The Official Newsletter of the City of Park Hills

# From the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

Hope springs eternal, as we finally welcome spring! The days have grown longer, Trolley Park is in bloom; let's just hope we've seen our last snowfall of the year. With this in mind, I'd like to take a look at what's on the horizon.

#### Focused on Finances

As we review this year's budget, the trend of increased operating expenses continues as our income remains about the same as it has been for the past several years. The graph below is from the auditor's report from June 30th, 2017:

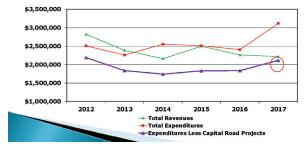


Mayor Matt Mattone

#### City of Park Hills, Kentucky

Revenues vs. Expenditures All Funds

For the Years Ended June 30, 2017



Audit report prepared for the City of Park Hills, KY by John R. Chamberlin, CPA, MBA of Van Gorder, Walker & Co., Certified Public Accountants

Over the past ninety-plus years, Park Hills has maintained its residential character with a modest business and institutional district along Dixie Highway. However, with a limited school and commercial zone, we simply do not collect as much from businesses as our neighboring cities. Much of the revenues our community depends on come from you, our residents.

So where do your tax dollars go? We have a fully autonomous police department, a volunteer fire department, beautiful green spaces, City staff and professional services that rival cities much larger than ours.

We also have some new challenges.

With the close of the 2018 legislative session, all cities in Kentucky assumed significant new pension obligations for our public employees. These mandatory contributions will increase by 50% as they are "phased in" over the next five years. Coupled with the rising costs of City services and amenities, most cities—including ours—will struggle to absorb these new expenses.

#### Designing the Budget

To better evaluate short- and long-term City expenses, City financial advisor David Baker and I are working with the Financial Oversight Committee to set our annual budget. We will also introduce a 10-year capital improvement plan (CIP)—a first for Park Hills. The CIP is a budgeting tool designed to predict the City's needs for the next decade. This includes planning for expenditures like:

- Replacing police cruisers.
- Replacing life-safety equipment for our Fire Department.
- Replacing the City building's roof and other City equipment.
- "Deep fixing" or rebuilding our roads and utility infrastructure.

Currently, the City collects \$3.64 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (\$2.09 for property tax plus \$1.55 for the road tax). I support maintaining this current tax rate, as we've done for the past 10 years. The Financial Oversight Committee, David Baker, and I are investigating all avenues to increase our revenues so we can offset our everincreasing expenses. It may be necessary to propose additional taxes to cover any budget deficit, but ultimately Council must vote to approve any tax increase or amend our balanced budget recommendations

The 2018-2019 budget and the 10-year CIP will be posted to the City website after the budget is approved by Council in June.

#### **Updating Infrastructure**

Infrastructure and road projects continue to be among our top budgetary priorities. The "deep fix" of North Arlington Road is well under way and should be completed by the end of the year. We appreciate your patience and understanding while construction continues. The "lower" Jackson Road project is expected to begin later this year with much needed underground infrastructure upgrades. With a 50% cost match from SD1, our City engineer estimates that we'll save approximately \$200,000 on this project.

There are many more infrastructure, road, and sidewalk projects that need our attention, and with our 10-year CIP, Council and I can evaluate and prioritize how to accomplish future projects within our budgets over the next decade.

#### **Enthusiastic About New Developments**

Kenton County Planning Commission (KCPC) has approved the preliminary design of the Park Pointe subdivision. This 82-unit, single-family residential development is located on the former Park Hills School and Gateway Community and Technical College properties. The developer, Paul Zeltwanger, attended our Plan Park Hills "Amsterdam Valley" public forum and was inspired by residents' ideas. He's expressed interest in working with Park Hills, Covington, and SD1 to improve the Montague and Amsterdam Road corridor.

The Audubon Forest development is scheduled to resume construction this spring. Upon completion, we'll have 25 additional single-family residences in our community.

#### Committed to Inclusiveness

When I took office, I made a commitment to encourage all residents to be more involved in our community. I've achieved this by expanding our public conversations—through monthly Caucus Meetings, Plan Park Hills forums, our new City website, and newsletters like this.

