



The Official Newsletter of The City of Park Hills

From the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

As the long summer days end and fall sweeps in, I want to take this opportunity to review some of the many events and accomplishments we've celebrated as a community so far this year.

Civic Events Bring Us Together

Thanks to the great collaborative efforts of the Parade Committee and the Park Hills Civic Association (PHCA), summer in Park Hills took flight with our annual Memorial Day Parade and Flag Raising Ceremony. This year we honored Park Hills resident-centenarian-WWII B-17 pilot-Silver Star recipient, Mr. John Klette, and his crewmate-B-17 waist-gunner-Seattle resident, Mr. Art Unruh, as co-grand marshals. This year's event also launched a new tradition of including food and beverage trucks in Trolley Park for the celebration.

Trolley Park bustled all summer long, beginning with Saturday morning Yoga in the Park organized by the PHCA. The PHCA's Garden Tour Committee followed that with the phenomenally successful Park Hills MKT & Garden Tour, showcasing some of the most beautiful gardens in our City, as well as an artisan market and food and beverage vendors. Later in July, the PHCA rebooted the citywide yard sale, which ended up spanning two weekends with much success, all while dodging some unexpected rain showers.

The PHCA is thriving and continues to welcome new members with each event.

Strategic Planning by Capital Improvement Planning

In June, Council unanimously approved the proposed 2018-2019 Annual Budget. This budget was the work of the Financial Oversight Committee, professional municipal finance consultant David Baker, and our department heads. This new budget format more clearly defines anticipated revenues and projected department expenses. This accomplishment is the result of our goal to help residents recognize what tax dollars are coming in and where those taxes are being spent.

As part of the budgeting process, we also established the city's first ever 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This plan calculates anticipated replacement costs for City assets and property for our departments—valued at \$5,000 or more—over the next decade.

Together, this new budget format and our CIP are vital tools for determining future budgets and tax rates. While this is a significant accomplishment, it's important to note that our revenues continue to grow modestly while our well-managed expenses, continue to steadily rise.



Mayor Matt Mattone

Public Works at Work

Council and I continue to work with the Park Pointe developer to find opportunities to help us realize some of the significant design ideas that many of you suggested at last summer's Plan Park Hills public forums. We continue to focus on improving the Amsterdam Valley north of Trolley Park, with the intention of making it a more usable space and impressive entrance to our City.

The City and I are committed to improving our roadways, our utility infrastructure, and making Park Hills a safe, walkable, and beautiful community, and this means we're seeing a lot of construction this summer. Please pardon the dust, delays, and disruptions that inevitably occur, and feel free to contact the Public Works Department, your City Council Members, and me with your concerns.

Please also look for weekly construction updates on the City website and stay tuned to our REACH Alert notification system. Sign up for alerts on the City website, if you haven't already.

Onward, Toward A Bright Future Together

Four years ago, I saw an opportunity to serve our community and find new ways to invite all of you to help shape Park Hills' future. With scores of residents attending public meetings, forums, and discussions—and many more volunteering to serve on committees, boards, and our civic association—I believe I've accomplished that goal! I can proudly say that we have a much more vibrant and engaged community than we did four years ago, and although we've made much progress, there is still more to accomplish.

As this election cycle approaches, we have important financial responsibilities to consider and many economic opportunities ahead. After weighing my options, priorities, and objectives—and talking with family, friends, and many public servants—I have decided it is time to step back from my role of serving as Mayor so that I can strike a better family, career, and public service balance.

I want to express my sincerest gratitude for the friendships, connections, and camaraderie we've shared over the past four years. It has been an amazing journey and moreover, it has been my privilege to serve. I am confident that the enacted policies, programs, and processes Council and I have introduced over the past four years will endure and continue to ensure that Park Hills becomes a more inclusive, diverse, and desirable a place to call home.

Thank you again for all of your support—I plan to continue to serve our community, to ensure the policies Council enacted during my term continue to have a positive impact for our City.

Finally, I hope you'll come out and join us in Trolley Park to celebrate the end of summer together at the Indian Summer City Picnic on September 23rd.

Sincerely,

Mayor Matt Mattone

Autumn Fire Safety Tips

Fire Chief John Rigney

Now that summer is almost gone, it's that time of year again when leaves are changing and cool weather is coming. Even in this beautiful time of the year, we still need to be aware of fire safety. Here are a few helpful tips for transitioning into fall.



