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PARK HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

2002 Park Hills End of Summer City Picnic and Pig Roast



Mark your calendar for the 2002 Park Hills City Picnic to be held Saturday September 14 (rain date Sunday September 15).

The picnic returns to the newly and beautifully landscaped Trolley Park, and starts at 2PM. A pig roast is planned so bring your appetites and that secret recipe for barbeque sauce! Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish to share with others. As in past years we will have a cooking contest with judges awarding prizes for best entree, appetizer, and dessert.

2002 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the city of Park Hills. Additionally, this year marks the 60th anniversary of the start of our city's volunteer fire department. We want to recognize and thank all of the volunteer firemen and rescue squad personnel who have given countless hours to help protect and keep all of us safe. It's easy to take for granted the fact that when needed these dedicated individuals will be

there for our protection. So at this year's picnic we want to give a big thanks to everyone past and present who have served to help keep us safe and protect our homes.

Activities planned for the picnic include:

- Pig roast with plenty of food and drink
- Pony rides for the kids
- Split the pot
- Moonwalk (you know, the big plastic air mattress with a bubble top that kids jump in)
- Craft table
- Face painting

What better way to say goodbye to summer. Get your neighbors together and plan to make a day of it at the park. In the extremely unlikely event of a rainout (yes we have been rained on before) the picnic will be held the next day, Sunday the 15th.

*Celebrate Park Hills 75th anniversary
and the 60th anniversary of the founding
of the Park Hills Volunteer Fire
Department at this year's City Picnic*

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



Hello Everyone!

Here's a bit of irony: in my Spring article for the HUB I talked about listening to the hum of lawnmowers and weed eaters and complimenting all of you on how green and beautiful your lawns were. It's certainly been a little more 'peaceful' this Summer – but you are still looking good Park Hills!! We don't let a little drought keep us from taking pride in our community!

This article becomes easier and easier to write because there are so many of you out there providing me with good material, especially all the Thank You's for your volunteerism and jobs well done! And we once again have a host of people to thank:

Dave Schlothauer provided us with another memorable Memorial Day parade - right down to the beautiful weather. A special thanks to Charles Meyers for serving as Grand Marshall and for all of his years of service to our community. In June, the very first Park Hills Golf Outing was held. It was a tremendous success and great fun for the many who participated. Al Bautista, David Coppage and Mike Gramaglia did an outstanding job in organizing this outing and have already agreed to make it an annual event! I'd also like to thank Neil Frankl and Millie Fangman for kicking off the annual membership drive. Please respond to your street chairpersons when they come calling, if you haven't already done so.

It gets even easier to write this article when I get to announce all the upcoming events. And we have plenty!

First, immediately go to your calendars and mark Saturday, September 14 for the Park Hills Picnic. This will be a very special event because, in addition to all the regular festivities, we will be celebrating Park Hills 75th Anniversary, the 60th Anniversary of the Volunteer Fire Department, and the return to and re-dedication of Trolley Park. Greg Dimuzio and his committee are busy hunting a suitable 'entrée' for the pig roast!

And while you have your calendars out, please mark Saturday, October 19. Bill Muske and his band of merry men have been very busy planning the return of the Park Hills run/walk. However this year it will be on a much grander scale, complete with a new name – the Five Mile Home Run - and a different (longer) course! Most importantly, the race proceeds will benefit the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. There's still plenty of time to train!

Again, I want to thank everyone who has become involved in the Civic Association and helping achieve our goal/theme of "more people involved in more activities". The first half of 2002 has been great and I'm very excited about all the upcoming events! I hope to see ALL of you at the Picnic. Come and enjoy a good time with the best neighbors in the world!!

Greg Johnson



FIRST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The 1st Annual Park Hills Golf outing was a success with fun had by all. We had 14 foursomes participate with neighbors representing 12 streets from the City. Everyone came home with a gift in small part to the 22 neighborhood businesses sponsoring the event. The original intent was to make this an event that occurs every other year, but there was strong support from the participants to have it annually. We hope to have a full 18 groups at the next outing and encourage all family members to attend (fathers, mothers and children). Thanks again for everyone's help and support, including committee members David Coppage and Mike Gramaglia.