To expand on that pledge, I've engaged a group of Park Hills residents, Council members, and community leaders to discuss the benefits and challenges of forming a Local Human Rights Commission. Many residents have participated in these public discussions and have expressed both their support and concerns.

I recognize the challenge this public discussion presents, but believe it is necessary to define how we safeguard equal opportunities for all Park Hills residents. I am committed to continuing these collaborative dialogues and will ask Council to take action based on recommendations presented by our residents. If you're interested in contributing to this conversation, feel free to give me a call or send me an email.

As we continue to focus on sensible, sustainable, and comprehensive City strategies together, I want to thank everyone who serves our City: Council, our City's departments and professional staff, committee members, and all who have joined with us to lead Park Hills over the past 3 years. Your engagement is welcomed and needed!

I look forward to our future collaborations and the accomplishments ahead, and I hope to see you at the many local events and activities planned this spring and summer.

Sincerely,

Mayor Matt Mattone

## **Spring Cleanup for Fire Safety**

Fire Chief John Rigney

The snow has melted, the rain and wind are beginning to subside, the plants are budding and the trees are blooming. Spring is arriving and your thoughts may be turning to that dreaded ritual of spring cleaning. With it comes a timely reminder to keep your



home safe from the threat of fire. In an effort to make this spring cleanup a fire-safe one, the Park Hills Fire Department provides the following safety tips:

- Test your smoke alarms and change the batteries.
- Replace any alarms that are 10 years old or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Clean your garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish.
- Keep outdoor debris or dead vegetation away from the house.
- Properly dispose of oily or greasy rags. If these items must be stored, they should be kept in a labeled, sealed container.
- If you store gasoline, keep it outside of your home, in a shed or detached garage.
- Inspect your propane grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.
- Use grills outside ONLY—not under overhangs or balconies, and away from combustibles.
- Notify the Park Hills Fire Department prior to ANY OPEN BURNING other than outdoor fireplaces.

Limited open burning is permissible in the City of Park Hills only between the months of October and April, and is subject to the guidelines listed here; <a href="http://parkhillsfire.com/open-burn/">http://parkhillsfire.com/open-burn/</a>.

The Kentucky Division for Air Quality restricts **ALL** open burning between the months of May and September in the State of Kentucky. For additional information please see <a href="https://www.air.ky.gov">www.air.ky.gov</a>.

Recreational fires in commerciallymade outdoor metal fireplaces and chimineas are permitted within the city throughout the year. However, please remember they are subject to the above guidelines. **ANY** fire will be



subject to extinguishment if found to be causing an unnecessary disturbance to the neighborhood. **PLEASE** be courteous to your neighbors.

If you have any questions concerning open burn regulations, smoke detectors, or fire safety, please contact the Park Hills Fire Department at (859) 431-4333.

For additional information please visit www.parkhillsfire.com.

### A Note About Building Permits

As the weather warms, many homeowners look to do home improvements. Please remember, before you begin any project on your home, you should contact Planning and Development Services (PDS) of Kenton County, formerly the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission. PDS has taken over the issuance of permits for the City of Park Hills.

For more details, call them at (859) 331-8980 or visit their website at <a href="https://www.pdskc.org">www.pdskc.org</a>.

Their website includes information about fees, what projects need permits, and how to obtain them. Please note: The Police department can issue a Stop Work Order until the proper permits are filed for your project.

Also remember that your outdoor projects may affect your neighbors. Please consider how your project may change the direction of water flow or create other potential nuisances for your neighbors. When your project is underway, please keep your grass cut and weeds under control as well.

## **Municipal Tax Insurance Notice**

As many of you may have noticed, the City of Park Hills charges a 10% municipal insurance tax on insurance premiums. The City of Covington will be raising their insurance tax to 12% in July. Since we share the zip code of 41011 with some of Covington, we encourage you to check your insurance bills to make sure you are not being charged a higher rate than 10%. If your insurance bill charges Covington's 12% rate, please call your insurance company to let them know you are a Park Hills resident.

