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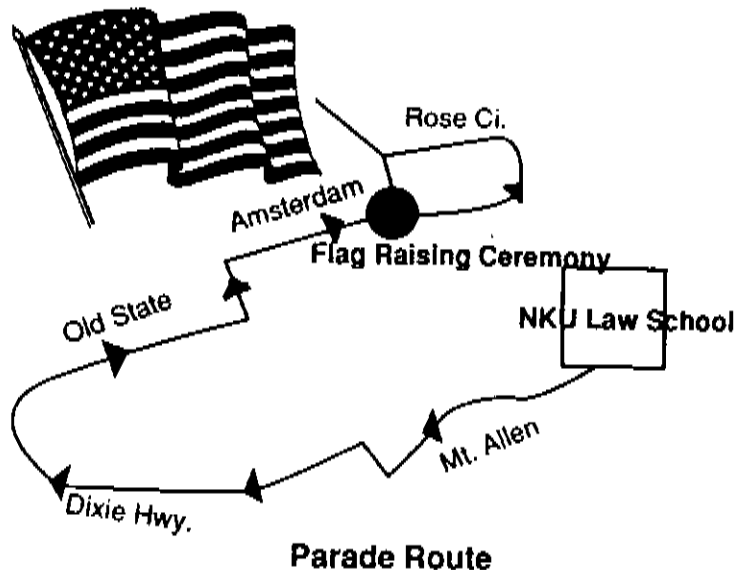
1999 Park Hills Memorial Day Parade and Flag Raising Ceremony

Monday, May 31st, 1999 at 11:30 AM marks the date and start time of the annual 1999 Park Hills Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the City of Park Hills and the Park Hills Civic Association. As in the past, the parade will begin at the Northern Kentucky Chase Law School Campus located off of Dixie Highway in Park Hills and wind its way through Park Hills' streets including: Mt. Allen; Dixie Highway; St. James; Old State Road, Terrace, Amsterdam, Rose Circle and Park Drive.

compliments of some very musically talented Park Hills residents.

This year's Grand Marshall, is Melissa Worstell. Recently retired as the Mayor of Park Hills and a long time resident of the City, Missy is being honored for her countless hours and years of service to the community. Some of the major programs developed/implemented during

The parade will feature a myriad of attractions including seven members of the Brookhaven Semi-Precision Horse Drill Team who will be providing the color guard; street floats; antique cars; community service groups; local dignitaries and of course, the ever popular fire engines and emergency vehicles from several local communities. Music will be provided by the Dixie Heights High School Marching Colonels, an eighty-piece marching band which is currently ranked fourth in the State; the Ft. Wright Grade School Chorus and JACK's Stationary Marching Band. A special rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" will be



Missy's tenure include the street improvement program; acquisition of new city vehicles and the additional staffing of city departments.

The parade will conclude with a flag raising ceremony/memorial service which will be conducted at the intersection of Amsterdam and Park Drive. A congressional flag which has flown over the nation's capitol will be presented to the city by State Representative, John Draud. The winner of the 1999 Memorial Day Essay Contest which will be selected from entries from students from both St. Agnes and Ft. Wright Grade School, will be on hand to read the winning essay. In the spirit of the day, flower displays will be placed at the base of the commemorative markers honoring the Park Hills residents who selflessly gave their lives in war.

Park Hills Memorial Day Parade to Feature Mounted Horse Color Guard

This year the color guard will be a mounted horse unit. The riders come from Brookhaven Stables in Burlington. They are part of a newly-formed drill team that practices and performs at the barn. The horses are a variety of breeds. There are approximately 25 members in the drill team. Some riders ride English and some Western. The group performs at local horse shows and puts on a 10 minute precision routine with music and uniforms. Seven of the members will be riding in the Park Hills Parade this year. They are: Toni and Brian Lynch, Emily and Julie Rath, Nancy Schlothauer, Debbie and Tom Smith. Come out and see the horses in the parade. After the parade, the riders and horses will be available to meet with and talk to (Not the horses). For further information contact Nancy Schlothauer at 491-6051 .

