

# City of Highland Heights

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## Mayors Message

2023 marks the start of my 5th term as your mayor, and I want to begin by encouraging our citizens to get more involved with the city. We have opportunities available on several of our boards and have a lot of exciting things coming up that would benefit from more public engagement.



The City has done a fantastic job navigating the up and down weather of the last several months. While it turned out to be a relatively mild winter from a snow perspective, the violent storms that rolled through the area kept our employees on their toes. I hope the spring season will be calm and bring beautiful weather for our citizens to enjoy.

The ballfield at the Greg Meyers Recreational Field will undergo some seasonal upkeep this spring, but is up and operational for any local and area teams to practice, scrimmage, and play. Please call the city offices to arrange for time on the field for your team.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we have  
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a lot of things going on in 2023. CT Consultants has been retained as our City Engineers, and one of their first orders of business will be to begin the design of road improvements to Sunset Drive, around Miller and Wilson Road.

Later this year the city will present possible enhancement options to the open "greenspace" area located on the city building campus. Based on public feedback, the City will



Greenspace Area Highlighted in Yellow

get an idea of what can be done with this space to add value to our citizens and create a feasible plan for improving upon the space. I encourage you all to keep an eye out for more details on how you can get involved with this greenspace project as we would love as many citizens as possible to participate in the visioning process. We will post alerts on our website and Facebook page when we have dates solidified.

I also want to welcome Michelle Eviston as our new City Attorney, and thank Steve Franzen for his many years of loyal service to this community. Steve recently decided to step down as the city's attorney and we are excited to welcome Michelle to the position.

I look forward to seeing everyone out and about this spring and hope to see many of you at our city meetings, events, and functions throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
*Greg Meyers* - Mayor

## Office of the City Administrator

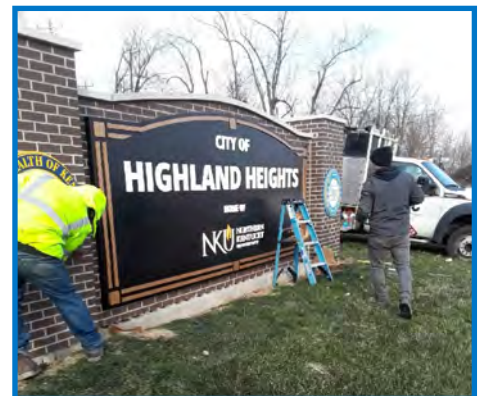
2023 is shaping up to be a great year and we are working very hard to bring value and enhancement to the community with several

projects and initiatives. While some projects will take longer than others, we are working very hard to make sure we are planning for a bright future for the Highland Heights Community.

Here are a few updates on some of those projects and initiatives:

## Greenspace Study

The City has hired TSW Design Group to help lead an exploration study of the open greenspace area located at the city building campus at 176 Johns Hill Road. A small team of city employees, elected officials, and citizens are working with the firm to help foster some realistic ideas of how to enhance this space for the community. With an emphasis on creating space for everyone to enjoy, the group held a kick-off meeting with the design group in March 2023 and will continue to work with them on several idea variations that can be presented to the public later this year for review. During the public feedback portion, the groups will gather data on what options the public prefers for this space and will deliver a report with plans to the City Council in the fall/winter of this year.



## Signage/Communication

By now most of you have probably seen the new sign at the entrance of town at the US-27 and I-471 intersection. We have received a ton of compliments and we are thrilled with the way it turned out. We are looking to transform the look and feel of our community through little efforts like this that will really make us stand out in the region. Along those lines, we intend to explore how we are communicating

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with our citizens and will be looking to update our website and communication features to enhance that experience.

I am looking forward to a great year and will have several more updates in the issues to follow.

### **Police Department**

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

There have been a rash of car break-ins throughout Northern Kentucky. These usually occur over night on unlocked cars. Please remember to lock your cars and take any valuables inside.

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

The police department has a prescription drug drop box for unused or outdated medicine located in the lobby. The drop box allows for safe disposal of prescription drugs and can be accessed Monday through Friday during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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

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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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](mailto:wbirkenhauer@hhky.com).

