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## Mayors Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We are now nearing the end of the winter season, with our sight set on spring. We have experienced several snow / ice events. I want to thank our residents who moved, when possible, their cars off the streets during the snow event. This allows our Public Works Department to provide snow / ice removal much safer and quicker. All of our snow removal equipment has performed excellent. A job well done goes out to our Public Works Department for the hours spent last fall doing maintenance on all the snow removal equipment. We have a very excellent and talented group providing our Public Services.



Our Police Department wants me to let our residents know that they are very appreciative of the patience displayed with the recent full capacity crowds at the BB&T arena while UC plays their home games. We are almost through the basketball season. Our community has received many good comments from our guests attending the UC games.

Our Chief and his staff can't stress enough, for everyone to be alert and watch your speed on our streets.

If your family has a winter or spring vacation planned, our police department offers a vacation check. To request this valuable service just give our administration 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.

Our Administration staff is finished with processing, collecting and posting of our city tax and waste collection bills. If you have any questions or concerns please give them a call at (859) 441-8575, they are ready to help you in a friendly and timely manner.

Highland Village Senior Home construction is almost completed. They are in the final phase of completing the front wing. We now have many residents moving in weekly. The village will offer independent senior living. We look forward to welcoming to Highland Heights our new residents as well as some returning residents. Look for further details about a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the facility.

In late December there was a major announcement regarding our Town Center. 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 Professional Doctors Office building occupied by St Elizabeth and Cincinnati Orthopedics, on the north side of Nunn Drive. On the corner of the south side of Nunn there will a building that will house retail on the first floor and market rate apartments on the second and third floors. On the corner of US 27 and Marshall Lane there is proposed an upscale Hotel. As you travel down Nunn Drive on the south side there will be another building consisting of Office space, and more retail. The back side of the property will be sidewalks traveling towards the university along with public gathering spaces and outside dining for the upscale restaurants occupying the first floor retail spaces. There will also be surface parking along with below grade parking.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe spring and I hope to see you at one of our spring and summer activities.

Sincerely,

*Greg Meyers* - Mayor



## Highland Heights Named 7th Safest College Town in America

Highland Heights was named the seventh-safest college town in America by Safewise. The company analyzed recent FBI crime stats and campus safety initiatives to see which towns and cities are the safest for students, faculty: and staff.

**Safewise said of Highland Heights:** "Tucked away in the hills of northern Kentucky, Highland Heights is a suburb across the river from Cincinnati that has maintained its small-town charm and low crime rate despite the rapid growth of Northern Kentucky University. As one of the state's fastest-growing colleges, NKU has managed the influx of higher student populations while keeping crime rates low. The university's most recent campus crime report revealed zero incidents of robbery, aggravated assault, murder, fondling, and arson in the 2015 academic year. Security is just one part of what students love about NKU—student reviews on Unigo indicate the campus is diverse, inclusive, safe, and welcoming."

## Recreation Department

Prior to our summer newsletter, we have 2 events coming up. Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held March 24th at the City Building pavilion for children aged 0 to 12 from 1:30 - 2:30. On May 28th at 8:30am we will have our **Memorial Day ceremony**.

## Public Works Department

So far, the winter of 2017-18 has been busier than the last couple of years. As of February 5th the Public Works Department has treated streets on 12 dates, worked 147 overtime

hours, driven 998 miles and used approximately 175 ton of salt to make our streets drivable. In the winter of 2016-17 we used about 30 tons of salt.

Please note that when it snows, streets that are snow emergency routes, there is no parking in these posted areas once an emergency is declared. You can assist your neighbors and the Public Works team by getting as many vehicles off the streets as possible so that we can do a better job of clearing the streets from curb to curb. If there is a fire hydrant in or near your yard it is helpful for you to remove snow from around them in case there is an emergency and the fire department needs to utilize it.