The City of Park Hills and the Park Hills Civic Association 1999 Memorial Day Essay Contest

The City of Park Hills and the Park Hills Civic Association invites all students of St. Agnes and Ft. Wright Grade School to participate in the 1999 Memorial Day Essay Contest. Entries will be judged and two prizes will be awarded. The First Place Prize is a check for \$50.00. The Runner-up Prize is a check for \$25.00.

BOTH essay winners will be invited to ride in a convertible in the 1999 Park Hills Memorial Day Parade and will receive their prizes during the flag raising ceremonies/memorial service immediately following the parade. The First Place winner will be asked to read his/her prize winning essay at the ceremony.

The theme for the 1999 Essay Contest is: "Memorial Day 1999: A Time to Remember."

Rules for the essay are:

The essay must be 200 words or less
The essay should be an original composition
The essay must include a title page with the author's name, school and home telephone number.

The author must attend either Ft. Wright or St. Agnes Schools.

All essays must be completed and turned into your teacher by Wednesday, May 26th. Winners will be announced by Friday, May 28th. Members of the Park Hills Civic Association will judge the essays and select the winning entries.

For questions related to the contest, please call David Schlothauer at 491-6051.

Good Luck

Essay Prize Money Increased for 1999 Contest

Last year's Essay Contest Winner was Eddie Sweet from the Ft. Wright Grade School. Eddie wrote his essay to show that during Memorial Day, it is best to recognize all those who have helped us have freedom: family, the armed forces, and our presidents. We have reprinted Eddie's winning essay for this month's Hub.

Eddie won first prize last year, and received a \$25 award from the Park Hills Civic Association.

To focus more attention on the contest this year, the Civic Association has raised the prize money from \$25 first prize to \$50, and second place prize money increases from \$10 to \$25. So students, sharpen your pencils and writing skills, and make a run for the top prize of \$50.

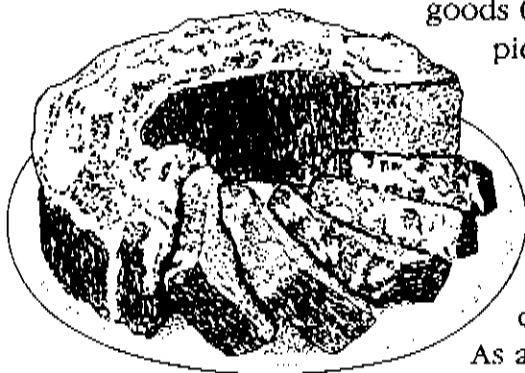
Park Hills Garden Club Bake Sale

The Park Hills Garden Club will again host a bake sale at the corner of Amsterdam and Park Drive immediately prior to the parade. All of the proceeds will support the Garden Club's activities. Anyone interested in donating baked goods (cakes, cookies, pies, ect.), please

contact Millie Fangman at 581-0022. Or, feel to bring them directly to the sale the day of the event.

As an added feature this year, the Garden Club

will also be selling 100% cotton, "Ask Me about the Garden Walk" t-shirts promoting the upcoming Park Hills Garden Walk. Cost per shirt is \$10.



1998 First Place Essay Winner

Memorial Day means a day when we celebrate being free and recognizing the people that fought for our country in World War I, World War II, Desert Storm and Vietnam. It is a day when people get a day off from work and school to recognize presidents like George Bush and George Washington. And something else that Memorial Day means to me is being with family and bringing pictures out of a person in your family that fought in a war.

And there is something else that makes me feel good on Memorial Day and no, it's not being out of school. It is knowing that I am safe (and my family and friends and my neighbors) and being proud in a way that makes me happy to be a part of a great country like America.

And, to end my essay, there are people I would like to thank: the soldiers, I do not care if they are dead or alive, black or white, tall or short, male or female. As our president once said, "Thank our country's armies!"

by Eddie Sweet
Ft. Wright Elementary School

Large Item Pickup May 22

Park Hills will have a large item garbage pickup on May 22nd beginning at 9:00 a.m. All items must be at the curb prior to 9:00 a.m. Rumpke will not return to any street.

