



The Official Newsletter of the City of Park Hills

News From the Mayor

What a year we had... but the work in the city still goes on.

Some accomplishments worth noting include:

1. Despite labor shortages, we were able to mill and overlay Montague Road, Hamilton Rd., Short Arlington Rd, and Trolley Park parking. Emerson Road will be milled and overlaid before winter and with luck so will half of Lawton. In addition, Lawton will have broken curbing replaced.
2. Some of the most severe pothole problems were repaired on Amsterdam. We are working on a grant with Judge-Executive Knochelmann to make deep fix repairs on Amsterdam Road. As you recall, Amsterdam was a county road that was given to the respective cities through which it passes by Judge Executive Drees. The road needs major repairs, and the grant will allow us to do the job properly.
3. We have established a community garden in lower Trolley Park. It is being replanted with a winter crop that includes Swiss Chard, lettuces, turnips, beets, and kale. The produce is for the benefit of residents. Call the City Clerk for more information.



Park Hills Community Garden

4. Despite some delays in the timeline, the St. Joseph Lane sidewalk is still underway. This is an important project for the safety of many residents and we are committed to accomplishing it. If all continues to happen following our current timeline, bidding will begin in January.

5. Park Pointe development is moving along and several of the lots located in the Park Hills section are under construction. Paul Zeltwanger, the developer, has been honest and a man of his word making it a pleasure to work with him.



Park Pointe Development

6. Wald Court had the final home constructed and the street is looking beautiful. Welcome to Park Hills all Wald Court residents!



Wald Court

7. The Audubon Preserve (6 acres off of Audubon that constitutes a nature preserve) is being refined with the removal of invasives like honeysuckle and the improvement of walking paths. This area will make a very pleasant zone for family hikes soon.



The Audubon Preserve

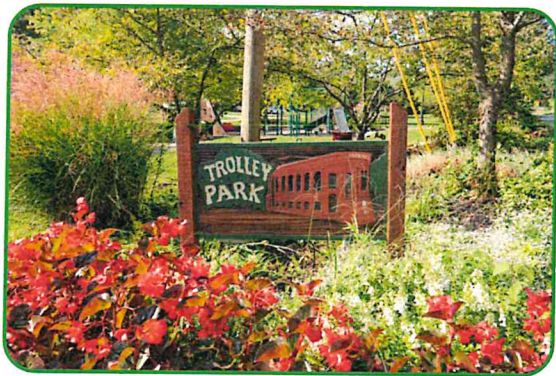


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First Responders*



Our businesses up and down Dixie Highway have weathered a difficult pandemic year and seem to be moving in the right direction. Thank you to all who support our local businesses and continue to do so throughout the year. We are expecting a new addition to our business district: Good Spirits liquor store. Good Spirits will locate in the present self storage space. Good Spirits is working with the city to provide good landscaping, good architecture, and a sidewalk in front of their space. They specialize in fine spirits and wines.

Trolley Park has been well attended this summer. It's always delightful to see families and children enjoying our park and our gardens.



Trolley Park

The City has been meeting virtually for many months now as our meeting space is not ADA accessible and too small to meet the COVID regulations for public spaces. The meetings can be viewed live on [TBNK.ORG](https://www.tbnc.org) or watched later at your convenience through a link on our website. We are working toward updating the City Building for the Fire, Police and Clerk offices by freshening the space with new paint, flooring, and clerical storage space. We are also upgrading the internet to a higher speed to improve our streaming of meetings. We are working toward a cost efficient and good solution for a permanent meeting space.

The City did receive a little infrastructure funding from State and Federal governments. We will use this money for internet updates and improvements, meeting space solutions, and possibly use some for road repairs.

We have a good Council. I have been working hard with them to be very prudent with our city budget and to build our reserves for the future of our City. Currently, we have over \$900,000 in reserves. Its important to note that this has been accomplished without raising our taxes for over 11 years.

I want to thank each of our employees who keep us safe and keep our city running: police, fire, public works, and our city clerk. Thank you also to the volunteers who make our Park areas beautiful in every season with flowers, lights and festive features for each season. Thank you also to the volunteers who are managing, watering, and planting our community garden. This will make a positive contribution to both our health and learning.

