

PARK HILLS NEWSLETTER

60th Anniversary Of The Park Hills Fire Department

In the early days, the City of Park Hills received it's fire protection from the Covington Fire Dept. In 1941 the City of Covington notified Park Hills that the cost of fire protection for the year 1942 was going to increase to \$5000.00 a year. The city was faced with the decision of continuing to pay for fire protection or start its own fire department. On March 19, 1942 the decision was finalized, when a group of 16 citizens got together to form the Park Hills Fire Department.

The year 2002 marks the 60th anniversary of the Fire Department. On May 5, the Fire Department will be celebrating its anniversary with a reunion of the members of the Department. To make this happen we need to locate as many past members as possible. We currently have a list of over 250 past and current fire department members. Unfortunately, for far too many, all we have is a name and some memories but no address. If you are, or if you know of, or know the whereabouts of a past Fire Department member, please give us a call. We hope to have a large attendance at our reunion but we need to find a lot of people. If you know of deceased members of the Fire Department please let us know their names as well so we can properly honor all of our past members. If you have any information please call Dan Bosch at 859-291-4045 or Jim Kaelin at 859-491-6534. Any assistance you can give to help us honor the brave men and women who have served the City and Fire Department for the past 60 years is appreciated.

Important Numbers

Emergency Services	911
Park Hills Police (non-emergency)	431-6172
Park Hills Fire Department & Rescue Squad (non-emergency)	261-3344
City Hall	431-6252
Drug and Poison Information	558-5111
Northern Kentucky Dog Warden Authority	356-3191
Kentucky Drivers License Bureau	727-8100
U.S. Post Office, 700 Scott Street, Cov.	261-4425

2002 HYDRANT TESTING SCHEDULE

As part of the Water District's semi-annual flushing program, we will be testing hydrants in the Park Hills area during the week of June 17th – 21st. You can look in the Enquirer or The Post as the date gets closer to see if we are still on schedule for that time. Signs are also posted a day in advance to let you know when we will be working in your area. Any questions should be directed to:

Rusty Collinsworth
Field Service Supervisor
Northern Ky. Water District
859-578-9898 ext. 3132

Note: Rumpke recycling requests that newspapers be placed in a brown paper bag in or beside your red bin.

Property Tax Bills: 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 information allows the name to be removed from the tax bill only. A new deed must be filed to remove a name from a deed.

Northern Kentucky Senior Games

The Northern Kentucky Senior Games offers everyone ages 50 and above the chance to participate in 27 events including track and field, golf, bowling, tennis, basketball shooting, lawn bowling, billiards, table tennis, shuffleboard and much more.

This year the events run from May 14 to 21. A \$10 registration fee allows for participation in unlimited events and includes a Senior Games T-shirt. Medals are awarded to the top three men and women in each age group for each event. You don't have to be an athlete to participate – everyone will have a great time meeting area seniors and participating in the many games.

To learn how you can join the fun, and to receive an events schedule and registration form, call Senior Services of Northern Kentucky at 859-727-2273.

From the Tree Board

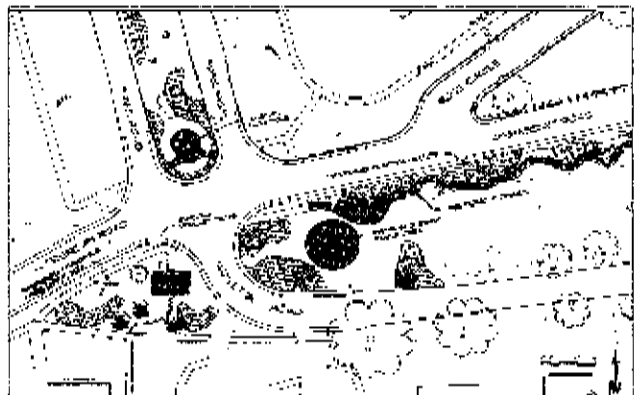
TROLLEY PARK

Great news! The restoration of Trolley Park will begin in March. The restoration will be accomplished in phases designed to accommodate the budget. The project has benefited from careful consideration of design, plant material, maintenance needs, recreational use and cost.

The first phase will address four separate areas of the park:

- **FLAGPOLE AREA** - A veteran's memorial brick walkway will run horizontally in front of the flagpole. Bricks in memory of veterans may be purchased from Millie Fangman (581-0022) for a cost of \$35.00 per brick. This will be an enduring way to honor a loved one's service to our nation. The demilune area between the walkway and the road will be filled with carefree perennials. This should provide a colorful accent to the memorial area. Additionally, the flagpole area will be opened to the interior of the boulevard to better accommodate our actual use of the space for civic events such as the Memorial Day Parade. Subsequent phases of the project will address the improvement of the remaining boulevard area.
- **SHELTER HOUSE** - The area surrounding the larger shelter house will be landscaped with a combination of evergreens, spring flowering trees and low maintenance shrubs and perennials. This is a charming structure of historical significance. Its beauty will be more readily apparent when nestled into a graceful landscape of all season interest. Much attention has been given to choosing sturdy, safe, low maintenance plants that will provide color and structure to the space.
- **TROLLEY PARK** - A gently curving earthen berm will be constructed along the Amsterdam Road side of the park. The berm will be planted with trees, flowering shrubs and small evergreens. It is intended that the berm will protect children in the park from cars on the road and reduce traffic noise. It will also act as a beautiful green boundary for our park space. Within this berm will be many opportunities for gardeners. There will be areas that can be utilized for bulbs, perennials and herbs. We hope that, as the project unfolds, areas will be adopted by families, streets or organizations who will provide plants, care and maintenance. This will be a wonderful way to enhance the beauty of our city by sharing your gardening talent and skills. Anyone interested in contributing may contact Pam Spoor (581-2513).
- **GATHERING CENTER** - A brick, circular gathering center will be constructed by the Garden Club in Trolley Park. Our landscaper will level the site so you will be able to see size, shape and location. The gathering center will be paved in bricks engraved with the donor's name or sentiment. Bricks (\$35.00 per brick) may be purchased from Millie Fangman (581--0022). This will be an ideal way to create a permanent remembrance of your Park Hills' residency. The purchase of an engraved brick is also an opportunity to commemorate special events (birthdays, anniversaries, graduations), friends and loved ones.

This is the beginning. Subsequent phases will address the remaining areas of the park including that space on the other side of the parking lot. We hope to create a beautiful, useable recreational area that will have something enjoyable to offer to both children and adults.



Large item Pick up Day, Saturday, May 18th

Each year we set aside a Saturday in May for our waste hauler to pick up large items. This year we will Rumpke will be coming through on May 18, Saturday morning. Rumpke will take most anything but there are a few restrictions:

1. Any items with Freon, Air Conditioners or Refrigerators must have a tag indicating that the Freon has been removed. An AC or Refrigeration Company that removes the Freon provides the tag needed. The item will not be picked up by Rumpke with out the tag.

**Note - Items containing Freon can be dropped off at the Kenton County Garage located at 420 Independence Station Rd., Independence, KY
Phone 371-9281 if you have any questions.**

2. Yard Waste (such as leaves) must be in bags or cans. Branches and twigs must be tied together in lengths no more than five feet. Bundles must be less than 40 lbs.
3. Rumpke will not pick up Hazardous Wastes such as paint thinner, oils, solvents, tires, batteries, etc.

Note - For questions on how to dispose of these items call Nate Sturm of Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management at 859-283-1885.

Remember to keep Park Hills looking beautiful

Street Sweeping

Park Hills will be sweeping the streets of the city in preparation of our Memorial Day Parade.

Street sweeping is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, rain date is Friday, May 24. Please make sure your vehicles are kept off the street between the hours of 8:00 am-4:00 p.m. for the sweeping to be successful.

If you have any questions call Dennis Finke at 431-4333 for more information.

WANTED - Street Floats for the Park Hills Parade!

Exercise your civic pride! Each year we ask streets to enter a float for the Memorial Day parade. We would really like to see more streets participate. Your float doesn't need to be something grand, just something your street can put together to show civic pride.

Get a couple neighbors together and see what you can dream up. Challenge a neighboring street to compete with your street for the best float. It's all in good fun and makes the day even more special. Each year a plaque is awarded to the best street float!

Parade Route - Starts at Old Chase Law School - to Mount Allen - to South Arlington - to Dixie Highway - to St. James - to Old State - to Terrace - to Amsterdam - to Park Drive - to Rose Circle.

Call David Schlothauer (859) 491-6051 to set up a spot for your street float!

New Phone System

Park Hills has a new telephone system. The city system has new features. You can call and get updates on what's going on in the city and you can leave a message for council. Call and just follow the instructions.

Web Site

Park Hills is putting together a web site. If you have any old photos of the city we can use, please drop them off at city hall. Photos will be returned.

Notification of a Revised Tree Ordinance

Park Hills City Council has adopted a new tree ordinance. The revised ordinance clarifies that homeowners are responsible for trees in the right of way. Dead or diseased trees should be removed.

If you would like a copy of the ordinance please call the city clerk at 431-6252. If you have any questions regarding the ordinance please call Pam Spoor of the Park Hills Forestry Board at 581-2513.

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Congratulations Charleen!

The city would like to congratulate Charleen Fangman on her recent retirement as Park Hills Police Clerk. On Saturday, February 9, the employees and city officials met for dinner at Wood Brothers. Charleen was presented with a plaque commemorating her 15 years of service. Charleen served as Deputy City Clerk beginning in 1986 and in 1987 was appointed Police Clerk. She was a valuable and much loved employee and will be missed not only by those who worked with her, but also by the residents. She was always willing to offer her assistance no matter what was asked of her. Charleen is married to Dave Fangman and they have a son, Jay, and a daughter, Karen. They have a grandson named Chase and a brand-new granddaughter named Chloc. Charleen loves walking and ceramics, but her very favorite hobby is shopping. When she was considering retirement, she applied at Stein-Mart's for a part-time sales position, consequently her nickname of "Mrs. Steinmart". Just to give you an idea of how serious this claim is there is a rumor that her clothes closet rod collapsed from the excess weight of all her clothes! Charleen continues to call and visit, usually with homemade dessert or lunch.