Items must be no longer than 6 feet and two people should be able to lift the item. Items such as tree limbs must be bundled. Hazardous materials, liquids, tires and appliances with refrigerant chemicals will not be picked up.

Street Improvement Update

The Street Improvement Program has four major projects scheduled for 1999.

- 1) The deteriorating retaining wall that supports Amsterdam Road will be replaced in early June.
- 2) Storm water is the number one enemy of long-lasting roads. Therefore, this summer we plan to install a storm sewer from the bottom of Amsterdam Road to the Intersection of Amsterdam and Park. The Amsterdam storm sewer system will help with the removal of surface water from Amsterdam, Park Drive, Rose Circle, Cleveland, Jackson, Audubon, Lawton, Terrace, Old State, Alhambra, Harriet, Coram, Arlington and Hamilton. The State Department of Highways has plans for a new storm sewer on Dixie Highway in late '99 or early 2000. This will handle storm water from St. James, Hilton, St. Joseph, South Arlington, Rosemont, Cecelia, Exter, Mt. Allen, Aberdeen and Arlington.
- 3) Rose Circle should see new storm sewer improvements and complete road replacement in the Fall. The improvement plans will be presented to the residents at a meeting in early Summer for their review and input.
- 4) Utility research and initial field surveying has started on the St. James Road improvement plan.

Tree Board Members Needed

The City of Park Hills is looking for community members interested in joining the Tree Board. The Tree Board is responsible for maintaining trees in public areas. Anyone interested should contact Linda at the City Building for more information by calling 431-6252

Update from the City Clerk's Office

This year tax bills will be due in September, and delinquent on October 1. If you do not have an escrow account and do not receive your tax bill by September 1, contact the City Clerk's office. If you are eligible for a homestead exemption in 1999, contact the Kenton County Property Valuation office as soon as possible.

Dog and cat licenses are now due. The cost is \$5.00 each. Licenses are sold in the City Clerk's office and can be purchased by mail if a self-addressed envelope is included.

Don't Miss this "Perennial" Event

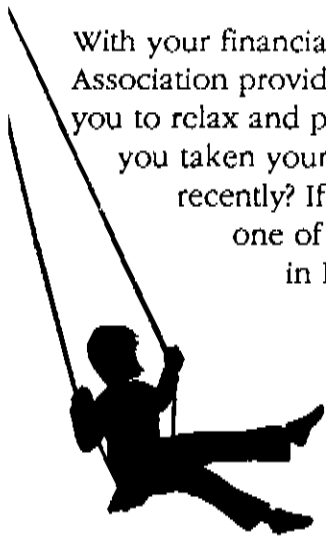
Park Hills Garden Club announces their annual Garden Tour on June 19, 1999, from noon until 5:00 p.m. Come and explore the beautifully artistic gardens of the Park Hills homes located on Cleveland, Park Drive, Audubon, St. James, Rose Circle, Jackson and Sleepy Hollow. Tickets can be purchased at the registration desk at Trolley Park, Amsterdam Road until 4:00 p.m. for \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple. Each house will be identified by a flag in the front of each yard.

This year the Garden Club is offering a t-shirt for \$10.00. If you purchase tickets and a t-shirt, the cost is \$12.00 per person, \$14.00 per couple. The t-shirts will also be available for purchase at the Memorial Day Parade.

Parking is available at the Faith Christian Center, 1101 Amsterdam Road after 1:00 p.m. Off-street parking is also available in designated areas. Restrooms are available at the City Building on Amsterdam Road. For further information, please contact the Planning Committee: Stefanie Feltner, 261-2493; Heather Schmiedicke, 431-7187; or Louise Niemer, 491-5009.

Reasons Why You Should Support the Park Hills Civic Association

In this day and age, time is a precious commodity. Family and work obligations limit the amount of free time available to all of us. It seems as if we constantly have to juggle schedules to get through each and every day! Often it seems like there isn't even time to simply relax and play with your kids. Fortunately, the Park Hills Civic Association makes this easier for you to do!



