



The Official Newsletter of the City of Park Hills

News From the Mayor

Update for what's going on in and around the city:

Since getting through another winter, there is much work around the city to get accomplished. It takes long periods at times to get things done due to contractors, weather, or waiting on state or federal grants. I and the City Council are working to keep our city safe, keep our budgets in good standing, expenses in line and work on needed infrastructure. I would love to get things accomplished quicker. So, I thank all for your patience. We will get things done. Below are some updates on projects.

1. Amsterdam Road: We are working with the county to obtain grant money to cover the over two million dollars necessary to fix the road. Meanwhile Dan will continue to address fixing potholes as needed. Now that the Hamilton Hillside has had a chance to settle for a year, we hired a landscaper to add flowering trees, plant grass and adding a bench to enjoy the view. (See details on next page)
2. The St. Joseph Road sidewalk is waiting for final approvals from the state to commence work. We hope that the sidewalk work can start this summer once we get through all the regulatory issues, federal funding and a contractor hired.
3. The city building has been and is still being spruced up with painting and needed repairs.
4. Entrance signs are in the process of being replaced around the city to better welcome all to our city.
5. Unfortunately, we have had an increase in house and car break-ins especially of those that are not locked. Teens in the Ft. Mitchel, Ft. Wright and Park Hills area have been taking advantage of unsecured property late at night and stealing anything of value. Police are on the watch. The last time this happened, our detective was instrumental in the investigation and captured some of the offenders.



6. Mill and overlay of some streets with the highest priority of repair according to Jay Bayer's Street Study, will occur.
7. The Community Cleanup day is April 23, starting at 9 AM. Volunteers are needed. Please meet at the city building for gloves and bags to help in the cleanup. Thank you to all that will give of your time to volunteer to help in this event.
8. We will start meeting at the Gardens in Park Hills on May 9th. The side entrance will be open for those who want to attend our business meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM. The agenda is posted online the Friday prior to meetings.
9. The Memorial Day Parade will return in person to our streets this year. Come out to show your support for the parade this Memorial Day. See the Civic Association's web site for more information as it becomes available online (phcahub.org).



Kathy



The Memorial Day Parade is ON!



*Thanks to all our
First Responders*



Restoration of Hamilton Hill



As a part of the reconstruction of Amsterdam Road from Trolley Park to Montague Road, the hillside which abuts Hamilton Road was buttressed with soil and rock. The reinforcement of the hillside was advised by our engineers to prevent further slippage of Hamilton Road which had already been pierced in two places. The addition and compaction of the soil necessary for supporting the road resulted in a barren landscape. We waited for the compacted soil to settle and now are undertaking the restoration of the hillside.



Step One saw the clearing and removal of debris, dead trees and invasives such as honeysuckle. Step Two will see 20 dump truck loads of topsoil applied to the hillside to permit us to plant. The current compacted soil struggled to even support weeds. Step Three will see the installation of approximately 20 Yoshino Cherry trees. These trees are the same as those grown on the Capitol Mall and are renowned for their beauty. The Yoshino will not get huge, does not bear fruit, and has a gorgeous Spring bloom and vibrant Fall color. The trees will be situated in the flattest and upper most portion of the hillside. They will be mulched and bagged for water. The trees will be underplanted with grass and will form a welcoming alle' for residents to wander through and take in the spectacular view of Cincinnati. The rest of the hillside will be seeded in grass and islands of wildflowers which will provide color from Spring through frost. At a future point, we may add native shrubs to the hillside as well.

Audubon Preserve

Audubon Preserve, located off Audubon Road just past Wald Court, is receiving care and attention. The city received a grant for the removal of invasives which included honeysuckle, Callery and Bradford pears, and euonymus. The work was done by Groundworks and the area is looking more like the old stand of woods that it is. In late April volunteers from Covington Catholic will assist in spreading large quantities of wood chips on the walking paths to make them more user friendly and less muddy. We are also procuring a sign for the entrance. The Spring ephemerals are currently in bloom and put on a real show. Trillium, dog tooth violets, trout lilies, dutchmen's breeches and bloodroot are but a few that carpet the forest floor. We plan to add to the native wildflower population. Also, the Park Hills Tree Board will be planting some new indigenous trees in the Preserve as many trees have been lost to the ash blight and high winds. The new trees will include Sycamore, Shagbark Hickory, Wild Cherry and Spice Bush. This is a unique space – a taste of what all of Park Hills was before farming and development. We invite you to walk through and enjoy the quiet beauty.