- Service home **heating systems** before cool weather sets in. This includes furnaces, central heating systems, and chimneys. Call a professional heating and cooling company to service your furnace or central heating unit. Call a professional chimney company to inspect and clean your chimney. Remember to burn only wood that's suitable for burning in a fireplace—don't burn trash, boxes, or paper. Use fireplace screens and install a carbon monoxide detector.
- Be mindful of **space heaters**. Always keep a 3–4-foot area clear around a space heater. If your heater requires venting, vent to the outside, never inside. Read the manufacturer's instructions. Never leave heaters on when you go to bed or when you leave your home. Make sure children and pets stay away from space heaters. Never use extension cords to power any type of space heater.
- Make sure your **smoke detectors** are installed and working properly. Test detectors once a month and follow manufacturer's instructions. Set up a schedule to change the batteries twice a year. Consider changing your batteries when you change your clocks from and to Daylight Savings Time. If your detector makes a chirping sound, it's time to replace the batteries. If your detector is 10 years or older, it's time to replace it. Install a detector on every floor of your home, including outside of each sleeping area, the basement, and in your bedroom, if you keep the door closed when you're sleeping.
- Careless **smoking** is one of the most dangerous causes of fire deaths in the United States. Do not smoke in bed. Wet butts before you discard them and use deep, stable ashtrays. Never throw butts in a trash can. Always check smoldering butts and ensure they are completely extinguished. Use caution when smoking outdoors on a deck or balcony.
- **Burning leaves** produce unwanted smoke that can affect health and air quality. Leaf burning is not permitted in the City of Park Hills. Limited open burning is permissible only between October and April, and is subject to the guidelines listed here: <http://parkhillsfire.com/open-burn/>. The Kentucky Division for Air Quality restricts *all* open burning between May and September. For additional information please see www.air.ky.gov. Recreational fires in commercially-made outdoor metal fireplaces and chimineas are permitted within the City throughout the year. However, they are subject to the above guidelines. *Any* fire is subject to extinguishment if it's found to be causing a disturbance. Please be courteous to your neighbors.

If you have any questions concerning open burning 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. Also, if you're interested in volunteering for our fire department, please stop by or give us a call.

Rake It or Leaf It

*Councilmember Jason Reser and
Daniel VonHandorf, Public Works Director*

It's that time of year again! The leaves are starting to fall and we want you to be prepared with an easy and environmentally-friendly way to dispose of your yard waste.

The city's Public Works Department has a leaf vacuum that attaches to the city's truck so you can schedule your leaf pickups when you rake. The cost is \$35 for one collection, \$70 for the season, per address. To take advantage of this service:

- Bring a check, cash, or money order to the City Clerk's office during regular office hours.
- Mail your payment to City of Park Hills, 1106 Amsterdam Road, Park Hills, KY 41011.
- List the date you want us to pick up your leaves with your payment—give us at least three days advance notice.

Call City Clerk, Julie Alig, at (859) 431-6252 or email her at jalig@parkhillssky.net if you have questions.

Prepare for your leaf pick-up by raking your leaves into a pile at the curb, not into the street. (Leaves in the gutter can clog our sewer systems and flood our basements!) The drier the leaves, the better—try to schedule your pick up when it's not raining.

Also, if you have other yard waste, Public Works can help! Call or email the City Clerk to learn more.

Look for Construction Updates on City Website

Councilmember Karl Oberjohn

This summer, Park Hills has experienced a tremendous amount of construction activity. From the earth moving at the new Audubon Forest development and at the proposed Park Pointe development, to the total rebuild of North Arlington Road—construction vehicles, road closures, and neon safety vests have been a common sight around town.



The Public Works Department and the Infrastructure Committee are working together to provide construction updates on a more timely basis—on the City website and via the REACH Alert system. (Not signed up for REACH Alerts? Sign up at the City website: www.parkhillssky.net.) The goal is to alert residents whenever work that is being performed in the City will affect traffic patterns, parking, or utility service.

We have a good handle on when contractors will be performing work in the City for street construction projects. However, utility companies can pose a challenge, as they have varying protocols for notifying the City when they will be working on their infrastructure. We appreciate everyone's patience as we refine the system to make it as informative as possible.