If you have any other questions regarding this tax, please call the City Clerk's office at (859) 431-6252.

## Spring Is Here:

### A Few Reminders and Updates from Your Public Works Department

Dan VonHandorf, Director of Public Works

Please keep leaves, sticks, and other debris out of storm drains, street gutters and catch basins. To help with this, Public Works is expanding debris removal from just leaves in the fall to a year-round pickup service. Our plan is for residents to gather sticks, brush, and leaves and load them onto trailers or large 7' x 11' flat skids. This will eliminate the need for bundling yard waste for Rumpke, and keeps debris out of landfills. More details to come, as this project is still in the development stage.

The Arlington Road project is in full swing, starting with the replacement of gas mains. Please be mindful of the contractors and work crews by keeping vehicles off the street and paying close attention to posted signage. This helps us create a safe environment for residents and work crews alike.

Replacement of the water mains and underground infrastructure continues, and work and is scheduled to resume soon. The stormwater drainage project started last summer and will continue through the course of the project. Your patience is appreciated as we continue this complicated project. Should you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department.

## **Park Hills History**

Pam Spoor, Council Member Historic Preservation Committee

Much like our natural beauty and architectural richness, our history and historic structures have value. Our historic structures have aesthetic and intrinsic economic value while the history of our city has informational value. Taken together, the history of Park Hills and its architectural embodiments are the foundation of the city's identity.



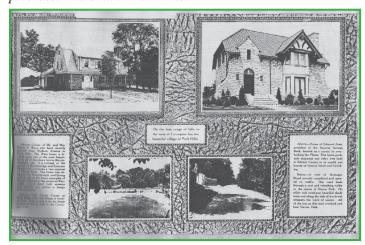
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The founders of Park Hills, D. Collins Lee and his partner Robert Simmons, were keenly aware of the attributes of our city and cited the same in their promotional materials. In January 1928, the Lee and Simmons Development Company issued a press release which included the following statement:

"Park Hills becomes more picturesque week by week. As one looks across the great expanse of Devou Park he is impressed with the tremendous advantage of living in its vicinity. One hundred years from now when the city shall have built up 20 miles to the south Devou park will remain a great open space, the playground of the people of Park Hills forever."

In February 1926, another press release extolled the attributes and potential of Park Hills:

"There is no place in Kentucky so favored by nature nor where conditions are so perfect for a home as may be found in Park Hills. Of course, we have city water, natural gas, sewers, concrete roads, street car service, and every convenience. But more important than these—we have the atmosphere that has made park Hills the finest residential property in Kenton County. We have Devou Park with its golf course and treasure of natural beauty. These are the things that have appealed to the hundreds of families who have purchased and built in Park Hills."



Recognizing how special our city is, the Historic Preservation Committee plans to identify and catalog special historic structures located on public property such as our trolley shelters. These iconic structures will be added to a preservation list and targeted for care and routine maintenance. As a result of a settlement agreement reached by and among Berling, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Kentucky Heritage Council, funds will be provided for two historic markers. The Historic Preservation Committee is recommending the markers be located in Trolley Park (addressing the history of the trolley line and its import to Park Hills) and on Dixie Highway (addressing Gourmet Row/White Horse Tavern). These signs will be in the traditional bronze plaque style.

Additionally, the settlement provides \$2,500 toward the publication of a Park Hills history book for which we are in the process of seeking old photos. Please search your albums! Thank you to those who have brought in photos already.

Our next local history lecture will occur in late May/early June and will address interior design, landscape, and the lifestyle of our original residents. Dr. Paul Tenkotte, Dr. Iris Spoor, and Dr. James Claypool are researching and collaborating on the talk. As soon as a date is finalized we will notify all residents.

I will conclude with some thoughts from D. Collins Lee found on one of the more extensive brochures for Park Hills:

"Park Hills - the New City on the Hilltops

"Only 4 minutes from the heart of Covington but possessing every charm of rural life, with a wealth of natural beauty and with every city convenience"

Park Hills is indeed a treasure—the protection and preservation of our legacy is a worthy goal that benefits all residents.

