



# THE HUB



May 2008



## Park Hills Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 26th, 2008

### MEMORIAL DAY 2008

THE 2008 Memorial Day Parade is Coming!!!

The Park Hills Civic Association and the City of Park Hills will sponsor the 2008 Park Hills Memorial Day Parade, on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The Parade starts at 11:30am at the Northern Kentucky University Covington Campus parking lot off Dixie Highway in Park Hills, and concludes at the intersection of Amsterdam Road and Park Drive in Park Hills. Come one, come all. Help Park Hills honor and commemorate the Veterans in our community. Bands, music, neighborhood floats, business entries, school sports teams, bicycles and scooters, all are welcome. Call David Schlothauer (859) 491-6051 or Steve Ryan (859) 491-4399 for parade information. Be there!

### CALLING ALL PARADE ENTRANTS AND WANNABES

Interested in joining the parade? Want to enter your new convertible? Advertise your business? Show your neighborhood spirit? Or more importantly give your thanks to our Veterans and Armed Forces? Then join us in the 2008 Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Call David Schlothauer, at (859) 491-6051, or

Steve Ryan (859) 491-4399. All entrants are welcome. Don't put it off, call today.....

### FLAG RAISING CEREMONIES

Following the parade, Park Hills will conduct the 2008 Flag Raising Ceremonies at the intersection of Amsterdam Road and Park Drive in Park Hills. Festivities start prior to the parade, with live Sousa Music, and conclude with music, comments, essay contest winners, and the presentation of an American flag that has flown over our nation's capital to Park Hills' Mayor, Michael Hellmann. Flag Raising Ceremonies include recognition, honor, and tributes to our War Veterans and placement of commemorative wreaths at the base of markers that identify Park Hills' residents who gave their lives for our freedom. Come join the activities, it is a special time to give our thanks to our War Veterans. Park Hills Veterans are: *John Wichman, Eugene Finke, Edward Dickhaus, Jr., Fred Kleumper, Alan Clare, and Paul Bertke.*

Call with questions or if you need more info or have suggestions.

David at (859) 491-6051, or Steve Ryan at (859) 491-4399

Thanks...

PARK HILLS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND  
FLAG RAISING CEREMONIES  
MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008

Time and Place: Monday, May 26th, at 11:30 AM marks the date and start time of the annual Park Hills Memorial Day Parade. The City of Park Hills and the Park Hills Civic Association sponsor the annual Parade and Flag Raising Ceremonies. The theme for the parade and flag raising ceremony this year is: "Memorial Day 2008, A Time to Recognize." ***The Parade forms at 10:30am, off Dixie Highway in Park Hills at the Covington Campus of Northern Kentucky University (Some of you will remember it as the Chase Law School Campus).***

**Parade Lineup and Assistance:** Similar to the parade lineup over the last several years, there will be a number of Parade Officials to assist you in finding your row and lineup number. The Parade Officials are located at the top of the hill at the entrance to the University/School parking lot. Please use the road to the University parking lot off Dixie Highway, across from Ft. Mitchell Garage.

**NOTE:** *Please do not use Mt. Allan Road, as it creates a traffic tie-up in the parking lot.*

**Parade Route and Entries:** The Parade starts promptly at 11:30am, and follows Mt. Allan to South Arlington, to Dixie Highway, to St. James, to Old State Road, to Terrace Drive, to Amsterdam Road, to Rose Circle, and concludes along Audubon Park Drive. Parade entries include our elected City, County, and State officials, floats, convertibles, military vehicles and personnel, antique cars. The Dixie High School Marching Colonels, David Haldeman's Stationary Marching Band, community groups, horses, school youth and sport groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cubs Scouts and Brownies, local music groups, gymnastic clubs, and lots of neighborhood entries.

