



THE HUB

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LUMINARY NIGHT

Sunday, December 8th

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Park Hills' celebration of the holidays kicks-off with the community's annual Luminary Night. This is 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 is as follows:

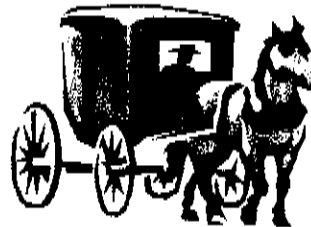


5:00pm: Luminaries are lit (if you haven't ordered your kit yet, see the details in this issue)

7:30pm: Tree lighting ceremony at Trolley Park in the new Gathering Center with Christmas Carols sung by the Park Hills Girl Scouts.

CARRIAGE RIDES 2002

^{7:00}
5:30-~~9:30~~pm: The Civic Association has arranged for horse-drawn carriage rides through the community. We will be loading five carriages from **5:30 pm** to ~~9:30~~ ^{7:00} pm. The route will be the same as years past, beginning at Trolley Park.



The cost is \$10 per person for adults and children 6 and older. Children 5 and younger may ride on an adult's lap. Carriages fit up to 6 adults.

As always, seating is limited - reserve early!

For reservations, please call Ann O'Hara at 431-8658 after November 29th. ^{3(w) per ss.} *EPH 11/5/02*

Please Note: In the event of rain, festivities will be postponed until December 15th.



**A MESSAGE FROM:
President of the Park Hill
Civic Association:**



Hello Everyone!

As I'm writing this letter on Election Day, it occurs to me how infrequently we take time to thank our elected officials for their time and service to our community. I'm sure all of you will join me in thanking the 'retiring' members of the Park Hills City Council for a job well done, the newly-elected members for getting involved and the re-elected incumbents for staying involved! A special note of appreciation goes out to our mayor, Mr. Mike Hellmann, for his several years of past service and his continued leadership!

When we started this year, the PHCA adopted a goal/motto of having "more people involved in more activities." It's amazing how well all of you have responded to that challenge. It seems that the only space I have left in this article anymore is for Thank You to everyone who has been involved and to announce upcoming events. I can't think of anything better that I'd like to write about! So, here goes.....

THANK YOU:

- Greg DiMuzio and numerous volunteers for a fabulous Picnic! The pig roast was a great addition and the weather even cooperated this year!
- Bill Muske and his committee for a very successful Five Mile Home Run! This event drew runners/walkers from all over the Tri-State area and, most importantly, raised \$2500 for The Children's Home!
- Lisa Cooney, who braved the rainy weather to serve as MC for the Five Mile Home Run event
- Neal Frankl and Millie Fangman for continuing to manage the membership Dr.!
- Joe and Diane Geiger for agreeing to co-chair the newly established Beautification Committee (a joint venture between the PHCA and Garden Club dedicated to enhancing the city's green spaces, parks and entrances).

UPCOMING EVENTS: (please see the calendar of events for dates/times)

- *The Children's Christmas Party.* Thank you Carol Bethel for chairing this event.
- *Luminary Night Carriage Rides.* Thank you Ann O'Hara and Beth Norton for chairing.
- *Tree Lighting Ceremony / Caroling.* Thank you Virginia Smith for chairing and Joe Isler for decorating the city.
- *Park Hills Dinner Dance.* This every-other-year event is on in 2003. We are targeting Saturday, February 22, 2003 for the Dance – but look for flyers to confirm.

I again encourage you to mark your calendars for these traditional events and fun times with your neighbors. The obvious best way to show your appreciation for the hard work of these wonderful volunteers is by attending and participating.

It's truly hard to believe that this year is coming to a close. Thanks to everyone for making it another great year in Park Hills! On behalf of the PHCA, I'd like to extend all of you our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and an even better new year!

Greg Johnson



5-Mile Home Run/Walk Recap

Submitted by Bill Muske

October 19th was a very wet day. It's too bad that ducks weren't allowed to participate because the day was made for them! Nevertheless the run/walk sponsored by the Civic Association went as scheduled. The results were great!

Over 120 registrants signed up for the run/walk. Approximately \$2,500 was raised to benefit The Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK). People attending commented that it was fun, professional, and they would do it again!



Our winners, Mark Koors (overall men's) and Park Hills own Anna Allen (overall women's) were presented with a beautiful trophy courtesy of Sterling Cut Glass. Another 50 plus medals were given out in various age groups for men and women.

