



The News

Fall 2005



TRICK OR TREAT

Little ghouls and goblins can hit the streets Monday, October 31st. from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for Halloween trick or treating. The Fire Department will be serving up "Halloweenies" and soft drinks for little ones from 7-00-9:00 p.m. Make plans to come by for refreshments before heading home!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Here are a few reminders that will hopefully promote a continuance of safety for the rest of the year:

- School is back in session. Please be aware of the little ones at the bus stop during your commute to and from work.
- Remember when selecting a Halloween costume for children, keep safety in mind.
- Make sure children can be seen by motorists.
- Make sure to inspect all candy.
- Make sure to stop by the firehouse for refreshments during trick-or-treat night.

Ultimately, remember the fire department is volunteer. So please, help us serve our community better by joining today!

LEAF PICK-UP

Mon. 11-17-11-21/08 SIGNS



Each fall the City of Park Hills provides a leaf pickup service. This year, leaf pick-up will begin the week of November 14. Each street will have a sign posted 2-3 days before pickup to give you time to get your leaves to the curb. Please do not rake leaves onto the street as this clogs sewers and causes parking problems.

BUILDING PERMITS & ZONING ISSUES

As of August 31, 2005, the City of Park Hills has turned all of its building and zoning issues over to the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC). They will be the ones to issue permits and answer any building and/or zoning questions. You can visit their website at www.nkpc.org or call them at 859-331-8980 with any questions.

Holiday Crime Prevention

Christmas and the holiday shopping season is a peak time for crimes such as home burglaries, thefts, and even muggings. Some valuable tips that may help prevent you from being the victim of a crime during the holidays.

At Home

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows at all times.

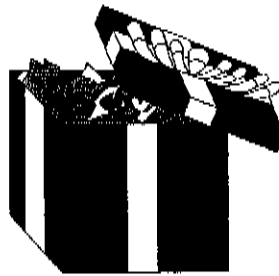
Don't display gifts and other valuables where they can be seen from a window or doorway.

If you go out in the evening, turn on lights and a radio or television so the house looks occupied.

If you go on vacation, get an automatic timer for your lights. Ask a neighbor or trusted friend to watch your house, pick up the mail and newspapers and park their car in your driveway from time to time.

Beware of package deliveries where couriers have the "wrong" address. Write down tag numbers of suspicious delivery attempts.

After Christmas, don't advertise your new electronics and/or other new valuables that you have just received by putting the boxes out on the curb for the garbage collectors. Break the boxes down and fold them to where the words are on the inside.



Shopping

Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. If you see people "hanging around" parking garages, parking lots, or the outside of stores, avoid the area. Notify the police or security department.

Shop before dark if possible. Coordinate shopping trips with a friend if you plan to be out late. Never park your car in an unlit area, no matter how convenient it is.

Lock your car doors and windows even if you are only gone for a few minutes.

Keep packages and other valuables out of public view, preferably locked in the trunk.

Park near street lights if possible and have your keys in hand when you return to your car. Always check the interior of your car before you unlock the door to get in.

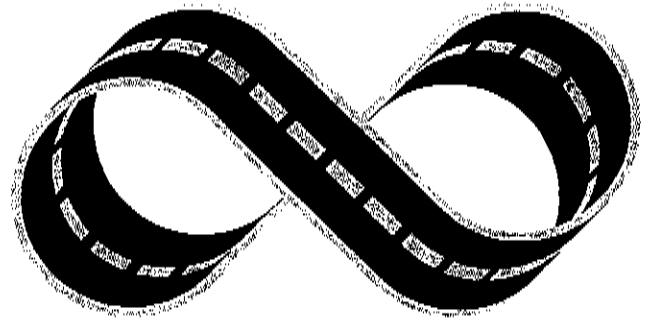
To discourage purse snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages. Have your purchases delivered whenever practical.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card whenever possible.

Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm with the strap across your body. Keep a wallet in an inside jacket pocket, not a back trouser pocket.

Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if they should become separated in a store or shopping mall. They should never go into a parking lot alone.

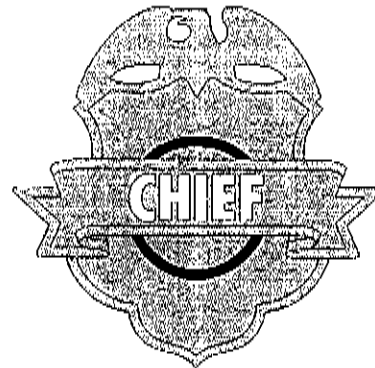
2006 Road Improvement Projects



Spring and summer mean orange barrel season in Northern Kentucky and 2006 in Park Hills will be no exception. Next year's road reconstruction and storm water projects are: Lawton Road from Hillcrest to Audubon, a short segment at the bottom of Audubon Road and the Hamilton Road cul-de-sac. The City will advertise for bids for these projects over the winter and work will begin in the spring. For each project, curbs and gutters, catch basins, and drainage pipe to carry storm water will be installed, along with a resurfacing of the road. Along Lawton, the Northern Kentucky Water District will be replacing the water main prior to the City's road project to minimize disruption. Residents in the affected areas will be invited to a project meeting before the design is finalized and will be notified when construction begins. Construction will undoubtedly be an inconvenience, but the finished product should be worth the hassle.

Submitted by: Steve Ryan, Chairman, Infrastructure Committee

PARK HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF RICK SMITH



BILLY SNIPES POLICE RECRUIT

I was asked the other day how Billy was doing with training in Richmond, Kentucky. Billy Snipes is doing well and will graduate Friday, November 18, 2005 from Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training located in Richmond, Kentucky. We look forward to Billy coming home.

In the event you find yourself asking who is Billy Snipes, Billy Snipes is our newest police officer who was hired by the City of Park Hills, on June 17, 2005 with the approval of our hiring board. Billy is married and has four children. Billy was a dispatcher with the Kenton County Police Dispatch Center where he has learned a lot about police work from a dispatcher's view of working with the public. Now Billy will be working on the streets with us.