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### **Public Works**

Fortunately, the winter of 2022-23 was a mild one. As of March 27th, the Public Works Department has salted and plowed, cleared icy spots, cleaned curb to curb, and brined streets on 12 dates; worked 91 overtime hours; driven 829 miles; and used approximately 99 ton of salt to make our streets drivable. In an average winter, we are out 25 to 30 times, use 350-man hours, and drive 2200 miles making sure your streets are in good condition. Due to the mild winter, there are fewer pothole repairs.

If you notice road problems such as potholes, sign damage, and overgrowth into right-of-way, please fill out the REPORT ROAD PROBLEMS form at [hhky.com](http://hhky.com) in the City Departments heading.

We have planted an additional 12 Armstrong Maple trees along the northeast side of our driveway to the city building. In future years, we should have a beautiful entryway to the City Building.

We have been working on the Mayor Greg Meyers Recreational Field getting it ready for spring. Seasonal maintenance is almost complete, but the field are ready for play.

### **Community Gardens**

The community garden located at the south end of the City Building property at the bottom of the hill, is now located on Hilltop Drive, across from Campbell Media. This will be much easier to access and carry garden supplies to and from your garden. If you would like to reserve a plot for planting, please contact Tiffany Budd, NKU Sustainability Operations Coordinator, at (859) 572-6421 or email her at [budd1@nku.edu](mailto:budd1@nku.edu).

### **City Parks**

Our city parks will be open and ready for use on April 1, 2023. We maintain our parks and playgrounds throughout the summer and fall until we close them on November 1st of each year. Please let us know of any unsafe conditions you see while visiting our parks.

### **Recreation Department**

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed our Easter Bunny Tour and delivered gift bags to 123 children who pre-registered.

### **Code Enforcement**

Spring is officially here! With the warming weather, we find ourselves outside more often and our homes and properties will need some attention. Please help keep our city looking good and maintain all your property by keeping grasses cut, landscaping well kept, and all trash/debris disposed of properly. Dumpsters will be provided from May 19th to May 21st at the Public Works Garage and at Veteran's Park to allow residents to dispose of trash and larger items. Also, Campbell County Clean-Up Days will be April 28th & 29th providing residents several locations to dispose of items (information at [campbellcountky.gov](http://campbellcountky.gov) or 859-547-1866). If you have any questions, concerns or complaints, please reach out to the Code Enforcement Office through the City's website <https://hhky.com> or directly at [whunt@hhky.com](mailto:whunt@hhky.com).

### **CITY CLERK/TREASURER**

Happy Spring Everyone! I've noticed the park and shelter here at the City Building are getting a lot of use. Many residents like to reserve the shelter for events. If you are interested in using the shelter for an event, please give us a call at 859-441-8575 and we'll check availability. Reserved notices are posted on the bulletin board by the playground to make others aware the space is being used. The shelter is reserved for Highland Heights residents only and there is no charge to use the space.

Credit Cards are Coming! Beginning in September, you will be able to pay your tax/waste bill online with a credit card. Additionally, you may pay your tax/waste bill, or any other city bill, at the City Building with a credit card. We will still accept checks and cash (don't send cash through the mail), but we wanted to offer the convenience of using a credit card. There will be a service fee when using a credit card.

The City's website ([hhky.com](http://hhky.com)) and Facebook page (City of Highland Heights-City Alerts) are great places to find out what is happening

in the city and county. The website calendar lists events that are occurring every month and the Facebook page is updated regularly with events, city council information, city board and commission meetings, and much more. Check them out and stay informed!

## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CITY

Have you ever thought that you would like to become part of what makes Highland Heights tick? There are many boards and committees that help make the City run smoothly – and all need citizen involvement. Below is a list of opportunities for you to become more engaged with the City:

### **Recreation Committee – 4 residents needed**

The purpose of the Recreation Committee is to set dates for events; advise on recreation programs, and plan the events. The committee strives to strengthen the community through an array of recreational opportunities for all age groups. Some of the annual events have been: an Easter Egg Hunt, a Memorial Day Ceremony, Children's Halloween Party, Veterans Day Ceremony and Senior Breakfast, Christmas Outdoor Lighting Contest, Lunch with Santa, and a City Volleyball League. This committee meets monthly.

### **Tree Committee – 4 residents needed**

The Tree Committee provides promotion and leadership in creating public awareness of tree conservation, tree protection, and tree planting issues. They hold an Arbor Day event every year, usually in April, to give away trees, designate honor trees to recognize outstanding citizens of Highland Heights. Highland Heights has been designated as a Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation and that is thanks to the work of the Tree Committee. This committee meets monthly.