Lisa Cooney was our MC and represented Park Hills very well. Our sponsors really came through with money, food, signs, gifts, etc. to make the day a special one for all of our participants. **Thank you** to the following sponsors and supporters:

Title Sponsors: Fidelity Investments & Bank of Kentucky

Associate Sponsors: AmeriPride Services, Bayer Becker, Viking Supply, Apco Windows, McClusky Chevrolet, Greyhound Tavern, Ziegler Remodeling Co., M & W Excavation, Kentucky Post, Viox & Viox Engineers, Mackey McNeil Mohr, Thoma & Sutton Eye care

In Kind Sponsors & Supporters: Jillian's, Sterling Cut Glass, Marx Bagels, Kentucky Water Dist., Lachavios Produce, Krispy Kreme, Promotional Advertising Printing, Brockman Signs, St. Agnes Boy Scouts, Park Hills EMT, Reality Tuesday, and Lisa Cooney

I would like to take a moment to thank the committee that worked so hard to put this on, without their special efforts none of this would have been possible. Special thanks go out to Jay Bayer, Joe Crowe, Poppy Evans, Howard Nemeroff, Jim Parsons, Giles Strategier, and Tricia Fries from the Children's Home. Thank you also to the 35 plus volunteers that spent the morning with us. Together we made a difference and can continue to do so. Hope to see you all next year - Mother Nature permitting.

PICNIC NOTES:

Submitted by Greg DiMuzio

The weather cooperated (for once!) as Park Hills' residents bid summer goodbye at the annual city picnic. Our newly landscaped park was the setting as friends and neighbors gathered to celebrate the

city's 75th anniversary, and recognize the volunteer firemen and rescue squad as they mark 60 years serving and protecting our town. Plenty of food and drink was had by all. A big thanks to the Rose Circle crew for the early morning effort in getting the pig roast started. Once again everyone brought fabulous side dishes and desserts to be shared by all. Three dishes in particular were especially delicious and chosen as winners in the appetizer, side dish, and entrée categories. The winners: Dave Chandler (Big Dave's chili), Stephanie Feltner (black bean corn salsa), and Margaret Meyers (pumpkin cake). The kids had a great time as the crafts, pony rides, face painting, and especially the moonwalk were all big hits. Many people pitched in and helped make the picnic a success. A big thanks to all of you! A special thanks to the following for their help going above and beyond to make the picnic a success:

<i>Dennis Finke</i>	<i>Dan Bosch</i>
<i>Bill and Elizabeth Muske</i>	<i>Marge Frankl</i>
<i>Marian and Frank Russo</i>	<i>The Johnson Girls</i>
<i>Tim Kruse</i>	<i>Poppy Evans</i>
<i>Carol Bethel</i>	<i>Eric Soderlund</i>
<i>The Park Hills Police Department</i>	
<i>Joe Crowe & Bo Cardosi (pig roasters extraordinaire)</i>	
<i>Mayor Mike Hellman and the Park Hills City Council</i>	

A BIG THANK YOU

from the Fall Home Tour Committee

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the "Park Hills Fall Home Tour" a big success. We had six wonderful homes, a beautiful day and a great spirit of cooperation from all involved.



We also want to send a special thank you to the home owners who shared their homes and lives with us for the day of the tour and several months before.

The Garden Club is please to say that we raised several thousand dollars to add to the beautification and renovation of the Trolley Park area.



AVANT GARDENERS

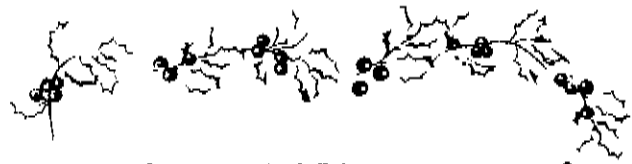
Submitted by Elizabeth Muske

We held our yearly *Pumpkin Carving Gathering* the Tuesday before Halloween! Some brought their pumpkins with their carving ideas set for production, while others took quick lessons from those around and started carving away. A special thanks to those moms who brought the youngsters for the fun. Yes, this event is not just for grown-ups, believe it or not!

November 25th is "Luminary Assembly Meeting" at 1163 Cleveland Ave. - we have Luminary night down to a science! *Just show up* for 1½ hours and make a big dent in the work required to make Luminary night a big success! (You'll also hone your rubber banding and counting skills with a large handful of fellow neighbors and you'll be greatly appreciated for it!) You may not have known that the profit from the luminary sales is miniscule but the goal is wonderful. It is to make the kits affordable, easy to acquire, and easy to assemble so that there are luminaries lining the front of EVERY single home in Park Hills on Luminary night!

