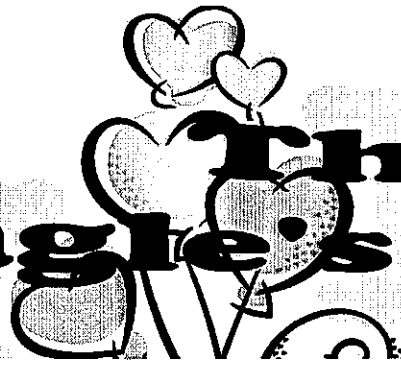




# The Eagle's View



An informative newsletter for the residents and businesses of Crestview Hills

## Crestview Hills Winter 2008

### **NEW CVH BUSINESS ORDINANCE**

At the January 10 City Council meeting, second reading of Ordinance 2007-12-1 was held. 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 took 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 soon in its entirety under the *taxes* navigational bar found toward the top of the home page.

### **EXPLORER'S PROGRAM**

Officer Jim Miller presented background information on the Explorer's program, which is hosted through the Dan Beard Council of Boy Scouts, although male and female applicants are accepted, at the January City Council meeting. The program teaches skills needed in the law enforcement field, such as patrol procedures, traffic control and radar operations, accident investigation, criminal and crime scene investigation as well as many others. The purpose of the course is to provide experiences that help young people, ages 14 – 21, to mature and prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Officers Miller, Rodriguez, and Paolucci would instruct an initial class of approximately ten. Applicants will be screened and those accepted will receive a uniform and utility belt for their tenure in the program.

Please ask for Officer Miller at 331-5368 if interested in applying.

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# Mayor's Message



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

If you have not visited your new City Building (now a year and- a- half old) please make an effort to stop by. We have received many compliments from residents, other city, county, and state government officials on its design and effectiveness in the capacity to hold city-related meetings and training sessions. We also host an annual Easter and Tree Lighting party at the City Building. The Easter Party is usually a week before Easter, on a Saturday morning, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony occurs on the first Friday in December, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

With summer just around the corner and people are out walking, jogging, or walking their dogs, remember that we do have a "pooper scooper" and leash ordinance for all pets. You can view any, or all, of our ordinances on line by going into our City Web Page: [www.crestviewhills.com](http://www.crestviewhills.com). You can also link onto all of our zoning laws, bring up permit applications, and send messages to any of your elected officials.

I would like to welcome Ron Gibbons and Terry Mayo to the Crestview Hills Board of Adjustment. I will officially appoint them at our next City Council meeting on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 P.M. They will be replacing Bill Rinehart and Bob McFalls, who both recently stepped down after many years of service to the City. I would personally like to thank Bill and Bob for sitting on the Board of Adjustment, and to all of our residents who volunteer their time to participate on one of our boards or committees.

Please pay particular notice to the article in this newsletter regarding home and business alarm systems. Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, the City of Crestview Hills will be switching all emergency dispatching services from Kenton County to Erlanger. The new number that the alarm dialers and companies need to call is 859-727-2424.

The City recently passed an ordinance which renames Mall Road to Town Center Blvd. This name change will take effect on January 1, 2009 and should give people who work on Mall Road plenty of time to use up all of their present stationary and business cards.

I wish everyone a safe and fun summer and hope to see many of you at any, or all, of our recreational activities that will take place this year.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Meier  
Mayor

I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to our residents and businesses and to welcome all new residents and business owners to our city. Crestview Hills is a lovely community of about 3,500 residents and numerous businesses located at the Crestview Hills Town Center and the Thomas More Research Park. The following services are available to you:

### **Trash and Recycling Collection**

We presently contract with Bavarian Trucking for our trash and recycling collection. Trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday, with recycling collection every Tuesday. Please remember to **NOT** place your trash at the curb prior to 6:00 P.M. on the night before pick-up and **TO** take your cans in before 6:00 P.M. on the days of pick-up. If you have any problems or questions concerning your trash and recycling collection, you can contact the City Building at 341-7373 or Bavarian directly at 485-4416. The City pays the total cost for single family residences.