# Restoring the Park Hills Tree Canopy

Mike Conway, Chairman of the Tree Board

The Park Hills Tree Board is developing plans to restore the original tree canopy within our city. This includes the many street trees which have been lost to age, insects, and disease. The Tree Board is working with the Kentucky Division of Forestry and the Arbor Day Foundation to assist with this plan.

In addition, Mayor Mattone has also engaged the University of Kentucky to assist us in updating our tree inventory and work with the Tree Board on a complete and comprehensive plan for our City.

We are excited about the development of a strategic tree plan for Park Hills to complement our ongoing and successful Plant-A-Tree Program. Last year the Park Hills Tree Board coordinated the planting of 48 trees in our community.

I would like to recognize the members of our Park Hills Tree Board: Pat Flannery, Kathleen Laurin, Sue Bennings, Will Korte, Sally Soderlund, and Julie Ochs. Thanks to the efforts of these members and our City Council, Park Hills has once again been approved as a Tree City USA community.



# Exciting Concepts Presented at Plan Park Hills Open House

Jason Reser, Council Member Economic Development Committee

The second session for residents to guide the city's goals for Amsterdam Valley happened just in time to help shape the development at the former Gateway site. In early December, Park Hills residents were asked to come out and review concept plans based on the discussions made at the first Plan Park Hills forum held last summer.

The first survey question was simply about project appetite: "As a resident, is this a project you would like Park Hills to pursue?" Overwhelmingly, 88% responded, "Yes."

The second question involved a review of three concept sketches with a progressively increasing number of amenities. All three concepts included basic foundations of a play space, pathway, grand entrance, trees, and replacing the city lot with a farmer's market space. The second option added a dog park, dry bioretention area for stormwater, a shelter pavilion, and a community garden. The third, and most ambitious, option changed the traffic pattern at Hamilton Road to make Trolley Park contiguous with the rest of the valley. It also added a wet bioretention pond, sculpture park, and amphitheater.

Votes for the winning option tipped to the third, most ambitious sketch. In addition to the popular vote, notes from residents on the surveys indicated a desire to start simple and take a measured approach toward the features of the third concept drawing.

Many residents have voiced concerns regarding the costs of the creation of any of the concepts. To meet those ends, the city is looking for generous donations, grants, and sponsors.



These sources, along with leveraging other projects such as the Park Pointe redevelopment, will go a long way toward getting the natural, recreational-yet-functional area our city desires, while keeping costs low for our residents.

Public input has not only helped our city determine the course that residents desire, but it has also been influential for the Gateway/Park Pointe redevelopment.

Special thanks to the hard work put in by all our Economic Development Committee and Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Committee volunteers, and the residents who participated in Plan Park Hills.

The concepts and final reports can be viewed at <a href="https://www.parkhillsky.net/parks-beautification-recreation/">https://www.parkhillsky.net/parks-beautification-recreation/</a>.

# The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights: Safeguarding Individuals From Discrimination Since 1960

Council Member Karl Oberjohn, citing information from the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights website

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority, in the form of an 11-member board appointed by the Governor, that protects people from discrimination through enforcement of the **Kentucky Civil Rights Act** (Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 344). The agency receives, initiates, investigates, conciliates, mediates, and rules upon complaints alleging violations of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act. The main headquarters of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is based in Louisville; however, Northern Kentucky is served by the regional office in Covington.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act defines **discrimination** as follows:

Discrimination is	Based on	In the areas of
Any direct or indirect act or practice of:  Exclusion  Distinction  Restriction  Segregation  Limitation  Refusal  Denial  or any other act or practice of differentiation or preference in the treatment of a person or persons; or the aiding, abetting, inciting, coercing, or compelling thereof.	<ul> <li>Age</li> <li>Color</li> <li>Disability</li> <li>Familial Status (specifically for housing)</li> <li>National Origin</li> <li>Race</li> <li>Religion</li> <li>Sex</li> <li>Tobacco-Smoking Status</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Housing</li> <li>Employment</li> <li>Public Accommodations</li> <li>Financial Transactions</li> </ul> Kentucky Commission <ul> <li>On Human Rights</li> </ul>

It is against the law to retaliate against any person who has made a discrimination complaint to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

#### Filing a Complaint

A person who believes he or she has been illegally discriminated against may contact the commission by phone, mail, email, via the website, or in person. Complaints must be filed on a timely basis. Complaints in public accommodations, employment, financial transactions, and retaliation must be filed within 180 days of the incident. Housing complaints must be filed within 365 days of the incident.

