



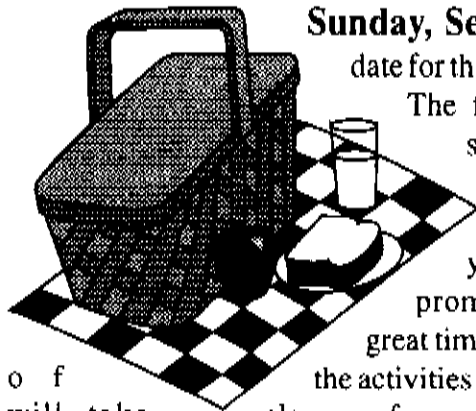
The Hub



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1993 Park Hills Civic Association Picnic



Sunday, Sept. 19, is the date for this year's picnic.

The festivities will start at 3pm at Trolley Park. This

year's picnic promises to be a great time for all. Some

of the activities and events that will take place are: free pony rides for the kids, games, contests, raffles, and prizes, music throughout the day. A wandering magician will provide entertainment for all picnic goers young and old. Soft drinks and beer, as well as hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided at a minimal cost. Once again there will be a cooking contest. Categories will be: appetizers and breads, soups and salads, main courses, and desserts. Prizes will be given for each category winner. Get those recipes out and cook up a winner! Participate in the cooking contest and sample some of the tastiest recipes in Park Hills.

The Garden Club will be there also and asks "Bean Meaning to divide your plants and haven't done so?" Now's the time to bring your excess perennials to the Picnic. We will be selling plants for one or two dollars. If it's not a daylily, iris, or hosta, please label it for us amateurs. This is a great opportunity for all to come out and visit with neighbors and friends. Last year's picnic was a wonderful success and this year is expected to be even better!

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Last year's annual picnic drew many Park Hills families who enjoyed a variety of activities, including pony rides, a covered dish competition and an exhibit of how the community looked in the 1920's.



Picnic Continued...



The Park Hills Civic Association sponsors this event and would like to extend an invitation to all Park Hills residents to come out and have a good time. The picnic is also the kickoff for the annual Civic Association membership drive. All residents are encouraged to join the Civic Association. Those who renew or join the Civic Association will be eligible for free prize drawings the day of the picnic. Dues for the Civic Association are the same as last year: \$10.00 per family, and \$5.00 for a single. Some of the activities the Park Hills Civic Association sponsors are: The Christmas program and tree lighting ceremony,

The Memorial Day parade, The Easter Program and Egg Hunt, The City Picnic, the annual fund drive benefiting the Fire Dept, Police Dept, and Rescue Squad. The Civic Association also contributes funds to projects such as Trolley Park, street sign replacement, tree planting, etc. The HUB, our quarterly newsletter, is also put out by the Civic Association. In order to sponsor and provide these activities we need your help. Please take the opportunity at the picnic to join the Civic Association and help us continue to make Park Hills a special place to live.

See Ya at the Picnic! ... The Park Hills Civic Association

The Devou Park Controversy Continues

Despite the wishes of the people of Covington and the protests of many community organizations that surround the park, the Covington City Council continues to push for the expansion of the Golf Course. Unfortunately the council refuses to respond responsibly to petitions and citizen concerns. Their total disregard for the people they were elected to represent was reflected in their disbanding of the Devou Advisory Board, an organization the City setup to look after the citizens' interests in the Park. The result, many responsible people and organizations have banded together to fight the expansion in the only practical manner that has any chance of getting the wishes of the people heard in the 90's... legally!

The following, is a reprint of a letter drafted by the Devou Park Association, a newly formed organization that unites several organizations in a coordinated fight against the expansion of the Golf Course.

August 14, 1993

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Devou Park needs your help!

As you may know, the City of Covington decided to bull ahead with plans to expand the Devou Golf Course from 9 to 18 holes, despite strong opposition from:

The Devou Park Advisory Board

The Devou Trusts

The Hillside Trust (a co-plaintiff)

The Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission

The Kenton County Planning and Zoning Commission

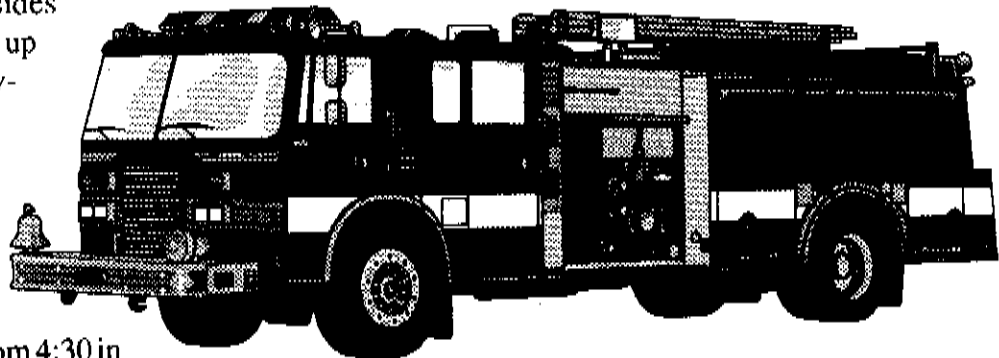
Numerous citizens groups, including 6,000 Covington area residents who signed petitions.

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Fire Department Aids Clean-Up After Storm

Poppy Evans

Most of us in Park Hills think of our volunteer fire department as a corps of fire emergency specialists. But the department went far beyond its line of fire-related duties when a sudden severe storm swept through the area around rush hour on June 14th. High winds, reaching 70 mph and torrential rains sending water rushing down hillsides with enough force to tear up the asphalt on Montague Avenue, caused a range of hazardous situations in Park Hills, including downed power lines, felled trees and flooded basements.



ing these clean-up efforts that were clearly a hazardous a priority. Calen apologizes to some residents who called the fire department that evening and had to wait for them to arrive. "People think they're being put off, but they aren't. In a situation like this, we have to prioritize our calls."

"We made about 30 calls from 4:30 in the afternoon until midnight," says fire chief, Jim Calen who adds that the department's work was not over after calls from citizens were taken care of. "People think that once the trucks are back our job is done," he says. "But then our equipment needed to be cleaned up."

For one thing, the department's portable pumps, used to remove water and mud from flooded homes, needed to be cleaned of debris. Calen and his crew pumped out as much as six feet of water in one basement in a home on Amsterdam which clearly presented a hazard to the residents. The fire department obliged when others called with anything from a water-soaked rug, to several feet of water, but Calen says that normally, minor flooding should never prompt a call to the fire department unless it clearly presents a hazard to electrical wiring.

After the storm subsided, the department's first priority was to remove downed power lines and trees from the roads. "We needed to get the streets opened up again so emergency vehicles could get through," says Calen. The department's prompt response to this situation was remarkable, and the result of mak-

The prompt and efficient handling of any and all local emergencies in a situation such as this is the result of a well-trained and equipped fire department made up of conscientious and hard-working volunteers. As members of the Park Hills community, we should not only be proud and grateful for their fine service. We also need to be mindful of the fact that they depend on our support. The annual fund drive for the Park Hills Fire Department, Police Department and Rescue Squad will take place in December. Your contribution at that time will help to ensure that they get the training and equipment they need to continue to operate for the benefit of all of us in Park Hills.

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Park, Continued...

The City fired the Advisory Board when we sued to stop construction, so we formed the Devou Park Association, a new nonprofit corporation.

So far we have won a major court battle. The City is hopping mad at their plans being thwarted, and have pulled out all stops to beat us.

Our attorney, Chas Brannen, has done a marvelous job, working full time the last month on this case. Now he needs to prepare for trial, including discovery.

As Judge Stephens was disinclined to support our motion for an injunction, he may well rule against us on the merits. If so, we plan to appeal to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, where all three judges appear to feel we have a good case.

This legal effort, even with reduced fees from our attorney, is getting expensive. Mr. Brannen expects to spend full time on this case for the next 90 days.

We are sending this appeal to you, our neighbors and friends, in the hope you too feel Devou Park is worth saving for general park use by all Kenton County residents.

If so inclined, please consider sending \$50.00 or \$100.00, payable to the Devou Park Association, P.O. Box 424, Covington, KY 41012-0424.

Thanks for your help!

Sincerely,

Chuck Eilerman
President

Chip Tappan
Vice-President

Fred Brunner
Treasurer

Charlie Volpenhein
Secretary

Devou Park Golf Course Expansion Why It Is a Bad Idea

1. The park was intended by William P. Devou to be free and available for a variety of uses (See "50 Things" List.) According to Northern KY Area Planning Commission staff, expansion of the golf course to 18 holes will occupy 43% of the usable acreage.

2. Another undeveloped 250 acres of Devou Park, west of Sleepy Hollow road, will be completely cut off from the rest of the Park by the expanded golf course - thus forever unavailable for future general use.

3. The Devou Golf Course is a bad 9-hole course. The City's golf course designer agreed it didn't meet modern golf course standards for fairway widths and lengths due to the Park's topography. Expansion to 18 holes, despite the designer's skills, will likely have the same problems. Devou is just too hilly.

