

# City of Highland Heights

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In the last year we used some of the ARPA money by investing \$120,000 in the Central Campbell Fire District, constructed a new entrance sign at the US-27 and Sunset intersection, funded a full-time social worker position within the police department, and are currently putting together a study of the 4-acre greenspace at the city building location.

As I mentioned before, the businesses of Highland Heights continue to invest in their futures. Thermo Fischer Scientific will be doing a \$30,000,000 expansion to their facility and Prysmian Group North America just finished a \$7,000,000 renovation of their facility on Tesseneer Drive.

Looking ahead to this year, we hope to start the design work to realign Sunset Drive at US-27 and look for other sidewalk and road improvements the city can make. We will finish up the greenspace study and look to budget some money into improving the amenities at the city building site for the community to enjoy.

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

The police department has had two recent promotions; Nick Love was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel (assistant chief). John Dunn was promoted to Lieutenant. Both promotions went into effect July 1, 2023. Congratulations to both officers.

Please don't hesitate to call the police if you need help or see something suspicious. This includes any parking or traffic complaint; it is best to call while the problem is occurring and not to wait. If it is an emergency call 911, and for non-emergency assistance please call (859) 292-3622 for the Campbell County Dispatch center. The dispatcher will put you in contact with an officer 24 hours a day.

The Highland Heights Police Clerk hours are Monday through Friday 8:00-4:00 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).

## Mayors Message

I hope everyone is having a fun, safe, and enjoyable summer. The weather has been mild so far and I hope families have been able to spend lots of time outside. In June I gave a State of the City Address and wanted to touch on a few of the highlights of my talk.



Sincerely,  
*Greg Meyers* - Mayor

## Police Department

Please remember to drive safely and obey all traffic laws, especially on the City streets as the children are out of school on summer break and outside. Also, remember to wear your seat belts as the Highland Heights Police Department participates in the "Click it or Ticket" program. Remember to lock your homes as well as your cars and take any valuables inside.

Remember the police department will check your residence for you while you are on vacation out of town. Contact the police clerk to set up your house check.

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

## Central Campbell Fire District

What happens if you need to call 911 for a fire, car accident, or medical emergency? Who comes and where are they coming from? That is something most people are not able to answer, all they know is if you call 911, somebody is going to show up to help. Let's take a brief minute to explain who the Central Campbell Fire Department is and what we offer.

The Central Campbell Fire District was formed by the merger of the Cold Spring/Crestview and Highland Heights Fire Departments in 2000. We are 1 of 10 fire departments that provide emergency services in Campbell County. Today the department has grown in size, service, and emergencies. We operate out of 1 station, our headquarters located at 4113 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring. We serve the citizens of Cold Spring, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, and unincorporated areas of Campbell County. We operate with 7 full-time Firefighter/EMT's and Para-

medics on a 24 hour basis that respond to all types of calls: fires, auto accidents, medical emergencies, rescue, water emergencies, and missing person searches just to name a few.

What other services does Central Campbell offer? We offer public education to teach about fire and life safety, station tours for groups or individuals, fire extinguisher training for our district businesses, schools, and churches, emergency plan reviews, and first aid/CPR training for the average citizen or healthcare provider. We offer first aid/CPR training at our fire station on the 2nd Saturday of every even month (i.e. February, April, June, etc.). The class usually starts at 9am and lasts for 3 – 4 hours. If interested or you would like more information, please contact us at 859-441-7631, email Lt. Duane Johnson at [duane.johnson@cccfd.org](mailto:duane.johnson@cccfd.org), or drop by the station.

### Water Safety

Summer time brings fun in the sun and the water, especially for children of all ages. According to [Injury Facts®](#) and the National Safety Council, an average of 10 people die from drowning every day in the United States. It is the leading cause of death in children ages 1 – 4 and the second leading cause for ages 5 - 14.

Accidents happen but they can also be prevented so please follow these steps to keep your loved ones safe and enjoying the rest of the summer:

- Never swim alone
- Teach your children how to swim and float or get them swim lessons
- **NEVER!!!** take your eyes off of your child and know the signs of a struggling swimmer
- Do not push or jump on others or dive in shallow or unfamiliar areas of the water
- Ensure your pool has a proper fence/barrier, a latching gate, and child proof access
- Designate someone to watch the water when children are swimming or near the water

### Grilling Safety

If you are one of those people who have been waiting all winter long to enjoy the taste of a flame grilled burger or hot dog and even bought a new apron telling everyone that 'Good Lookin Is Cookin!', then fire that grill up! Before you do though, read these safety tips so your home isn't 1 of the 10,000+ homes to catch fire this year sparked from the grill.