We work hard to keep our budget in line, live within our means, spend prudently, and do all that we can to make Park Hills a wonderful place to live. We also work hard

to make our government transparent and accessible. If you have not yet signed up for the REACH alert to receive cautionary alerts and needed information, please do. Remember to check our website for updates on meetings, budget information and events at www.parkhillsky.net.

Serving as mayor and on council is a big job – bigger than you realize until you do it. A great deal of time is spent addressing problems, making decisions on behalf of the residents, educating oneself for the job, preparing budgets, seeking grants, attending meetings with state and local officials and consulting with our employees. It is an honor and pleasure to serve and work with our residents. Park Hills is rich in its employees and residents.

Sincerely,

Kathy Zembredt,

Mayor of Park Hills

Park Hills Civic Association

Updates

We sure miss having our popular events as usual, and seeing everyone's smiling faces! We would like to update you on what's happening (and not happening) this fall and winter.

Annual PHCA Fund Drive

This fund drive is canceled again for 2021, however donations are always welcomed and appreciated!

City Picnic

This was canceled due to the rise in local COVID-19 cases.

Luminary Night & Christmas in the Park | Sunday, December 12

- Luminary Night: Still on! (As of the date of this publication). This is an event hosted by the Avant Gardeners. It begins at 5:00PM; purchase & pickup for luminaries to come late October.
- Carriage Rides hosted by PHCA: Still on! (No shared carriages; look for sign-ups late October/early November).
- Visit with Santa hosted by PHCA: Canceled.

REACH Alert

Visit [parkhillsky.net](https://www.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.

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 or call (859) 431-6252 for more details.

Fall Fire Safety Tips

Park Hills Fire Chief John Rigney



The crisp autumn air signals the changing of seasons, but it also brings fire safety risks associated with fall activities. Even though this is a beautiful time of the year, we still need to be aware of fire safety. There are just a few helpful tips to pay attention to as we go into the fall.

***FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANTLY!**

Check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they work, and change the batteries. Have a useable fire extinguisher available.

Heating your Home

Central Heating

- Get your central heating system cleaned, inspected and serviced by a certified HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) contractor every year before using it.
- If you have a gas heater, make sure that you have a sufficient quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.
- Keep all flammable materials away from your furnace. This includes clothing, paint products, toxic materials, cardboard and more.

Fireplaces and Woodstoves

- Have heating appliances serviced and chimney flues examined for defects.
- Have fireplaces and fireplace dampers checked.
- Fireplaces should be equipped with an appropriate screen or glass enclosure to prevent sparks from flying out.
- Wood burning stoves should be examined and the flue and chimney checked for creosote buildup. Creosote is a deposit from smoke that can build up in a chimney and can start a fire.
- Use only seasoned woods, and avoid soft woods like Pine, etc.
- Never use a flammable liquid to start a fireplace.
- Put all ashes outdoors and away from the house in a metal container.

Space Heaters

- Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet of empty space.
- Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry.
- Do not place space heaters near furniture or drapery.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed.
- Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.
- **Never use extension cords with any type of space heater.**

In The Home

- Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the

kitchen is unattended cooking. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

- Do not overload electrical outlets or use extension cords in the place of additional outlets.
- Check electrical appliances regularly for wearing cords and plugs. Do not leave electrical appliances plugged in if they do not need to be.
- Lack of maintenance is the number one cause of dryer fires. That is why it is critical to clean the lint filter before and after each use, and wipe away any lint that has accumulated around the drum. Perform periodic checks to ensure that the air exhaust vent pipe is unobstructed (lint accumulation) and the outdoor vent flap opens readily. Do not run the dryer without a lint filter. You are encouraged to not leave the dryer running if you go out, in case it malfunctions.

Candles

- Extinguish candles when leaving the room or going to sleep. Keep lit candles away from items that can catch fire
- Place candles in sturdy, burn-resistant containers that won't tip over and are big enough to collect dripping wax.
- Don't place lit candles near windows, where blinds or curtains may close or blow over them.
- Don't use candles in high traffic areas where children or pets could knock them over.
- Never leave children or pets alone in a room with lit candles.
- During power outages, exercise caution when using candles as a light source. Many destructive fires start when potential fire hazards go unnoticed in the dark.
- Never use a candle for light when fueling equipment such as a camp fuel heater or lantern.
- Use extreme caution when carrying a lit candle, holding it well away from your clothes and any combustibles that may be along your path.

