



The Official Newsletter of the City of Park Hills

## News From the Mayor

First and foremost in these trying times – To inform our residents of some positive news.

Our Budget is currently being worked on as well as a Capital Improvement plan for the next 5 years. Income has grown with our new growth and property values improving and expenses have been kept in line as to not exceed income and to continue setting aside reserve revenue. The reserve is to maintain our city's needs for over 6 months in the event of a downturn in the economy and thus ongoing revenue. We also have a healthy balance in our restricted funds to do some Mill and Overlay and sidewalks this year. (Weather permitting)

We continue to provide the resources necessary to our Fire and Police to properly perform their jobs of keeping all of us safe. Much gratitude goes out to them for their efforts, especially during this challenging time of "war on a disease". Our city clerk's office has been closed, but Julie will take care of you by phone. Call for an appointment if necessary. Public works, Dan, has been out working on needed maintenance projects. Thank you to all of our staff.

MOVING FORWARD, Our business meetings are being worked out with TBNK to be done Virtually via live streaming and Recorded as necessary. When one is set up, on the usual 2nd Monday at 7pm, We will send a notice out to all to know how to access and see the meeting.

I would also like to Thank all our Residents and Businesses in cooperation with the Governor's. rulings of closings and distancing. This is hard but necessary. When the War is over I hope all can return to getting out and supporting business and neighbors in the warm weather ahead.

THANK YOU ALL.

Here are some guidelines from the Northern Kentucky Health Department I would like to share:

Without approved medications or a vaccine, social distancing is one of the most important tools we have to fight the spread of COVID-19 in the community. According to Dr. Lynne Saddler, NKY Health's District Director of Health, "For the coming weeks, the safest place for everyone is going to be staying healthy at home." With the closure of schools, places of worship and many businesses, as well as the cancellation of events, it may feel as though you cannot leave the couch. The truth is there are many things you can do to stay healthy and promote social distancing:

- Talk a walk, run or hike.
- Get take out from a local restaurant.
- Catch up on household projects you have been neglecting.
- Complete your 2020 Census Application.
- Stay in touch with family and friends via phone or video.

If you develop a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, stay home and call your health care provider. If it is a medical emergency, call 9-1-1. If you are ill and in isolation at home, learn how to prevent the spread of the virus in your home at: <https://bit.ly/3dBMfCO>.

NKY Health continues to work with other response agencies and Northern Kentucky residents to take the actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. For more information, visit our COVID-19 page on [www.nkyhealth.org](http://www.nkyhealth.org) or [www.kycovid19.ky.gov](http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov). You can also call Kentucky's COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-722-5725. The Governor's press releases are available here: <https://governor.ky.gov/news>

Also, check on neighbors that are older, ill or otherwise can use assistance shopping or other tasks.

We are grateful to a local college kid that has started: ZOOMFOOD <https://www.zoomfooddeliver.com/>

Other Park Hills NEWS: Trolley Park has been closed in response to the need of physical distancing. I am so sorry to have to do this. Chad Coslett was disinfecting the equipment but when too many were congregating there it was becoming unsafe for others.

PLEASE take this seriously. Please continue to maintain social distancing and stay home if not feeling well. WE will get through this trying time.

I know everyone is affected by this in some way or another. This is a time to reflect on what we do have available to us for help and to spend time with our families in our homes. You will be able to find updates to our shared situation involving Covid-19 on our website: <https://www.parkhillsky.net/park-hills-news/>.

## Infrastructure Updates

Work continues on in the city concerning construction.

Lower Jackson with the Sewer, Water and Cincinnati Bell infrastructure being finalized. When all utilities are completed, the Road can finally be done.

Park Pointe Update: As for Amsterdam Road, delays from weather and permitting initially slowed water and sewer line progress but is now moving along as seen by the numerous new manholes having been installed.

Wald Court is complete except for one lot so the truck traffic will calm down and I would like to get Audubon pavement worked on.

NKU's old site is under contract with Arlington Properties of Alabama. You can see a rendering on-line at [parkhillsky.net](http://parkhillsky.net). The project is called Tapestry and will consist of high-end apartments. We are negotiating an Easement agreement for our residents and some good news for Mt. Allen as the entrance to the development will be gated allowing emergency only access.

*Kathy*

## Covid-19 Directive - 3/30/20

*Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear*

In an effort to curb the spread of the coronavirus, Kentuckians are being told to not cross state lines. Governor Andy Beshear issued an order Monday that limits out-of-state travel. The governor is asking residents to remain healthy at home. He stressed that any travel should be limited to essential needs.

Governor Andy Beshear asked that mayors and city governments closely monitor their parks and other public spaces where people are failing to comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Kentucky Department for Public Health guidelines on social distancing and public gatherings.

The governor is calling for city leaders to close and ban public access to those public areas where violations are occurring during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

## REACH Alert

Visit [parkhillsky.net](http://parkhillsky.net) to sign up for safety and weather alerts through REACH Alert—just scroll down on the home page and look for the button in the right navigation bar.

## Spring Fire Safety

*Park Hills Fire Chief John Rigney*

As many of you are stuck at home this year practicing Social Distancing, annual spring cleaning duties are a good way to pass the time. Many of your yards are probably littered with sticks, limbs, and whatever else may have blown there during the last few months. While it may be tempting to just pile these up and burn them, you must first consider a few regulations. First, try and minimize the burning of any material in the environment. Consider placing items in the trash or other disposal method. Limited Open Burning is permissible in the City of Park Hills only between the months of October and April and must follow these guidelines:

- Only sticks, twigs or limbs may be burned- (NO construction debris, trash, or treated lumber).
- All burning must be at least 50ft. from any structure, and have a water hose readily available.
- Burning is not permitted during high winds or declared Fire Emergency.
- NO leaves may be burned at any time.
- Fires creating a nuisance or producing excessive amounts of smoke will not be permitted.
- Any fire shall not be in excess of 3' x 3'.
- Open burning other than commercially made fire places shall cease by 6 PM.
- Fires must never be left unattended.
- Notify the Park Hills Fire Department prior to Any Open burning other than Outdoor fireplaces

The KY Division of Air Quality restricts ALL open burning between the months of May and September in the State of Kentucky. For additional information please see [www.air.ky.gov](http://www.air.ky.gov).