With your financial support, the Civic Association provides many opportunities for you to relax and play with your family. Have you taken your kids to Trolley Park to play recently? If you have, you are enjoying one of the many benefits of living in Park Hills. All you had to do was round up the kids and head to the park! You aren't required to spend time cleaning or maintaining the park—it's simply there for your enjoyment.

There was quite a turnout for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. This yearly Civic Association event was a great opportunity for all parents to take their kids to the park for a morning of fun. Civic Association volunteers did all of the work, and you got to enjoy the day with your kids!

Are you planning on attending the Memorial Day Parade this year—relaxing with your family as you watch the parade? It's a day of fun that the kids love. All you have to do is pick a good spot to watch! Civic Association volunteers will do all of the work.

Keep your schedule open for the City Picnic later this summer, as well as the Halloween

and Christmas parties at the year's end. The HUB newsletter, which you are reading (put out by the Civic Association) will keep you posted on the dates of these upcoming events. By the way, the fun isn't just for the kids. The Dinner Dance, held in February at the Devou Park Memorial Building, was another great success and a great time for all in attendance. The holiday decorations around town and the summer plantings you're enjoying now are also Garden Club and Civic Association sponsored activities.

These are just some of the activities and events sponsored, organized and put on by volunteers working with the Civic Association. As you can see, there are many ways you can enjoy and benefit from activities sponsored by the Park Hills Civic Association. **WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT** in order to continue with these activities. If the events and activities mentioned above are things you enjoy and wish to see continued, it is vital that you join the Civic Association. Membership dues continue to be just \$10 per family and \$5 for a single. If you can contribute some free time to help with some of these activities ... great! We need your help. However, if you are unable to contribute your time, please support the Civic Association by becoming a member. Any and all financial contributions are welcome and appreciated. Remember—all money taken in by the Civic Association is spent on activities you enjoy with your family.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carol Chace, Civic Association President; Lee Oliver, Vice President; Leslie Johnson, Secretary; Beth Norton, Treasurer.
Board Members: Bob Amott, Bill Meyer, Jack Wells, Dave Radle, Poppy Evans, Millie Fangman, Eric Soderlund, Giles Strategier, Ann O'Hara.



The Sunshine Committee of the Park Hills Civic Association sent sympathy cards to the following members of the community:

Sharon Schaffner - father
Rober Gastenveld - wife
Dan Gastenveld - mother
Mary Staat - father
Kathryn Lonneman - son
Thomas Shea - sister
Family of Nervie Nie - father
Joe Volpenhein - brother
Don Volpenhein - father
Lauretta Reed - son
Charleen Fangman - mother
Michael Alig - mother
Barbara Adams - husband
Ray Knochelmann - wife
Mark Knochelmann - mother
Nancy Noel - mother
Mary Amend - mother
Jerry Thamann - daughter
Jim Jenkins - mother
Greg Claypole - father
Marjorie Claypole - husband

The following residents were sent congratulatory cards:

Dick and Beth Norton - girl
James and Stacy Pfaller - boy
Mike and Patty Hellman - girl

News from the Park Hills Police Department

We would like to introduce our newest police officer — Brian Messer, Brian comes to us from the Walton Police Department where he was an officer for 1-1/2 years. He is married and his wife's name is Amy. Our city was awarded a Cops Grant from the Federal Government. Brian filled this position for us, which brings our department to a total of six officers. We are happy to welcome Brian to the department.

May is Bicycle Safety Month. Bicycles are fun, they aren't toys. They are vehicles just like cars and trucks. Have your children follow the safety rules—some listed below:

- Be sure your bike is the correct size. You should be able to place the balls of your feet on the ground while seated. If your bike has a crossbar, you should be able to straddle it with both feet flat on the ground and still have two finger widths of clearance.
- Ride slowly through gravel and sand.
- Be aware of traffic and obey traffic signals.
- Always wear a bike helmet. Make sure the helmet is strapped correctly and be sure it fits properly.