Leaf Burning

The burning of leaves is not permitted in the city. 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; [Outdoor Burning Laws - Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet](#).

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. Recreational fires in commercially made outdoor metal fireplaces and chimneys are permitted within the city throughout the year.


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

Halloween Notes

A delightful skelly family occupies a niche on Emerson Road for the whole month of October. The setting changes often. Each scene is filled with creative structure and detail. Thank you to the talented neighbors who make these scenes happen.



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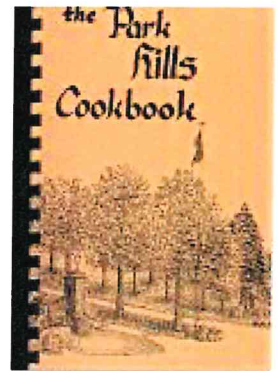
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Culinary Chronicles

In 1985, the Park Hills Civic Association published a cookbook of recipes donated by residents. The book was well composed and organized. In it is a wealth of information about our city's history, cooking advice and wonderful recipes. This book is no longer available so we will share some of its treasures through our newsletter. We have chosen a seasonal recipe for Pumpkin Cake submitted by Bunny Dunn. Bunny moved to Audubon Road upon her marriage to Charles Dunn in 1946 and resided there until her death in 2009. The couple had 7 daughters: Sue Ellen, Mary, Kathy, Nancy, Christy, Charlene and Janet. Bunny was an avid volunteer and was one of the original founders of Redwood School. This residence is now the home of Bunny's grandson Billy Santos and his wife Erica and their daughters Sophia and Isabella. Before sharing the recipe, I decided to prepare and test it. It was easy to make and was quite delicious and popular. I modified the icing to be dairy free by eliminating the cream cheese and replacing it with ¼ cup apple cider. All in all, this is a quick and tasty autumnal dessert – a little taste of Park Hills.



PUMPKIN CAKE

Level of difficulty: Easy
Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 35 minutes
Comment: Can prepare ahead and freeze

2c. pumpkin	2 tsp. cinnamon
4 eggs, beaten	1/2 tsp. ground cloves
1 3/4 c. sugar	2 tsp. baking soda
1 c. salad oil	1/2 tsp. salt
2c. flour	

Mix beaten eggs, sugar, salad oil together. Add in pumpkin. Shift dry ingredients. Add and beat well. Put in greased 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Serves 12 to 14.

Icing:

1 lb. confectioners sugar	2 tsb. Vanilla
11/2 stick butter	8 oz. cream cheese
1/2 c. chopped pecans	

Beat together sugar, butter, vanilla, and cream cheese. Spread on cooled cake. Sprinkle chopped pecans on top.

Bunny Dunn

Virtual City Council Meetings



Meetings can be viewed live on TBNK.ORG or watched later at your convenience through a link on our website.

Golf Carts in Park Hills

Park Hills Police Chief Cody Stanley



Per Kentucky State Law golf carts are only permissible if the city has passed on ordinance allowing such vehicles to operate on the city streets.

First, General Federal Law for Golf Carts:

Under current National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) interpretations and regulations, so long as golf carts and similar vehicles are incapable of exceeding 20 miles per hour, they are subject to only state and local requirements regarding safety equipment. However, if these vehicles are originally manufactured so that they can go faster than 20MPH, they are treated as a motor vehicle under Federal Law.

The standard requires low-speed vehicles to be equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signals, tail/amps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers (VIN).

For more information pertaining to golf carts go to, NHTSA, DOT 571.500

General Overview for the State of Kentucky:

In Kentucky, a golf cart means any self-propelled vehicle that:

- Is designed for the transportation of players or maintaining equipment on a golf course, while engaged in the playing of golf, supervising the play of golf, or maintaining the conditions of the grounds on a golf course.
- Has a minimum of four (4) wheels.
- Is designed to operate at a speed of not more than thirty-five (35) MPH.
- Is designed not to carry more than six (6) persons, including the driver.
- Has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 2,500lbs.
- Has a maximum rated payload capacity of 1,200lbs.
- Meets the federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles set forth in 49 C.F.R. sec 571.500 (see above reference)

In order to legally operate your golf cart on public highways, you must obtain a permit from your local government and display it appropriately. You must also get your golf cart inspected by a certified inspector designated by the county sheriff and certified through the Department of Vehicle Regulation to ensure that the golf cart complies with the requirements of state laws.

