

# The Eagle's View

An informative newsletter for the residents of Crestview Hills

## Crestview Hills Fall 2007

### OVERNIGHT PARKING

**P**lease 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.

You can call Dan Groth at the City

**B**uilding if, under unusual circumstances, there is a need for you or members of your family to park on the street, and ask for a temporary overnight parking permit.



An unusual circumstance would be having a driveway repaved, unexpected guests, or an emergency, such as a tree fall or pipe burst.

At this time, we do not have a provision in place for the weekend, but remember we are open at the City Building Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5PM.

### NEW CVH BUSINESS ORDINANCE

At the October 11 special City Council meeting, second reading of Ordinance 2007-8-2 will be held. Upon passage, this ordinance will slightly change the manner in which business taxes are calculated and reported. The purpose of the

change is to standardize procedures and formulas throughout Kenton County. Some of the changes are summarized below:

- Standardized penalty and interest rates - 12% per annum interest, 5% per month or portion thereof penalty, not to exceed 25%, and \$25 minimum.
- Payroll taxes assessed on total payroll.
- Quarterly or monthly payment cycle.
- Annual reconciliation and W-2 filing by 2/28.
- Employer and employee jointly liable for withholding and payment
- Net profit apportionment based on Federal return only, net operating loss no longer allowed, minimum or maximum tax amounts.
- 5 year statute of limitation for audits, 2 year statute of limitation for refund requests.
- Use of payroll factor in apportionment formula clarifies that if a business entity has sales only in the tax district, and no payroll anywhere, then payroll factor cannot be included in allocation of business net profit
- Tightens definition of employee.
- Definition of "gross receipts" includes sale, lease, rental of real and personal property goods and services.

This ordinance will take effect January 1, 2008 and the formulas and definitions contained therein shall apply to the 2008 calendar year or the next fiscal cycle if your company operates on other than a calendar year.

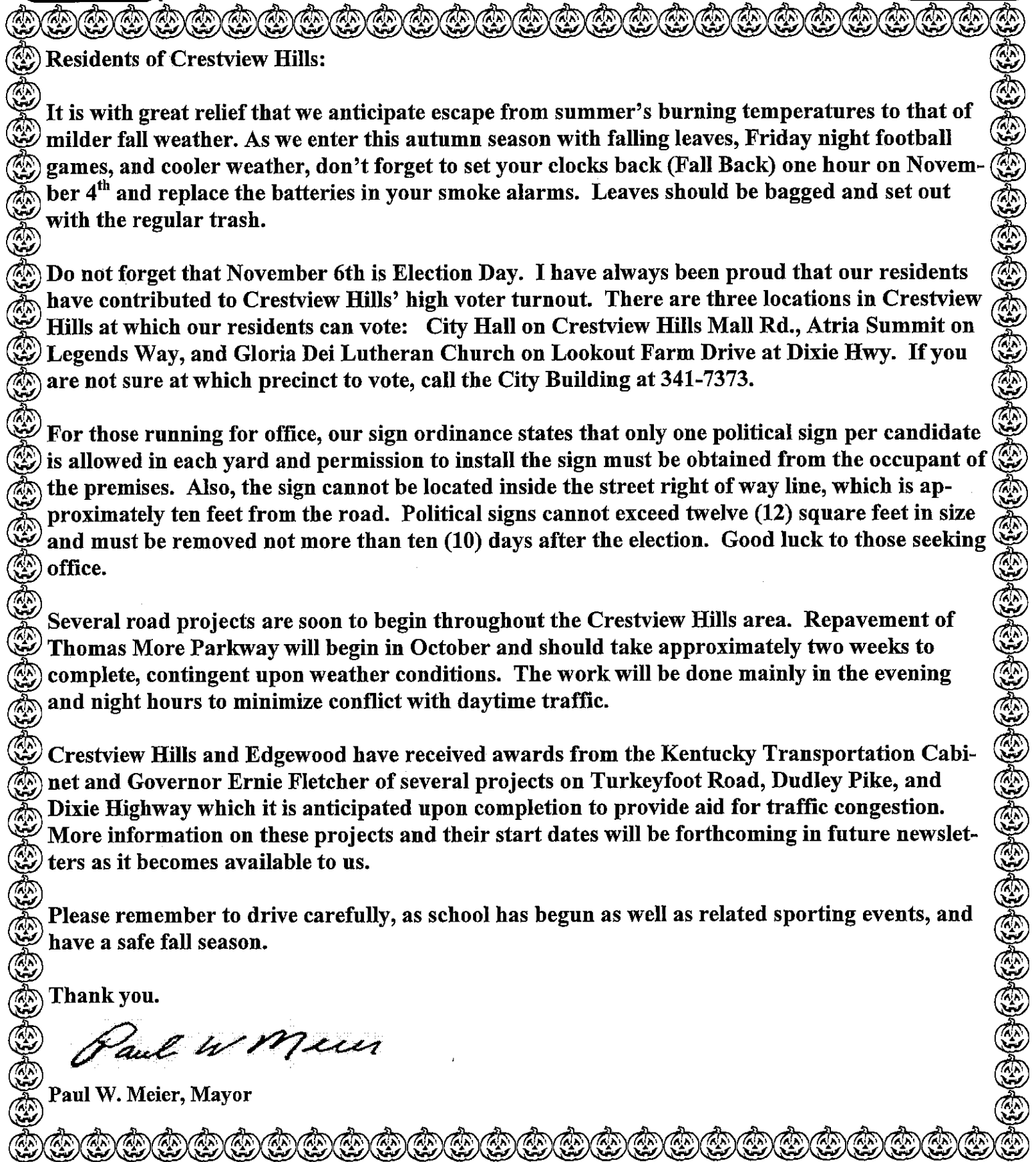
The ordinance will be listed on the website after October 15 in its entirety under the *taxes* navigational bar found toward the top of the home page.