Taxes, Tags, Decals, and More

Julie Alig, City Clerk/Treasurer

Animal Tags

All dogs and cats must be registered at the City Building at 1106 Amsterdam Road. The cost is \$5.00 per pet. There is a limit of five pets per household. Please be courteous to your neighbors:

- Keep pets in their own yard and any dog barking to a minimum.
- Obey the leash law and clean up after your pets during walks.

Vehicle Decals

The City is once again selling vehicle decals at the City Building. Each removable window decal must be visible on the driver side windshield. They can be purchased for \$15.00 per vehicle, due by September 30, 2018. All City residents must have a decal for each of their vehicles, including motorcycles, company vehicles, and vehicles with out-of-state plates. If you want to pay by mail, please make checks payable to *The City of Park Hills* and include your vehicle's year, make, model, and license plate number along with a self-addressed stamped envelope so the clerk can return your decals by mail. On and after October 1st, a \$20 late fee will be added to the cost of each decal. Citations will also be issued to those who do not have decals on their vehicles. The citation fine for not displaying your vehicle decal is \$25. Money generated from the sale of vehicle decals goes toward the upkeep of City streets and installing a community bulletin board at a location to be determined.

Garbage and Recycling in Park Hills

Our waste removal service, Rumpke, offers one free garbage tote and one free recycling tote for City residents. Order your totes by calling Rumpke at (859) 472-7339.

Important Tax Information

Tax bills for 2018 were sent to Park Hills residents at the end of August. Tax bills are due during the month of September and become delinquent on October 1, 2018. Tax bills are sent to homeowners only, and not to mortgage companies unless requested. If you have not received a tax bill by September 1, please call the City Clerk's office at (859) 431-6252 because a penalty and interest fee will be immediately added to all delinquent tax bills on October 1st, with no exceptions. Payments postmarked September 30, 2018 will be accepted. Tax bill payments are the responsibility of all property owners.

This year, for the first time, property owners can **view and pay tax bills online** through MuniPAY. For this service, each payee pays a convenience fee which will be disclosed before the payment is processed. Payments may also be made by electronic check for a flat rate of \$1.50 (per the last published rate). All major credit cards are accepted online and in the City Clerk's office. For more details, visit the *Taxes* section of the **Residents Resources** page of the City website: parkhillssky.net.

Property owners 65 years of age or older are entitled to a homestead exemption. The current exemption amount is \$37,600, which is subtracted from the assessed valuation of the property before taxes are calculated. This reduces the amount paid for city and county taxes. In order to qualify for the exemption, the home must be the primary residence of the property owner. This exemption is also available to disabled persons, regardless of age, if the disability meets certain state requirements. For more information, please call the Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) office at (859) 392-1750 or visit kentonpva.com.

The City Clerk is not able to make adjustments to your tax bill, such as assessment amounts or address changes. These changes are also handled by the PVA.

To remove a deceased person's name from the tax bill, the following criteria must be met:

- The survivor's name and right of survivorship must appear on the deed.
- A copy of the death certificate must be provided.

This information allows the name to be removed from the tax bill only. A new deed must be filed to remove a name from a deed. For more information, please contact the Kenton County Clerk's office at (859) 392-1650.



Upcoming Events

Indian Summer City Picnic

Sunday, September 23, 4–8 PM | Trolley Park

Northern Kentucky Heritage League Tour

Sunday, September 30, 2 PM | Our Lady of Lourdes Parking Lot

Pumpkin Parade & Hayride

Sunday, October 28, 4 PM | Entrance to Devou on Park Drive

Park Hills Civic Association Open House

Thursday, March 7, 7 PM | City Building

Halloweenie Roast

October 31, 6–8:30 PM | Park Hills Fire Station

Election Day

Tuesday, November 6, 6 AM–6 PM | The Gardens of Park Hills

Luminary Night & Christmas in the Park

Sunday, December 16, 6–9 PM | Trolley Park

City Business Meetings are held 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

Go Vote, Kentucky!



Councilmember Karl Oberjohn

2018 is an election year, and your vote matters, especially on the local level. In the City of Park Hills, the office of Mayor (a four-year term), as well as all six seats on the City Council (two-year terms), are up for election. Please take a few minutes on Election Day to perform this crucial civic duty.