**Flag Raising Ceremony:** At the conclusion of the parade, a flag raising ceremony will be conducted at Trolley Park at the intersection of Amsterdam Road and Park Drive. A flag that has flown over our nation's capitol will be presented to the City by a State Representative, and flower displays will be

placed at the base of the commemorative markers honoring the Park Hills residents who have given their lives in war. Kenton County Judge Executive Ralph Drees will lead the ceremonies with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Annual Essay Contest:** The Essay Theme is "Memorial Day 2008, A Time to Recognize..." A \$50 first prize and a \$25 second prize are awarded to the best essays. Authors of both winning essays ride in the parade with us. The first prize winner will read his/her essay at the flag raising ceremonies.

**Garden Club Bake Sale:** A bake sale sponsored by the Park Hills Garden Club will open for business prior to the parade at the corner of Amsterdam and Park Drive. Please bring your cakes, pies and goodies for sale, as the proceeds support our Garden Clubs activities. And don't forget to visit the Fire House following the Parade to round out a perfect day at the parade. Come join the fun!!

**Monday, May 26, 2008, 11:30 AM, Park Hills,  
Kentucky**

**To Enter the Parade, call David Schlothauer at  
491-6051, or Steve Ryan, 491-4399.**

All entries welcome!!



*O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!*

Katherine Lee Bates, America The Beautiful.

**Lloyd Memorial High School Marching Band to March in the 2008 Park Hills Memorial Day Parade**

The 2008 award winning Lloyd Memorial High School Marching Band, under the direction of Andy Shears, will march in the Park Hills Memorial Day Parade this year. The marching band brings the true spirit of a marching music to the parade. Come and join us on Dixie Highway, or at the corner of Park Drive and Amsterdam in Park Hills to enjoy the music. Let's support our Lloyd Memorial High School students!!

**2008 Parade Committee Hard at Work**

Special thanks to Greg Claypole, Steve Ryan, Dave Radle, Phil Ryan, Carol Bethel and David Schlothauer for their continued efforts to make the Park Hills Civic Association and the City of Park Hills Annual Memorial Day Parade one of the best Memorial Day Parades in Northern Kentucky. The Committee members put a lot of hard work into the parade, with meetings and activities starting in early February. If you see one of the committee members, please give them a pat on the back and tell them how much you appreciate their efforts. Or, better yet, call one of them, and enter the parade.

**2007 Park Hills Memorial Day Winning Essay: Samuel Thomas, Ft. Wright School, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Memorial Day 2007: 'Thank You Protectors of America'**

"Memorial Day, a day where we take the time to honor soldiers, marines, policemen, firefighters and all of the other men and women who help protect this country. America declared its independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776 and ever since that day there have been people who've kept our country safe. Our country relies on these kinds of people. It has for over 200 years.

John f. Kennedy once said: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." These people do that every day. All of these people, soldiers, marines, policemen, and firefighters have put others before themselves. These men and women give their lives for us. Hopefully, we all have a little bit of their courage inside of us. These people are protectors of America. So next time, whether it's your town's local sheriff, or a soldier fighting in Iraq, remember to give them thanks."



**Grand Marshall**

'Everyone loves Sally' is this year's theme for the 2008 Parade Grand Marshall of the Park Hills Memorial Day activities. Sally Soderlund, resident of Park Hills, is noted for her active participation in the Civic Association and for her positive approach to life. While working full time and more importantly raising two children, (Lars attends Purdue University, and Lily attends Notre Dame High School), Sally served as co-president of the Park Hills Civic Association with her husband Eric. Her efforts continued by assisting with the organization and support of the Civic Association's annual activities, including: the Christmas Holidays' Horse and Carriage rides during Luminary Night (The Carriage Rides for years were staged and started at the curbside of Sally's home); the Annual Fund Drive including the Membership Drive, the Annual Bake Sale on Memorial Day, and the Park Hills' Home Tours, for which she organized the graphics and signage for the event. The Park Hills' Home Tours were very successful, and created special recognition for the City in regional newspapers and magazines.

But that's not all. The real story includes words used by her neighbors and close friends to describe her: "Well liked throughout the community"; "She is an icon"; "Trustworthy, Reliable, Loyal, and Compassionate". But perhaps the most descriptive words were: "Everyone Loves Sally".