As the ground thaws, pot holes will start appearing on streets. Public Works will be filling several times in the next few weeks, but pot-holes open quickly during freezing and thawing. If you notice potholes, please contact the city building with the location so we can see if it is deep enough to patch. If it is too shallow to patch, we will keep an eye on it and fill it when it is a couple of inches deep.

#### **DEAD ASH TREES SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED**

The Emerald Ash Borer came though this area in recent years, and a large number of Ash trees are dead. Unlike Oak, Hickory and Walnut, Ash is not a durable wood after the tree has died, and Ash trees are already dropping their limbs – and some are breaking at the trunks or roots and the entire tree is falling. This spring will likely cause a lot of limbs to drop when the heavy rain and winds arrive.

If you have dead Ash trees on your property that are near buildings, sidewalks, driveways, streets or any frequently occupied area of your property – you should take steps to have the tree removed from your property as soon as possible. The City of Highland Heights does not cut or remove trees - it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the vegetation and trees on their property, including any abutting street Right of Way.

If a tree falls onto the public sidewalk or street – the Public Works Department or Fire Department will likely clear the Right of Way to restore the use of the sidewalk or street. The abutting property owner will be responsible for completing the cleanup once the City of Highland Heights

emergency is over and the Public Works and/or Fire Department have left.

#### ***A message from the Director of the Pantry of Hope –Brandy Medaugh***



On behalf of the Pantry of Hope, I would like to take the time to thank each and every one of our donors and volunteers for another successful year and Holiday. We have served over 7000 people in 2017 with food, gifts, hygiene products and the word of the Lord! We are very blessed to have huge supporters who have stuck by our side. As February is here, I can remember with shaky hands the day I walked into Pastor Mark Webb's office and said I would like to start a food pantry. I remember him telling me that we would have to have the church vote on it. The church struggled because of the cost but believed in the work that was going to be done. Within years we have been able to build an outside community of donors and supporters to keep the mission going as the church continues to provide us with the space/utilities/insurance, support and prayers.

We are here for anyone and everyone in need. Stop by and see our mission and as always pray for the work that we are doing to feed and comfort those in need around us. Thanks again to all you amazing people

The Pantry of Hope located downstairs of the First Baptist Church at 2315 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, KY and is open from 9:30 to 12 each Saturday to drop off donations..

#### ***Good Neighbor Award:***

**Candice Ziegler** was awarded the Good Neighbor Award at the February 20th Council Meeting for her work with the Pantry of Hope.

In November Candice organized a canned goods drive at a Newport Central Catholic Boys Basketball game. Anyone attending the game was encouraged to bring a canned good as the price of admission.

The event was very successful as they collected a truckload of canned goods and non-perishable items and over \$150 dollars in cash donations.



Thanks to Candice's idea and by organizing the event; the Pantry was well stocked in time for the meals the Pantry provides at Thanksgiving.

**Cathy Halloran** lives in Highland heights with her husband Greg. They have been residents for 17 years. Greg & Cathy have 2 children, Reanne & Ryan. They have 2 young grand sons and one granddaughter on the way.

Cathy is the founder of the charitable organization Chicks & Chucks , a non profit she created 12 years ago to assist cancer patients with the various burdens of dealing and living with cancer. Her organization has raised close to \$500,000.00 for cancer patients. Cathy herself was diagnosed with breast cancer in August of 2001. She vowed to God at that time

if he would give her the strength to beat cancer she would dedicate her life to helping other cancer patients cope with their disease. Cathy has kept that vow and we, the citizens of Highland heights are fortunate to have this angel living with us in our community.



### **City Spotlight** **Highland Heights Police Officer -** **Lieutenant Greg Haigis**

Lt. Haigis is a hometown hero having grown up here in Highland Heights. He started his career as a police officer in 1998 with the Campbell County Police Department before returning to the City in 2010.

Greg went to St. Joseph School in Cold Spring and then to Newport Central Catholic. He received his Criminal Justice Degree from NKU and is currently working on a Master's Degree in Executive Leadership and Organizational Change (ELOC). Greg believes this will enhance his career in law enforcement. The ELOC program focuses on leading in an ever changing environment. The ever changing job responsibilities and societal expectations placed on law enforcement officers require a leader that can adapt just as quickly.