Here are some important facts about this year's general election:

- Election Day is **Tuesday, November 6.**
- The deadline to **register to vote** is **Tuesday, October 9.**
- The polling location for Park Hills residents in both precincts is **The Gardens of Park Hills** at 1622 Dixie Highway.
- The polling location will be open from **6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.** If you are in line by 6:00 PM, you will be allowed to vote.
- All voters must produce **valid identification** or be known by a precinct officer prior to voting.
- Park Hills has a non-partisan government. That is to say, **no political parties** are involved with the elections of our local government officials.
- When voting, it is not required to select candidates for all six council seats and the mayor seat. It is acceptable to **only vote for the candidates you support**, and leave the remaining openings blank.
- **Absentee and early voting** are available to those who cannot make it to the polls on Election Day. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made at the Kenton County Clerk's office by **Tuesday, October 30.**

Registering to Vote

If you need to register to vote for the first time or have recently moved and need to update your registration, you can do so online, by mail, or in person by October 9. To register online or to download the mail-in registration form, go to www.GoVoteKY.com. To register in person, visit the Kenton County Clerk's office at 303 Court Street in Covington.

You're eligible to vote in Kentucky if:

- You're a U.S. citizen.
- You have been a resident of Kentucky for at least 28 days.
- You're at least 18 years old (or will be by November 6).

2018 Park Hills Candidates

Note: This is the sample non-partisan City of Park Hills ballot for the November 6, 2018 election, from the Kenton County Clerk. Candidates are listed in ballot order.

Mayor: (Vote for up to 1)
Kathy Zembrodt

City Council: (Vote for up to 6)

Matt Mattone	Steve Elkins*
Jason Reser*	Pamela Spoor*
Karl W. Oberjohn*	Monty O'Hara
Joe Shields	Kevin Theissen
Sarah Froelich	Wesley Deters

* Incumbent

Time of the Signs



Per § 94.01 of the Park Hills Code of Ordinances, "Regulations for Placement of Signs," paragraph (D)(2): "A yard sign directed at [a] candidate, slate of candidates, cause or issue, or its opposition, shall not be erected earlier than 45 days prior to the general or special election." For this November's election, that would be Saturday, September 22.

Beautify Your Yard, Save on Water, and Help the Environment

Councilmember Jason Reser

Consider where your rainwater goes. Hard surfaces like roofs, driveways, and roads are impervious to water, which increases the speed and volume of water that can cause erosion, flooding, and sewer overflow.



Most water that isn't soaked into the ground in Park Hills ends up being piped to a water treatment plant through Willow Run Creek, which is currently covered by I-75 and a floodwall in Covington. Eventually, when I-75 is rebuilt, this will change, but until then, anything that helps the water enter the ground instead of flowing downstream prevents flooding as well as combined sewer overflow events.

Many gutters in Park Hills are connected to the sewer system. If your downspouts enter back into your foundation or go underground, chances are the water goes into a sewer instead of into your yard. Simply disconnecting and redirecting your gutter to a rain garden, rain barrel, or out into your yard can help with reducing the burden on the sewer system. The same goes for driveways, sidewalks, and roads. If there is the room away from your house that also won't affect your neighbor's house, consider directing the water into a rain garden or even onto your lawn.

These simple changes multiplied across many households can make a huge difference that would otherwise cost millions to rectify further downstream.

More info, visit www.sd1.org/ProjectsandPrograms/DRIP.aspx or scan this QR code.



New Statewide Safe Passing Law Aims to Make Sharing the Road Safer

Councilmember Karl Oberjohn

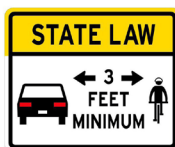
On Saturday, July 14, 2018, a new state law commonly known as the *Safe Passing Law*, went into effect.

House Bill 33, a bipartisan bill sponsored by three

Republican and four Democratic Representatives, was passed by the Senate Transportation Committee, 36-0, and by the House, 78-5. It was finally signed into law by Governor Matt Bevin in March. It aims to make sharing the road safer for motorists and bicyclists by introducing the following requirements:



