

# City of Highland Heights

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## Mayors Message

With the summer season now coming to an end, we are now very quickly entering the beginning of the fall season. This past summer weather was very challenging for our Public Works Department. With the rain and extremely hot weather, it did cause some challenges for the department to maintain all of our outdoor areas. Soon they will be making ready the winter snow removal equipment along with keeping up the grass cutting. I, along with you, will agree that they have done a remarkable job this past summer. You may have noticed they are now in the process of installing a fountain along US27 in our town center. This will add a very nice touch to the area. A job well done goes out to our Public Works Department.

Our Police Department wants me to remind you that our children have now returned to school. They will be out waiting for their buses in the early morning hours. I can't stress enough, for everyone to be alert and watch your speed on our streets. We all know kids don't always remember to look both ways while crossing the streets.

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 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.

Our Administration Department is keeping up with the day to day operation of a busy city. In early October they will be sending out our tax bills. The cities tax collection season keeps them very busy. Jean and her team do an extremely good job processing all the bills. Please give them a call at (859) 441-8575 with any question or concern. They are ready to help you in a friendly and timely manner.

Highland Village Senior Home is now finished and a ribbon cutting ceremony took place this summer. The Village is at full capacity. They have residents living in every unit and at this time are now placing people on a waiting list. The village offers independent senior living. We look forward to welcoming our new residents as well as some returning residents to Highland Heights.

Our Town Center is still moving 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 Professional Doctors Office building occupied by St Elizabeth and OrthoCincy, on the north side of Nunn Drive. On the corner of the south side of Nunn there will be 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. 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 happy fall and Holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Greg Meyers* - Mayor

## City Spotlight

### Jean Rauf-City Clerk/Treasurer

Jean has lived in Highland Heights for 58 years. She and her husband Leo have been married for 36 years. She has four children; Joe Krebs, Kathi Copelin, Lynda Tucker and Debbie Fleckinger. She has six grandchildren

and eight great grandchildren.

Jean began her career in Highland Heights over 30 years ago. In the early 1980s she was Secretary to the Board of Adjustments and also served on Council. In 1986 she was hired for the City Clerk Treasurer position and has held that position for over 32 years.

In her role, Jean is custodian of the City's records. She is responsible for all official documents, which includes recording ordinances and executive orders, meeting minutes, tax collector, collecting receivables and so much more.

Jean has been instrumental in bringing her office into the modern world of technology. When she started, the City did not have computers and she had to do everything manually [typing minutes, financial statement and other documents on a typewriter and using carbon paper for copies].

Jean also serves as Recording Secretary for the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Board of Adjustments, and Ethics Board. She applauds them for their dedication and service to the City and working together for the good of the community.

Jean has witnessed a lot during her tenure. She has had the honor and privilege to work with four Mayors – Mayor Elwood Schneider, Mayor Herbert Kenter, Mayor Charles Roettger and of course our current Mayor, Gregory Meyers. She feels they all have done a fabulous job for the citizens of Highland Heights.

Jean has seen the growth of NKU and the positive impact it has had on the City as well as the widening of US 27 and the advent of I-471. She has seen the restaurants and businesses flourish with the development of Wilson Road [Chipotle and others] as well as the development of the area where [Fifth Third Bank, City Barbeque, Firehouse Subs and others] are located.

When asked what she has enjoyed the most working for the city; she gives a quick answer—she loves her job, enjoys working with all the employees especially alongside her team Sue and Karen. She is pleased to be of

service to the residents of Highland Heights. Jean gives credit to our Police Department for keeping our City a great and safe place to live and raise a family.

Jean credits our Public Works Department for their work in keeping the City streets in good condition, for grass mowing in the summer, maintaining the six parks and, especially for their snow removal during the winter months.

Her wish for the City is that it continues to grow (Growth Through Progress) and to expand our Park systems.

After 32 years of dedicated and faithful service with the City, Jean will be retiring on November 30, 2018.

After Jean retires, her desire is to stay active with the City while it continues to prosper and grow.

### ***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, 2018 of the year they have been assessed and will become delinquent on November 1, 2018. 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, 2018 on said tax year until paid in full.

Also your waste bill is included on the 2018 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.

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**REMINDER:** Homestead Exemptions for the 2018 Tax Year is \$36,900.00. If you turn 65 years of age and resided in your home on or prior to January 1, 2018 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.

### ***From The Highland Heights Police Department***

Reduce your chances of becoming a victim to crime by following these helpful safety tips below!

- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Be attentive to individuals approaching
- Walk purposely and with confidence
- Don't allow yourself to be distracted by activities such as your cell phone or listening to music
- Travel with a friend. Use the buddy system
- Avoid using ATMs that are located in remote locations
- Do not display large sums of cash when purchasing items
- Avoid displaying expensive jewelry
- Walk in well-traveled areas
- Walk in well-lit areas at night

Crimes can and do happen. The best thing we can do is try to protect ourselves from falling victim to crime.

If you believe you, or someone you know, is a victim to crime please call the police department to report the crime. If it is an emergency, please dial **9-1-1**.

