

City of Highland Heights

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Mayors Message

The fall season has finally arrived and soon it will be here in full swing. The days and evenings will be getting cooler and our trees will add a colorful backdrop to our city. The autumn season also is the beginning of the time change and shorter days. As a reminder, it's a good time for everyone to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.



The Public Works Department is fully staffed and they have been busy closing out the many summer duties that keep our city not only spruced up but they have taken on more task this year. Soon they will be preparing our parks for the winter months. The parks will be closed as of November 1st. Another duty that they will be doing is to make ready all our snow removal equipment for the winter season. In a perfect world we can only hope that it won't be used very many times this winter.

Our Police Department wants me to remind our residents that the schools are back in session and the school buses are back in operation on our streets. Please obey all rules when the buses are loading and unloading children. Our Chief and his staff can't stress enough, for everyone to be alert and watch your speed on our streets.

Our Administration staff is in the process of preparing our city tax and waste collection bill. 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.

If your family has a fall or winter 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.

Highland Village Senior Home construction is well under way but running somewhat behind schedule due to some weather challenges and now is scheduled to open in November. The village will offer independent senior living. We look forward to welcoming our new residents as well as some returning residents. Look for further details about the construction and ribbon cutting to officially open the facility.

The BB&T Arena this winter will be hosting the University of Cincinnati Men's Basketball program while their arena is undergoing a major renovation. This event will bring national media coverage that will feature NKU, BB&T Arena and the City of Highland Heights. Our Police department is working closely with NKU Police and all local city Police departments.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy fall season and I hope to see you at one of our many fall activities

Sincerely,
Greg Meyers - Mayor

**From the Desk of Jean Rauf, City Clerk
Treasurer**

TAX BILLS

The tax bills will be mailed at the end of September. If you do not receive a tax bill by the end of the first week in October, please contact the City Clerk Treasurer's office to request a duplicate bill to be sent. The City tax bills will

be mailed to the current owner of the property at the time of printing. If you receive a tax bill for property you have recently sold, please forward the tax bill to the new owner. If your taxes are paid through an escrow company, please forward your tax bill to the company.

All ad valorem taxes assessed by the City shall be due on or before October 31, 2017 of the year they have been assessed and will become delinquent on November 1, 2017. All delinquencies shall be subject to interest at the rate of twelve (12%) per annum and penalties at the rate of ten (10%) percent on said taxable amount and calculated from November 1, 2017 on said tax year until paid in full.

Also your waste bill is included on the 2017 City Tax Bill.

Taxes can be viewed on our website at HHKY.COM Under the headings click on COMMUNITY then scroll down to TAXES and click.

REMINDER Homestead Exemptions for the 2017 Tax Year is \$36,900.00. If you turn 65 years of age and resided in your home on or prior to January 1, 2017 you qualify for the Homestead Exemption. You will need to stop by the Campbell County PVA office at 1098 Monmouth Street, Room 319, Newport, Kentucky to complete the proper paperwork to have this exemption applied to your property. You may also contact the PVA's office at 859-292-3871.

If you have any questions about your city tax bill, please contact my office at 859-441-8575, the office is open Monday – Friday 9:00am-5:00pm.

Good Neighbor Award:

Officer Dave Fornash has been awarded the Highland Heights Good Neighbor Award for his volunteer efforts in Costa Rico.

Dave and the fellow police officers from Ft. Thomas (Chris Carpenter & Doug Bryant) and Southgate (Garrett Haynes) recently spent a week in the capital city of Costa Rico to train the Presidential and National Swat Team. They worked with approxi-

mately 30 commandos and medics on special tactics and for medical procedures.

This was a dual purpose trip as they also used this time as an opportunity to do mission work for T.A.C.T.I.C.A Ministries spreading the word of God to these individuals. The mission trip was paid for by the Officers and used their own time to dedicate to the ministry. [Teaching Authorities Christian Truth in Central America] There is a website for more information on how God works in this ministry. www.Tacticaministries.org

Dave retired from Highland Heights after 20 years of service in 2016 and was shortly afterwards rehired as a police officer and is still enjoying his police work within the city.

Dave has always been one of the citizens of Highland Heights favorite police officers which he modestly attributes to his ability to get to know the people of the city. Quotes Dave "If you can get to know the people of the community; they will learn to trust you and that allows everyone to work together to support the community."