- On a road with more than one lane of traffic traveling the same direction—such as Dixie Highway—the passing vehicle must make a **complete lane change** to the left while passing a bicyclist.
- On a road with one lane of traffic traveling in each direction—such as Amsterdam Road—drivers must leave at least **three feet of clearance** between their vehicles and bicyclists when passing.
 - This distance is measured between the outermost parts of each vehicle, which is usually the handlebar of the bicycle and the side view mirror of the car or truck, or the wheel of a trailer in tow.
 - Motorists are **allowed to cross a double yellow line** if the amount of sight distance allows.
 - If the road is too narrow to allow three feet of clearance, such as a one-way road, motorists must use **reasonable caution**, passing slowly or waiting to pass until reaching a wider stretch of road.
- Bicyclists are permitted to **ride two abreast** (side by side) in the same lane, but must operate as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable while reasonably avoiding obstacles such as parked cars and sewer grates.
- Bicyclists have the same right-of-way as motorists, and likewise, are obligated to **obey traffic laws** and stop at stop signs and red lights.
- Bicycles must be **equipped with appropriate lighting** when operated between sunset and sunrise, or whenever necessitated by the weather. This includes a white light in the front and a red light or reflector in the rear.



Kentucky is now one of 34 states to pass safe passing laws. Ohio enacted a similar law in 2017. Indiana has not yet enacted a safe passing law. There are no specific penalties spelled out in the bill, and how the new regulations are enforced is up to local police departments. Violations of the regulations will be cited in legal cases involving collisions.

So whether we're operating two-wheeled or four-wheeled vehicles, let's all resolve to be safer and more courteous drivers, in Park Hills and throughout Kentucky. And remember, **sharing the road does not mean sharing the lane!**

Tree Board

Mike Conway, Tree Board Chair

In coordination with Kentucky Tree Farm and Kentucky Division of Forestry, the Park Hills Tree Board plans to plant over 500 trees in spring of 2019. This will further strengthen our status as a Tree City USA community. This program was a great success in 2017 and we think it will be even more successful in 2019.

The Tree Board is ordering White Oak, Pin Oak, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Red Blasé Maple, and Sassafras. Each tree will be a hardy seedling that will do very well if you water and care for it. Once we have the trees, they will be available in key locations around Park Hills. The Tree Board will share an announcement in advance so you can make plans for planting your trees. This is a great opportunity to contribute to our city's landscape and increase your property value.

We also want to announce that one of our longtime members, Sue Bennings, has retired from the Tree Board. Sue and her husband Greg have contributed so much to our green spaces—we are so grateful for their service and generosity. Thank you, Sue!



Northern Kentucky Heritage League Tour

Dan Humpert, Past President of the Northern Kentucky Heritage League



The Northern Kentucky Heritage League (NKHL) celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. NKHL promotes the history and culture of Northern Kentucky. This year NKHL is celebrating the approaching 100-year anniversary of the City of Park Hills. NKHL is doing this with a tour of majestic and historic properties and beautiful

and magnificent gardens. The tour is on Sunday, September 30, 2018. The tour starts at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish parking lot at 1101 Amsterdam Road in Park Hills. This tour is a walking or driving tour of five properties. Tour information and directions will be distributed in the parking lot. At 4:30 PM the participants will meet at the Devou Golf & Event Center for a cash bar and happy half-hour. At 5:00 PM Paul Tenkotte will present a program on the history of Park Hills. At 5:30 PM there will be a three-course dinner catered by McHale's at the Event Center. There will be a maximum of 100 participants accepted for this event. The cost is \$35.00 for Park Hills residents and \$40.00 for non-residents. Please RSVP to Dan Humpert by Saturday, September 22, 2018, by email at adlh27@yahoo.com or phone at (859) 491-0674.

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

Z21 Zoning

Councilmember Jason Reser, PDS Council Representative

Zoning was first used in the US in New York City in 1916 to drive manufacturing out of Manhattan (such as clothing manufacturing) and replace it with office and residential buildings.

In Kenton County, zoning came into play after the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Council and Commission (now known as Planning and Development Services, or PDS), and the Kenton County and Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission (now known as the Kenton County Planning Commission, or KCPC) were established in the 1960s. Since then, we've learned more about what zoning works well, what problems can occur, and the practices to fix them.

It might be surprising that currently, a Mariemont, Ohio-style development is not in accordance with zoning laws in most Kenton County communities, including Park Hills. Even a coffee shop at the end of a block of homes is disallowed. We're not permitted to mix residential, commercial, and industrial zones, nor are we allowed to mix densities. Current zoning blocks must be at least five acres.