Please join us during the Memorial Day Parade and at the Flag Raising Ceremonies to take the time to say:

**THANK YOU SALLY. YOU'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY"**



**PARK HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION:  
YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN**

Dear Park Hills Friends and Neighbors,

The Park Hills Civic Association has a long history in Park Hills. Its mission is to provide opportunities for community socialization. Throughout the year, the Association plans, organizes, and runs several events:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Memorial Day Parade
- Picnic in Trolley Park
- Golf Outing
- Garage Sale
- Dickens' Christmas

This year, we opened up the Easter Egg hunt to any Park Hills Family and to Residents' Grandchildren who live outside Park Hills. This neighborly gesture resulted in many more happy participants gathering, meeting, and enjoying our beautiful Trolley Park. Chris and Amy Lantz, who headed the committee, worked hours to make the event successful. Thanks also to the Easter Bunny, who made an appearance, despite a busy schedule!

We, the Geigers, are going into our third year as Co-Presidents. While we will be glad to help in the future, we are looking for a replacement as President of the PHCA. Due to changes in our family and professional commitments, we are finding it difficult to give the PHCA the time it deserves.

It has worked well to serve as a couple; but a single leader who has organizational skills would work fine, as well. It is an enjoyable task, and there are many people who are willing to work the events.

We are so appreciative of the time and talent many of you have shared with us when you helped out with events over the past two years.

Please know that your volunteer leadership will be appreciated by all of us.

Please consider serving two years as PHCA President. We would be glad to talk to you about it.

Until then, see you at the Parade! David Schlothauer and Steve Ryan are working hard to make it the best ever!

Sincerely,  
Diane and Joe Geiger  
431-9594



submitted by Carol Bethel

On Memorial Day, the Avant Gardeners will sponsor a bake sale before and after the parade on May 26. The proceeds will go towards the many projects sponsored by the garden club. Be sure to bring your best and most delicious goodies and pick up a plate or two made by our neighbors. We will also be selling coffee, water, and lemonade. Baked goods may be dropped off at Trolley Park beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you have a spare hour or two, we will need volunteers to work the bake sale for one or two-hour shifts. For further information, contact Carol Bethel on 292-0317.

The Park Hills Avant Gardeners organization open to all residents of Park Hills. For questions, contact Carol Bethel 292-0317 or [cbethel@fuse.net](mailto:cbethel@fuse.net).



**Congratulations** to Austin Shumate and Annabelle Arbogast of Covington Latin who took third and first place respectively in the Regional German Grammar Competition held at UC.



**Congratulations** to Rebecca Mitchell Turney our resident published author. Rebecca's "Girls in History" class has turned into a series of books called "Kentucky Girl". She and her writing partner, Marie Mitchell of Richmond were recently awarded \$2,200 from The Kentucky Foundation for Women to publish their first book, *The Road to Pleasant Hill*. We look forward to reading your first book set in Park Hill.

## Birdwatching

By Maureen Gerrein

What a thrill it is to reside in this wonderfully forested area known as Park Hills. On these beautiful spring days nature brings out a laziness in us as we sip morning coffee and enjoy the display of winged creatures visiting our feeders and water fountain. Too bad that some of us must break away from this luxury to earn a living. It is a thrill to experience such a diversity of birds when we are faced every day with new knowledge of the extinction of so many species. Perhaps you too have noted and identified these and more creatures at your residence. Some sightings are every day occurrences. Others are new Junco, Indigo Bunting, Purple Finches, Goldfinches, Wrens, Titmouse, Chickadee, Song Sparrows, Sapsucker, Nuthatch, Robin, Rubythroated Hummingbird, Blue jay, House Wren, Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Redwinged blackbird, cowbird, Mockingbird, Catbird, Downy Woodpecker, Mourning Dove, Cardinal, Starling, Owl, Hawk. Maybe you have sighted others. Let us know about it. Contact us at 859-491-1659.