### **Board of Adjustment – 1 resident needed**

The Board of Adjustment hears cases from residents or businesses requesting an exception to the zoning ordinance. For example, if a resident wants to build a deck too close to the property line, the board of adjustment would hear the case. The person who wants to build the deck, and all adjoining property owners, would have an opportunity to speak. The board would then decide if the exception to the zoning ordinance should be granted. This board meets on an "as needed" basis.

### **Planning and Zoning Commission – 1 resident needed**

The Planning & Zoning Commission is responsible for reviewing land development within the City and ensuring all development is consistent with the Highland Heights Comprehensive Plan. The Commission is also responsible for reviewing and updating the City's sub-division regulations and zoning ordinance. Additionally, the Planning & Zoning Commission is responsible for making zone change recommendations to the City Council. The Commission meets a minimum of six times per year.

If you are interested learning more or serving on any of these committees, please contact Jeanne Pettit, City Clerk/Treasurer, at 859-441-8575 or [jp Pettit@hhky.com](mailto:jp Pettit@hhky.com).

## RECOGNIZE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Do you have a helpful neighbor or know someone in the city who puts a lot of time and effort into landscaping their yard? Then nominate them for one of the City's recognition awards.

**Beautiful Front Yard** is given to those whose front yard landscape beautifies the city. Councilmembers will go and look at the nominations and select those who will receive the award.

If you would like to nominate someone, email Jeanne Pettit, [jp Pettit@hhky.com](mailto:jp Pettit@hhky.com). Recipients of both awards are invited to come to a council meeting to receive a plaque from Mayor Meyers and their names are listed on a perpetual plaque in the City Building lobby.

**Good Neighbor Award** is given to residents who make Highland Heights a friendly place to live through their kind and helpful works and deeds. Awards have been given for shoveling snow, cutting grass, volunteering at city events, good works that promote good citizenship.

On the right is a picture of Pat Kilmer, with his wife Brenda and Mayor Meyers, receiving the Good Neighbor Award for shoveling his elderly neighbor's driveway during the recent blizzard. Thank you Pat and Brenda for being outstanding good neighbors.



*Pat Kilmer, with his wife Brenda and Mayor Meyers, receiving the Good Neighbor Award*



## YOU ARE NEEDED IN THE ARENA

*Council Member R. Alex Bramel*

In 1910, President Theodore Roosevelt gave a speech titled "Citizenship in a Republic", or most notably called "Man in the Arena" speech, to the people of Paris, France. Though it may have been over a century ago, the President's speech still rings true today. I have an excerpt from his speech framed and hanging on the wall in my office. The excerpt begins as such:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the [person] who points out how the strong [person] stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the [person] who is actually in the arena..." At first read, it seems to carry the sense of arrogance or harshness, but when put in the appropriate context, it is a call to action.

Take a minute to think about the last time that you, a citizen of Highland Heights, attended or watched a City Council meeting, participated in a city function as an attendee or volunteer, or thought about volunteering for one of the many different city boards or commissions. If you are like me, before I de-

cided to run for City Council, I could count all these instances on one hand. Now, think of our city government (and all that that entails) as the "arena". If you re-read the excerpt from the President's speech, keeping in mind what we just spoke about, I would venture to say you have a different perception than when you read it for the first time.

Is it fair for me to ask that you join me in the arena? I think so. How can I and the other elected officials do the people's work if we don't hear your ideas, concerns, and (what most elected officials like to avoid) complaints? Right now, our arena is mostly empty, with a small number of very dedicated citizens holding the line, being the "doer[s] of deeds" for our city. The credit belongs to them.

Each of us has a responsibility to our city to be involved by volunteering for a board or commission or attending city council meetings to hear the city's business and to voice our ideas, concerns, or complaints. If we are not in the arena, we can't be a "doer of deeds", but rather a critic where credit doesn't belong.

Consider coming to your city council's meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7pm at the City Building.