4. Northern Kentucky already has three wonderful public golf course facilities (Kenton County, A.J. Jolly, and Boone Links), as well as several excellent private clubs. We don't need a marginal 18-hole course.

5. The City staff has projected revenues to the City of \$120,000-150,000 per year from the expanded course. The City has no professional market study supporting these revenue projections. However, the City will have to borrow \$1,200,000 to \$1,500,000 for the construction. Assuming the City's plan for a 20 year bond issue at 6.7%, this means annual debt service of \$109,000 to \$136,000, from the projected revenues. Presently the golf course operator pays the City \$7,000 per year for the 9-hole course, which is debt free. Does this look like a good business deal for the City?

6. The operator and City are counting on the continued ability to sell beer and liquor at the expanded golf course; but one of Devou's clearest deed restrictions on the Park is the prohibition on sale of alcoholic beverages. The Kentucky Court of Appeals on August 3 sharply criticized the City for continuing to ignore this restriction. Someday the City is likely to lose this issue in court - only legal delays and forbearance by citizens' groups to press the matter have permitted alcohol so far at the golf course. This is an added risk to the City's revenue projections, which include \$40,000-50,000 from the sale of alcohol.

7. The four holes proposed East of Montague Road will crowd the Behringer-Crawford Museum; eliminate two children's playgrounds; threaten the springs feeding Prisoner's Lake; and create five new cart paths crossing roads in the heart of the Park.

8. The City will close West Park Road through the Park, which leaves only lower Montague Road as access to the Park from Ludlow. This is now a one lane County road in need of lots of work, but little used because West Park Road is open. Without West Park Road, the County will be stuck with the need to improve lower Montague Road. Preliminary cost estimate: \$5000,000. The City has no plan to handle this.

Community News



Community Education Comes to Park Hills

Greg Claypole

The Park Hills School has once again come alive thanks to the efforts of Vivian Kappas and others in the community. With help from Kenton County, the city and other people like Vivian the programs at the school can only get bigger and better. At the present time, the Kenton County Community Education Program based in the former Park Hills Elementary School, now called the Park Hills Center, offers enrichment classes in arts and crafts, business and career development, leisure activities, personal, enrichment, cooking, home improvement, financial planning, and youth activities. At least 21 classes will be offered at the Park Hills Center this fall semester. Here's a sampling:

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| Arts & Crafts | Introduction to Photography | Advanced Photography |
| Dog Obedience | Texas 2 Step | Beginners Clogging |
| Puppy Manners | Silver Fox Fitness (Over 60) | Step Aerobics |
| Yoga | Faux Finish Wall Treatment | Basic Sewing |
| CPR Instruction | Holiday Hors D'oeuvres | Aerobikids |
| Karate for Kids | Red Cross Babysitting | |

You may register by mail or by dropping by the office (room 100). Classes will be filled on a "first come" basis. For more information about programs at the Park Hills Center and other courses being offered throughout Kenton County call 261-4499.

Park Hills Student Receives Award

Rebecca Lynn Finke, a student at Xavier University was honored last spring when she received the Mary Damstorm Memorial Scholarship. The award was presented at the "All - Honors Day" program that recognized Xavier University for excellence in academics athletics, and leadership.

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News from Covington Catholic High School

This summer Tony Adams and Alex Powell were two of the twenty-four students from the State of Kentucky chosen to attend a three week program at the Governor's School for the Arts.

Tim Hampton received the Chancellor's Scholarship from Thomas More College. This is a four year, full time scholarship.

Tony Ward placed third in the Congressional Art Competition. His still life pencil drawing will hang in Jim Bunning's office for one year.

Brook Dyas, Bret Reedy and Allen Kohlhepp were chosen for the State Olympic Development Team in Soccer and participated in regional competition over the summer.

Trifles and Treasures

Covington Catholic's third annual craft show is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 1993 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the school. Booth space is available and may be reserved by calling Nancy Nicolaus at 431-6565.

Congratulations...

The Gradison Division of McDonald & Company Securities, inc. is pleased to announce that Ms. Janice L. Flanagan - Amott has been promoted to Vice President of the firm. Ms. Flanagan, a Certified Financial Planner, has been with Gradison for the past nine years and most recently held the position of Associate Vice President.

Ms. Flanagan is a graduate of the University of Maryland where she earned a B.A. Degree in 1966 and an A.A. degree in 1974. She is a member of BRAVO, the volunteer arm of the Cincinnati Ballet, and serves on the Board of both the Town Club and the ARTreach Children's Touring Theatre. Ms. Flanagan resides with her husband, Robert Amott and her daughter Katie in Park Hills, Kentucky.