In lieu of a December meeting we will instead indulge ourselves in our 3rd annual *Luminary Night Progressive Dinner* at some of the members' homes. The gathering will include a delicious selection of appetizers and fine wines at the first home. A sumptuous feast of homemade soups and breads follows at the second stop. After taking a break to enjoy the tree lighting ceremony, dessert with coffee will be served at the last home. This affair has been thoroughly enjoyed by all that have attended in the years past. If you are interested in getting involved, please call Stef Feltner at 261-2493.

Dates have been set for the first months in the New Year. Mark your calendars for Thursday January 16th and Thursday February 20th for Avant Gardener meetings to be held at 7:00 pm in the City Building. Speakers are still to be announced.



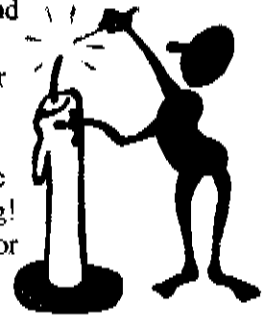
LUMINARIES!

Help us warm up a cold December evening! Join your neighbors as they light up the night during Park Hills' annual, much anticipated tradition of Luminary Night! This is our community's winter activity that brings friends and neighbors out for an evening of socializing and the opportunity to welcome in the holidays together. The Civic Association sponsored tree and nativity lighting ceremony has gotten better over the years with the addition of luminaries and carriage rides.



Luminary Night is scheduled for **Sunday, December 8th** (rain date is December 15th). The *AVANT-GARDENERS* are selling luminary kits for a very nominal cost of **\$7.00 each**. Kits contain 12 luminary bags, one box of 12 15-hour votive candles, a 10# bag of kitty litter (used to weight the bag and stabilize the candles inside the bag), and instructions. Additional candles can be purchased for \$4.00 per box of 12.

Be sure that you are not left in the dark on this memorable evening! *Call your street contact person* for luminary distribution (see later page), or call Millie Fangman at 581-0022.



ATTENTION ALL KIDS

Submitted by Carol Bethel

Join us for our annual Park Hills Kid's Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 1st** from **2 to 4 p.m.** We'll have games, crafts, songs, snacks and even a visit from that jolly old elf (Santa!). The party will be held at Wood Brothers Restaurant 1622 Dixie Highway in Park Hills.

Please **RSVP by November 22** to one of the numbers below with your name, age, and the number of adults who will be coming with you. Bring a friend and leave their name too. Be sure to leave your phone number for a return call with further information.

The Children's Christmas Party is free to all Civic Association Members. If you currently are not a member of the Civic Association, you can join on day of the party (\$15.00/family).

Hope to see you there!

Carol Bethel: 292-0317
Stella Ludovicy: 581-8294
Debbie Zegarra: 581-4387



From the City Clerk's Desk:

The City of Park Hills would like to congratulate the following on their elected Council positions: Fred Brunner, Susan Ferguson, Steve Ryan and Evelyn Stubbs. We want to extend a warm welcome to our two new Council members, Angela Finke and Drew Hollenkamp and wish them well as they take on the task of keeping Park Hills a wonderful place to live. We would also like to wish Michael Hellmann continued success in his job as Mayor. Keep up the good work.

A big "Thank You" goes out to William Muske and Mark Kaelin for their dedication to the city as previous members of Council. They will be missed!

From the Police Department:

There is so much to remind our residents about at this time of year. First, with the approach of the holidays, we wanted to give you some safety tips:

1. Don't leave packages in your vehicle where they can be seen.
2. Lock your vehicles and your home.
3. Carry your purse close to you while shopping.
4. If you need to leave items in your trunk, place them there prior to arriving at your destination.
5. When leaving malls to go to your car, be observant.

Secondly, we hate to think of it, but snow will be falling soon. Listen to the radio or television to see if a snow emergency has been called, if it has or it looks like it might be called later in the day, please move your cars off the roadway to make it easier for our Public Works Director to get through the city to clear the snow from our streets.

Last but not least, we have had some confusion regarding payment of the Park Hills Vehicle License Fee (formerly our city stickers). This fee is now collected by the Kenton County Clerk's Office when you renew your vehicle registration. You are no longer given a city sticker to place on your vehicle. This \$12.00 fee must be added to the amount on your registration form when paying in person or by mail.