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- Keep children and pets away from the grill
- Never grill indoors and grill at least 10 feet from the home, deck, or around combustibles
- Keep your grill clean of grease and buildup and empty the trap/tray regularly
- **NEVER!!!** leave your grill unattended
- If using charcoal, once the fire is lit, chill out on the lighter fluid
- Lastly, if you use charcoal, let the coals completely cool before removing them and placing them in a metal container for disposal

### *Clerk/Treasurer - Tax Update*

Tax season is upon us. Tax bills will be mailed at the end of September or the first week of October. Here's what you need to know:

- Tax bills will be mailed to the property owner of record at the time of printing. If taxes are paid through an escrow account, the bill will need to be forwarded to the escrow company.
- **Taxes are due on or before October 31, 2023.** Payments will be considered delinquent on November 1, 2023. All delinquent taxes will be subject to interest at a rate of 12% per year and penalties at a rate of 10% on the taxable amount calculated from November 1, 2023 until paid in full.
- Taxes may be paid by:
  - \* going on line to [www.hhky.com](http://www.hhky.com) and clicking on the "View/Pay Taxes" button. Pay online with a debit or credit card. A fee of \$2.50 is assessed for debit card payments and a 2.75% processing fee is assessed for credit card payments. We accept Visa, Master Card, Discover, and American Express.
  - \* sending a check to the return address on the bill. This sends the payment directly to 5/3 Bank for processing.
  - \* coming to the City Building, 176 Johns Hill Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to pay by credit/debit card, cash, or check.
  - \* using the Drop Box located just outside the main doors of the City Building. Please put the tax bill and check (**no cash, please**) in an envelope to ensure your payment is credited properly.
- Waste bills and code enforcement liens, if applicable, are included on the tax bill.
- The full amount of the tax bill (taxes, waste, and code enforcement liens) is due at the time of payment.

**Homestead Exemption:** People age 65 or older; who own, maintain, and reside at a property as of January 1, 2023, may apply for the

Homestead exemption at the Campbell County PVA office, 1098 Monmouth Street, Room 329. Once the homestead exemption is applied to the property, it remains until the property is sold.

**Disability Exemption:** People who are 100% disabled; own, maintain, and reside at the property; and provide proof of disability benefits; may apply for a disability exemption. People must apply for this exemption every year at the Campbell County PVA office.

The current amount for the homestead and disability exemptions is \$46,350. This amount is subtracted from the assessed value of your property. **Only one exemption is permitted per residential unit.**

If you have questions, please feel free to contact City Clerk/Treasurer's office at 859-441-8575.

### *Code Enforcement Update*

Summer is in full swing and here are a few reminders to help keep our city looking great: trash and recycling receptacles cannot be set out for pickup before noon on the day prior and must be removed by midnight on the following day of pickup; yards and properties must be maintained and weeds/grass not to exceed eight (8) inches; and all properties must be kept clear of trash, junk, and other items in non-working condition. If you or a neighbor needs assistance with removal of stuff, there may be programs available to help you get rid of unwanted items. Lastly, if you have tires sitting around that need to be disposed of, the Campbell County Road Department is holding a collection event on August 10th through 12th at 1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria, Kentucky. 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).



[www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com)

## Rene Heinrich - Welcome to City Council



Rene Heinrich is a 2000 graduate of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law and a 1995 Honors graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, holding degrees in English, Speech and Theater. Born in Rosenheim, Germany and fluent in conversational German, Rene's childhood was primarily in Mt. Sterling and Richmond, Kentucky. Following college, Rene worked at the Cincinnati Ballet Company and New York Stage and Film. After entering law school, Rene assistant-directed the Drama Desk, Pulitzer Prize and Tony-award winning Broadway production of *Side Man* that turned out to be Rene's last professional job in the theater. She is licensed to practice law in all courts in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In our home of Highland Heights, Rene has served multiple terms as a Council Member, and as a Member of the Planning and Zoning, Board of Adjustments, and several Comprehensive Plan Committees. Rene, along with the Mayor and Council, was instrumental in: NKU joining the City, the building our new City Building, Highland Heights' hiring of an economic development professional and the hiring of our new city administrator, Michael Giffen. Rene also has worked on committees in the hiring of our current Chief of Police, the development of TIF districts in the Highland Heights, and passing measures for bonds to allow us to build our new Public Works facility.

As an experienced family law attorney, Rene's day job consists of representing families through divorce, custody, adoption, and child protective cases. A long-time advocate for children, she has represented over two-thousand of our most vulnerable citizens through her Guardian Ad Litem roles in Kenton and Campbell counties. Rene also represents vic-

tims of sexual and other abuse/neglect situations, including those occurring in nursing homes. She also currently represents James Yates and Will Smith, two men who were denied access to their marriage license by clerk Kim Davis in Rowan County. Rene previously served as an appointed Administrative Law Judge for the Kentucky Parole Board.

