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Mayors Message

With the spring season now coming to an end, our Public Works Department is wrapping up its annual preparation of our outdoor areas. The weather this spring posed quite a challenge, but they're finishing the many necessary tasks that our parks, campus and buildings require, while entering grass-cutting season as well. I think you will agree that they have done a remarkable job.



If you haven't been to our City Building or Veteran's Park lately, please stop by. With the help of a grant we received this spring, our Public Works Department has planted about 20 new trees. The trees have really uplifted the look of our property and will eventually add much-needed shade for sitting and enjoying your children while they play. Thanks to our Public Works Department for a job well done.

Our Police Department would like me to remind you that our children are out of school and will be enjoying their summer vacation, which means they will be riding bikes and playing outside. I can't stress enough that everyone be alert and watch your speed on our streets. We all know kids don't always remember to look both ways before running after a ball or chasing their friends.

If your family has a summer or early fall vacation planned, our Police Department offers a vacation check. To request this valuable service, just give our Administration Office a call at (859) 441-8575 and let them know the dates you will be away. The police will schedule several walk-around stops to check your doors and windows.

Highland Village Senior Home is now finished, except for finishing touches on landscaping and punch-out list work. The independent senior living village is already at full capacity and, at this time, is placing people on a waiting list. We look forward to welcoming our new residents, as well as some returning residents, to Highland Heights.

Our Town Center continues to move forward. The once-occupied Thriftway Center and Victor Brown business will now become the major center point of our town along US 27. Proposed is a medical office building occupied by St. Elizabeth Physicians and Ortho-Cincy on the north side of Nunn Drive. On the south corner of Nunn will be a building with retail on the first floor and market-rate apartments on the second and third floors. An upscale hotel is proposed for the corner of US 27 and Marshall Lane. The back side of the property will feature sidewalks traveling toward the university, along with public gathering spaces and outside dining for the upscale restaurants occupying the first-floor retail spaces. Both surface parking and below-grade parking will be available.

Our Administration Department works hard to keep up with the day-to-day operation of our busy city. That includes helping residents in a friendly and timely manner. Please give them a call at (859) 441-8575 with any questions or concerns.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer, and I hope to see you all on July 14 at the annual car show and concert.

Sincerely,

Greg Meyers - Mayor

City Spotlight Highland Heights Police Officer - Lt. Amber Conrad



Lt. Amber Conrad has been a police officer for the last 18 years; all with the City of Highland Heights. Originally from Mason, Ohio; Amber attended the Miami University in Oxford and double majored in Business and Psychology where she met her future husband -Bill Conrad. After working as a manager of a retail store for three years she saw how much her husband liked his career as a police officer and decided to get into the police business. Applying and being offered numerous positions with different departments; she chose Highland Heights. The City and Citizens of Highland Heights are as happy about that decision as she is.

Amber has been a lieutenant for the last 9 years and a sergeant for two years before that. Amber has been in charge of the Department K-9 since 2003. Tiba is her current K-9 officer and the third that she worked with. Tiba is a narcotics police dog and is always with Amber when she is on patrol or if called for a specific investigation. Narcotics and related crimes are the number one issue facing Amber and the rest of the police department. Due to the Highland Heights location at the intersection of I-275, I-471 and US 27 there is a lot of traffic coming into the city that makes it a prime opportunity for drug traffic. Amber and Tiba are always vigilant to stop and arrest someone committing those crimes.

Prior to managing the K-9 department, Amber has been a member of the SWAT Team, Accident Reconstruction and Bike Patrol.

One of the biggest changes and challenges that Amber faces is how the face of the police business has changed over the years. The police are now very much aware of public opinion on how they handle their jobs. This keeps everyone on their toes and accountable for their actions at all times.

One of the things that Amber is very proud of is being able to balance her responsibilities as a Lieutenant with all of the associated paperwork and duties along with continuing to go out on Patrol. When asked about what it is like being a woman in this field; she stated she never gives it much thought as she is treated the same as any of the other male officers. She is very confident that all of her training and skills have prepared her both physically and mentally for her role. She would highly recommend this career to both any young woman and man that might be interested.

