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Mayors Message

Spring has finally arrived and soon summer will be here in full swing. Our Public Works department is fully staffed and has been busy getting our city spruced up. The winter took a toll on our parks and, with all the rain this spring, our Public Works Department has faced many challenges to make ready our parks. Highland Heights has some of the nicest parks in the area. If you have not visited them I suggest you do. I congratulate our citizens for doing their part in keeping them clean. Please call our friendly administration staff if you wish to reserve one of our parks for your family outing this spring and summer.



Please remember, the children are out of school and will be enjoying their summer vacation, which means they will be riding bikes and playing outside. I, and our entire Police Department, 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 before running after a ball or chasing their friends.

If your family has a vacation planned this summer, our Police Department offers a vacation check. To request this valuable service just give our administration a call at 859-441-
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8575 or go on the Highland Heights Police web site and let them know the dates you will be away. The police will schedule several walk around stops to check your doors and windows.

As you know our new city clerk, Jeanne Pettit has done a fantastic job in taking over the job from our former city clerk of 33 years, Jean Rauf. Jeanne and her friendly staff will be ready to assist you in any way.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy spring and summer and I hope to see you at our Memorial Day Service May 27th. I would also enjoy seeing everyone on July 13th at the annual car show and concert.

Sincerely,

Greg Meyers - Mayor

NKU Mixed-use Project

Phase I of the NKU Mixed-use project, an approximately 65,000 SF Medical Office Building, is proceeding as planned. The new 3-story, state-of-the art medical facility will provide much needed healthcare services to Highland Heights and area residents while generating new economic impacts to a previously underutilized and important gateway into the community. Construction commenced last fall and the building remains on schedule to open in the spring of 2020.

With less than a year of construction remaining for Phase I, efforts remain ongoing to mitigate construction impacts to neighbors and businesses. The development and construction team recognizes that like any large scale construction project, there will be impacts to the surrounding neighbors with respect to noise, traffic, access, etc., but whenever issues do arise, the key is always good communication. As it has from the start of the project, the team is committed to keeping open lines of communication and welcomes any feedback.

Predevelopment efforts continue to move Phase II of the project forward, planned for the south side of Nunn Drive at the entrance to NKU. As envisioned, this next phase is anticipated to include hospitality, retail, restau-

rants, entertainment, residential and community focused amenities. Much of the focus of late has been on structuring the public-private partnerships (P3) that will enable the successful delivery of the community's vision for this important connection between NKU's campus and the Highland Heights community. Although the final scope specifics of the next phase are still being developed while the P3 details are arranged, the development team expects that process to conclude in the next few months and is excited to share further updates as the next phase draws closer.

Driver's License Changes

This article is excerpted from "Kentuckians to See Changes in State Driver's License" in Kentucky City magazine, November/December 2018, written by Naitore Djigbenou.

"The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is spearheading the Confidential Kentucky initiative to improve the security of state driver's licenses, permits and personal ID's and to introduce a new, voluntary travel ID credential that meets federal standards to board U.S. flights and enter select federal facilities.... On October 1, 2020, Kentucky's current standard licenses will no longer be accepted to board U.S. flights or enter military bases."

"Through a phased rollout beginning in January 2019 and extending statewide by the spring, all Kentucky driver's licenses, permits and personal ID's will have new security features, arrive in the mail five to 10 business days after residents apply at their local circuit court clerk's office and will transition to an eight-year lifespan. New pricing will be in place to account for the doubled renewal cycle and additional security improvements. Once implemented, Kentuckians can request a license, permit or personal ID in one of two versions: a standard credential or a voluntary travel ID credential."

"Standard driver's licenses and permits are acceptable to drive, vote, access federal and social benefit services, and for general identification purposes.... Kentucky's new voluntary travel ID is a state-mandated, federally compliant license accepted for domestic air travel

and military base entry. A voluntary travel ID doubles as a license or permit and offers all the benefits of a standard credential."

To learn more, please visit drive.ky.gov/confidentky.

Police Department



Welcome Back Officer Feldman!

Patrick Feldman is our newest police officer in Highland Heights. Chief Birkenhauer introduced Officer Feldman and City Attorney Steve Franzen swore him in. Officer Feldman is a lifelong resident of Highland Heights. He is a graduate of Newport Central Catholic High School and Cincinnati State College. Additionally, Officer Feldman is a graduate of the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training Academy, class number 496.

Before his career in law enforcement, Officer Feldman was employed in our Public Works Department during the summers of 2013-2016. Officer Feldman began his law enforcement career with the Cold Spring Police Department in May of 2018. He was hired by the Highland Heights Police Department in February 2019. A ten-week field training program will be completed by Officer Feldman before he begins working on his own.