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# Mayor's Message



**Residents of Crestview Hills:**

It is with great relief that we anticipate escape from summer's burning temperatures to that of milder fall weather. As we enter this autumn season with falling leaves, Friday night football games, and cooler weather, don't forget to set your clocks back (Fall Back) one hour on November 4<sup>th</sup> and replace the batteries in your smoke alarms. Leaves should be bagged and set out with the regular trash.

Do not forget that November 6<sup>th</sup> 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, which is approximately ten feet from the road. 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.

Several road projects are soon to begin throughout the Crestview Hills area. Repavement of Thomas More Parkway will begin in October and should take approximately two weeks to complete, contingent upon weather conditions. The work will be done mainly in the evening and night hours to minimize conflict with daytime traffic.

Crestview Hills and Edgewood have received awards from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Governor Ernie Fletcher of several projects on Turkeyfoot Road, Dudley Pike, and Dixie Highway which it is anticipated upon completion to provide aid for traffic congestion. More information on these projects and their start dates will be forthcoming in future newsletters as it becomes available to us.

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

Thank you.

Paul W. Meier, Mayor

## PROPERTY TAXES 2007

**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.

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 EIGHTEEN 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 same rate on an increased property value.

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.

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.

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

## 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.

Have you been paying this tax, unaware, for several years? You can do something about it! Call the City Building and ask for C.R., who will provide the name of an attorney who is involved in the collection of this unwarranted tax on insurance policies.

# CVH COMMITTEE NEWS

## FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Halloween bags will again be available to our residents for their children and grandchildren. Bags of goodies will be available beginning Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at the City Building. There will be a six bag limit per residence.

A day trip has been planned for those interested on Wednesday November 14 leaving the City Building at 9:30 AM. The trip consists of an a la carte lunch (paid for by the participant) at *Our Best Restaurant* and gift shopping at *The Sack Room*, which is housed in a former grist/flour mill. Following that will be a tour and wine tasting excursion at Smith-Berry Winery and Art Gallery. There is no upfront cost for the participant and registrations are limited to the first 50.

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at the City Building on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, and their favorite elf, will be on hand for taking pictures and requests. Also, Jason the Great, will be making another appearance to entertain all the guests with his magic. Jason is always a great hit, not only with the kids, but also the adults as well. So mark your calendars now to join us for great food, entertainment, and caroling as well welcome in the holiday season.