Congratulations Dave on this recognition!!

Sheryl Enzweiler of 102 Ridge Hill Dr. has been awarded the Highland Heights Good Neighbor Award for her assistance at Carmack Park after the restoration work from replacing the drainage pipes this spring.

She has shared her ideas and gave suggestions on things to help us and people that use the park. We installed sod June 9th in Carmack Park near the bottom of her yard when it was 90 degrees. She allowed us to City of Highland Heights

use her water to do the initial watering, then she kept it watered over the next few weeks and the sod remained beautiful during the hot weather until its roots were established. She always keeps an eye on the park and lets us know if anything happens that should not be.



Congratulations Sheryl on this recognition and the help you have given the city throughout the years and your continued assistance.

From the Beautification Committee:

Beginning in 2018, the City of Highland Heights will be presenting a yard sign to a resident for the "Beautiful Yard of the Month" to be displayed for a month.



This will run from May through September each year and will be sponsored by the Beautification Committee of the City.

This is to recognize the beautification efforts of our citizens as they enhance the appeal of their homes and the city.

People in Highland Heights you need to Know –Dr. Shawn Ryan-President of BrightView

Dr. Shawn Ryan of Highland Heights is currently the President of BrightView which has three (soon to be five) Addiction Treatment Centers in Cincinnati. BrightView is an outpatient addiction medicine practice based on clinical best practices and outcome measures. Dr. Ryan trained as an emergency physician at the University of Cincinnati and simultaneously obtained his MBA while in residency. While he was a practicing physician over the last 10 years; Shawn became aware of the issue of heroin/opioid abuse in the region and for the last 5 years has worked to make a difference in this community.

Shawn points out that heroin/opium use/abuse has been going on for a few thousand years. Ancient Egyptians had opium wars. The problem for mankind is a lot older than people realize-it seems we have always had a chemical affinity

Dr. Ryan quotes a great book which is a well written investigation report of the topic— **Dreamland by Sam Quinones** that provides important insights into the current opiate epidemic and the negative relationship with our country and our neighbors to the south. (I highly recommend the reading to anyone trying to understand how we got where we are.) Pain killers in the form of opiates have been over prescribed over the last 20 years and that has fed the addiction that leads to the heroin abuse problem

Dr. Ryan states the 5 areas of importance to address effectively to solve this problem: 1.Prevention—DARE program did not work. We need an evidenced based prevention program

2.Law Enforcement-Penalize **drug dealers harshly**, studies show sending more users to jail does not stop drug use

3.Prescribing-Stop over prescribing opioids (especially Percocet)

4.Harm Reduction – Narcan saves lives, needle exchange programs prevents transfers of HIV/Hepatitis,etc.

5.Treatment—That is where clinics like BrightView play a role

BrightView focuses on Medical, Social and Psychological aspect of treatment. Although medication-assisted treatment is an important part of the model at BrightView, pharmacotherapy alone is rarely sufficient treatment for substance use disorders. The combination of appropriate medications, in conjunction with psychological and social support is a path to a meaningful long-term recovery. They treat about 1000 patients a year with a 60-70 percent success rate. Success rate is defined as an improvement in their life. The treatment might get them back to work first, or off the streets and then eventually off the drug. [See their website for more details at www.brightviewhealth.com]. Bottom Line—there is hope- more education of the general public and the community is needed and more treatment centers.



Steve Lehman - Public Works Supervisor Steve has been the Public Works Supervisor since 2014. Steve has lived in Highland Heights for almost the last 40 years and has been active in the community for most of that time. He was an active volunteer with the Highland Heights Fire Department for 29 years counting the merger time with Central Campbell County Fires District. Prior to working for the City, Steve was with Radac for 17 years. He and his wife Peggy of 40 years raised their three children in Highland Heights-Eric, Stephanie and Brad. He was a member of the Water and Sewage Board and was very instrumental in selling the water to Campbell County and the Sewage to SDI. The proceeds of that sale are still a benefit to the City as the interest is sometimes used for extraordinary expenses.

In addition to being a former member of the City Board of appeals, Steve was also a City Council Member for 10 years.

Some of the duties of the Public Works Department are to keep the streets repaired, mowing grass and clearing roads in the winter months. In addition they fill potholes and also help with the landscaping of the parks and city property.

