



# THE HUB



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## Luminary Night and Holiday Festivities Scheduled for December 12th

Park Hills' celebration of the holidays kicks-off with the community's annual Luminary Night—an evening when Park Hills truly shines in the glow of thousands of candles! Whether walking through Park Hills or riding in a carriage, the beauty of Luminary Night is one event you won't want to miss.

The evening's schedule of events are as follows:

- 5:00 Luminaries are lit (If you haven't ordered your luminary kit yet, see the order form inside this issue.)
- 6:00-7:00 Children's Christmas Party at the Fire House hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Refreshments will be served, and Santa has gifts for the children! You must be a member of the Civic Association to attend. (Dues are payable at the door.) Call Liz Stephens at 581-6308 to make reservations.
- 7:15 Tree lighting ceremony at Trolley Park. Ceremony and Christmas music provided by St. Agnes Choir.

In addition to the above festivities, the Civic Association will be scheduling horse-drawn carriage rides through the community. Carriage rides begin at 5 p.m. and run until 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$4/person and each carriage can accommodate four people. Carriages leave every twenty minutes, and those scheduling rides should be prepared to arrive promptly at their scheduled time.

The fun of riding through Devou Park and seeing the community's decorations from a horse-drawn carriage is a big part of the evening's events. Call Eric Soderlund at 581-5355 to schedule your ride. (See page 2 for route map.)





**Notice to Residents of the  
Rose Circle/Park Drive  
Neighborhood**

Do you have Christmas decorations and lights but aren't able or don't want to put them out and pack them up again after Christmas? Would you like to have luminaries lit along your curb on Luminary Night but can't handle putting them out or taking them in?

Let the Holiday Decorating Committee of Rose Circle/Park Drive do it for you, FREE! We want to make Rose Circle/Park Drive the most beautifully decorated street in Park Hills for the holidays.

For more information, and to arrange for help, please call Eric and Sally Soderlund at 581-5355 or Dave and Betsy Weber at 292-0522.

Let us hear from you. Thanks!

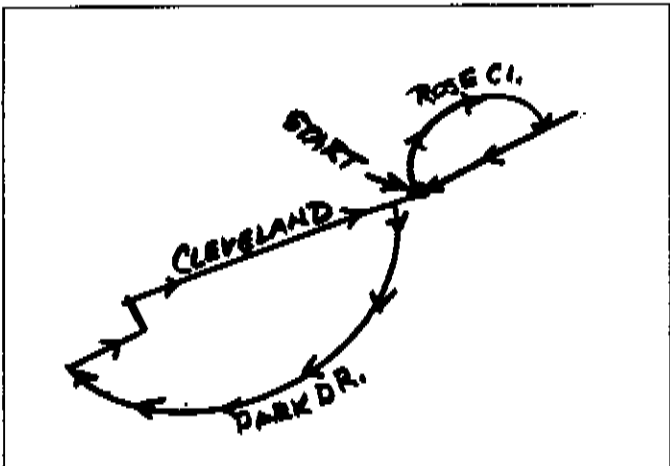
**There's Still Time to Join  
the Park Hills Civic  
Association**

It's still possible to pay dues for membership in the Park Hills Civic Association. A year's membership costs \$5.00 for a single, \$10.00 for a family. Funds from the annual membership drive support community events such as the Memorial Dayparade, Luminary night, carriage rides and annual picnic, as well as playground equipment, signs and other items that improve our quality of life in the Park Hills community. Membership in the Civic Association is required for all families with children attending the annual Christmas party.

**New to the Park Hills  
Community?**

The Park Hills Civic Association will be greeting new members of the community at a welcoming reception sometime in January. Information on community services and events will be provided and members of the Park Hills City Council will be there. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn more about why Park Hills is such a great place to live!

Millie Fangman will be hosting this event at her home, but she needs to hear from you to notify you of the date and time. All members of the community who have been residing here for less than five years should call Millie Fangman at 581-0022 or Marge Frankl at 491-6091.



**Carriage rides start at the corner of  
Cleveland, Park Drive and Rose Circle.**

# EDITORIAL EXCHANGE

## Devou Park Lawsuit Update

The Circuit Court Trial of the lawsuit to enjoin the construction of an additional nine holes at the golf course was concluded on November 4. Judge Douglas Stephens dismissed the request for the injunction and authorized the City of Covington to proceed with the expansion. He also allowed the resumption of activity on Covington's countersuit against the plaintiffs for damages, which the City has said are in the \$100,000 range.