Property Tax Info



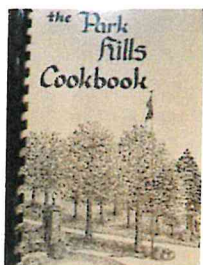
Property owners 65 years of age, or older, are entitled to a Homestead Exemption on their property taxes. The current exemption is \$40,500 which is subtracted from the assessed valuation before taxes are calculated. It reduces the amount you pay for city and county taxes. You must live at the address in order to qualify for the exemption. In addition, the law grants this exemption to disabled persons, regardless of age, if the disability meets certain state requirements. For more information, please call the Kenton County Property Valuation (PVA) office at (859) 392-1750, or to apply.

Notes:

- The city clerk is not able to adjust 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 must appear on the deed as an owner and state right of survivorship.
 - 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.

Culinary Chronicles



From the 1985 Park Hills Civic Association cookbook, we offer another tasty selection. This recipe was submitted by Agnes Farrell. Agnes lived at 1161 Morgan Court with her husband Dr. Charles Farrell and seven children:

Connie, Mary, Joe, Jim, Patrice, Jeanette and Rob. She loved her home and



was very involved at her parish St. Agnes. Her eldest brother was a Jesuit missionary in India and every year she organized a huge bake sale to raise money for the mission. She was known for her welcoming home, devotion to her family and faith and her culinary skills. This recipe is refreshing and easy to prepare. Children especially love it.

Pineapple Cake - Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 40 minutes

2 c. sugar

2 c. flour

2 tsp baking soda

2 large eggs

1 Tbsp. vanilla

½ cup chopped nuts

20 oz. crushed pineapple, with juice



Combine all ingredients and pour into greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Serves 12 to 14.

Icing:

2 c. powdered sugar

1 stick margarine, softened

1 large cream cheese, softened

1 tsp vanilla

Beat all ingredients till creamy. Ice cake

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Visit parkhillssky.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@parkhillssky.net or call (859) 431-6252 for more details.

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, jalig@parkhillssky.net



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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?





YEARS OF FESTIVAL FUN!




JULY 4 FROM 1-6PM





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You're Invited to the 2022 Park Hills Memorial Day Parade & Flag Raising Ceremony!

Back in person this year!

*"We recognize our precious freedom, preserved by those we honor."
Park Hills Memorial Day Parade Committee*

Monday May 30th, at 11:30am (rain or shine) marks the date and start time of the annual Park Hills Memorial Day Parade. The Park Hills Civic Association and the City of Park Hills sponsor the annual Parade and Flag Raising Ceremonies.

- Parade Route: Dixie Hwy at NDA to Arlington Road to Old State Road to Terrace Drive to Amsterdam Road to Park Drive
- Flag Raising Ceremony: At the conclusion of the Parade, conducted at the intersection of Amsterdam Road and Park Drive. The Parade Grand Marshall will be honored and presented with a medal commemorating participation in the services.

Request for Parade Entries: Cars, Pick-ups, trailers, walkers: Entries can be residents, neighbors and neighborhoods, businesses, sporting groups, school groups, bicycles, walkers, political support groups, all are welcome. For Parade Entry & Registration Information: email Adrienne Gallagher: adriennegallagher22@gmail.com. Parade Lineup and Assistance, staging and more, visit PHCAhub.org

Art Contest: NEW! Fifth graders from Ft. Wright Elementary School and St. Agnes School are invited compete in a Memorial Day art contest. A \$50 first prize and a \$25 second prize will be awarded to the winning artists, chosen by a local professional. Art should be inspired by our 2022 Memorial Day Theme, *"We recognize our precious freedom, preserved by those we honor."* A 50-word accompanying description of the meaning behind the entry must be submitted along with the art. Mediums can be pencil, paint, or computer-generated art, up to 11X17".