Steve also sits on the Parks and Recreation Committee and is responsible for maintaining the 6 City Parks. (The Pavilion and Play set at City Hall, Carmack Park, The Nature Trail, Veterans Park, Tot Lot and the Overlook Park above 275.)

There are two full time employees that help Steve in the Publics Work Department and a part-time person on occasion.

Steve organizes the Cruz In Concert, Veterans Breakfast, Halloween , Santa ,Easter Egg Hunt just to name a few with the help of the other members of the staff and committees.

Steve and his team work closely with the Horticulture Department at NKU for plant selection ideas for landscaping as well as trading equipment back and forth.

One of the big accomplishments in the past year was the purchase of a backhoe that has more than paid for itself by allowing Steve and his team to do a lot of the work themselves instead of paying third party contractors. A big win!!!

Public Works Department

It has been a busy and productive spring and summer for Public Works. Besides the normal day to day duties of mowing about 15 acres of city parks and right-of-ways, maintaining streets and completing any repairs needed on city buildings and properties, we have completed several large projects throughout the city. A few of these are: All of the sidewalk panels that did not meet ADA standards in the Knollwood subdivision were removed, replaced and restoration work completed. Portable hand washing stations and surrounds were installed in Veterans Park and at the Nature Trail. The lower half of Forest Avenue and the parking area at Veterans Park were dug out, the base repaired and new asphalt installed by Public Works employees.

All of the trails at the Nature Trail were cleared of fallen limbs and trees, and widened off overgrowth to make it easier for residents

using the trails. There was a drainage issue at Veterans Park that let water stand most of the year from the highway to behind the playground area. All of the honeysuckle and scrub trees behind the fence were cleared and the ditch line was filled so the water would run toward the hill instead of pooling.

In the past few weeks, we have begun replacing the street signage that is faded and has no reflectivity remaining throughout the city. This will be an ongoing project to get the signs up to MUTCD standards.

It won't be long before snow starts falling and we will be clearing streets. Please remember on streets that are snow emergency routes that there is no parking in these posted areas. You can help your neighborhoods 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.

If any of you see areas around your neighborhood that needs repaired or attention of some type, please contact the City Building so that we can see what needs to be done to correct the issue.

Police Department

The Highland Heights Police Department is made up of 11 full time police officers, one K-9 and a police department clerk. Along with the Chief of police we have an Administrative Lieutenant, Investigative Lieutenant, Patrol Sergeant, Narcotics Detective and 6 patrol officers. The department has experienced officers with specialized training in all areas of Law Enforcement, including general investigations, drug investigations, Crime Scene Processing, major accident reconstruction, SWAT (special weapons and tactics), arson investigations along with general patrol.

The police department will check your residence while you are on vacation; just call the Clerk's office during normal business hours. You can keep track on what is going on in the city either through the Highland Heights Police Facebook page or the City website. There is a prescription drug drop box www.hhky.com

for unused or outdated medicine located at the police department. The drop box allows for safe disposal of the prescription drugs.

Please don't hesitate to call the police if you need help or see something suspicious. If it is an emergency call 911, 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 wbirkenhauer@hhky.com.

It is with great pleasure that we take this opportunity to highlight one of our police department's most versatile assets in this edition of our newsletter.

Meet K9 Tiba!



Tiba is a black Labrador Retriever who will be celebrating her 6th birthday this November. She has been working with her partner, Lt. Amber Conrad, since 2013 in the fine art of illegal drug detection. Her finely tuned nose can easily locate marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine. Off the clock, she also excels at the location of barbecue cooking tools.

Tiba is held to a higher standard than some other working dogs in the Commonwealth

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of Kentucky. Her certifications are renewed annually through the much more stringent North American Police Work Dog Association. Helping her maintain this razor's edge of expertise is her ongoing training sessions averaging 16 hours each month.

The team of K9 Tiba and Lt. Conrad has conducted nearly 300 live searches together. These include many different types of rooms, cars, tractor trailers, car haulers, aircraft, schools, hospitals and various roadside locations. Tiba has proven she is fearless and absolutely devoted to her task.



Born in the Netherlands in 2011, Tiba's original name was Millie. She was brought to Highland Heights through the generous donations of the Matt Haverkamp Foundation. Millie was renamed Tiba, in honor of Matt Haverkamp's partner K9 Tibo, who had recently passed away.