Most zoning includes exact specifications like setbacks: the distance a house must be from the street. Take a walk around Park Hills and you'll see that the space between homes and roads varies. This adds a natural character to the City. Current zoning does not allow for this. In the past few years, City Council has patched our zoning to allow for houses to have setbacks that are equal to the block average.

The Congress for New Urbanism (cnu.org), whose mission is to help communities create vibrant and walkable cities where people have diverse choices for how they live, work, shop, and get around, maintains the following:

"New zoning concepts include the idea that a diverse mix of activities (residences, shops, schools, workplaces, and parks) should occur in proximity. A wide spectrum of housing options should enable people of a broad range of incomes, ages, and family types to live within a single neighborhood. Large developments featuring a single use or serving a single market segment should be avoided."

Here in Park Hills, we're experiencing lots of new growth—in the Audubon Forest and Park Pointe developments. We also see what's commonly called infill, when homes are torn down and replaced with new homes. Zoning laws sometimes force developers to build in ways that don't match the fabric of the neighborhood.

This is where Z21, zoning for the 21st century, comes into play, with new best practices for solving for these issues. Z21 helps cities craft zoning in ways that make sense for their communities, taking the patchwork of many years of ordinances and zoning regulations into account. Learn more about the Z21 process on youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/pdsz21>.



Smiles & Miles 5k Run/Walk, Sunday, September 16 at 4 PM

Smiles & Miles Committee

The 2018 Smiles & Miles 5K Run/Walk is scheduled Sunday, September 16. This race celebrates two young women whose lives were lost tragically. Maria Schaffstein was involved in an automobile accident in April of 2010, and Katie Stewart fell while hiking in March of 2016. Both women attended St. Agnes School and Notre Dame Academy, and their families live in Park Hills.

With the support of the Park Hills Police Department, traffic access may be limited in some areas of Park Hills from approximately 3:45 PM to 5:30 PM, to ensure the safety of all race participants and volunteers.

Route: Start on Mulloy Road (behind St. Agnes)—right on Old State Road—left on Terrace Drive—left on Amsterdam Road—right on Hillcrest Lane—left on Lawton Road—right on Audubon Road—left on Park Avenue—right on Montague Road—right on Breckinridge Road—left on Emerson Road—right on Cleveland Avenue—left on Rose Circle—right on Amsterdam Road—left on Terrace Drive—right on Old State Road.



Please note there will be road closures during the race. Roads will reopen once walkers and runners have come through. If you find that a road isn't shut down during the run/walk, please make room for the walkers and runners as you share the road.

Want to run or walk? Please join us! Visit our registration site runningtime.net for more details. All proceeds from the race benefit the children of St. Agnes.

Thank you—we appreciate your support!

Thank You...

Thanks to Joe Nienaber, owner of Granite World—Park Hills's newest business on Dixie Highway—for offering the use of his building for a few City Council meetings this summer while our usual meeting room at the Sisters of Notre Dame building was temporarily unavailable.





Welcome Back, Welcome Committee!

One of the special traditions that Park Hills has practiced over the years has been greeting new homeowners with a gift from the Civic Association—a kind of *Mayberry* welcome. Many remember this as one of our first impressions of Park Hills.

The PHCA is delighted to share that a new Welcome Committee has formed to continue this special tradition, with a twist! Beginning this fall, new homeowners will receive a small wooden magnet, custom made for Park Hills by Grainwell in Covington. This will be hand-delivered with a card and a few homemade baked goods by a volunteer.

Are you someone who likes greeting new people and making them feel at home? We are looking for a few friendly volunteers like you! What's involved? You would, at your convenience, hand deliver a welcome gift to approximately four new residents. The welcome gift, card, and address will be preassembled for you by the Welcome Committee. All that's left will be for you to add a small personal touch—something easy and inexpensive like a few cut flowers from your garden or homemade cookies from your kitchen—it's up to you! No special domestic skills required! :)

If this sounds like your cup of tea, drop a line to the Civic Association leadership at leadership@phcahub.org.

Park Hills MKT & Garden Tour Blooming Again in 2019



The PHCA is thrilled to report that the 2018 Park Hills MKT & Garden Tour was a **blooming success**, thanks to all of you wonderful gardeners, sponsors, vendors, artisans, speakers, realtors, visitors, event volunteers, City staff, and the whole Park Hills community!

So much fun was had by all that leadership of the Park Hills Civic Association and City Council decided to make this a **perennial event**—every 4th weekend of June. Plans are already underway for 2019.