**YOUR** voice needs to be heard! **YOU** are needed in the arena!

**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

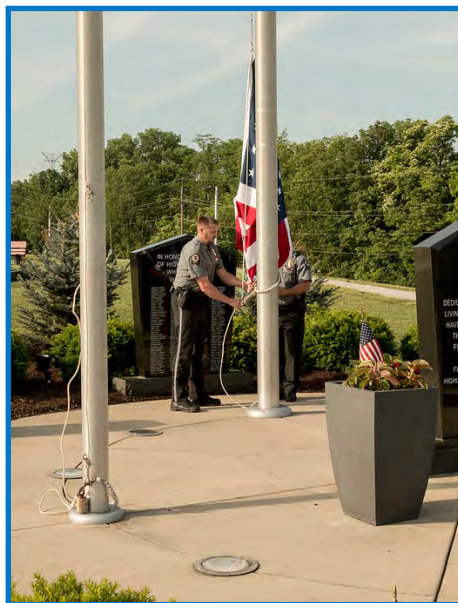
**APRIL 29 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.**

Highland Heights will be hosting its 5th Annual Arbor Day Celebration Saturday, April 29th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the City Building, 176 Johns Hill Road. We will be giving away 150 trees, while they last, to Highland Heights residents (ID Required). Mayor Greg Meyers will read the Arbor Day Proclamation at 11:00 a.m. followed by the dedication of trees to former Mayor Judson Daum and longtime resident and Christmas Decorators extraordinaire Gil and Dee Dee Fessler. Please come to celebrate and to receive your free tree.

We also have four openings on the Tree Committee as original members Diane Brossart,

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Jean Rauf, Tom Schulte, and Tommy Mann's terms expire. A special thank you to those 4 individuals who have worked tirelessly the last 5 years to help establish Highland Heights as a perennial Tree City. Please call the city to volunteer.

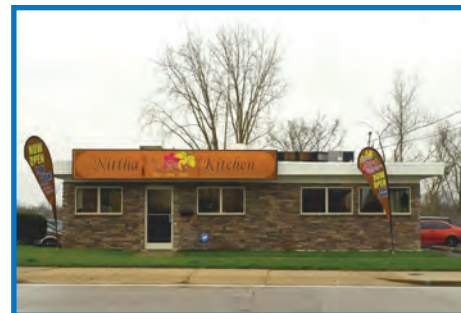


**MEMORIAL DAY – HONOR THOSE WHO GAVE ALL**

**Ceremony: Monday, May 29, 8:30 a.m.,**

**Highland Heights City Building**

Memorial Day is an opportunity to honor the memory of those who gave their all fighting for our freedoms. We encourage everyone to take a few minutes out of their day to honor the memory of those who died in battle and veterans who have passed. Coffee, tea, and donuts will be served after the ceremony



**NITTHA SIAM KITCHEN**

**Listed As One of the TOP 25 Restaurants in Northern Kentucky Right Now**

According to data on the crowd-sourced review app, Yelp, Nittha Siam Kitchen in Highland Heights is ranked #21 on the list of the "25 Best Restaurants in Northern Kentucky". CityBeat published the list in a March 15th article, and the Highland Heights restaurant is featured proudly with some of its best reviews. Located at 2415 Alexandria Pike, Nittha Siam Kitchen offers specialty dishes from each part of Thailand as well as a variety of sushi and Thai street food options.

Reviews on Yelp applaud Nittha Siam Kitchen for being "authentic" and doing both Sushi and Thai food very well. The restaurant is owned by Unnshasa and has been open since April 2015. Nittha Siam Kitchen is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner, with the exception of Saturday, which is only open for dinner. Congratulations to everyone at Nittha Siam Kitchen and be sure to check out this great spot in our community!

<https://nitthasiamkitchen.com>

Call [859] 441-0132 for a pick-up order.



**Community Events**



**Farmers Market - Highland Heights**

Martha Layne Collins Blvd, Highland Heights. Located in the parking lot by the Campbell County Senior Center and Campbell County Extension Center. The Farmers Market is generally open from May 2-October 31, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.. Times may vary, see <https://nfm.org/ky/highland-height/1006429> for more details.