Sincerely,
Al Bautista
Golf Chairman



"THE HOME RUN"

Submitted by Bill Muske

Update on Trolley Park GATHERING CENTER

By Elizabeth Muske and Millie Fangman

A few years ago Park Hills discontinued it's Fall Fun Run. It took a good deal of planning and the attendance just wasn't strong enough to support the run. This year a committee was formed to bring back the run. The members of the committee are Jay Bayer, Joe Crowe, Poppy Evans, Tricia Fries, Bill Muske, Howard Nemeroff, Jim Parsons, and Giles Stratinger.



Bill Muske
Howard Nemeroff
Joe Crowe
Jim Parsons
Poppy Evans
Giles Stratinger
Jay Bayer
Tricia Fries

As the gathering center takes form down in Trolley Park, we've seen many people making a short stop to mill around and search for their personalized brick, now that the floor



The committee decided that the best way to increase attendance was to invite others outside of Park Hills to attend. In addition, it was decided that the run should be a benefit a local cause. The cause we selected was the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky located in Devou Park. The Children's Home is working along side us to make this a fun and entertaining event.

Our goals are to increase our race attendance while raising \$3,000 for the Children's Home. To do this we are obtaining sponsors to help offset the costs of a race. Fidelity Investments and The Bank of Kentucky have both agreed to be our title sponsors for the race.

Race participants can choose from the **5 mile run** OR the **2.3 mile walk**. Both events start and end at the Children's Home at 9:00am on Saturday October 19th, 2002. Anyone can participate!! The registration form is enclosed as a flyer in this issue of the HUB. We hope many families and individuals will participate in this worthy event.

This is a Park Hills Civic Association event. Please help support it by running or walking. See the race registration form for more details or call Bill Muske at 291-2992. Thanks for your support!

is in. For those who have been planning this for years, we are sure this has been a most pleasurable sight. Do not panic if you missed the deadline for ordering bricks to be installed in time for the dedication ceremony on September 14. You will have a chance to order bricks again in October. Every effort is being made to honor special requests as to placement of multiple bricks. The roof of the southern trolley stop is currently being replaced with slate to tie in with the roofs on many Park Hills homes. This, along with installation of all bricks ordered thus far, including the bricks on the curved seat facings, amount to the current phase of completion in time for the Park Hills Picnic on September 14th.

The Civic Association wants to most graciously thank the Hellman family for a very generous gesture of entirely funding the re-roofing of the trolley stop in Trolley Park. We would like to thank Grandma Loretta, Aunt Rita Hellman, Paul Sr. and his children: Paul Jr., Steve, Tom, and Carol and their families. Also, thanks to Clem and Mary Jo Hellman and their children: Mike, Jackie, and Jenny and their respective families.

This "work in progress" only gets better as more money becomes available. There are plans to purchase informational signs, which would be posted in Trolley Park and on N. Arlington road, and a sidewalk for the park. If anyone would like to make donations for these projects, the City and Civic Association would greatly appreciate it. Consider investing in your city. These improvements show Park Hills cares and that it is *the* city in which to live.



From walk
at 11:00

you & like
to sponsor...

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS

Submitted by Elizabeth Muske

Memorial Day Parade: Once again, we had a beautiful Park Hills Parade on Memorial Day. Thank you to Charlie Meyers for being our Grand Marshall! "Thank you" to all of the many volunteers who gave of their time and resources. (cars, candy, decorations, artwork, writing skills, labor). A very special "thank you" to David Schlothauer who organizes this parade year after memorable year.

Easter Egg Hunt – oops: In the May HUB, we failed to recognize one of our young citizens. Jackie Lakeberg, who kindly pitched in and assisted with the event. Thank you Jackie for your help with the Easter Egg Hunt!

Bouquets of Thanks: Every arm of the Civic Association has asked that the HUB convey their appreciation to Pam Spoor and her daughter Iris for the magnificent flowers they have grown around the memorial on the Park Drive boulevard. The dedication that they have shown to the area where the American veterans' markers surround the flagpole has flourished into a dazzling and glorious display of blooms. You may have caught Pam and Iris on your way to work in the early mornings this spring, when they were ducked down, gingerly nurturing an amazing variety of small annuals and perennials. If you were pushing your kids around in strollers, you may have noticed them when they were dragging water hoses, trying to quench those special blooms' thirst through the relentless drought we've had. Whether you saw these dedicated souls in action or not, your eyes cannot miss the most beautiful display anywhere in Northern Kentucky of flowers in a public space. It is eye candy. If you are familiar with the Spoor's house garden, you might even agree that this garden has the Pam Spoor signature on it. We're sure that she didn't intend it, but someone with a vision usually can't stop with simply going through the motions. We would guess that where you see the ferns, cleome, and other interesting varieties that most cannot name, that you could imagine Pam yanking seedling out of her own garden and just moving

them down the hill. We've gotten a daily, *visual* reminder of the utterly amazing results that people can achieve when they give of themselves and their time. Pam and Iris, you have touched us by letting us watch this unfold. We will always remember the flowers on Park Drive in the summer of 2002.