Many thanks to our committee members and staff who work very hard throughout the year to bring our residents many recreational programs to enjoy. They are Colleen Collins Bright, Chairwoman, Sherri Higginbotham, Nora Hageman, Judy VonHandorf, and Mary Lou Haglage.

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

## PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

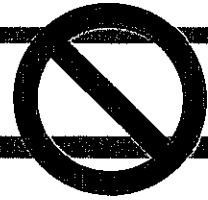
Again, the Public Works Committee has been very busy this year. First, the re-paving of Thomas More Parkway will be starting within the next few weeks. The project will take approximately two weeks to complete and the majority of the work will be done during the evening hours. Please proceed with caution during this construction period.

Also, at Thomas More Parkway and Centre View Blvd., a turn arrow has been installed for those motorists traveling east on the Parkway and turning left onto Centre View Blvd. We received many requests for the turn arrow and thought it would expedite traffic and ease congestion in that area.

Summit Drive, adjacent to Dixie Heights High School, has been resurfaced, with curbs and gutters added. The project was completed before school started in August. And, the City received a Transportation Grant in the amount of \$362,000.00 to add a sidewalk along the east side of Dixie Highway, from Dudley Road to the main entrance of the Crestview Hills Town Center, and to landscape a median of Dixie Highway, located just south of Winding Way and the main entrance to the Town Center. Both projects should be started and completed by the summer of 2008.

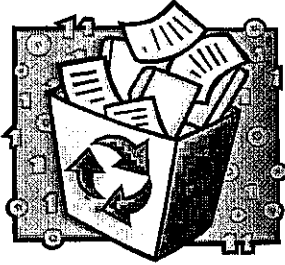
Finally, in addition to various minor projects, the City is also installing street lights on Centre View Blvd., from Rhine Valley to the vicinity of Chancellor Drive. Also, an additional traffic lane is being constructed on Mall Road, to relieve congestion for motorists wanting to turn onto Turkeyfoot Road from Mall Road.

# RECYCLING



## WHAT TO SORT OUT

### What to recycle PAPER



### 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.

### Do NOT include

No wet boxes  
No papers with tape  
No wax paper

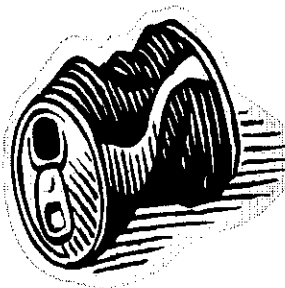
### GLASS



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.)

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

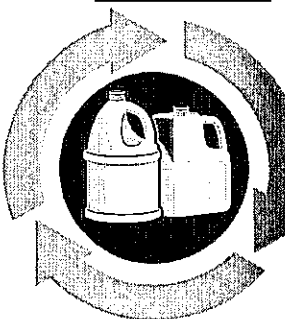
### ALUMINUM



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

No pie plates, no foil, no spray cans.

### PLASTICS



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)

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 CURBSIDE 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).

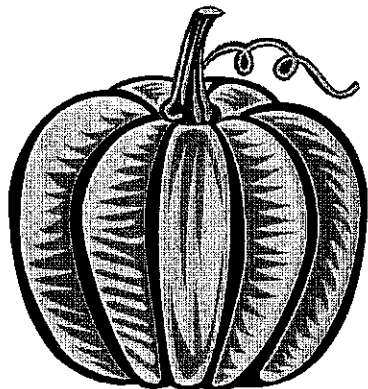
For more information, call the hotline at 341-4151 or go to [www.nkyhhw.org](http://www.nkyhhw.org) and click on the HHW link.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES -- NEW TAXATION  
STRUCTURE !!



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INFORMATION ON TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY, AND MORE! HALLOWEEN HOURS ARE FROM 6- 8 PM  
ON OCTOBER 31.

Don't forget about Daylight Saving Time ending at 1:59AM on Sunday November 4. 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**  
**M - F 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

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

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