taught over a period of two weeks. The classes are three hours in length, for a total of twelve hours of instruction. No charge for this program.

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. We received so many compliments for the landscaping on the Turkeyfoot Road median, that it was decided to landscape a median on Dixie Highway, just north of the Crestview Hills Town Center. The project has just been completed. Let us know what you think, and as time and money permit, we may landscape other median strips on Dixie Highway and Turkeyfoot Road.

We were fortunate to receive grant money from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to pave Centre View Blvd. and Chancellor Drive, which are located in the Thomas More Business Park. Centre View Blvd. has been completed and Chancellor Drive should be paved before cold weather sets in. Other recently paved streets include College Park Drive, and University Circle in the College Park subdivision, and Parkway Drive in the Old Crestview subdivision. Many sidewalks, curbs, and catch basins were repaired this season.

The Committee is also working with our state representatives, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the N. Ky. Area Planning Commission to improve traffic conditions on Turkeyfoot Road, between I-275 and Dudley Rd. The City will be seeking funds to add an additional northbound lane between College Park Drive and the interstate, and an additional lane approaching Turkeyfoot Rd. on Mall Rd.

WWW.CRESTVIEWHILLS.COM

The City's redesigned website went live in coordination with the dedication and open house at the new City Building, at 3PM on August 26.

Like the new City Building, the website is easy on the eye. There are two rows of navigational bars across the top of the home page with titles such as: building/zoning, elected officials, committees, agendas, council minutes, city sections, staff, recreation, newsletters, online forms, community, history, taxes, links, ordinances, and financials.

In "building/zoning", you can download forms, applications, checklists and fee schedules, as well as link to national and state codes. The Crestview Hills zoning code is also available in sections or as a whole to view or download.

In "elected officials", you can see your current council members and send them an email. "Committees" simply lists which ones exist in Crestview Hills, what they do and who serves on them. "Agendas" lists known times, dates, and agendas for the council and the committees. Meetings are held at the City Building, unless noted.

"Council minutes" contains 11 years of council meetings and can be searched using key words or topics.

"City sections" has drawn maps of Crestview Hills as a whole, the Summit Lakes subdivision and the Lookout Farm subdivision.

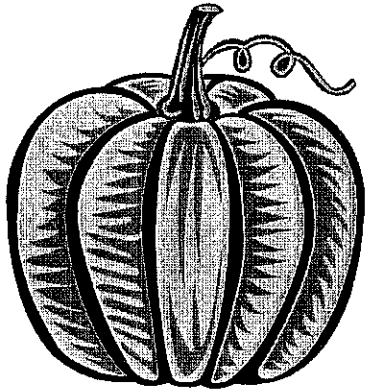
"Staff" contains information about the folks who work at the City Building and some of their duties.

"Recreation" lists upcoming events, while "newsletters" lists 11 years of newsletters. "Online forms" currently contains the garage sale permit, which can be downloaded, filled out and faxed to City offices. A "fill-in" form is being researched, as is a recreational sign up form. Other forms will be added to the site as needed.

"Community" contains information and links for amenities available in Crestview Hills and the N. Ky./Greater Cincinnati area. "History" is a brief overview of the City's past, "taxes" explains a bit about the City and County taxes, "links" go to useful Federal, State, and Local sites.

"Ordinances" will take you to the Crestview Hills Code of Ordinances which can be researched by key words and/or by chapters and topics. The "financials" section currently lists the Fiscal Year 05 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Crestview Hills. Fiscal Years 01-04 will be on the site soon.

Other features and links will be added soon, so surf on over !



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INFORMATION ON RENFRO VALLEY TRIP FOR CARL HURLEY, REDESIGNED WEBSITE, TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY, AND MORE! HALLOWEEN HOURS ARE FROM 6- 8 PM ON OCTOBER 31. Don't forget about Daylight Savings Time ending on Sunday October 29. Fall back!

For Emergencies only:

CALL 911

NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Dispatch 356-3191
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

Mayor

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