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights (Northern Kentucky Office)

20 West Pike St., Suite 108 Covington, KY 41011 ◆ Phone: (859) 292-2935 ◆ Email: kchr.mail@ky.gov ◆ Website: www.kchr.ky.gov

## Hello From the Park Hills Civic Association

Park Hills Civic Association (PHCA) leadership officially has their first year under their belts. We have learned a lot and are continuing to learn more about how to run the PHCA efficiently and offer events that are interesting to all of the wonderful residents of Park Hills!

On behalf of myself, Rachel Dammel, and Katie Rademacher, we thoroughly enjoy working with all of the amazing PHCA volunteers and look forward to keeping PHCA alive and strong in our extraordinary little City.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity!

Warmly,

Liz St. Onge, PHCA President

#### Check out our new and upcoming events for 2018!

#### Yoga In The Park

Come relax on June's warm summer mornings at Trolley Park for a half hour yoga session from YOLO!

#### Garden Tour

An oldie but a greatie, with all kinds of new features. Find more details from the Garden Tour Committee in this newsletter.

#### City Picnic

Another oldie but greatie! Come meet new and old neighbors and enjoy a potluck dinner at Trolley Park. In addition to all the fabulous food, there will also be games, entertainment, a plant swap for all of our local gardeners, and wait for it... a local beer brewing contest! Come vote on which Park Hills resident brews the best beer. Even number houses bring a side, odd number houses, a dessert.

#### **Memorial Day Parade**

May 28, 11:30 AM

#### Yoga In The Park

Saturdays in June, 10 AM at Trolley Park

#### **Garden Tour**

June 23 & 24, 11 AM-5 PM

City Yard Sale

July 21

#### **City Picnic**

September 23, 5 PM at Trolley Park

**Pumpkin Parade** 

October 28

**Meet the Candidates** 

Date TBD

#### **Christmas In The Park**

December 9 (date subject to change)

Have an idea? Did you miss our Open House in March, but you're still interested in volunteering for any of these fabulous events? Let us know! Email us at <a href="mailto:leadership@phcahub.org">leadership@phcahub.org</a>.

The PHCA is made possible by your donations. A huge THANK YOU to those who have donated. If you'd like to donate, contact us at <a href="mailto:leadership@phcahub.org">leadership@phcahub.org</a> or look for our donation drive in September!

# John H. Klette, Jr. Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshall

US Air Force pilot 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John H. Klette, Jr. flew more than 100 missions in two wars:

"It was an honor, privilege, and delight to pilot the aircraft of World War II and the Korean War."

It's rare to have the opportunity to hear the personal stories of a decorated air force pilot of two wars: World War II *and* the Korean War. Here in Park Hills, we're fortunate to have such a veteran: John H. Klette, Jr.

Following the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941, John drove his car from Covington, Kentucky—where he lived at the time of enlistment—to the front gate of the Wright Patterson Army Air Corps base in Dayton, Ohio. He asked to join up. John was invited to take the examination that same afternoon, and he passed with flying colors. He was accepted into the US Army Air Corps Reserves the next day.

In 1943, after basic training and flight school, John was called to active duty and trained as a B-24 Liberator and B-17 Flying Fortress bomber pilot. He flew 51 WWII B-17 combat missions from the US Air Corps base in Foggia, Italy. Among his multiple combat awards, John was awarded the Silver Star—the third-highest military decoration for valor in the US Armed Forces—for a July 26, 1944 mission to destroy factories in the suburbs of Vienna, Austria. John's heavily damaged B-17 aircraft with its injured crew was the only aircraft from the squadron that returned to Foggia.