### **Public Safety**

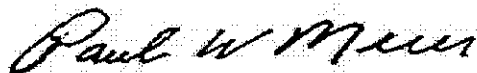
Our city shares a police department with the City of Lakeside Park and is overseen by a Police Authority Board, comprised of council members of both cities. I consider our police department one of the most professional in Northern Kentucky and they recently received their re-accreditation, which means they meet all of the highest standards set forth by criminal justice professionals. They can be reached at 331-5368 or through the Kenton County Police Dispatch at 356-3191. For any emergency, call 911 at all times. If you are gone for any length of time, notify the Police Department and they will periodically check on your house. And remember, the City does not permit parking on streets between 3:00 A.M and 6:00 A.M., nor do we permit parking on the grass.

Our city also contracts for Fire and Ambulance services through the cities of Ft. Mitchell and Edgewood. If you use ambulance services, you will probably receive an "explanation of benefits" from your insurance company indicating that they have received a bill for this service. All ambulance providers now bill for their services. Medicare requires at least one bill be sent to the individual who receives services. If you receive a bill for ambulance services, or if you have any questions about an insurance claim, please call Asst. Chief John Hehman, Ft. Mitchell Fire Department ( 331-1267) between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

### **City Taxes and Licenses**

Crestview Hills has one of the lowest tax rates in Northern Kentucky. The real property (real estate) tax rate for calendar year 2008 is .1525 per \$100 valuation, which has not changed in over ten years. The City charges no personal property tax or insurance premium taxes, which is as high as 11% in some cities. If you do receive a city tax on any insurance bill, notify your insurance company and let them know you live in Crestview Hills, who does not charge the insurance premium tax.

For any building permits within our city, contact the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission, at 331-8980.



### **Recreational Activities**

The City provides our residents and businesses many recreational activities throughout the year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

In April, as with every Spring, Frank Sommerkamp, Jr., Public Works Chairman, Jim Berling, City Engineer, Jim Connelly, Public Works Director, and City Administrator Dan Groth drive over every street in the City to determine what kind of condition each street is in and then compile a list of streets to be repaired and/or resurfaced for the upcoming year. The Public Works budget usually allows for three or four streets to be resurfaced, depending on the length of the street. This past year, all of Thomas More Parkway was resurfaced, which took up a major portion of last years Public Works Budget. Sometimes the City is able to receive grant funding, which recently allowed us to resurface Centre View Blvd., Chancellor Drive, and Rosemont Drive.

Crestview Hills Mall Road has just been expanded, by adding an additional lane, which greatly eases the traffic flow. The entire cost of the project, approximately \$200,000, was picked up by Central Bank, which will soon have a branch located on the corner of Turkeyfoot and Mall Roads, with the City just paying for new traffic light installation on Turkeyfoot Road.

The City has recently been awarded Federal Grant Funds, called CMAQ funds, which are given to communities for projects that foster greater air quality. The City of Crestview Hills received these funds to construct a sidewalk on the east side of Dixie Highway, from Dudley Road to the main entrance to the Town Center. A small portion of these funds will also be used to landscape the median strip on Dixie Highway, located at the south portion, and running parallel, to the Town Center. The City is waiting on the State of Kentucky, who distributes the funds, to sign an official agreement and work will hopefully get started this Spring.

### RECREATION NEWS

The Crestview Hills Recreation Committee has been busy putting together a menu of fun activities for 2008. Many thanks go out to committee members Colleen Collins Bright, Chairwoman and City Council Member, Nora Hageman, Sherri Higginbotham, Judy VonHandorf, and Mary Lou Haglage.