Planting a seed... Do you love to garden? Do you have new hardscaping in the works? We are looking for beautiful outdoor gardens and outdoor spaces of all shapes and sizes for the 2019 tour. If you are interested in being on the 2019 tour—or if you want to suggest a neighbor—email us today at ParkHillsGardenTour@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE for a weekend you won't want to miss!

JUNE 22–23, 2019

2018 Memorial Day Parade and Flag Raising Ceremony Highlights



Samuel Finely, Tuskegee Airman. Arthur Unruh, Co-Grand marshal. John Klette, Grand Marshal.



Editors Note: Long term Park Hills resident and Parade Honoree, John Klette passed away several days after the parade.



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Public Works Director

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Mayor (2015-2018)

Matt Mattone

City Council (2017-2018)

Greg Claypole

Karl Oberjohn

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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:

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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

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Hello from your Civic Association!

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From your Civic Association President:

What's great about our Civic Association is everyone in Park Hills is a part of it. We have gained new events because of your suggestions and pulled those events off because of your donations and volunteer time. It is community in the truest sense. In a time when neighbors are ever more distant, we remain close. The support you give to your Civic Association is a huge part of that.

In essence, all I have to say for this newsletter is, keep it coming! Please continue with the suggestions, support and, if you can, come to the Open House March 7, 2019 at 7pm. It's a fun brainstorming meeting with beer.

Warmly,
Liz St. Onge

2018 PHCA event dates:

September 23: 4pm City Picnic

October 28: Pumpkin Parade and Hay Ride

December 16: Christmas in the Park

March 7, 2019: 7pm Open House

Attention all Gardeners!

Keep the Plant Swap @ the City Picnic in mind as we move into Fall!

If you would like to participate but need pots, supplies or have questions you can contact myself, Liz St. Onge, at 513.307.7375 or email at leadership@phcahub.org

Indian Summer City Picnic

is September 23, 2018 from 4-8 @ Trolley Park

-Great fun for everyone!!

-FREE Hot Dogs

-Bring a side dish or dessert

-Home Brew Contest

-Music and Entertainment

-Fall Plant Swap

September is Donation Drive month!

PHCA events are possible only with your donations!

It's easy to donate!

-online at www.parkhillsky.org

-at the city building (1106 Amsterdam Rd.) this September when you buy your vehicle decals.

One stop shop!

A huge THANK YOU to those who have donated!

Interested in volunteering?

There are 2 new opportunities to volunteer!

First, we need you for Christmas in the Park!! Be a part of this long honored tradition!

Call Melissa Willig at 404-312-7005 for details

Second, we need help passing out Welcome Baskets to new residents!!

Email Karen Oberjohn at karen.oberjohn@yahoo.com for details

Mission of Park Hills Civic Association:

- Facilitate community involvement to stimulate a vibrant, safe neighborhood.
- Encourage and strengthen relationships among neighbors through events and outings.
- Spark pride and ownership of/for our city.
- Encourage communication, cooperation and friendliness among residents.

Park Hills Civic Association Annual Donation Drive is September 2018!

Your donations make PHCA events possible!

The Park Hills Civic Association is a donation-supported organization dedicated to enhancing community life in Park Hills. Your donation dollars support the special events Park Hills is, and is becoming to be, known for:

-Welcome Baskets	-Easter Egg Hunt	-Park Hills Yard Sale	-Memorial Day Parade
-Garden Tour	-Pumpkin Parade and Hay Ride	-Dinner Dance	-Christmas in the Park

There are 2 options to donate. **ALL WHO DONATE WILL BE ENTERED FOR A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THREE \$10 GIFT CARDS TO REALITY TUESDAY CAFE** - a local favorite!

1. Mail your donation and the form below to the city building (or drop it off):

PHCA Membership Drive

1106 Amsterdam Rd.

Park Hills, KY 41011

Make checks payable to: The Park Hills Kentucky Civic Association

2. Register and donate online through our website at **www.parkhillsky.org**

Thank you for your support and we look forward to another year of family fun and tradition in Park Hills!

(please submit this bottom portion with your donation)

PHCA DONATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00

or

_____ donation

_____ additional donation (flowers)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Interested in learning more about how to help (big or small) with PHCA? We'll contact you!

☐ Yes, I want to learn more about how to help with PHCA events.