Following WWII, Mr. Klette became an Air Force reservist, was recalled to active duty in 1951 and served 21 months in the Korean War. During this time, John flew 50 air/sea rescue missions, piloting the SA-16 Albatross and the C-47 Skytrain (the military version of the DC-3) before returning home in the winter of 1952.



After leaving military service in 1952, Mr. Klette returned to Covington to practice law with his father on Third Street. He remained there until 1990 when the office made way for bridge reconstruction, then moved his practice to Grandview Drive in Fort Mitchell. To this day—and every day of every week—John still shows up for work at his office, rain, snow, or sunshine.

We are honored to have Mr. Klette as the Grand Marshall of this year's Memorial Day Parade and Flag Raising Ceremony. Join us in celebrating his service to our country.

# 2018 Memorial Day Parade and Flag Raising Ceremony

#### Monday, May 28, 11:30 AM

The Park Hills Civic Association and the City of Park Hills invite you to participate in the annual parade and flag raising ceremony.

#### **Parade Grand Marshall**

We are honored that US Air Force 1st Lt. John H. Klette, Jr., a 100-year-old Park Hills resident, is this year's parade Grand Marshall. Mr. Klette is a highly decorated World War II bomber pilot who was awarded the Silver Star—the third-highest military combat decoration that can be awarded to a member of the United States Armed Forces.

#### **Parade Entries**

Parade entries include elected state, county, and city officials; future candidates; fire and police departments; convertibles; military vehicles and personnel; local businesses; bicycles; antique cars; marching bands; community groups; horses; local school youth and sport groups; local music groups; gymnastic clubs; neighborhood entries. There is no fee for entry.

#### Parade Lineup

The parade forms from 10:30–11:20 AM at Notre Dame Academy (NDA) and begins promptly at 11:30 AM. Similar to the parade lineup over the last several years, there will be a number of parade officials ready to assist with rows and lineup numbers in NDA's parking lot. Look for signs on Dixie Highway leading to NDA, and look for parade officials who can assist you in finding your position in the parade line.

#### **Parade Route**

From NDA, the parade heads north on Dixie Highway, turns left onto North Arlington Road, left onto Old State Road, right on Terrace Drive, right on Amsterdam Road, and finishes at Trolley Park and Park Drive. Participants staying for the flag raising ceremony may continue around Rose Circle and park along Park Drive.

#### Flag Raising Ceremony

At the conclusion of the parade, a flag raising ceremony will be conducted at Trolley Park at the intersection of Amsterdam Road and Park Drive. Parade Grand Marshall 1st Lt. John H. Klette, Jr. will be honored and presented with a medal commemorating his valiant service. A US flag that has flown over our nation's capitol will be presented to the City. Flower displays will be placed at the base of the commemorative markers honoring the Park Hills residents who have given their lives in war. David Haldeman's Stationary Marching Band will provide pre-parade music at the intersection of Amsterdam Road and Park Drive starting at 11:30 AM and will also play for the Flag Raising Ceremony.

#### \$100 Cash Prize for Parade Best Entry

Resident Dave Russo's DMR Remodeling, Inc. kitchen and bath company will award a \$100 cash prize to the best parade entry from a Park Hills group. Entries may include resident, business, neighborhood, special interest group, church, school, athletic group, decorated bicycles, scouts, etc. The winner will be announced at the Flag Raising Ceremony.

#### **Annual Essay Contest**

Fourth and fifth graders from Ft. Wright Elementary School and St. Agnes School compete in a Memorial Day essay contest. A \$50 first prize and a \$25 second prize will be awarded to the best essay writers. Authors of both winning essays ride in the parade, and the first prize winner reads his or her essay at the flag raising ceremony.

#### For Parade Entry and Registration Information

Contact Adrienne Gallagher by email at <u>adriennegallagher22@gmail.com</u>. Deadline for entries is Saturday, May 26.

#### For All Other Questions

Contact David Schlothauer by email at <u>calwyo@fuse.net</u> or call (859) 491-6051 or (513) 746-7826 (cell).