Outstanding Northern Kentucky Woman: Earlier this spring, Park Hills' very own Kit Hammons was nominated as one of the five most outstanding women in Northern Kentucky. It just so happens that Kit also owns and operates Sandy Cohen Printing, which prints this publication. Kit has a well-rounded list of accomplishments that touches almost everything: college academics, the arts, politics, and numerous charitable causes in the Northern Kentucky area. The Kentucky Post sponsored a luncheon honoring her nomination at the Syndicate Restaurant, in Newport, on April 29th. Our hats go off to you, Kit!



news from the

AVANT

GARDENERS

FALL 2002 HOME & GARDEN TOUR

Submitted by Kathi Deils

October 5th will be the date of the Park Hills Fall Home and Garden Tour. The self-guided tour will run from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On that day Park Hills will come alive with fall festivities – a hayride through the park, hot cider, good food and fall foliage in addition to the beautiful homes and gardens will make this an event that you don't want to miss.

Pre-Sale Tickets will be available at \$12.00 each. A box lunch may also be ordered to be enjoyed in the beautiful Devou surroundings while taking a short break from the tour. The lunches must be pre-ordered at \$7.50 each including your



drink. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Nancy Grayson at 491-2323.

We are looking for people to work the day of the show or to possibly help behind the scenes in the preparation work necessary to have such an exciting event. Please contact Kathi Delis at 859-581-8856 for questions or to sign up to help.

Busy Bee Update:

Submitted by Stefanie Feltner & Elizabeth Muske

If you've been wondering about the Busy Bee Butterfly Garden, it is not yet in Trolley Park. Because of the drought, and the installation of the landscaping in the park, it has been decided to wait a while to put in the butterfly shaped garden that will be close to the kids' playground equipment. Keep the Busy Bees in mind, though, if you have need to divide any butterfly-attracting plants next spring.

Bonnie Hampton, from Compost for Kids, met with about 20 Park Hills kids in Stef Feltner's back yard in June. In simple ways, they learned the entire concept of composting and a little about the dirty but necessary subject of landfills. The kids really got a kick out of using magnifying glasses to identify the decomposers (that's compost lingo for "bugs") in a newly formed compost pile. They later put on a miniature play *with costumes*, acting out the parts of a compost pile. The scavenger hunt drove the point home. Each child looked for the "greens", "browns", and bugs necessary to make a compost pile, all of which by the way, are available in any back yard. Refreshments were served and all the kids got to take home pencils made from recycled dollar bills. Very cool!



The next time you see the Busy Bees, they will be selling bottled water at the Park Hills Home and Garden Tour on October 5th! They will be located at the *Scarecrow Luncheonette*. If you would like for your kids to join the busy bees and be a part of some of these fun activities, call Stefanie Feltner at 261-2493.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tues., Oct. 29th: Pumpkin Carving – meet at the City Building, bring your own pumpkin

Mon., Nov. 25th: Luminary Kit preparation

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT



September 2002

Submitted by Andrea Thaman

Sympathy cards were sent to:

Ralph Thiel - sister
Mary Bessler - brother
Covington Catholic HS - Jeffrey Pretzer
Eddie Hitch - mother
Ted Lyon - mother
Judy Cogswell - mother
Mary Christine Heist-Vasilas - father
Warren Heist - father
Rachel Hemlich - father
Barbara Schulte - brother in law
Mary Lange - brother
Mickey Taeuber - mother
Alma Finke - husband
Jean Brann - sister
Opal Bush - granddaughter
Sisters of Notre Dame - Sr. Mary Mercia
Mary Jane Betz - brother
Barb Wartman - stepmother
Lisa McCormick - mother
Nancy Gustenveld - father in law
Bill Erhman - mother
Millie and Skip Fangman - son, Michael
Family of Lois Ann Stephens - Lois devoted a great part of her life volunteering for the Park Hills Life Squad. She will be missed.