As an example of the growing list of responsibilities law enforcement officers face, Greg was recently certified as a remote control pilot for the department drone. The drone can be used to provide aerial views of crime scenes, accidents and for use in searching for lost children or suspects. Greg has already used the drone to assist in the capture of suspects on the run from the Cold Spring Police. Greg was promoted to lieutenant in April of 2015 after several years in the investigation unit. Greg is in charge of the Campbell County Major Accident Reconstruction Team as well as the Campbell County Crime Scene Unit and the Investigations Bureau for the department. He serves as a Firearms Instructor and is in charge of the department's evidence room. Greg is also a regular guest speaker for the "In the Driver's Seat" Program through the Campbell County Extension Office and recently graduated from the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice's Executive Development Program. Greg is scheduled to attend the FBI's National Academy this summer. This prestigious 10 week training opportunity accepts no more than 250 "local" law enforcement officers per session from around the world.

Even though Highland Heights is one of the safest communities in the state; it is a never ending battle to fight the war and subsequent issues associated with illegal drugs. Most of the crime in the area (burglary, shoplifting, theft, assault, etc.) can be linked back to is-

suces of drug abuse. The police force can only do so much; communities will need to take an active role in solving the social issues that drive people to experiment with illicit drugs.

Greg demonstrated the brave and heroic side of his profession in 2012 as he and fellow Officer Tony Jansen were awarded the Medal of Valor for pulling a man from a burning car after a collision on I-275 in February of 2012.

"After 19 years in law enforcement, there is not too much I haven't seen; good and bad. But, the opportunity to serve and give back to the community has made it a very fulfilling career. I hope that the path I have set myself on will give me the skills to continue that service in a leadership role for many years to come."

Greg is married with 4 children ages 7 months to 14 years in age. In his free time, he serves as the Girls' Soccer Director for St. Joseph, and enjoys coaching multiple sports and reading. We are lucky to have him on the team.

**Update from Adam Branscomb** - Project Manager for Fairmount Properties, NKU's development partner for the US-27 Mixed-Use Project.

NKU's chosen development partner, Fairmount Properties of Cleveland, OH, recognized the development potential of the US-27 opportunity prior to NKU's issuance of the 2016 RFP. They felt strongly that, although previous development attempts had been unsuccessful, the current stakeholder support and timing was right for the project to achieve success. Their firm has had multiple similar successful development partnerships with universities in recent years including at Kent State University, the University of Toledo and the University of Rochester. Their firm has a dedicated business division that focuses exclusively on this exact type of public-private partnership in communities just like Highland Heights.

The vision for this development draws upon both the Highland Heights Comprehensive Plan of 2012 and the NKU Master Plan of 2009. Once the TIF district was established by the local and county leadership it demonstrated to the development community that there was a strong public commitment for the implementation of a shared community vision.

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### **Yard of the month contest!**

Highland Heights Beautification Committee and (name of sponsor) will be presenting the yard of the month award once a month for the months of: June, July, August and September 2018.

The City of Highland Heights invites you to enter the yard of the month contest and celebrate the pride in ownership our residents show in their yards and homes.



Beautification Committee members will be driving around the city the last week of the current month to locate the winning yard for the presentation of the award the following month.

Nominations are welcomed for your neighbor's yard that you feel deserve the award.

The Yard of the Month sign will be placed in the winners yard for the following month and picture of your yard in the next newsletter. A \$25.00 gift card will be presented to the winner.

Yards can be nominated by email (enter proper email address) or calling (enter proper phone#).

Thank you for keeping Highland Heights beautiful. "Growth through Progress" and beauty!