Finally, it's SPRING! And the Garden Tour Committee of the Park Hills Civic Association (PHCA) is already thinking about summer! Save the date for our upcoming Park Hills Market (MKT) and Garden Tour on:

Saturday, June 23 & Sunday, June 24, 11 AM-5 PM Rain or shine

Tickets are \$15 at <u>parkhillsgardentour.com</u>. Children under 12 are free. All proceeds benefit the PHCA.

Tickets, good for both days, gain you admittance to several gardens throughout Park Hills as well as mini gardening workshops in Trolley Park. Tour homes for sale in Park Hills that host open houses those days. Spend the afternoon in Trolley Park, where you'll find artisan and farmers markets, the Braxton Brewing Company truck, food trucks, and more!

Free parking and shuttle service will be available from the Covington Catholic High School parking lot.

Want to help make this event a huge success? Email <u>parkhillsgardentour@gmail.com</u> if you'd like to:

- Volunteer to staff the event—enjoy free admission and fabulous event wear!
- Include your garden on the tour—let us know by May 10
  whether you'd like your garden to be considered. Owners
  of tour gardens enjoy free admission and a thank you gift!
  (Note: Garden Tour houses will not be open to the public.)

Save the date and invite your friends to come. We're promoting this event throughout the tri-state area. The more the merrier—and the more your PHCA can do for the City all year long!

The event committee is working hard to make this an awesome experience for everyone, planning for every wrinkle we can think of—a big thank you to everyone involved! Stay tuned for more details to come, and visit parkhillsgardentour.com.

## Second Annual Clean Up Park Hills

Thank you to everyone who made our second annual clean up Park Hills effort a huge success on April 21st!

Organized by Sophie Bayer, with the help of Julie Alig, the day went off without a hitch. Councilmember Karl Oberjohn, Public Works Director Dan VonHandorf, Lieutenant Webster, and 28 residents worked side-by-side to find and bag trash on Amsterdam, Montague, and Dixie Highway.

The general report: This year was easier than last, as there wasn't as much trash to pick up—approximately 1000 lbs., as compared to last year's 1600 lbs. Dixie Highway and Amsterdam Road look great. We're making a positive difference!



Visit parkhillsky.net and sign up for safety and weather alerts through REACH alerts.



**Polite Notice:** As you enjoy your walk, please clean up after your pets





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## **Your City Info:**

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**Fire Chief** J. Scott Rigney

Public Works Director Dan VonHandorf Mayor (2015-2018) Matt Mattone

City Council (2017-2018)

Karl Oberjohn Pamela Spoor

Greg Claypole

Steve Elkins Jason Reser Kathy Zembrodt City Clerk/Treasurer
Julie Alig

City Attorney Todd McMurtry

**City Engineer** Jay Bayer

City Business Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month. 7 PM - 1601 Dixie Highway. City Caucus Meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month. 7 PM - 1601 Dixie Highway.

#### **Contact Information**

#### City of Park Hills, Kentucky

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#### For all emergencies, call 911

#### Park Hills Police Department

Dispatch (for non-emergencies): (859) 356-3191 Office: (859) 431-6172 | Fax: (859) 431-5433 Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 8-3

#### Park Hills Fire Department

Office: (859) 431-4333 | Fax: (859) 261-3344

#### Park Hills Public Works Department

Phone: (859) 486-9541 Email: dvonhandorf@parkhillsky.net

#### Get Connected: Park Hills Web Resources

#### City of Park Hills website: www.parkhillsky.net

This site is managed and maintained by the City, its staff, and the Communications Committee. Here you'll find details about our government, services, the City calendar of events, and all kinds of resident resources.

#### Reach Alert: Sign up on www.parkhillsky.net

The City's official mass communication system. When you sign up, you receive emergency and weather messages specific to Park Hills. You select whether you receive these messages via text, voice, or email.

#### Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Park-Hills-KY-668432413277046

This is the official Facebook page for the City of Park Hills. Content here includes official City and social announcements.

#### Park Hills Fire & Police Departments

Park Hills Fire Department website: <a href="http://parkhillsfire.com">http://parkhillsfire.com</a>
Park Hills Fire Department Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/parkhillsfire">https://www.facebook.com/parkhillsfire</a>

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