If you see Officer Feldman driving down your street in his cruiser, give him a wave!

From The Highland Heights Police Department

Please remember to drive safely and obey all traffic laws, especially on the City streets as the children are 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 which will be taking place May 20 – June 2, 2019.

As vacation season approaches remember that the police department will keep a close eye on your residence while you are out of town. You can now fill out a Vacation Check Form online located on our new website <https://hhkypolice.info/>.

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 am – 4:00 pm.

Please don't hesitate to call the police if you need help or see something suspicious. 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 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 the Chief at wbirkenhauer@hhky.com.

Need a copy of a police or collision report? Need information concerning City Ordinances? Need any current tips regarding crime prevention? You can now locate all of this information (and much more) on our new website! Please visit www.hhkypolice.info for more information.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to receive daily news updates and police alerts.

With Independence Day right around the corner, the Highland Heights Police Department would like to provide the City's Ordinance policy regarding public firework displays; Ord. 93.1 - 93.06. Improper use of firework displays will be in violation of said ordinance and penalized under Ordinance 93.99. For more information, or clarity, regarding these ordinances please call 859-441-8956. The department can also provide copies of these ordinances to all whom request.

Anis Pretot Letter

March 29, 2019

Dear Mr. Lehman:

I am a resident of Highland Heights and want

to compliment you on the green space located at Elblaine and US27, in front of the US Post Office. It is a lovely area that welcomes area citizens and visitors to sit and relax by the fountain and watch the world go by.

My first impression of the "pineapple" fountain represents, to me, an expression of "welcome" and symbolizes the assets we most appreciate, e.g. friendship, hospitality and warmth.

I congratulate the City of Highland Heights, the Campbell County Extension Service, Greg's Antiques and Garden for their contribution to make Highland Heights a wonderful city to enjoy.

With this in mind, I would appreciate your consideration to name this green space

"Pineapple Park"

Respectfully submitted,
Anis Pretot



Jeanne Pettit - City Clerk/Treasurer

I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to serve as the City Clerk/Treasurer for Highland Heights. I began this position in January, 2019 but my involvement in city government has spanned many years. I have been a Board of Adjustments Commissioner and a Planning and Zoning Commissioner, both for Highland Heights. For the past 8 years, I have been a Highland Heights City Council member. My love for this city and the citizens grew as I served in these different capacities. My interest and passion for city government also grew as I learned more and more about what it takes to be an effective city official. I am looking forward to many years as your City Clerk/Treasurer and hope you will contact me if I can assist you in any way.

Tree City USA

In March, the Highland Heights City Council approved an ordinance establishing a Tree Commission for our City. This was the first step on the way to becoming a Tree City Certified by the Arbor Day Foundation.

The Committee consists of 7 members: Chairman Diane Brossart, Vice Chairman - Jean Rauf, Secretary Christie Fillhardt and members Candice Ziegler, Tom Mann, Dianne Heck and Tom Schulte.

We will have an Arbor Day Celebration sometime in September and then officially apply for Tree City Certification after that. You will be hearing from the committee on a regular basis in the future.

The Tree City USA program provides direction, assistance, and national recognition to your community. It's the framework for a healthy, sustainable urban forestry program in your town. By becoming a Tree City USA your community is ensuring that its trees will benefit your community in many ways:

Reduce costs for energy, stormwater management, and erosion control. Trees yield three to five times their cost in overall benefits to the city.

Cut energy consumption by up to 25 percent. Studies indicate that as few as three additional trees planted around each building in the United States could save \$2 billion annually in energy costs.

Boost property values across your community. Properly placed trees can increase property values from 7 – 20 percent. Buildings in wooded areas rent more quickly and tenants stay longer.

Build stronger ties to your neighborhood and community. Trees and green spaces directly correlate to greater connections to neighbors.

Honor your community and demonstrate your commitment to a healthier environment through Arbor Day celebrations and Tree City USA recognition.

Use the framework for action provided by the four core standards as a way to begin caring for city trees. Some communities regularly enhance urban forest management through

improved ordinances, innovative programs, and increased emphasis on planting and care.

Educate people living in your city about the value of trees and the importance of sustainable tree management. Annual participation as a Tree City USA community provides this opportunity and makes it easier to engage individuals and organizations through the city. Tree City USA status can also create a strong working relationship with your state forestry agency and other groups.

Increase community pride. Participation in the Tree With emphasis today on the environment, residents need to know the importance of trees and the importance of the care of those trees.

Public Works Department:

Highland Heights has purchased and installed an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) in the lobby of the city building. It is accessible during our normal working hours. The police department also has an AED in their office if the city building is closed and an emergency occurs. Please call 911 if an someone is in need of an AED.