Recently, K9 Tiba has been tasked with a new job that she was absolutely born for. She has been asked to play with kids! This is in addition to her normal tasks of drug detection. Since Tiba is a black lab who has not been trained in personal protection or suspect apprehension she is much more approachable to the general public. This becomes especially useful when addressing groups about drug awareness. Tiba is not an intimidating presence and often helps gain the audience's attention for the presentation. Along with this, Tiba has also been recently dispatched to scenes of intense emotional trauma where children are

involved. Tiba is brought out to play with the kids and help them focus their attention on something fun and positive while the adults handle the stressful unpleasanties at hand.



K9 Tiba is Lt. Conrad's third canine partner and has proven herself to be excellent public relations ambassador for the department and a truly phenomenal asset to our community. We hope to see many great years together for this amazing team.

From the Recreation Committee:

We hope everyone had a great summer and that you were able to join us for the Cruise-In and Concert that was held in July. It was a beautiful day and all attendees had a good time.

The fall months are busy for the Recreation Committee. We have several events for the upcoming months:

Children's Halloween Party – This event will be held Saturday, October 28th at the Public Works Building. There will be activities to participate in for your children in the Public Works Shop. We will have a hayride for everyone again, which was a big hit last year. There is 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 – Tuesday October 31st, 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm.

Veterans Day Ceremony and Senior Breakfast

– At 8:30 am we have a short ceremony honoring 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 12th will be reviewed and a household that has not won the award in the past 10 years will be selected as the winner for 2017 and recognized at an upcoming Council Meeting.

Lunch with Santa

– On Saturday, Dec 16th, 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. Pizza will be served to the children in attendance.

The Recreation Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month and it is an open meeting for all residents that would like to attend. We are always looking for citizens of Highland Heights that would like to be appointed to the Recreation Committee and help us plan and work at the events. The remaining meeting dates for 2017 are Octo-

Pantry of Hope Walk

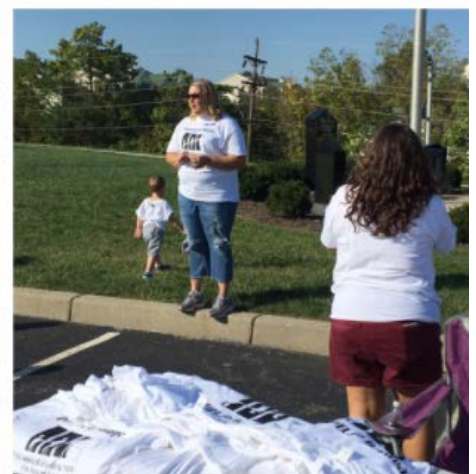
The Walk for Hope was held Saturday September 23rd starting at the Highland Heights City Building and running onto the Campus of NKU. The walkers chose from either a 1 mile or 2 mile loop.

Approximately 40 people attended the walk. Over \$600 donations were collected from the walk participants as well as a barrel of donated canned goods and perishables.

After the walk, there was a cookout for the walkers and volunteers that made this a very fun and successful event!!!

Thanks to all the volunteers and walkers that participated.

To make a food donation, the Pantry is always accepting non-perishable food every Saturday from 9:30 to 12:00 at the **Pantry of Hope**, in the rear of the First Baptist Church at 2315 Alexandria Pike in Highland Heights, KY. Or donations can be made by mailing checks to the Pantry of Hope C/O the First Baptist Church.



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI BASKETBALL SCHEDULE GAMES TO BE PLAYED AT BB& T ARENA NKU CAMPUS-HIGHLAND HEIGHTS			
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
SUN	NOV 5	EMBRY-RIDDLE	2:00PM
FRI	NOV10	SAVANNAH STATE	NOON
MON	NOV 13	WESTERN CAROLINA	7:00PM
THUR	NOV16	COPPIN STATE	7:00PM
MON	NOV 27	ALABAMA STATE	7:00PM
TUES	DEC 12	MISSISSIPPI STATE	7:00PM
TUES	DEC 19	ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	7:00PM
THUR	DEC 21	CLEVELAND STATE	7:00PM
SUN	NOV 5	MEMPHIS	4:00PM
SUN	NOV 5	SMU	6:00PM
SAT	NOV 5	ECU	4:00PM
WED	NOV 5	TEMPLE	9:00PM
WED	NOV 5	HOUSTON	7:00PM
TUES	NOV 5	UCF	7:00PM
SUN	NOV 5	WICHITA STATE	4:00PM
THURS	NOV 5	UCONN	7:00PM
SUN	NOV 5	TULSA	NOON