Amber resides on a farm in Pendleton county with her husband Bill who is a Covington police officer and her 7 year old son Jack and 3 ½ year old daughter Emily along with 4 horses, a barn cat, another dog, and of course Tiba. Amber is also very proud to make sure she balances her personal life with her career.

From The Highland Heights Police Department

Please remember to drive safely and obey all traffic laws, especially on the City streets as the children are on summer break and outside. Also remember to wear your seat belts as the Highland Heights Police Department participates in the "Click it or Ticket" program.

As vacation season approaches remember that the police department will check your residence for you while you are out of town. Contact the clerk to set up your house check.

There is a prescription drug drop box for unused or outdated medicine located at the police department. The drop box allows for safe disposal of prescription drugs and can be ac-

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cessed Monday through Friday during regular business hours of 8-4.

You can always keep track of what is going on in the city either through the Highland Heights Police Facebook page or the City website.

Please don't hesitate to call the police if you need help or see something suspicious. If it is an emergency call 911, and for non-emergency assistance please call (859) 292-3622 for the Campbell County Dispatch center. The dispatcher will put you in contact with an officer 24 hours a day. The Highland Heights Police Clerk hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for administrative needs call (859) 441-8956. If you prefer to communicate with the police department via email don't hesitate to email the Chief at wbirkenhauer@hhky.com.

Public Works Department

Spring has not been kind for the Public Works Department. With all the rain and cool weather, it was difficult keeping up with the grass cutting and any other outside projects. All of our parks are open for use. As of Memorial Day flowers have not been planted throughout the city and mulch cannot be spread around all of the beds until the planting is complete.

Spring riders have been added at our City Building playground area and at Carmack Park. They are for children aged 2-5

If anyone visits our parks or playgrounds and sees something that needs

attention, please contact the city building so the information can be passed on to Public Works and corrective action taken.

We know it is a burden when Public Works posts "No Parking" signs on streets. In May, we posted signs so that the streets with curbs could be swept. It is a hardship on residents that do not have driveways, but we get the streets cleaned annually to keep grass, leaves and debris from getting into the storm sewers and makes the city look better. Our vendor had troubles with their sweeper several days. That is the reason the streets were posted on more than 1 occasion.

On July 3rd, we are having the parking lot at the city building sealed. No one will be able to use the parking lot that afternoon or evening. The city offices will be re-opened July 5th.

Public Works, in conjunction with the Beautification Committee and Campbell County Extension Service is working on placing a fountain and landscaping the Right-of-Way in front of the Post Office. This will take us several months to complete, but should look great when completed.

On July 14th our Recreation Department will be hosting our annual Cruise-in and Concert. Since we have to begin setting up on Friday July 13th, the city building park and pavilions will be closed July 13th through 15th. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to our residents.

Cruise in and Concert in the Park

On Saturday July 14th, the city will have our annual Car Show and Concert in the Park at the city building. This has been a large event for the Recreation Committee in the past. The cruise-in and concert are free to citizens. Refreshments and food are sold at a minimal cost. The Cruise-in is from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The Concert is from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Food is served from about 4:00 until 8:00. Water and soft drinks are available throughout the event. Beer is available after 7:00 pm. Food and drinks are obtained by tickets purchased at one location. Music performed by IconX.

*The food available will be
Hot dogs, brats,
hamburgers, pulled pork
and corn on the cob.*



From the Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee now has a full complement of committee members. Our members include: **Greg Evans, Chris Hart, Melissa Irwin, Jen Johnson, Nichole Miller and Michael Vaught.**

These people work very hard and devote a lot of time to prepare for the events they put on for our citizens. Thanks to all of them for the commitment they give to the city.

Following is a list of events remaining for 2018:

Cruise In/Concert in the park –
Saturday July 14th. More information in this newsletter.

Children’s Halloween Party –
This event will be held Saturday, October 27th at the Public Works Building. There will be activities to participate in for your children, a hayride, a costume judging contest for age groups 0-3, 4-8 and 9-12. Refreshments, snacks and hotdogs will be served.