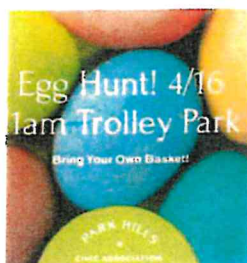
Donations: Can you help support the Memorial Day Parade? We are close to making our goal and need your help! If you would like to make a donation to support the Memorial Day Parade music and Flag Raising Ceremony costs, make your check out to the Park Hills Civic Association - 2022 Memorial Day Parade, and mail it to The City of Park Hills, 1106 Amsterdam Road, Park Hills, KY 41011- 5605. Thank you for your support!

Other questions: David Schlothauer: calwyo@fuse.net
More details at www.phcahub.org

Park Hills Civic Association

Spring & Summer Events

Finally, two years later, we can get together again! Festivities commence with the traditional Egg Hunt and continue through summer. Get more details at phcahub.org.



Traditional Easter Egg Hunt for 2022 is back!

- When: Saturday, 4/16
- Time: 11am
- Where: Trolley Park
- Bring your basket!

Hop over to Trolley Park for an egg hunt, snacks and the Easter Bunny. All you need to bring is a basket.
(Cancelled in rain.)



2022 Memorial Day Parade and Flag Raising Ceremonies:

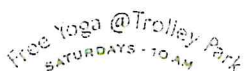
Returning in Person this year!

- Save the date for Monday, May 30th
- 11:30am rain or shine
- Click [HERE](#) to learn more!



Market & Garden Tour

Follow our group [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to stay tuned year-round. We are working to bring back the tour summer of 2023.



Yoga in the Park:

Select Saturdays starting mid-August, running into October



Yard Sale:

Saturday, July 9 (rain date is 7/16)

Call for New Board Members!

Would you like to get involved with the Park Hills Civic Association? Now is your opportunity! We are looking for interest in all board positions: President, Vice President and Treasurer. Reach out to leadership at leader-ship@phcahub.org.



TREE BOARD OF

“JUST ONE TREE”

PARK HILLS

Go out on a limb for Park Hills... This year we are starting an initiative to encourage every household in Park Hills to plant “Just One Tree”. The tree can be big or small, front yard, back yard, side yard, any yard! In the past 3 years over 1,000 trees have been taken down in Park Hills, this is our effort to reforest our city.

Tree Board Programs:

1. **Park Hill’s Plant-A- Tree Program** —Park Hills plants a tree in your yard for \$125 donation to the City. The tree is planted by Beaten’s Nursery and coordinated by the Park Hills Tree Board.
2. **Park Hill’s Sapling Program** — Park Hills provides a selection of tree seedlings each spring FREE as a gift to Park Hills home owners.
3. **Baeten’s Nursery & Greenhouse** — The Park Hills Tree Board has established with Baeten’s Nursery an exclusive spring 20% tree discount for Park Hills home owners. In addition, Park Hills home owners can also participate in Baeten’s fall 20% discount tree program.

WHY "JUST ONE TREE"?

Reduce Your Heating and AC Bill... Trees shade your home in the summer months and block wind in the winter months, saving you money on heating and cooling.

Improve Your Privacy... Trees increase your privacy. Privacy is also one of the desired attributes for home buyers, thus making your property more desirable.

Increase Your Property Value... Numerous studies have shown that trees can increase property values up to 15%. Home buyers are drawn to the shade, air quality improvements, and general character that mature trees give to a property.

Protect Your Environment... Not only can trees reduce air pollution, but they can also reduce storm runoff and reduce noise pollution.

Visit: www.ParkHillsKY.net for details





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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.

Contact Information

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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.

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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.

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Park Hills Fire & Police Departments

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