Also, if you drive a company car with Ohio plates, the \$12.00 fee is required and it can be paid in person or by mail at the Park Hills City Building, 1106 Amsterdam Road. This money is used for the upkeep of our city streets, an average of \$1.00 a month... a pretty good bargain.



The Park Hills' Clerk's Office and Police Department wish all of our residents a happy and safe holiday season starting with Thanksgiving through the New Year!!!





AVANTGARDNERS JOIN FORCES WITH BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Submitted by Millic Fangman

Have you noticed the beautiful flowers and landscaping on Park Dr.? That was the work of just a few volunteers. Imagine what an entire city of volunteers could do!

The Garden Club and Beautification Committee are joining forces to organize and recruit volunteers to plant, weed, water, and maintain various planting areas throughout the city. Signs, with numbers designating the areas that have been selected, will be posted throughout the city. Get together with neighbors, family and friends to adopt an area. Many hands make light work. Let's work together to beautify our city.

If you are interested in participating, or need additional information, please contact Millie Fangman at 859-581-0022.

Submitted by Millie Fangman

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT



November 2002

SYMPATHY NOTES SENT TO:

Laura Huggins- granddaughter	Sister Mary Ann Catherine- cousin
Elizabeth Hinzman- sister	Melissa Tolle- daughter
The Faith Christian Church- Reverend Kinman	Brian Bartlett- daughter
Notre Dame Academy- Sister	Lisa Brown- mother
Mary Verde	Judy Abdon- sister
Joan Seifner- husband	Mary Lang- husband
Charles Seifner- father	Jack Loos- mother
Greg Seifner- father	Darlene Walker- father
Nancy Seifner- father	Linda Ochs- brother
Natalie Maier- grandmother	Sean Cason- mother
Dick Norton- father	Frank Dempsey Jr.- sister

BIRTHS:

Bob and Angie Blasingame- baby girl
Jeff and Kathleen Crouch- baby girl

Park Hills City Updates

Submitted by Elizabeth Muske

Police Chief Rick Smith:

Chief Smith joined the Park Hills Police force for the second time back in April of 2001. A lot of you may not know that our chief first started his police work many years ago with Park Hills as an officer back in the 1970's. During the years in between then and now, he has also worked as an officer on the forces of Lakeside Park and the City of Fort Mitchell. He was promoted and served as sergeant for many years while at Fort Mitchell. That brings him full circle back to Park Hills as our Chief of Police. Rick and his wife Sharon have two children and one grandchild. They enjoy camping and boating but we hear their favorite hobby is being grandparents. We wish Rick continued success in his future here in Park Hills.

Comings and Goings at the City Building:

You may have seen Julie Alig sitting behind a couple of desks in the city building this summer. Just when she got settled as Police Clerk in January, she made a move upstairs to the city clerk's office this summer. Linda Flora who had retired after six years in this office, stayed on for a little while longer to pass the baton to Julie. Linda had devoted twenty-four years to Campbell County and said that she was really touched when the city bought a brick for the gathering center in her honor. Who moved to into Julie Alig's spot as police clerk? None other than Char Fangman who is back from retirement on a part time basis. Nice to have you back, Char!

Public Works:

As the possibility of snow and freezing rain becomes more of a reality, please remember to remove your cars from the St. to allow for snow removal and salt-spreading equipment to get through!



Are You Singing for Your Supper?

Submitted by Elizabeth Muske

As the holidays approach, I am reminded of a little book called *Singing for Your Supper: Entertaining Ways to Be a Perfect Guest* by Edith Hazard (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, copyright 1996). She has some cute ideas that make the role of being a guest a little more "proactive".

Many of us will find ourselves guests in the next month, and this book's refreshing suggestions can revitalize, for some of us, the whole idea of just showing up at someone else's house. She has suggestions like these:



- Make music (even if only on a water goblet)*
- Compose a Limerick*
- Perform a Magic Trick*
- Produce Shadow Puppets*
- Recite a Poem*
- Make a good toast*
- Hang a spoon*
- Play Dictionary*
- Draw a caricature*
- Build a house of cards*
- Tell a story.*



You get the idea here. And as I look through her list, a sense of timing also seems to be a prerequisite. But all of these activities entertain, they are easily pulled off with what is around you, and they make the time spent waiting for the bird to cook a little

more interactive and memorable.

Surely, everyone reading this knows how to do *one* of the things listed above. Maybe it even jogged your brain into remembering one of your own humorous or delightful "skills". I'd bet if we all arrive at the door with just one little idea in our back pocket, everyone, including our hosts and hostesses, are in store for some good memory material this year.