Park Hills Births:

Jackie and Doug Bauercis - boy
Chris and Natalie Maier - boy
Dan and Denise Bosch - boy
Drew and Lynn Collins - boy
Andrew and Melissa Strauss - girl
Ken and Kim McLellen - girl
Stacy and James Pfaller - boy and girl
Hank and Becky Hudepohl - girl

Deaths:

Park Hills resident Beatrice Grieme

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

By the time you read this article, school will be in session. During morning and afternoon hours, children will be waiting for their buses and others will be walking to and from school. Please drive carefully, be watchful, and obey the speed limits.

With the construction work being done on Old State Road, signs have been placed restricting traffic during certain hours. We have received complaints of cars traveling around these signs. Just a warning – we will be issuing citations for those that choose to ignore these signs.

A reminder concerning political signs: Per our City ordinances, the signs must be placed on private property no earlier than 45 days before the election and they should be removed within 3 days after the election. Signs should not be any larger than 12 square feet.

Safety tip: Don't leave your home or garage door open and the area unattended. Don't leave your vehicles unlocked and especially don't leave valuables in your vehicles in plain sight. In years gone by, we could leave our doors open and not worry, but not anymore! We try to do a good job to keep our city safe and crime free, but we need your help also. If you see anything suspicious, call us immediately! We are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

HALLOWEEN

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE AS ALWAYS, ON OCTOBER 31ST. THE CUSTOMARY DOOR-TO-DOOR TRICK OR TREAT WILL RUN FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M. THE FIREHOUSE WILL HAVE ITS TRADITIONAL PARTY WITH HOT DOGS AND SODAS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

LUMINARY NIGHT

Submitted by Elizabeth Muske

Our own little festival of lights is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th. Millie Fangman is looking for someone who could help her coordinate the incoming orders the week prior, when she will be out of town. (Don't be afraid! Many works, done by many people ahead of time mean it's not a big job at that point in the game!) If you can help her out, give her a call at 581-0022. Also, thanks ahead to Millie, the Avant Gardeners, and all of the street chairs who make this event soooooo easy for every household to participate. If we, as residents, follow through with our orders as soon as possible, it allows them get the orders delivered early and enjoy the week ahead of luminary night much more!



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- SEPT. 14TH Park Hills Picnic
- SEPT. 19TH Garden Club Meeting
- OCT. 5TH Home and Garden Tour
- OCT. 19TH "Home Run" at 9:00AM
- OCT. 29TH Pumpkin Carving, City Bldg.
- OCT. 31ST Halloween Night
- NOV. 25TH Luminary Prep, City Bldg.
- DEC. 1ST Children's Christmas Party
- DEC. 8TH Luminary Night

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars for the annual Children's Christmas Party! **December 1st** is the date. If you are interested in helping out, give the event chair, Carol Bethel, a call at 292-0317.

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN!

The tax bills for 2002 will be mailed by the end of August and are due in the month of September. Tax bills are delinquent after September 30th. If your tax bill is paid by your mortgage company, you may want to contact them to be certain it has been requested. If your tax is not paid by your mortgage company and you do not receive a bill, please contact the City Clerk's Office. The payment of tax bills are the property owner's responsibility.

The City Clerk's office would like to give you some additional information about taxes of which you may not be aware. **Property owners 65 years of age, or older, are entitled to a Homestead Exemption** on their property taxes. The current exemption is \$26,800, which is subtracted from the assessed valuation before taxes are calculated. It reduces county and city taxes. You must live at the address in order to qualify for the exemption. In addition, the law grants this exemption to disabled persons, regardless of age, if the disability meets certain state requirements. **Please call the Kenton County Property Valuation office at (859) 491-2728 to apply.**

To remove a deceased person's name from the tax bill, the following criteria must be met: The survivor's name must appear on the deed as an owner and state "right of survivorship." A copy of the death certificate must be provided. This allows the name to be removed from the tax bill only. A new deed must be filed to remove a name from a deed. **For more information, please contact the Kenton County Clerk's Office at (859) 491-0703.**



www.cityofparkhills.net

Submitted by Louise Wells

That's right – the City of Park Hills has gone *cyber* and now has its own website. You can log on at www.cityofparkhills.net for information on our history and our police and fire departments. You can also find a convenient listing of "frequently called numbers" (*very* convenient if you ask me), as well as a wealth of "important information" -- leaf pickup, snow removal, cats & dogs, etc., etc., etc. Get online and check it out!