Recreational fires in commercially made outdoor metal fireplaces and chimeras 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.

Also, as we have already sprung forward, please remember to test your smoke detectors and change the batteries. If you require assistance or have any questions concerning open burning regulations or smoke detectors please contact the Park Hills Fire Department at 431-4333.

## Park Hills Civic Association

### Revised Schedule of PHCA Activities

April 11, 10 AM Egg Hunt - **CANCELLED** See [www.phcahub.org](http://www.phcahub.org) for alternative activities

May 25th, 11:30 AM Memorial Day Parade - **CANCELLED** - But watch for on-line FLAG RAISING

June and July Saturdays 10 am YOGA in the Park

June 27 and 28 - Garden Tour **CANCELLED**

July 11 - City wide Yard Sale

September 27 - 4 pm, City Picnic

October 25- 4 pm, Pumpkin Parade

November (date TBD) Meet the Candidates

December 20, 2020 Luminary Night / Christmas in the Park

## Share Your News

We want to hear from you! Got a story to tell, announcement to share? Please forward your submission to the city clerk. Email [communications@parkhillsky.net](mailto:communications@parkhillsky.net) or call (859) 431-6252 for more details.



*Commercially made Outdoor Fireplace*



## News from your Park Hills Tree Board

Spring and Fall offer residents the best time to plant trees. Your Tree Board is providing you with an opportunity to capitalize on these two planting seasons. This Spring the Tree Board has ordered 200 seedlings selected from the Kentucky Department of Forestry. These trees are native to Kentucky. They are: River Birch, Loblolly Pine, Black Locust, and Shagbark Hickory.

The trees will be distributed in Trolley Park. The free tree seedlings are expected to be available Saturday, April 11 between 10:00 and 11:00 which would have matched the now cancelled Easter egg hunt. You can pre-request your seedlings by emailing how many of each tree you would like along with your address and phone number to [jdaugherty@fuse.net](mailto:jdaugherty@fuse.net).

In addition to the free seedlings, Park Hills is now accepting applications for our Plant-A-Tree program. Applications are accepted now and the plantings will be done in the Fall. The Tree Board will coordinate the planting of a tree in your yard, a \$350.00 value, for a small tax deductible donation of \$100.00.

Please sign up for the Plant-A-Tree program on The City of Park Hills website. The Tree Board is challenging every homeowner to plant a tree in your yard this year. Make it a family affair and do something to enhance the wonderful City we live in.

We are pleased to provide these programs to Park Hills homeowners. Trees enhance our property values, provide energy savings and improves our overall quality of life. With all your support Park Hills has once again been selected as a Tree City USA for the 9th year in a row

## Info About The Door Sign Provided In This Newsletter

If you or someone in your household is immunocompromised (has an impaired immune system) or simply doesn't want to answer the door during this challenging time, feel free to print out the enclosed flyer and add your own delivery instructions in the yellow box.

Tip: Be kind to your delivery drivers and try not to make the instructions too complicated.



## Patronize Our Local Sponsors

To offset some of the costs of printing and mailing our Newsletter, the Mayor has authorized bringing back the opportunity to advertise in this publication. For more information please contact Julie Alig at the city building. Phone: (859) 431-6252, or e-mail, [jalog@parkhillsky.net](mailto:jalog@parkhillsky.net)



# ZOOMFOOD

Safe, free deliveries for the most at-risk community members facing COVID-19, organized by Park Hills resident Trip Wright.

Request a delivery. Volunteer. Donate.

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## Your City Info:

[www.parkhillssky.net](http://www.parkhillssky.net)

### Police Chief

Cody Stanley

### Fire Chief

J. Scott Rigney

### Public Works Director

Dan VonHandorf

### Mayor (2019-2022)

Kathy Zembrodt

### City Council (2019-2020)

Wesley Deters

Steve Elkins

Sarah Froelich

Joe Shields

Pamela Spoor

Kevin Theissen

### City Clerk/Treasurer

Julie Alig

### City Attorney

Kyle Winslow

### City Engineer

Jay Bayer

City Business Meetings, 2nd Monday of every month - City Caucus Meetings, 4th Monday when announced.

All meetings subject to change. Check the City & Events Calendar on the city website for details and updates.

### Contact Information

#### City of Park Hills, Kentucky

1106 Amsterdam Road | Park Hills, KY 41011

Phone: (859) 431-6252 | Fax: (859) 431-6410

City Clerk: [jalig@parkhillssky.net](mailto:jalig@parkhillssky.net)

Office Hours: Mo 10-6, Tu-Fr 9-5, Sat-Sun closed

**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@parkhillssky.net](mailto:dvonhandorf@parkhillssky.net)

### Get Connected: Park Hills Web Resources

City of Park Hills website: [www.parkhillssky.net](http://www.parkhillssky.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.parkhillssky.net](http://www.parkhillssky.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/parkhillscitygovernment>

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: <http://parkhillssfire.com>

Park Hills Fire Department Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/parkhillssfire>

Park Hills Police Department Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/parkhillsspolice>