2002 Picnic Memories

Compliments of Denise Bosch



Park Hills' Pig Dudes! Dan Bosch, Bill Muske, Greg DiMuzio, and Phil Ryan move in on the kill!



Park Hills' Picnic Dudes! From left to right are Annie O'Hara, Gabriel Schulte and Christine Bosch doing their thing in the new gathering center area.

St. Contact Persons

for Luminary Distribution

Aberdeen Road

Eric & Elizabeth Steva 833 Aberdeen 655-9822

Alhambra Court

Lynelle Barrett 843 Alhambra 491-7751

Altavia Road (1005-1042)

Betty Haverbusch 1014 Altavia 431-5917

Altavia Road (1043-1087)

Monica Finke 1056 Altavia 431-5932

Amsterdam Road (1000-1100)

Karen Bernard 1028 Amsterdam 491-2325

Amsterdam Road (1100-1224)

Virginia Smith 1210 Amsterdam 291-2354

Amsterdam Road (1303-1335)

Traci Perkins 1309 Amsterdam 655-9587

Amsterdam Road (1403-1432)

Millie Fangman 1001 Park Dr. 581-0022

Arlington Road (N)

Bob Egenes 824 Arlington 581-7137

Arlington Road (S)

David Coppage 601 Arlington 491-6566

Audubon Road (1107-1139)

Patti Brungs 1121 Audubon 431-3192

Audubon Road (1140-1227)

Steve & Pam Ryan 1220 Audubon 491-4399

Audubon Road (1230-1262)

Judy Jenkins 1246 Audubon 261-3134

Breckenridge Road

Joan Maier 1091 Emerson 581-8406

Cecelia Avenue (1094-1117)

Bonnie Woodfin 1102 Cecelia 261-4506

Cecelia Avenue (1118-1203)

Susan Williamson 1134 Cecelia 431-3230

Cleveland Avenue (1140-1166)

Chris Hogan 1162 Cleveland 261-0367

Cleveland Avenue (1100-1137)

Ellen Estes 1129 Cleveland 261-1129

Coram Street

Charleen Fangman 1145 Coram 291-3700

Emerson Road

Patricia McGregor 1074 Emerson 491-4698

Exter Drive

Al Batista 614 Irish Rose Lane 581-5511

Hamilton Road (1023-1165)

Ainslie Hayden 1023 Hamilton 431-6257

Harriet Street

Charleen Fangman 1145 Coram 291-3700

Hillcrest

Brooke Cole 1012 Lawton 431-8457

Hilltop

Heather Shawen 1211 Hilltop 581-8019

Irish Rose Lane

Al Batista 614 Irish Rose Lane 581-5511

Jackson Road (1007-1076)

Carol Bethel 1035 Jackson 292-0317

Kathy Matchinga 1010 Jackson 491-7222

Lawton Road (1006-1034)

Brooke Cole 1012 Lawton 431-8457

Lawton Road (1038-1063)

Robert Coursey 1053 Lawton (513) 520-7653

Lawton Road (1064-1090)

Sharon Finke 1048 Lawton 491-4537

Angie Finke 1034 Lawton 261-6566

Locust Street

Evelyn Stubbs 1020 Locust 261-5851

Morgan Court

Mary Jean Raispis 1168 Morgan 431-1078

Montague Road

Marge Frankl 1055 Montague 491-6091

Mt. Allen Road (1101-1114)

Rose Heideman 1106 Mt. Allen 581-7507

Mt. Allen Road (1116-1141)

Mary Luebbers 1126 Mt. Allen 291-6839

Old State Road (1102-1225)

Louise Claypole 1131 Old State 581-4567

Old State Road (1302-1328)

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Old State Road (1329-1428)

Heather Schmiedicke 1414 Old State 431-7187

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Vicky Schmerge 1009 Park Dr. 581-5617

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Rose Circle

Natalie Maier 1002 Rose Cir. 431-7315

Rosemont (415-517)

Heather Shawen 1211 Hilltop 581-8019

Rosemont (600-619)

Jude Schulte 609 Rosemont 431-4740

St. James Avenue (806-823)

Diane Meier 820 Street James 291-8816

St. James Avenue (824-844)

Mary Ann Noonan 826 Street James 291-5585

St. Joseph Lane (502-717)

Stephanie Laurie 702 Street Joseph 491-6456

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