### ***City Curfew Ordinance 130.02***

The Highland Heights Police Department would like to provide the ordinance to our city curfew for all persons under the age of 17. It is important for you and your family to know what the law says, the exemptions, the penalty for this ordinance. For more information, please see our City Ordinances section located under the 'Community' tab.

### **Curfew for Minors -**

(A) It is a curfew violation for a child 13 – 17 years of age to be in a public place:

(a) After 1:00 a.m. and before 5:00 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday

(b) After midnight on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday

(c) Before 5:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday

(B) It is a curfew violation for a child under thirteen (13) years of age to be in a public place after 11:00 p.m. or

before 6:00 a.m. on any day

### **Exemptions -**

(C) This section does not apply to a child who is:

(1) Accompanied by his parent, guardian, or custodian;

(2) Accompanied by an adult specified by his parent, guardian, or custodian;

(3) Carrying out an errand or other lawful activity as directed by his parent, guardian, or custodian; or

(4) Participating in, going to, or returning from:

(a) Lawful employment; or

(b) A lawful athletic, educational, entertainment, religious, or social event

### **Penalty -**

(A) Any child violating division (A) of this section shall be subject to the procedures and penalties provided for

by the State Unified Juvenile Code

(B) Any parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of a child who violates any provision of division (A) of

this section may be subject to the financial penalty provided for in KRS 610.180

### ***From the Recreation Committee***

Following is a list of events remaining for 2018:

**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 cos-

tume 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.

### **Vendor Blender Fundraiser Community yard sale**

**When:** Saturday, September 29th  
9am to 3 pm

**Where:** Highland Heights City Building

Cost: \$10 uncovered spot, \$15 Covered outdoor spot and \$20 indoor Spot (100% of cost go to the Pantry of Hope)

RSVP: Contact Pantry of Hope Director Brandy Medaugh @ 937-681-7071 to reserve your spot.

Indoor and covered spots are limited!

Spots are open to the public and local vendors. Sale is open to the public NO ENTRY FEE!

Pantry of Hope will have concessions for you to come and enjoy a snack or lunch with the family. Hot to-go lunches will be served from 11am-2pm for \$5 { includes sandwich, side,

chip and drink }

### **Highland Village**

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. - Local leaders and residents today celebrated the grand opening of Highland Village, a \$22 million premier luxury living community that marks the return of senior housing to the City of Highland Heights.

Highland Village community amenities include

- Healthcare office
- Fitness center
- A seasonal community garden
- Computer lab
- Residential walking paths
- Hair and nail salon
- An outdoor gazebo
- Storage lockers
- Private meeting rooms
- Ample parking

So how did senior housing developed by a Newport organization end up in Highland Heights? The roots of Highland Village can be tracked to Sis's on Monmouth, a comfortable and popular Newport diner where local movers and shakers meet daily for breakfast.

It was at Sis's that two Saturday morning regulars - Highland Heights Mayor Greg Meyers and Neighborhood Foundations Executive Director Tom Guidugli Sr. - began talking about bringing senior housing back to Highland Heights.

"This all started at Sis's," said Guidugli. "The mayor was telling me that the city had lost 100 or so senior housing units when Lakeside Terrace was sold to the college. The city bought eight acres where the old Highland Heights Elementary was located, and he was figuring out how to bring some senior housing to that site."

"After the county got out of the housing business and sold Lakeside Terrace, we wanted to do something where seniors could live in Highland Heights," Mayor Meyers said. "I saw Tom Guidugli every Saturday morning at Sis's. He had the expertise, I had the land, so we started talking and decided to try to make something happen."

Mayor Meyers said he, Guidugli, Campbell County Attorney Steve Franzen and Neighborhood Foundations attorney Tom Fisher - a Newport resident with the firm of Barron

Peck Bennie & Schlemmer - held "countless meetings" over the last few years to forge a development plan and agreement.

"We started with a conversation, that became a vision and then finally a workable plan,"

Guidugli said. "We hit a few bumps along the way, but we are thrilled with how Highland Village has turned out. It's definitely lived up to its potential."

### **Touch A Truck Event**

On June 30th; the City of Highland Heights hosted the Touch A Truck Event at the City Building. This event was sponsored by City Barbeque to showcase the Fire Department, Police, Public Works and Red Cross that serve the City. City Barbeque provided free corn on the cob and lemonade to everyone that attended. Proceeds from afternoon sales at City Barbeque went to the Pantry of Hope as well as a barrel of canned goods that were donated.

### **Reve Heinrich - New Council Member**

We have had a recent change in Highland Heights Council membership in August due to AJ Moermond resigning his position. AJ has moved out of the city of Highland Heights..... Rene Heinrich has taken his place as appointed by Council at the August 21st Council Meeting.

We are pleased to have Rene back on Council as she has previously served two terms on City Council.