More importantly than all the rest, Rene is happily married to Jack Hering and together they have raised four daughters to adulthood and have two more kids to go! In her spare time, Rene loves to travel, read, and giggle with her granddaughter, Addy.

## Michelle Eviston - City Attorney



Michelle was appointed the City Attorney in March 2023. She is a lifelong resident of Campbell County and received her undergraduate degrees from Northern Kentucky University and law degree from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Michelle is also an Assistant County Attorney with the Campbell County Attorney's Office and previously clerked for Judge Fred A. Stine V., Campbell County Circuit Court.

## Yard of the Month



Doug and Tiffany Davies of Arbor Drive were

awarded the July 2023 Yard of the Month. Thank you, Tiffany and Doug, for making Highland Heights a more beautiful place to live.

## Highland Heights Tree Commission

We are halfway through our 5th season as an Arbor Foundation Tree City. Our Tree Commission Members this year are David Dalton, Janet Jackson, Mitch Miller, Michael Vaught and Ray Wash. We are still missing two members if you are interested. The Committee meets for an hour on the 4th Tuesday of the even numbered months at 7:00pm in the Highland Heights City Building.

The Tree Board is responsible for the planning and purchasing of the trees for our Annual Arbor Day tree giveaway each April. They also plan the purchasing and planting of other trees within the city and the education of our citizens on the benefits of planting and preserving trees.

## Community Event - October 7th

The City would like to invite all of our residents out for an evening of food, music, and fun on Saturday October 7th as we celebrate the fall season amongst friends.

More details will be available in the next newsletter and in the weeks leading up to the event, but we anticipate having live music, food trucks, and refreshments for all ages at the pavilion located on the city building campus. The event will start around 5pm so mark your calendars!

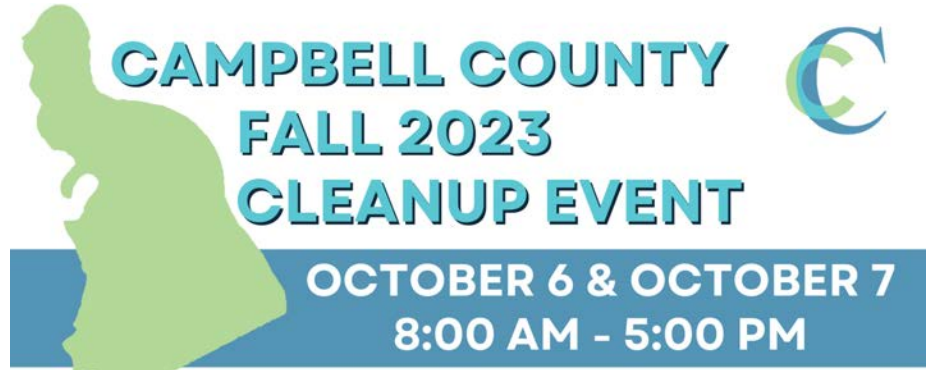
## More Community Events

Below are additional events planned for the Highland Heights community. You can find additional information on the City's website at [hhky.com/events/](http://hhky.com/events/). As the events draw near, the City's Facebook Page, *City of Highland Heights, Kentucky*, will post updates.

Highland Heights residents may reserve the shelter at the city building until November 1st, for their events. Please call the Administration Department during business hours to reserve a date.

- Halloween Party for Children – 1:00-2:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 21 at the Public Works Building.
- Neighborhood Trick or Treat – 6:00-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, October 31.
- Election Day – 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, November 7 at your polling location.
- Veterans Day Ceremony and Senior Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.-12 noon; Saturday, November 11 at the City Building. Sign-up is required.
- Santa Tour through the City – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 9. Rain Date is Saturday, December 16. Sign-up is required.
- Outdoor Lighting Contest Judging – 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, December 12.

the council members who helped on Friday and Saturday. We hope to make this a yearly event. Once again, thank you all.