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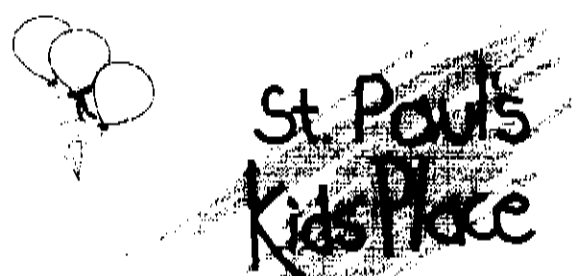
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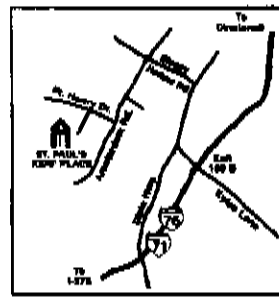
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KIDS THAT WANT TO WORK?

The Park Hills Civic Association maintains a list of children from our community who do mowing and yard work, and other odd jobs. Please call Neil Frankl at 491-6091 for more information.

Looking For A Pet ...

Park Hills Animal Hospital, 1555 Dixie Highway, has animals available for adoption. All animals are healthy and have had all necessary vaccinations.

As of this writing (August 3rd), there are in residence:

- 1) a mommy beagle with 7 puppies - eight days old, black & white mixed breed
- 2) an apricot-colored male dog (looks like a bearded collie), one year old - very friendly and needs plenty of room to run
- 3) a beautiful adult male blue cat - needs to be someone's one and only (does not get along well with other cats)
- 4) a four-month-old black male kitten - very loving
- 5) two small male kittens, one tabby and one gray

Although no fee is required for adoption, an interview will be conducted prior to placement and a commitment to keep adoptees' shots current will be necessary. For more information, call 581-5200.

New Preschool Opens

St. Paul's Kids' Place is a preschool with an interactive, interest center format, emphasizing the building of social and motor skills. This format is unique among preschools in Fort Wright. Children learn at their own pace, and "fun" is a big part of this experience.

Development of the program was done with the Kentucky Educational Reform Act in mind, so the child's experience at the Kid's Place better prepares them for their future education. At the Kid's Place, children are exposed to a number of areas of interest, each presented in separate rooms. The curriculum features art, music, science, reading, creative expression, and motor skill development, taught by the degreed staff. For more information, call 331-9042

Great People of Park Hills!

So much is done in our community by volunteers and businesses and we can never thank them enough. To all the following... THANK YOU!!!

For the talents and labor put toward reconstructing the old White House Planter at Dixie & South Arlington: Chief Ron-Heidelman, Rosie Heidelman (every bit the trooper) Joan and Ray Knochelman, Janice Cantrell, Dennis Finke, Butch Foltz, Gilbert Ellison, Mark Kaelin, and Barb Washington. Special appreciation to the Williams family for letting us water from their faucet. Funding was provided by William Bubenzer, Park Hills Garden Club, and friends.

Have you seen the new concrete picnic benches and tables down at Trolley Park? Thank the following for pouring the concrete pads and installing them: Greg Claypole, Phil Ryan, Chas Stevens, Lou Wartman, Greg Dimuzio and Peter Lorenzo.

Also, a big thanks to the Fort Mitchell Kroger for their donation of hot dogs for the Memorial Day Parade and to those not mentioned that make this community what it is.

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Long Term Residents

Janice Cantrell

In the last issue of the Hub we began a series looking for the longest residents of Park Hills, the following letter will bring back memories for some and enlightenment to others.

I can't claim uninterrupted residence (my wife, Jean, and I lived on 2nd street in Covington from about 1946-1950) but I became a Park Hills resident in 1927 at age 4. My parents built the house at 1091 Emerson (corner Breckenridge) and that was my home until after the war.

In 1950 we built the house at 1256 Audubon and lived there until 1980 when we moved to Parkcrest Condominiums where we still reside.

I think this gives us some right to claim to be an early settler and long term resident.

P.S. I was in the first kindergarten and the last 8th grade at Park Hills School. So was Bill Macklin, also a Parkcrest resident.

Frank Gofton Ware

If you are a long term resident, please send me a letter telling me about yourself and early memories of Park Hills. Send your letters to Janice Cantrell, C/O Park Hills Civic Association, 1106 Amsterdam Road, Park Hills KY, 41011. Thanks

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