## Update From Adam Branscomb

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The development team has been very busy since the beginning of 2017 with planning, negotiating and lining up the first key tenant - St. Elizabeth Healthcare - and developing the overall project plans and agreements. Due diligence will continue over the course of the coming months, including an important Traffic Impact Study which is underway now and will outline any road improvements needed to support this project. Great progress is being made with stakeholders and to use a football analogy, the project is approaching the red zone and the full team is working together to get the ball into the end zone. Look for an official groundbreaking ceremony for the initial phase of the development on the north side of Nunn Drive sometime this summer.

The development on the south side of Nunn Drive will include new ground floor restaurants and retail, hospitality, market rate apartments, great new public gathering spaces as well as parking facilities and is expected to continue with a groundbreaking in early 2019 with initial delivery of those buildings anticipated in 2020. Once completed, this overall district will serve as the exciting new gateway into Highland Heights and the NKU campus. This development will more fully integrate NKU with the broader community while improving the quality of life for those who live, work, shop, dine and recreate in Highland Heights.

The entire Fairmount Properties team is genuinely appreciative of this opportunity and will do everything they can to help shape the future of both NKU and Highland Heights in the way the community and NKU has envisioned. It is a responsibility they take very seriously and they are committed to continuing the development process in a spirit of collaboration and transparency. They welcome any and all ideas, input and suggestions from community stakeholders.

Adam Branscomb can be reached at [abranscomb@fairmountproperties.com](mailto:abranscomb@fairmountproperties.com). Please also visit their website to learn more about Fairmount Properties at [www.fairmountproperties.com](http://www.fairmountproperties.com).

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## NKU Announces Campus Edge Project, St. Elizabeth to Occupy Large Building



Northern Kentucky University revealed the plan for its main entrance from U.S. 27, which include a mixed-use development and professional office building along the intersection with Nunn Drive.

NKU made the announcement on Monday with development partner Fairmount Properties.

The project is described as a "town center"-style district, located on the south side of Nunn Drive and the campus gateway in Highland Heights. When completed, it will feature new restaurants, retail space, market-rate apartments, a hotel, structured parking, a new gathering spaces for the public.

In a news release, the university said that it hopes to include walkable amenities for students while also enhancing the Highland Heights community.

On the north side of Nunn Drive there will be a 70,000-sq. ft. professional office building that will be occupied by St. Elizabeth Healthcare.

"This development will energize the entrance to the university and transform it into a regional gathering place for both the campus and the community. We want this town center to serve as a bridge with Highland Heights

by creating a walkable retail and commercial center that everyone can enjoy," said Gerry St. Amand, NKU's interim president. "The town center project will make NKU more welcoming and appealing to future students. It's also an important step toward integrating our campus more fully into the life of the city NKU calls home - Highland Heights."

The medical office building, located on the north side of Nunn Drive, will fill a considerable need for health care support and care within the community, the university stated. The details of the services to be offered have not been finalized, but St. Elizabeth plans to offer urgent care, primary care, and specialty physicians at the Highland Heights location.

In addition, OrthoCincy will be leasing a portion of the building for an onsite orthopedic office, physical therapy, and other emergent orthopedic services.

"There is a great deal of positive momentum throughout our region and particularly at NKU with the Health Innovation Center opening this summer. As northern Kentucky continues to grow in both residential and student population, the need for additional health services will grow along with it. This exciting development is just one more step in St. Elizabeth's

partnership with NKU to make northern Kentucky one of the healthiest communities in the country," said Garren Colvin, St. Elizabeth Healthcare president and CEO.

The development team is led by Fairmount Properties, a firm that specializes in creating high-quality, mixed-use "campus edge" developments across the country.

New retail, restaurant, and hospitality amenities are planned for the district while the proposed residential units are being designed to appeal to area professionals, medical and graduate students, as well as NKU faculty and staff.

"We are truly grateful to have been welcomed into this community to help execute a vision resulting from vital stakeholder input. Today's exciting milestone is another step towards a shared goal and we are proud to be part of such a collaborative effort with our partners at NKU, the City of Highland Heights, Campbell County, St. Elizabeth and others throughout the community. From the beginning, it has been critical that this development reflects the community's wants and needs," said Randy Ruttenberg, principal at Fairmount Properties. "There is more work to be done but there is a buzz around NKU and the energy in this region is contagious."