Citywide Trick or Treat –
Wednesday October 31st, 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm.

Veterans Day Ceremony and Senior Breakfast–
Saturday November 10th. At 8:30 am we honor our past and present veterans. At the completion of the ceremony we serve breakfast for our city’s seniors followed by a couple of hours of BINGO, with winners receiving prizes. Outdoor Lighting Contest – All residents that have decorated their residence and have them lit on Dec 11th will be reviewed and a household that has not won the award in the past 10 years will be selected as the winner for 2018 and recognized at an upcoming Council Meeting.

Lunch with Santa –
On Saturday, Dec 15th, we will have a children’s lunch with Santa, preceded by activities for the children, snacks, refreshments and the hit of the event, pictures with Santa. The Recreation Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month and is an open meeting for all residents that would like to attend.

Pantry of Hope Update -Brandy Medaugh

The US Postal Service drive in May was very successful this year. The pantry received over 4200 pounds of food this year compared to 1800 pounds last year. This is great news as we have seen a significant increase in the average number of people we are serving each week.

This will help us get through the summer months –but we will be relying on our generous donors as well as our 2nd Annual Food Walk in the Fall (date to be announced soon).

We are also the benefactor of the City Barbeque/Highland Heights Touch a Truck coming up in June 30th from 12-2 at the City Building. Please mention the Pantry of Hope at the City Barbeque location any time during the day on June 30th and they will donate 25% of all sales to the Pantry.

Thanks again for all the volunteers and donors that make us successful in our mission.

Fairmount Properties - Adam Branscomb

The US-27 mixed-use development at NKU continues to make good progress. Due diligence, including the evaluation of the physical, environmental, market and traffic impacts of the project, is wrapping up and the public-private partnership (P3) project team is now finalizing the strategy for implementation of the vision. Collaboration with community stakeholders remains an important component of the process. A challenging project

Yard of the month award



Winner is Robert Montgomery, 409 Knollwood Drive.

such as this requires a very creative approach to planning, financing and implementation.

The project will be phased, with the initial phase consisting of a +/- 65,000 SF medical office building (MOB). With just a few more details to work out, the MOB has an anticipated groundbreaking later this summer. Later phases will further deliver a walkable mixed-use environment complete with distinct new shops and restaurants, hospitality, and market rate apartments geared to young professionals, faculty and staff at the university and others in the workforce, as well as parking, greenspace and other public amenities.

The fundamental goal of the development remains the creation of a unique and authentic “town and gown” district where the shared Highland Heights, Campbell County and NKU community can come together to live, shop, dine, work and recreate. The development team sincerely appreciates the opportunity to be a part of the energy transforming this important part of the community and looks forward to celebrating exciting milestones with you as the project advances.





Proclamation awarded to Harold Blocher

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher served on Highland Heights City Council from 1992 to 1996 and then again from 2003 to 2006, and;

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher also helped with the Comprehensive Plan Update in 1999;

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher served on the Board of Appeals in 2001 and Existing Structure Board in 2002 for the City of Highland Heights, and;

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher has dedicated his time and served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for Highland Heights in 2007 through 2018, and;

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher has been a model citizen, faithful and loving Husband, Father and Grandfather and a tremendous help to his community for decades.

Now, therefore, I, Greg Meyers, Mayor of the City of Highland Heights, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 7, 2018 as "Harold Blocher Day" in the City of Highland Heights, Kentucky and urge all citizens to acknowledge and appreciate Harold Blocher for his many years of service to the City of Highland Heights.

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher has lived in Highland Heights and has been married to Karen for 45 years, and;

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher is the proud father of three children, Mark who is married to Courtney, Melissa who is married to Mike and Mike who is married to Kim, and;

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher has ten (10) grandchildren, AJ, Luke, Micah, Trenton, Jack, Kadin, Brianna, Sydney, Brody and Elena, and;

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher attended St. Joseph School, Cold Spring and Latin School in Covington, and;

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher has a decades long hobby of operating and monitoring Ham Radio;

WHEREAS, Harold Blocher served on the Board of Adjustments and Recreation Committee for the City of Highland Heights in 1991, and;

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Touch-A-Truck

Touch a Truck—June 30, 2018
 Highland Heights City Building Parking Lot
 Noon—2:00pm

City Barbeque Sponsored Community Event and Fundraiser for The Pantry of Hope.