FREE dump days for Campbell County residents are returning! The Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Friday, April 28th, and Saturday, April 29th, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. There are four convenient locations for drop-off, including:

LOCATION	ACCEPTED ITEMS
<b>Campbell County Police Department</b> 8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria	Furniture & Mattresses Trash & Debris Yard Waste
<b>Frederick's Landing</b> KY-9/AA Highway, Wilder	Furniture & Mattresses Trash & Debris Yard Waste
<b>Pendery Park</b> 4123 Williams Lane, Melbourne	Furniture & Mattresses Trash & Debris Yard Waste Appliances (Freon OK) Batteries (Vehicle & rechargeable only) Electronics (Limit 1 TV per vehicle) Propane Tanks Scrap Metal (Remove all fluids) Tires (Limit 8 Tires, Rims OK)
<b>Campbell County Transportation Center</b> 1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	

**NOT ACCEPTED:** Paint, Liquids, Junk Vehicles, Hazardous Waste, Fluorescent Bulbs, Dirt, Concrete, Rocks

Questions? Contact Solid Waste at 859-547-1866 or [SolidWaste@campbellcountymbdc.com](mailto:SolidWaste@campbellcountymbdc.com).

**Campbell County Spring 2023 Clean-up Event**

The Campbell County Spring Clean-Up Event has been scheduled for Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th from 8:00AM to 5PM. This is for Campbell County residents only. Participants must have a valid Campbell County ID or some other proof of residency. Participants must unload their own vehicle. Please see the flyer above for locations, acceptable items, and check [www.campbellcountymbdc.com](http://www.campbellcountymbdc.com) for updates, or call 859-547-1866.

**Community Shred Event - Northern Kentucky Federal Credit Union**

Northern Kentucky Federal Credit Union will hold a FREE Shred Day on Saturday, April 29. This event is open to ALL. Stop by the Highland Heights location, 2805 Alexandria Way, from 9:00 a.m.-Noon and get your old documents shredded for FREE!

**Summer Fun**

There are many fun, family events happening close to home this summer. Check out the following websites to find activities for children, teens, adults, and seniors!

**Campbell County Senior Center, Highland Heights:** <https://campbellcountymbdc.com/departments/index.php?structureid=42>

**Campbell County Parks, (AJ Jolly, Pendery Park, etc.):** <https://campbellcountymbdc.com/departments/index.php?structureid=40>

**Campbell County Extension Office:** <https://campbell.ca.uky.edu/>

**CITY-WIDE CLEANUP EVENT**

**READY FOR SUMMER? NEED TO DO SOME SPRING CLEANING?**

EASE YOUR BURDEN BY UNLOADING YOUR UNWANTED CLUTTER INTO ONE OF THE CITY PROVIDED DUMPSTERS THE WEEKEND OF MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>—21<sup>ST</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE: APPLIANCES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OIL, PAINT, OR TIRES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. \*HIGHLAND HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ONLY\***

**When:** Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>—10am-4pm

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>—10am-4pm

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>—10am-4pm

**(UNLOADING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY)**

**Where:** Civic Building/Public Works Department & Veterans Park



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**Upcoming Events**

- April 2023**  
**Council Meeting**  
 April 4 @ 7:00 pm  
**Planning/Zoning Meeting**  
 April 11 @ 7:00 pm  
**Council Meeting**  
 April 18 @ 7:00 pm  
**Tree Board Meeting**  
 April 25 @ 7:00 pm  
**Arbor Day Celebration - Residents Only**  
 April 29 @ 11:00 am
- May 2023**  
**Council Meeting**  
 May 2 @ 7:00 pm  
**Code Enforcement Board Meeting**  
 May 3 @ 7:00 pm  
**Planning/Zoning Meeting**  
 May 9 @ 7:00 pm  
**Council Meeting**  
 May 16 @ 7:00 pm  
**Highland Heights Clean-Up Residents Only**  
 May 19-21 @ 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
**Memorial Day Ceremony - Offices Closed**  
 May 29 @ 8:30 am

**Upcoming Events**

- June 2023**  
**Council Meeting**  
 June 6 @ 7:00 pm  
**Planning/Zoning Meeting**  
 June 13 @ 7:00 pm  
**Council Meeting**  
 June 20 @ 7:00 pm  
**Tree Board Meeting**  
 June 27 @ 7:00 pm
- July 2023**  
**Offices Closed**  
 July 4 @ 7:00 pm  
**Council Meeting**  
 July 4 @ 7:00 pm  
**Planning/Zoning Meeting**  
 July 11 @ 7:00 pm  
**Council Meeting**  
 July 18 @ 7:00 pm
- August 2023**  
**Council Meeting**  
 August 1 @ 7:00 pm  
**Code Enforcement Board Meeting**  
 August 2 @ 7:00 pm  
**Planning/Zoning Meeting**  
 August 8 @ 7:00 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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