## Congratulations to the following Covington Catholic Scholars:

Peter Craig—second  
Philips Ryan IV—second  
Nathan Glockner—second  
Joseph Moretti—first—also congrats Joe on that great front page picture in the Enquirer  
Bryan Murphy - second  
John Schmerge—second



## Village Green Report

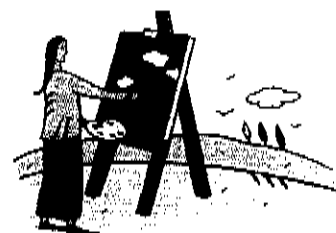


New stone benches are being constructed upon the brick circle for your enjoyment. The new benches are modeled after those in Devou Park and have a backrest so that sitting is more comfortable. A new sidewalk will be installed to link Hamilton to the play area and second Trolley stop shelter. This will make it more convenient for everyone to access these areas. When this is completed attention will be given to leveling and invigorating the lawn areas so that play will be more enjoyable. Several new trees will also be planted to provide shade and beauty to the park area.

## Art in the Garden



An art show and sale is being planned for the Fall. The target date for the event is October 4th. It will take place in Trolley Park and feature local artists in many different mediums including painting, sculpture and textiles. It should be a fun family event showcasing the many talented people we have among us. If you are interested in participating, sponsoring or volunteering for this event please contact the Welcoming Committee at 859-581-0022.



# PARK HILLS NOTES



## STREET SWEEPING

Park Hills will be sweeping the city streets in preparation of our Memorial Day Parade. The street sweeping is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, rain date is Friday, May 23. Please make sure your vehicles are off the street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for the sweeping to be successful. If you have any questions, please call Dennis Finke at 431-3396.



## **Vehicle Tags**

The cost for each tag, which is affixed to the license plate, is \$15.00 per vehicle and will be due every year during the month of February. These tags can be purchased at the City Building either downstairs or upstairs. It should be noted that failure to purchase and affix this tag will result in a fine of \$20.00 and a citation charge of \$25.00.

### **Amsterdam Road Closure**

The portion of Amsterdam that is closed is in the City of Covington. Any questions should be directed to 859-292-2127



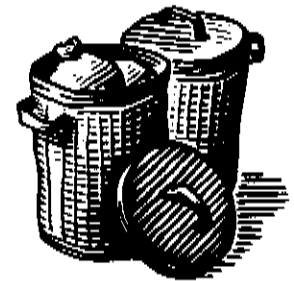
## ANIMAL TAGS

This is a reminder to all dog and cat owners in the city. Animal licenses expire in May and can be renewed at the City Building. The cost is \$5.00 per animal. There is a limit of 5 pets per household. Please obey the leash law and remember to clean up after your pets during walks.

## LARGE ITEM PICK-UP DAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 7th

Each year the City of Park Hills sets aside a Saturday in June for a large item pick-up. This year, Rumpke will be making their pick-up on Saturday morning, June 7th. They will take just about anything, with a few exceptions:

1. Any items with Freon, air conditioners or refrigerators, must have a tag indicating that the Freon has been removed. An AC or Refrigerator Company that removes the Freon can provide the tag needed, or you may use the form below.



**Note: Items containing Freon can be dropped off at the Kenton County Garage located at 420 Independence Station Road, Independence, KY. The hours of drop off are from 7:00a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Please call 371-9281 if you have any questions.**

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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 thinners, oils, solvents, tires, batteries, etc.

**Note:** For questions on how to dispose of these items, or to find out what Rumpke will, or will not pick up, please contact the Kenton County Solid Waste Coordinator at 392-1920.

## YARD SALES

After spring cleaning is done, what do you do with all that stuff? Have a yard sale of course! Please remember yard sales within the city require a permit. You can pick yours up at the city building from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The cost is \$10.00 for up to two consecutive days. If you have a second yard sale, the cost of the permit is \$25.00. Only two yard sales per residence are allowed each year. If your yard sale gets rained out, simply let the city clerk know and your yard sale will be re-scheduled for a later date at no additional charge. There will be a city wide yard sale on Saturday May 31st, rain date June 1st in which all are welcome to participate. A permit for this event can be obtained at the City Building. This has been a successful event in the past and if you are considering a yard sale, this would be a good time for it.