Winter is finally behind us and grass cutting season has arrived. Following are some facts from the 2018-19 winter season. Public Works went out 27 times to either pre-treat, remove snow and ice or clean up areas that re-froze from the previous day. There were 207 man hours spent for snow removal, 1451 miles traveled, 175 tons of salt spread and 14,000 gallons of salt brine used.

During the summer months, Public Works cuts and trims about 18.5 acres of grass weekly. We also maintain the grassy areas and flower beds by applying pre-emergent, fertilizing, aerating, slit seeding and pulling weeds. The streets that have ditches instead of curbs and gutters are bush hogged 3 or 4 times each summer. If you notice any brush hanging into the streets and right of ways, please contact the city offices so we can have the residents with the overgrown trees and bushes to cut them back.

Several pot holes have been filled throughout the city following the winter weather. If you notice potholes on your streets we have missed, please call the city offices and report them so we can get them filled as soon as

possible.

The fountain in front of the post office has been turned on for the summer and fall. Included in this newsletter is a letter from a citizen that explains pineapple on top of the fountain. Everyone is welcome to sit, relax and enjoy the fountain and surrounding area.

If there is a fire hydrant in or near your yard please cut any tall grass or weeds from around them in case there is an emergency and the fire department needs to utilize it.

Code Enforcement:

Now that the grass is growing again, we receive several calls each week about residents not keeping their yards in compliance with city ordinances. Following is a list of some of the most common complaints we receive:

- Grass, weeds, undergrowth, or other vegetation must be kept at less than 8 inches in length.

- No person shall sweep, rake, throw or deposit leaves, grass or other debris onto any sidewalk, street or other public way of the city. Debris can be placed in a bag or other container for the purpose of regularly scheduled collection.

- No inoperable vehicle shall be stored in any parcel unless it is in a completely enclosed building. Parking is limited to the number of vehicles regularly used by family members or guests. All vehicles shall be licensed and registered.

- It is unlawful for anyone to park any RV, camper or boat in the front yard for more than 48 hours for the purpose of loading or unloading.

- Receptacles & recyclable containers shall be placed at the curb for collection no earlier than noon the day before the weekly collection occurs and be removed from the curb and returned to the premises by midnight on the day of collection.

Please respect your neighborhood and city and keep these regulations in mind. If you have any questions regarding any of these or other ordinances, please contact our city offices.

Recent Recreation Events

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held April 13th. There was a large turnout of 150 or more children that participated. Summit Martial Arts put on a display during the event for anyone interested. We want to thank Perfetti Van Melle USA for their donation of Airhead Candy Bars to give to those attending.

Our annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held May 27th. The ceremony begins at 8:30 am and lasts about 20 minutes followed by coffee and donuts in our Community Room. All residents are invited to pay honor to our veterans.

Our annual Cruise-In and Concert in the Park will be held Saturday July, 13th. The Cruise-In is from 4:00 to 6:00 and the Concert begins after, usually about 6:30 or 7:00. Please mark your calendars to join us for a great time.

Good Neighbors Support Our Community

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind." ~ Unknown

We hear this saying a lot, but the Kahmann family lives it. Susan Kahmann and her sons, Peter, Jeff, and Zach were nominated to receive the Good Neighbor Award by Councilmember Deb Ball for the many acts of kindness they do for their neighbors and the community.



Mayor Meyers presenting the Good Neighbor Award to Zach, Susan, and Jeff Kahmann

Peter, Jeff and Zach have shoveled snow for many of their neighbors, often without being asked. Susan has helped wash windows for an elderly neighbor and then she and the boys worked with Deb to clean out and freshen up

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the neighbor's landscaping. The boys have also volunteered at city events such as the Veterans Day Senior Breakfast and the Children's Christmas Party.

The family is also very active in their church. Susan paints the scenery for the church plays, as do the boys. Susan also made the Advent candles that decorate the front of St. Joseph Church in Cold Spring during the Christmas season.

These are just a few examples of the ways Susan and her sons give back. Many thanks to the Kahmann family for their kindness and service to our community. As Mayor Meyers stated when he presented the Good Neighbor Award – these are fine young men and the family is an excellent example for others in our community.

Northern Kentucky Community Gardens.

There are garden plots available on the Highland Heights City campus. You will find the guidelines, waiver of liability, and garden plot FAQs when you Google Northern Kentucky Community Gardens. The link for Northern Kentucky University is listed under the three garden location sites. This will direct you to another page where you will find Adopt a Plot, Garden Locations & Details. [<https://inside.nku.edu/sustainability/get-involved/community-garden.html> will take you directly to the garden page]

After you fill out and submit the waiver of liability, someone from NKU will contact you with your assigned plot. If you need to speak with someone directly, please leave your name and number with the receptionist at the Highland Heights City Building, and Deb Ball or Gary Chinn will return your call.