The plaintiffs have advised Judge Stephens that we intend to appeal his decision to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Formal documents in support of this action must be filed within thirty days of the issuance of Stephen's written order on November 9.

The Judge, in his remarks at the conclusion of the trial, indicated that he felt that the three deed restrictions cited by the plaintiffs were either too vague or archaic to be used as restraints on the proposed project. He said that, in his reading of the deed, the Devous had anticipated the development of an "intense urban park" which provided the City great latitude in what it undertook in the park. Among other things, this interpretation will allow the reintroduction of plans to build a driving range along Park Road in front of Breckenridge Road.

The plaintiffs believe that the proposed project, by taking a significant area of the center of the park, eliminating existing facilities and encroaching on Prisoners Lake, the museum and the Childrens Home, fundamentally and adversely affects the character and use of the park as intended by the Devous. They believe this intent is

expressed in the deed, in the actual development of the park, in which the Devous participated, and in the 1931 plan for the park which William P. Devou initiated.

Dear neighbors:

Please be advised of the seriousness of this plan which the City of Covington is intent upon. These are not scare tactics. Covington needs to generate 27,000 rounds of golf per year in order to break even. We must be concerned about our roads in Park Hills, the increased traffic and the alcohol consumption which will go on. If you have a voice, we suggest you speak up. Your help is needed.

Carl & Maureen Gerrein  
491-1659

Funds for continuing legal expenses may be sent to the Devou Park Association, P.O. Box 424, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0424.

The Hub welcomes notices of area events, article contributions and letters expressing your opinions on community matters. Address all correspondence to: Poppy Evans, Hub Editor, 1064 Jackson Road, Park Hills, KY 41011.

### Hub Schedule

Issue/Mailing Date	Copy Deadline
December/November 30	November 10
March/February 28	February 10
May/May 15	April 25
September/August 25	August 10

Look to The Hub as your primary source of information on community events and issues.

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## The Annual Fire and Police Fund Drive: December 5th

The annual Park Hills Firemen and Police Fund Drive will take place on Sunday, December 5. Fire, Police, Rescue Squad, Civic Association and Community volunteers all pull together to help canvas our neighborhood that day to raise money for the Park Hills Police, Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Last year residents contributed close to \$15,000. Donations from this annual drive have helped a great deal in equipment purchase, maintenance and other items for these essential services. The Civic Association

distributes the proceeds evenly to the departments and receives an accounting of its usage. Funds are used for a variety of special needs beyond that which is received from the city for each department's operating budgets. Each department chooses to spend their share as they see fit and can accumulate year-to-year donations to accomplish major purchases if they see fit.

Your contribution directly helps your community, so please contribute what you can to this worthwhile fund.

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### The Park Hills Fire Department: A Community Tradition

By Jim Kaelin, Fire Chief

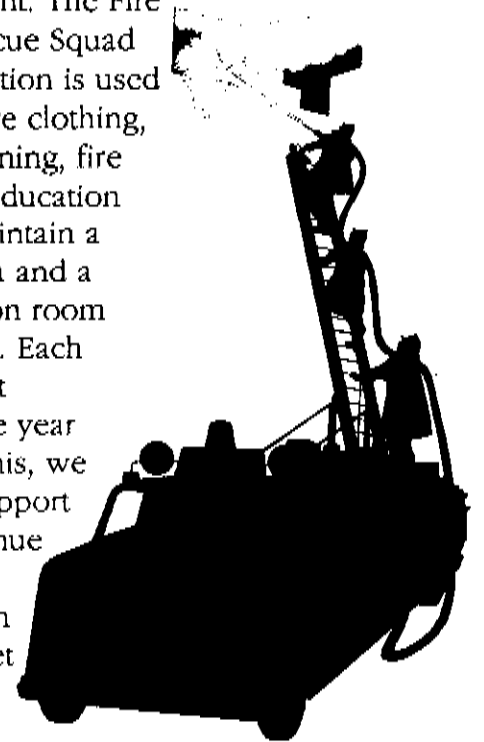
On February 28, 1942, the City of Park Hills was faced with the alarming choice of paying \$5,000 for fire protection from an outside department, or coming up with a "Cinderella" type fire department overnight. The city chose to organize their own fire department, and formed the Park Hills Volunteer Fire Department on March 1, 1942.

Over the past fifty-one years, the tradition, pride and service that this first group of heroic volunteers instilled is still carried on by other civic-minded citizens that have followed in their footsteps.