"A town center at the intersection of NKU and Highland Heights will be another highlight in Campbell County and provide an additional destination for the region," said Campbell County Judge/Executive Steve Pendery. "There has been a lot of anticipation around what will be developed on this site, and I look forward to seeing this project take shape."

Highland Heights Mayor Greg Meyers said that the town center project aligns with the city's comprehensive plan and knowing that this development fits with the city's land use goals helps to ease some minds in the community.

"Encouraging more mixed use development and integrating our planning, policy and zoning efforts with NKU are goals we identified in our comprehensive plan. This development fits directly with what the city deemed to be important factors in shaping our future," said Meyers. "The university's growth and prosperity is very good for our city, and vice versa.

We look forward to continuing this mutually beneficial relationship."

The development team is continuing its leasing, planning and due diligence efforts, including a careful study of proposed development impacts associated with traffic, parking and other related considerations. A ground breaking for the initial phase of the development is expected in mid-2018.

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**Easter Egg Hunt**

March 24 @ 1:30pm - 2:30 pm



## PLEASE RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

### Acceptable Items for Recycling

**Rumpke Recycling** offers residential customers a convenient, comprehensive recycling program to enhance the recycling effort and reduce the amount of material sent to the landfill. While the full list of acceptable materials may vary slightly in some locations, residents can typically recycle the following:

- Glass Bottles & Jars (all colors)
- Metal Cans: Aluminum cans, steel cans and lids, empty aerosol cans with the lids and tips removed
- Plastic Bottles (empty, crush, reattach lid): Bottles and jugs that have a small mouth and wider base, such as milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, water bottles, shampoo bottles and contact solution bottles
- Paper: newspaper: magazines, cardboard, mixed office paper and envelopes, paperboard (cereal boxes), pizza boxes free of food debris and grease, telephone books and catalogs
- Cartons: food and beverage cartons, such as milk, juice, soup, wine, broth and other cartons.

### Recycling Tips

- Mix all items together— no separation required
- Empty all bottles, jugs and cans
- No need to remove labels
- For plastic bottles, empty, crush and reattach lids
- For cartons: remove plastic caps and straws
- NEVER place medical sharps or needles in the recycling
- DONT use plastic bags

### NOT for Recycling

No plastic bags, cassette tapes, bed sheets, hangers, metal chains, garden hoses, batteries, needles, syringes, electronics, polystyrene foam, buckets, butter tubs, car parts, food, yard waste, light bulbs, drinking glasses, ceramics, pots, pans, and scrap metal



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**Upcoming Events**

**MARCH 2018**  
 Council Meeting  
 March 6 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
 Planning/Zoning Meeting  
 March 13 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Recreation Meeting  
 March 14 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Council Meeting  
 March 20 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
 March 24 @ 1:30pm - 2:30 pm

**APRIL 2018**  
 Council Meeting  
 April 3 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
 Planning/Zoning Meeting  
 April 10 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
 Recreation Meeting  
 April 11 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**MAY 2018**  
 Council Meeting  
 May 1 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
 Planning/Zoning Meeting  
 May 8 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30pm  
 Recreation Meeting  
 May 9 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Upcoming Events**

Council Meeting  
 May 15 @ 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.  
**Memorial Day Ceremony**  
 May 28 @ 8:30 am - 9:00 am

The City of Highland Heights Administration  
 and Public Works Department Offices will  
 be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28,  
 2018. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, May  
 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

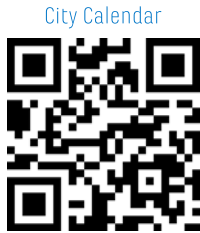


**Memorial Day Ceremony**  
 May 28 @ 8:30 am - 9:00 am

**Upcoming Events**

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