Central Campbell County Fire Department will have a firetruck and Highland Heights will have a police cruiser available for people to see up close and hear from our local police and fire departments.

This event will be sponsored by City Barbeque who will provide Free grilled corn on the cob and lemonade for all that come.

Canned goods are encouraged to be donated at the event. Twenty Five Percent of all sales for the day at City Barbeque will be donated to the Pantry of Hope.

City BARBEQUE



Highlighted Business

Northern Kentucky Educators Federal Credit Union

Northern Kentucky Educators' Federal Credit Union was established in 1973. As this small, local credit union celebrates its 45th anniversary, we'd like to take a look back on how our home town credit union began.

The Northern Kentucky Educators' Federal Credit Union started in a small office in the Administrative Center on NKU's campus. Both NKU and NKEFCU looked much different then. In that small office there were just a couple of NKU employees with a desire to bring employee owned financial services to the educators of northern Kentucky.

Once the credit union outgrew the small office, they relocated to what is now the NKU Alumni house on John's Hill Road. As word spread of the not-for-profit financial institution with their friendly service and great loan rates, so did the number of employees and members. What began as a credit union for NKU employees and students grew into include 33 local business and school districts.

Northern Kentucky Educators' Federal

Credit Union became well known for their friendly atmosphere and professional services. In 2006 the credit union outgrew its home once again. A bank building became available right across the street from NKU's campus on Alexandria Pike. After a few renovations and a fresh lick of paint, Northern Kentucky Educators' Federal Credit Union had a new home. Now equipped with a larger parking lot and a drive thru, NKEFCU became able to help more people with ease and convenience.

Today, Northern Kentucky Educators' Federal Credit Union is 3,000 members strong and is growing every day. Now, anyone can be a member of this home town credit union by making a \$10 donation to the NKU Alumni and Friends. The employees, 45 years later, still greet each member with a warm hello and bright smile. They are known for giving their members the small, hometown cred-

it union atmosphere but still offering the latest financial technology.

Northern Kentucky Educators' Federal Credit Union has a mobile banking app, online banking, online bill pay, the ability to securely close on loans online, debit cards, access to ATMs and more. From 1973 till today and beyond, Northern Kentucky Educators' Federal Credit Union strives to follow the guiding principles of safeguarding member assets, ensuring the long-term standing of the credit union, encouraging regular saving and providing loans and other services required by members, and providing a confidential, friendly and non-judgmental atmosphere.

Stopping into the credit union has been a joy for many of the long-term members. If you have yet to visit your home town credit union, go by and visit! Say hello, have a conversation, and maybe even save some money.





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Upcoming Events

JULY 2018

Council Meeting
 July 3 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
City Offices Closed
 July 4
 Planning/Zoning Meeting
 July 10 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Recreation Meeting
 July 11 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Cruise-In and Concert
 July 14 @ 4 pm - 11 pm
 Council Meeting
 July 17 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

AUGUST 2018

Council Meeting
 August 7 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
 Recreation Meeting
 August 8 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Planning/Zoning Meeting
 August 14 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Council Meeting
 August 21 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 2018

Labor Day - Offices Closed
 September 3
 Council Meeting
 September 4 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
 Planning/Zoning Meeting
 September 11 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00pm
 Recreation Meeting
 September 12 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Council Meeting
 September 18 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Volleyball Starts

May 18 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm every Friday, except on July 13, 2018. They will be off for the Cruise-In set up.

Cruise-In and Concert

July 14 @ 4 pm - 11 pm



Upcoming Events

More information on events can be obtained from visiting the City calendar on the web or by scanning the QR code below.

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City Calendar



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