The fire department today is staffed by thirty-four members--one of which is an original member of the fire department. Several members are second and third generation members who saw their parents, grandparents and other relatives along with friends and neighbors take active roles in the department. All of the members, past and present, are carrying on the tradition of civic-minded citizens willing to serve the city.

The people on the fire department are all volunteer. They ask for no compensation. What they do ask for is support from the citizens of Park Hills. One of the best ways to do this is through the Annual Fund Drive.

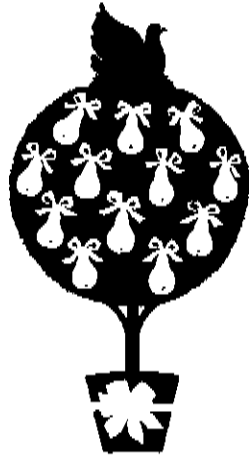
This year the fund drive will be on Sunday, December 5. The money raised will go toward assisting the Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Police Department. The Fire Department and Rescue Squad portion of your donation is used to purchase protective clothing, first aid supplies, training, fire prevention and fire education programs, and to maintain a meeting/training area and a comfortable recreation room for on-call personnel. Each year the total amount collected exceeds the year before. Because of this, we know the citizens support us and we can continue to provide service necessary to maintain the high standards set back in 1942.



## Garden Club News

Thanks to Gayle Pille for providing us with two blue bird houses for the Bird Sanctuary (other side of Trolley Park) and to Lou Wartman for installing them on posts. Poppy Evans planted naturalizing day lilies in this area. We hope to add hostas and ferns in the shade areas next year.

If you're looking for information on bird houses, Gayle can provide information on habitats. Call her at 431-5644.



## Odd Jobs & Services

The Park Hills Civic Association maintains a list of kids from our community who will do mowing, snow shoveling and other odd jobs. (The fee is agreed upon by employer and employee.)

Anyone interested in having work done by these young entrepreneurs, or anyone wanting to be on this distinguished list please call me: Neil Frankl at 491-6091.

**The Covington Catholic 1993-94 Annual Appeal** began with a Phonathon on November 8, 1993. This year's goal is \$150,000. Alumni, student body, parents, faculty and staff will be working together to make this year's appeal a success.

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## Long-Term Resident: Dorothy Reichert

By Janice Cantrell

My husband Doctor and I moved into our Lawton Road home in October, 1941. It was then three months old, so there was some finishing to do on the grounds. That was fifty-two years ago!

In June of 1941, Doctor left for the Army. Shortly thereafter, my second son was born. Good friends and neighbors were kind and helpful during those World War II days.

Both boys graduated from Park Hills and Dixie. Although they now live in Minnesota and Washington, they have never forgotten their Kentucky roots.

I know that I am not the longest resident since my neighbor Henrietta Watts was in her home before we arrived. Obviously, Park Hills is a delightful place to live. Previously I had tried other places before I "lighted" here and none could compare with Park Hills.

*Our "Long-Term Resident" column features the recollections of how life in Park Hills used to be. We encourage those in the community who have lived here for many years to send a letter recalling their memories to: Janice Cantrell c/o Park Hills Civic Association, 1106 Amsterdam Road, Park Hills, KY 41011. Thanks.*

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## Safety Tips for the Holidays

By Ronald Heideman, Chief of Police

With the holiday season approaching, many of our citizens will be away from their homes doing their holiday shopping. We would like to remind you this is the time when homes and cars are burglarized. A thief knows homes will be unoccupied, and takes advantage of this opportunity to break in. We would like to give our citizens a number of safety tips:

- ✓ Notify the police department immediately if you see any strange cars or people in your neighborhood. We have had many occasions when citizens call us hours after seeing something suspicious. Please call us as soon as you can.
- ✓ Be sure windows and doors are locked when you leave your home. Don't make it easy for a thief to walk into your home.
- ✓ Be sure to leave lights on in your home. Use timers in various rooms so your house will look like it's occupied.
- ✓ We strongly recommend an alarm system for your home, especially if it is unoccupied during the day.

We sincerely hope our residents have a safe and happy holiday season. Please call us if we can be of service to you.

### On-Street Parking for Holiday Guests

Please notify the police department if you will be having out-of-town visitors who will need to park on the streets overnight. Park Hills ordinances prohibit parking on the streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless a special permit is issued or special circumstances exist. A phone call will avoid a warning notice or citation being placed on the visitor's car.

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