***Yard of month for September - 210 Knollwood***



***Yard of month for August - 65 Maple***



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**Touch A Truck**

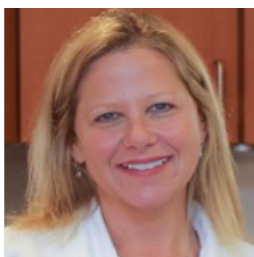




### Highlighted Business

#### Bowling Chiropractic and Wellness Center

Sheila Bowling grew up in a small town in Eastern Kentucky. As a child growing up, she always wanted to be a doctor; someone helps to heal other people.



She attended Northern Kentucky University for her undergrad and attended Life University in Marietta, Georgia where she obtained her Chiropractic Degree.

Sheila resides on a 50 acre farm in Pendleton County where she raises her son and daughter along with horses and a dog.

Sheila has been practicing in Highland Heights since 1998. She took over the practice from Doctor Jesse Fletcher. The services they offer besides all chiropractic care include physical therapy, rehab therapy, lipo-laser for spot-fat treatments and dry needling which is similar to acupuncture. She has two employees Hannah and Nancy that assist her at the Wellness Center.

Her biggest enjoyment is seeing her patients regain a quality of life that was missing due to their injury or ailment. She loves nothing more than having her patients feel they are back to a normal unrestricted lifestyle.

Sheila loves Highland Heights as it has a small college town feel with all the amenities nearby of a large city.

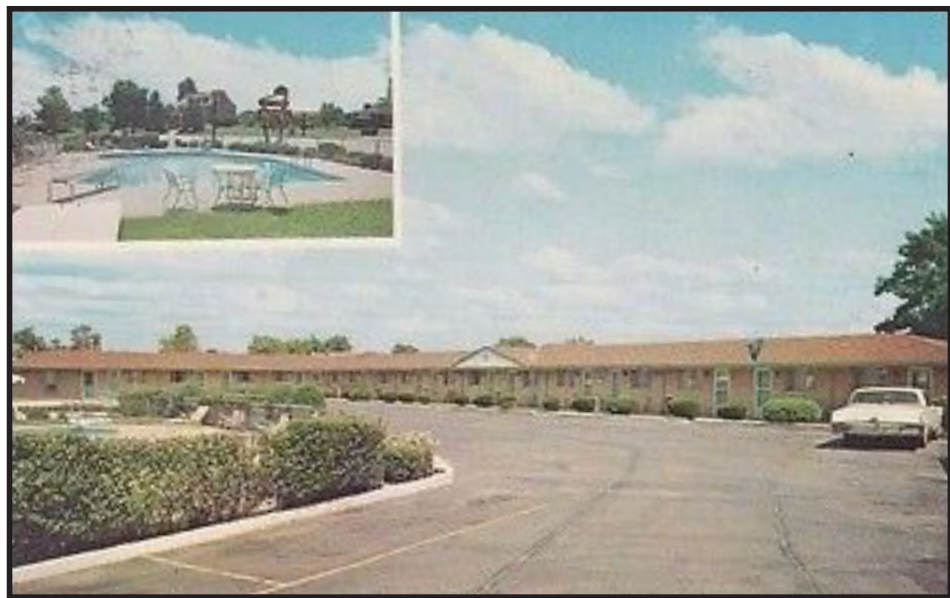
Her goal is to work as long as she can because she cannot see herself doing anything more worthwhile than helping others feel better.

#### Bowling Chiropractic and Wellness Center

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WEB: [www.bowlingchiropractic.com](http://www.bowlingchiropractic.com)

Email: [BowlingChiropractic@yahoo.com](mailto:BowlingChiropractic@yahoo.com)



### Highlighted Business

The Hiland Motel which was on US 27 across from the current entrance to NKU was purchased by Jack Morris from Henry DeBrueler in the early 1960's and operated for many years until the property was developed into the Perkins Restaurant and BP Gas Station



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### Upcoming Events

#### OCTOBER 2018

##### Council Meeting

October 2 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

##### City Offices Closed

October 8 - Columbus Day

##### Planning/Zoning Meeting

October 9 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

##### Recreation Meeting

October 10 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

##### Council Meeting

October 16 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

##### Halloween Party

October 27 @ 2 pm - 3:30 pm

##### Halloween - Trick or Treat

October 31 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

#### NOVEMBER 2018

##### Election Day

November 6 @ 6:00 am - 6:00 pm

##### Council Meeting

November 6 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

##### Veterans Day Ceremony - Senior Breakfast

November 10 @ 8:30 pm - 12:00 pm

##### City Offices Closed

November 12 - Veterans Day

##### Planning/Zoning Meeting

November 13 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### Upcoming Events

##### Recreation Meeting

November 14 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

##### Council Meeting

November 20 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

##### City Offices Closed

November 22/23 - Thanksgiving

#### DECEMBER 2018

##### Council Meeting

December 4 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

##### Planning/Zoning Meeting

December 11 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00pm

##### Outdoor Lighting Contest

December 11 @ 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

##### Recreation Meeting

December 12 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

##### Lunch with Santa

December 15 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

##### Council Meeting

December 18 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

##### City Offices Closed

December 24/25 - Christmas

##### City Offices Closed

December 31 - New Year's Eve

### 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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