# CAMPBELL COUNTY FALL 2023 CLEANUP EVENT

## OCTOBER 6 & OCTOBER 7 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**RESIDENTS ONLY - BRING PHOTO ID OR PROOF OF RESIDENCY**  
**PARTICIPANTS MUST UNLOAD OWN VEHICLE (LIMITED ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE)**

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	
<b>Pendery Park</b> 4113 Williams Lane, Melbourne	
<b>Campbell County Transportation Center</b> 1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	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)

**NOT ACCEPTED**

Paint, Liquids, Junk Vehicles/Boats, Hazardous Waste,  
Fluorescent Bulbs, Dirt, Concrete, Rocks



 (859) 547 - 1866
  [campbellcountyky.gov](http://campbellcountyky.gov)
 [solidwaste@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:solidwaste@campbellcountyky.gov)

**Rumpke - Early Summer Collection**

During the hot, summer months, Rumpke will begin **trash pick up at 6:00 a.m.** on Tuesdays. Receptacles and recyclable containers may be placed at the curb at noon on Mondays and removed from the curb after pick-up on Tuesdays. Remember to keep recyclables loose in the container. Bags cannot be recycled through the household pickup service. Visit [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com) for a complete list of recyclable items. If your red, recycle bin needs to be replaced, bring it to the City Building to exchange it for a new one.

**US-27 Contruction**

The City recently spoke to the local district office of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to get an update on the construction work being done on US-27. The project is progressing on pace and is scheduled to be completed by late August or early September. We understand this has been an inconvenience for the community and look forward to having the project completed.

**City Cleanup**

Thank you to the residents who helped make the city cleanup event a huge success. The event was held May 19-21. Four dumpsters were provided, two at the City Building and two at Veterans Park, for residents to get rid of all unwanted debris and help keep our city clean. A special thanks to our Public Works department for organizing this event and manning the two locations.; and thanks to

**City of Highland Heights**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**A Magical Old Time Christmas Bazaar**  
**Saturday, November 18, 2023**  
**9:00am - 2:00pm**  
 Highland Village Apartment Complex  
 515 Main Ave., Highland Heights, KY  
 (plenty of additional parking)  
*Handmade Fall & Christmas Items, Crafters,  
 Breakfast & Lunch Food, Wine & Wine Tasting*

## NORTHERN KENTUCKY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

When: Saturday, November 4, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Thomas More Stadium, 7950 Freedom Way, Florence, KY 41042

### Items Accepted

- Antifreeze
- Batteries (all types)
- Corrosives/Flammables (fuel, kerosene, etc.)
- Electronics
- Ink Cartridges/Toner
- Light Bulbs
- Oil
- Paint (all types – limit 10 cans per vehicle)
- Pesticides (2 gallon/2 lbs. only)
- Propane Tanks (20 lbs. only)
- Televisions (limit 2 per vehicle)

### Items NOT Accepted

- Appliances
- Fertilizer
- Mercury-Containing Devices
- Medications
- Tires
- Trash/Debris
- Furniture/Mattresses
- Paper Shredding



Please call 859-547-1866 for any questions or check [www.nkyhhw.org](http://www.nkyhhw.org) for updates.

Read the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Resource Guide for information on how to dispose of these items throughout the year.

# HIGHLAND HEIGHTS PARK PUBLIC SURVEY

## What's your vision for Highland Height's Municipal Park?

The City of Highland Heights is looking to enhance the existing greenspace around the municipal center. Take our brief survey to provide input to this design process! Thank you!

We need your input!

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

Copy the link below or scan the QR code to get started!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHKYGreenspace>





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### Upcoming Events

#### 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

##### **Council Meeting**

August 15 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Tree Board Meeting**

August 22 @ 7:00 pm

#### September 2023

##### **Council Meeting**

September 5 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Planning/Zoning Meeting**

September 12 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Council Meeting**

September 19 @ 7:00 pm

#### October 2023

##### **Council Meeting**

October 3 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Planning/Zoning Meeting**

October 10 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Council Meeting**

October 17 @ 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Events

#### Kids Halloween Party

October 21 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

##### **Tree Board Meeting**

October 24 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Neighborhood Trick or Treat**

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

##### **City Property Taxes Due**

October 31

#### November 2023

##### **Code Enforcement Board Meeting**

November 1 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

November 4 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

##### **Election Day**

November 7 @ 6:00 am - 6:00 pm

##### **Council Meeting**

November 7 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Veterans Day Ceremony & Senior Breakfast**

November 11 @ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

##### **Planning/Zoning Meeting**

November 14 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Council Meeting**

November 21 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Offices Closed - Thanksgiving**

November 23-24

### Upcoming Events

#### December 2023

##### **Council Meeting**

December 5 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Santa Tour Thru the City**

December 9 @ 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

##### **Planning/Zoning Meeting**

December 12 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Outdoor Lighting Contest Judging**

December 13 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

##### **RAIN DATE for Santa Tour Thru the City**

December 16 @ 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

##### **Council Meeting**

December 19 @ 7:00 pm

##### **Tree Board Meeting**

December 26 @ 7:00 pm

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