NKU MENS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE GAMES TO BE PLAYED AT BB& T ARENA NKU CAMPUS-HIGHLAND HEIGHTS			
HOME	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
FRI	NOV 10	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	7:00PM
SUN	NOV12	WILMINGTON COLLEGE	1:00PM
WED	NOV 29	BEREA COLLEGE	7:00PM
SAT	DEC 2	MOREHEAD STATE	7:00PM
SUN	DEC 10	EASTERN KY	6:00PM
THUR	DEC 28	IUPUI	7:30PM
SAT	DEC 30	UIC	7:00PM
THUR	JAN 11	WRIGHT STATE	7:00PM
MON	JAN 15	CLEVELAND STATE	7:30PM
FRI	JAN 26	OAKLAND	9:00PM
SUN	JAN 28	DETROIT MERCY	1:00PM
THUR	FEB 8	MILWAUKEE	7:30PM
SAT	FEB 10	GREEN BAY	7:00PM
MON	FEB 19	YOUNGSTOWN	7:30PM

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ber 11th, November 8th and December 13th.



To: Apartment/Condominium Residents
From: Central Campbell Fire
Re: Gas Grill Regulations

Dear Resident,

This letter in to inform you of the regulation pertaining to gas/electric grills. N.F.P.A 1 2012 Edition reads as follows:

10.11.6.1 For other than one and two family dwellings, no hibachi, grill or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within 10 feet(3 m) of any structure.

We have been in contact with the State Fire Marshall's office on October 28, 2014 and they are also in agreement with this N.F.P.A. regulation.

We have been asked that the fire department enforce this regulation as written. Within your complex, we ask that grills be removed from any balcony or patio to comply with the NFPA 1 Section 10.11.7.

Thank you,

Central Campbell County Fire

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Chief Schultz

Chief Schultz was hired by The Central Campbell Fire District on March 19, 2015. Chief Schultz started his firefighter career volunteering in 1982 with his Dad, Al Schultz, and brother, Ken Schultz at the Melbourne Fire Department. After realizing this was his passion, he was hired by the City of Newport Fire Department in September, 1987. He rose through the ranks to the position of Captain/Platoon Commander. While a Captain at Newport he was in charge of fire prevention and public education, as well as being chairman of the hiring committee. Chief Schultz retired from the Newport Fire Department in August, 2010 after 23 years. After a short retirement he began working for The Southern Campbell Fire District as their daytime supervisor. He worked at Southern Campbell for 4 ½ years. Chief Schultz is excited to be working with outstanding personnel and move The Central Campbell Fire District into the future.

Chief Schultz resides in Melbourne, Kentucky with his wife, Juanita and five children, Daniel, Kaitlyn, Emily, Allison and Paige. He is a lifelong member of St. Philip parish.



Senior Breakfast reservations will be taken until the end of business on November 6th for this year's Senior Breakfast. Call: 859-441-8575



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During the Holidays, the **City of Highland Heights** will once again have a "**Giving Tree for the Kids**". Please stop by and make a donation for a child for the holiday season.



If you have any ideas for articles that you would like to see in the newsletter please contact Jean Rauf our City Clerk.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2017

- Council Meeting
October 3 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Planning/Zoning Meeting
October 10 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Recreation Meeting
October 11 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Council Meeting
October 17 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Halloween Party**
October 28 @ 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
- Trick or Treat Night**
October 31 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30pm

NOVEMBER 2017

- Council Meeting
November 7 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Recreation Meeting
November 8 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Veterans Day Ceremony/Senior Breakfast**
November 11 @ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Planning/Zoning Meeting
November 14 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Council Meeting
November 21 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Thanksgiving Holiday**
November 23-24 Offices Closed

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 2017

- Council Meeting
December 5 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Planning/Zoning Meeting
December 12 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Outdoor Lighting contest**
December 12 @ 6 pm - 11pm
- Recreation Meeting
December 13 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Lunch with Santa**
December 16 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Council Meeting
December 19 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Christmas Holiday**
December 22 Offices Closed
December 25 Offices Closed
December 29 Offices Closed

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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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