Campbell County Animal Shelter Community Cats Program

Do you have a cat, or cats, in your neighborhood that live outside and don't have an owner? These are called community cats. If you have a community cat in your neighborhood, Campbell County Animal shelter has a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program to reduce the cat population and prevent having to euthanize them. Since this program began, euthanasia rates have gone from 77% to 3% in Campbell County.

You may wonder why the cats are returned and not removed. The reason is because other cats will move into the neighborhood and take the space of those that were removed – and the cycle of trapping and removing cats continues as new kittens are born. By returning the cats once they are neutered, it stops they cycle and reduces the community cat population. You can tell if a cat has been neutered and returned by looking to see if a notch has been taken out of one of their ears. If the cat is "ear-tipped", it has been trapped, neutered, and returned.

What you can do? Call the Campbell County Animal Shelter at 859-635-2819. If you are able, take the community cat to the shelter on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-12 noon. Cats are neutered on Wednesday and returned on Friday. Shelter hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8:30-4:30; Tuesday 9:30-5:30 and Saturday 9:00-1:30. Additionally, if you need the Animal Control Officer, you can call the shelter during regular business hours or, if it is after hours, call the non-emergency dispatch at 859-292-3622.

For more information, you can go to <http://www.campbellcountky.org/>, click on "Animal Shelter" and then click on "Cat Diversion Program Flyer," which is the source of much of the information in this article.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
 University of Kentucky
 College of Agriculture, Food & Environment

Campbell County
Community Celebration Day
 Explore what UK Extension has to offer...

Saturday-June 22, 2019
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Campbell County Extension Office
 3500 Alexandria Pike | Highland Heights, KY 41076
 859-572-2600

Activities for everyone...

- Tour the Beautiful Garden
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Kids Crafting Stations
- Animals on Display
- Educational Demonstrations
- Complimentary Gifts & Door Prizes
- Staff on-hand to answer your questions
- Build a Birdfeeder - 3 classes 10:30, 11:30am & 1:00 pm (pre-registration is required call - 859-572-2600)

Rain or Shine

Your donation of nonperishable food items and toiletries are appreciated and will go to FUEL NKU, an on campus Food Pantry, FREE to NKU students!

Extension is here to help you with your questions regarding Horticulture, Natural Resources & Environmental Management, Family & Consumer Sciences, Agriculture & Natural Resources, 4-H Youth Development, and much more...

Campbell County Clean-Up Event Spring 2019

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- Free event for Campbell County residents (must have valid ID)
- Participants must unload their own vehicle
- Businesses are NOT permitted
- ***NEW* tire limit:** each resident may bring up to eight (8) tires

Location	Address	Items Accepted
Campbell County Police Department	8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria	Furniture/Mattresses Trash/Debris Yard Waste
Pendery Park	4051 Mary Ingles Hwy, Melbourne	Furniture/Mattresses Trash/Debris Yard Waste
Campbell County Transportation Center	1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	Appliances (Freon OK) Batteries Electronics (LIMIT 1 TV) Furniture/Mattresses Propane Tanks (up to 20 lbs.) Scrap Metal Tires (LIMIT 8; Rims OK) Trash/Debris Yard Waste

NOT ACCEPTED:

Paint, Liquids, Hazardous Waste, Fluorescent Bulbs, Dirt, Concrete, Shingles, Projection Televisions

Questions? Call (859) 547-1866 ahead of event date.

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Upcoming Events

June 2019

- Council Meeting**
June 4 @ 7:00 pm
- Planning/Zoning Meeting**
June 11 @ 7:00 pm
- Recreation Meeting**
June 12 @ 7:00 pm
- Council Meeting**
June 18 @ 7:00 pm

July 2019

- Council Meeting**
July 2 @ 7:00 pm
- Planning/Zoning Meeting**
July 9 @ 7:00 pm
- Recreation Meeting**
July 10 @ 7:00 pm
- Cruise-In and Concert**
July 13 @ 6:30 pm to 11:00pm
- Council Meeting**
July 16 @ 7:00 pm

August 2019

- Council Meeting**
August 6 @ 7:00 pm
- Planning/Zoning Meeting**
August 13 @ 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events

- Recreation Meeting**
August 14 @ 7:00 pm
- Council Meeting**
August 20 @ 7:00 pm



Volleyball Season

May 17 - August 9
Friday Evenings, 5:00 - 9:00 pm. City
Bldg. Courts



Upcoming Events

More information on events can be obtained from visiting the City calendar on the web or by scanning the QR code below.

City Calendar - <http://hhky.com/events/>

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