A permitted golf cart may be operated on streets for which the posted speed limit is 35MPH or less.

The driver of the golf cart must hold a valid driver's license and may only operate the golf cart between sunrise and sunset.

Your golf cart does not need the following:

- Title requirements.
- Vehicle registration requirements.
- Emissions compliance certificates.

Helpful Links

www.lrc.ky.gov-Golf Carts

www.lrc.ky.gov-Low Speed Vehicles

There are several reasons against the use of golf carts in Park Hills.

- The topography of the city lends to the greater possibility of accidents/injuries with golf carts. With the numerous hills, narrow streets and restricted sight-lines this increases the likelihood of golf cart accidents.
- You cannot operate a golf cart on a designated State Highway, i.e. Dixie Highway. With the location of most of our businesses and two high schools located on Dixie Highway, I can foresee a usage of golf carts on Dixie even though it's forbidden.
- You can cross an intersection with Dixie Highway while operating a golf cart but, the accident risk is high as this is a State Highway with a posted speed limit of 35MPH which increases the chance of accident/injury.
- Let's be honest with ourselves, people tend to be lax when operating a golf cart as many people view golf carts as a safer, less intimidating alternative to cars.
- Golf carts are not intended to be used on city streets as a motor vehicle! They are an open-air vehicle with very little structural protection against the weather let alone another vehicle or immovable object (i.e. trees which Park Hills has an abundance of), and this greatly increases the chance of serious physical injury to the driver and/or passengers. In a golf cart versus car/pickup/truck/immovable object accident the golf cart and its occupants are going to lose.

Consider this:

Study finds golf cart-related injuries are common - February 18, 2021

DRIVING SAFETY TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Columbus, OH - Golf cart users, be "FORE !"-warned: The zippy means of transportation - no longer limited to golf courses - carries "considerable risk of injury and morbidity" to drivers and passengers of all ages, especially kids and older adults, say researchers from the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

The researchers reviewed 2007-2017 data from the [National Electronic Injury Surveillance System](#). Findings show that an estimated 156,040 people received emergency room treatment for golf cart-related injuries, and the annual total number and rate of such injuries remained relatively unchanged over the course of the study period.

The average rate of traumatic brain injuries among kids who sustained golf cart-related injuries was 1.6 per 1 00,000 - more than three times the rate incurred by adults (0.5 per 100,000) and around 46% greater than that of older adults (1.1 per 100,000). The overall injury rate among older adults climbed to nearly 8.1 per 1 00,000 in 2017 from approximately 4.8 per 1 00,000 in 2007 - a 67.6% increase.

Golf carts traditionally lack safety features such as safety belts, doors, mirrors and lights. Citing previous studies, the researchers note that golf cart-related injuries can range from lacerations and strains to fractures and traumatic brain injuries. Some injuries have even been fatal.

"Despite the high rate of injuries," the researchers write, "there have been no meaningful changes in golf cart design or legislation to reduce the overall burden of these injuries."

[The study was published online Nov. 16 in the Journal of Safety Research.](#)

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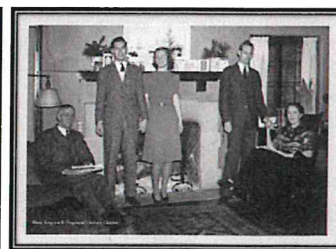
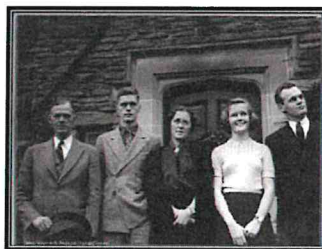
Golf carts are not permitted to be driven in Park Hills and appropriate enforcement will result. This includes a ticket and/or impoundment of the golf cart.

Chief Cody Stanley
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The History Corner



Park Hills was founded by DeWitt Collins Lee, a lawyer and botanist who was seeking to create a beautiful village nestled against the forested hills of Devou. Lee built his elegant Tudor style home on the point at the end of Emerson Road overlooking Covington. His wife Grace Lee was a talented musician. They had three children Robert ("Buzz") (a math professor), John and Maryat. Maryat went on to become a moderately famous and avant garde playwright and theatre director. The pictures depict the Lee family in their Emerson Road home.



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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.

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Get Connected: Park Hills Web Resources

City of Park Hills website: 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.

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