March 15 (Saturday) – Easter Party, 11:00 A.M., at the City Building

May 17 (Saturday) – Reds vs. Cleveland Indians, 3:45 P.M. – Party Deck (49 tickets)

June 14 (Saturday) – Reds vs. Boston Red Sox, 3:45 P.M. – Riverfront Club (49 tickets)

July 19 (Saturday) – Reds vs. N.Y. Mets, 7:10 P.M. – Party Deck (49 tickets)

August 5 (Tuesday) – Annual City Picnic & Golf Outing @ Summit Hills Country Club

December 5 (Friday) – Tree Lighting Ceremony @ City Building – 4-7 P.M.

The City is also planning to sponsor two Florence Freedom games. Dates and times will be announced in a future newsletter. A Fall Field Trip is also being planned. Last year's trip to Henry County was a huge success.

Reds tickets will go on sale at the City Building Monday March 24 at 8:45 AM. Please make sure to bring your check book or cash for these tickets which will range in price from \$45 each (party deck) to \$55 each (Riverfront Club seating). Party deck and Riverfront Club ticket holders will get a bus ride to and from the ballpark, buffet dinner, and unlimited soda. Party Deck is an outdoor "covered" deck with seating below, while Riverfront Club dines in the glass-enclosed restaurant and has outdoor club seating with access to Club 4192. **\*\*\*\* Seating is sold in sequential order on a first come, first served basis. No phone or email orders accepted. All ticket sales are final. NO REFUNDS, NO EXCEPTIONS. \*\*\*\***

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour and replace all of the batteries in your smoke alarms.

### **CITIZENS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY**

As an outgrowth of the Kenton County Attorney's Local Legal Lecture series, citizens are invited to take an inside look into the working of their county and city governments by participating in the Kenton County Government Academy.

Beginning February 25<sup>th</sup>, this twelve week course will educate those involved about all facets of local government. Participants will meet once a week for 3 hours with county and city leaders through site visits and other hands on opportunities by learning operations from behind the scenes.

The academy is free of charge, but limited to 25 applications, accepted on a first come, first serve basis. You can apply in three ways: (1) on-line application at [www.kentoncoatty.com](http://www.kentoncoatty.com) and then fax to 859-491-0986; (2) call the Kenton County Attorney's Office at 491-0600; or (3) stop by the Kenton County Attorney's Office at 303 Court Street, Room 307, Covington. You may also call the Crestview Hills City Building at 341-7373 for additional information.

### **SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

Recently, one of our officers, Sam Goodman, was called to serve in Afghanistan. He is a member of the Army National Reserve and the unit was activated for service February 4 for a twelve to eighteen month tour of duty. Please keep Officer Goodman and his family in your thoughts and prayers for a safe, and hopefully shorter than expected, tour.

### **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Last year, we had high hopes that many new things would be added to our website, such as the businesses page which would list doctor offices, retail shops, restaurants, etc. Unfortunately, the response was very poor, with only seven businesses responding to the call. So, as we begin another face-lift of the website, the businesses who responded and those whose information is known, will be listed on a new page. We hope that encourages other businesses to respond so that eventually we have a full listing for the public of all medical, legal, adult and child care, retail, and eating facilities in our wonderful city!

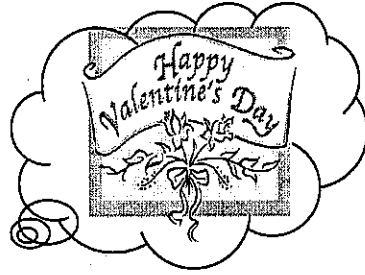
In addition, we are working on adding those on-line recreational sign-up forms that many have inquired about and also hope to have on-line property tax payments ready to go by September so those wishing to pay via internet can do so.

Minutes, newsletters, recreational events for '08, and financial reports will be updated as well as new procedures for keeping meeting agendas up to date.

Business, or other website information, can be emailed to [crwi@crestviewhills.com](mailto:crwi@crestviewhills.com).

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## WINTER 2008 EDITION

Don't forget about Daylight Saving Time beginning at 1:59AM on Sunday March 9. Spring forward!  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES -- NEW TAXATION STRUCTURE (page 1)**  
Public Works, Recreation, and website updates.

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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