ODD JOBS?



The following individuals have submitted their names to the Civic Association's "Odd Jobs" program. They may be available to help if you are ever in need of a babysitter, or occasional help around the house such as raking, grass cutting, weeding, watering, walking the dog, snow shoveling, babysitting, car washing, or *whatever!*



NAME:

PHONE:

Julia Bayer (11 yrs.), Audubon Rd.
(dog walking, babysitting)

431-7699

Joe Bayer (14 yrs.), Audubon Rd.
(lawn mowing, snow shoveling, yardwork,
babysitting)

431-7699

Joseph Frankl (12 yrs.), Montague Rd.
(lawn mowing, dog walking, snow shoveling, taking
care of plants & animals during vacation, raking
leaves)

491-6091

Mandy Jacobs (14 yrs.), Amsterdam Rd.
(babysitting, dog walking, pet care and sitting)

431-6458

Parents must give their written consent for children under 18 years of age to partake in the program. If your young person is interested in the Odd Jobs program, please call Louise Wells at 859-491-5009 for more information.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES

Submitted by Millie Fangman

Please note that there is an application to join the Civic Association included in this edition of the HUB. If you have not already joined, just fill it out and send it in! With your dues, you are supporting all of the year-round activities that you are informed of in the HUB. Please give consideration to the volunteer section of your application! You will find yourself feeling more enriched for helping with even just one activity per year! If you are new in town, it is a great way to meet others! Volunteering for your town will help make your new house feel more like home.

ZONE CHANGE DEFEATED

Thanks again to all of the residents of Park Hills who rallied together to get the information out about Covington's application for a zone change that would allow for adult businesses to operate on the northeastern perimeter of our city. There was a successful grass-roots effort to get the word out to residents about the meetings that were scheduled with the Kenton County Planning Commission. Thankfully, the issue has come to pass favorably for Park Hills.

Need Child Care?

Park Hills is home to a 3 Star Child Care Center, the highest rating in Northern Kentucky.

- * Ages 18 months - 5 Years
- * Calendar follows NKY Technical & Kenton County Schools
- * Full or half days
- * Tuition assistance available
- * Alternate care available during breaks and summer

*** Park Hills Child Development Center ***

1030 Old State Road
491-5520 ext. 23 or 431-2075 ext. 11
www.childreninc.org



DACHSHUND RESCUE OF OHIO
Little Dogs in need of good homes

Call Louise Wells at 491-5009 for adoption requirements, fees, and information

2002/2003 PARK HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you have not already joined or renewed your membership in the Park Hills Civic Association, use this form. Dues for 2002/2003 are \$15 per family, \$10 for a single membership, and \$5 for a senior membership.

In addition to joining the Civic Association, please indicate any of the activities below that you are interested in, or would be willing to volunteer to help in some way.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

- Serve on board
- Serve as street chair

FAMILY PICNIC

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Help set-up/clean-up
- Work a booth

EASTER EGG HUNT

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Serve on committee

CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Serve on committee

DINNER DANCE

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Serve on committee
- Decorate/clean-up

LUMINARY NIGHT

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Help with sales/deliv.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

- Serve on committee
- Help organize/clean-up
- Help with bake sale

HOSPITALITY COMM.

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Contact new residents
- Visit new residents

BEAUTIFICATION COMM.

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Help maint. plantings
- Help with Xmas décor

GARDEN CLUB

- Become a member
- Help with home tour
- Help with bake sale

HUB PRODUCTION

- Serve as chair/co-chair
- Contribute articles
- Help with mailing
- Serve as editor

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ [] unlisted

EMAIL: _____

Check level of membership:

- Family (\$15) Single (\$10) Senior (\$5)

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____

Make check payable to:

"The Park Hills Civic Association"

Remit this form along with payment to:

Park Hills Civic Association
1106 Amsterdam Road
Park Hills, KY 41011

- OR -

Civic Association Membership
c/o Millie Fangman
1001 Park Drive
Park Hills, KY 41011