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Thank you to all the residents who choose to recycle. Occasionally, we hear complaints regarding missed recycling or recycling contents being put in with the regular garbage. Rumpke does their best to make sure recycling is picked up and processed properly. Rumpke reminds residents to have your Red Recycling Bin out whenever there is recycling to be picked up. The bin acts as a flag to let the driver know there is recycling at that residence. **If the red bin is not out, your recycling will be missed.** For those who need more space than that of the bin, recycling stickers can be placed on additional cans along side of the red bin. Both the bins and the stickers can be picked up at the Park Hills City Building, 1106 Amsterdam Road.



## *With Deepest Sympathy*

Condolences to the entire Schulte family on the loss of Barbara Schulte, wife and mother.



### **Cake Artist**

Park Hills resident Jill Clayburg is an artist with pastries. She is particularly expert with specialty cakes. These cakes are available for design and sale upon request. Some of Jill's work will be viewable at the Memorial Day Bake Sale. Be sure to check them out for a very special treat. Jill can be contacted at: Jill.Chalfant@fmr.com. You can view a sampling of her cakes at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/Jillchalfant/Cakes>

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success with many participants and many found eggs. Thanks to the hard work of Amy Lantz and Shannon Gemeinhardt all had a wonderful time. Even the Easter Bunny!!!!



## **Devou Park News** **Submitted by Friends of Devou**

Park Hills and Kenton Hills residents, as well as many from the surrounding cities, presently enjoy the proximity of the pristine green space of Devou Park. We walk on the peaceful trails, bike on the winding roads, picnic under a canopy of beautiful trees, enjoy passive recreation, and take in the breath-taking views of Cincinnati and the Ohio River offered by this eight-decade old, tree-lined enclave tucked into the hills of Northern Kentucky. The newly commissioned Devou Park Master Plan would impact the future of Devou Park and radically alter the park as we presently enjoy it. The Master Plan calls for many "improvements", some of which are far-reaching and immensely expensive. It is presently unclear which of these new plans will be implemented and which are merely too ambitious to become reality. (i.e. a sky-tram connection from Drees Pavilion to Gobel Park over I-75 which will probably never happen.)

One of the improvements, however, would certainly affect the above mentioned amenities of the park-like atmosphere of Devou. It involves what could become a "highway" through the heart of Devou Park. It is referred to in the Devou Park Master Plan as the "old Montague Road improvement", a million dollar **plus** undertaking. It would begin in Ludlow on lower Montague, which runs beside the Covington Children' Home, and widen the now single lane service road into a two lane thoroughfare up the hill and through the center of Devou, past the historic stone shelter house, golf course, and walking trails, and down Montague Road in Park Hills onto Pike Street in Covington. **If, perhaps, they wish to head toward Florence or points south, they would exit Park Road onto Amsterdam, Terrace, and Old State to Dixie Highway. The choice to take the park roads will alleviate trying to get onto the already busy traffic from Ludlow and Bromley on crowded lower Sleepy Hollow.**

Would this be an "improvement" or a nightmare? Who would profit from this costly "improvement"? The walking trails would never be the same with the potential auto emissions, noise, and impending danger of over 1,000 cars and trucks using the park daily as a short-cut from Ludlow through Devou Park to Covington. This would surely alter the quality of life for every person entering the park for passive use and enjoyment. Devou would not be a destination for this thru traffic, but merely a convenience for the condo owners to cut off a few miles on the way to and from the workplace.

And who would profit from this million dollar "improvement" at the expense of the beauty of Devou Park? The River's Breeze condominium development sits on top of the hill in Ludlow adjacent to the Covington Children's Home. It is presently landlocked except for one exit onto Highway Avenue in Ludlow. The development presently has 500 units and recently purchased extended acreage could double that amount. Again, the only exit for River's Breeze condominium project is presently onto Route 8 (also known as Highway Avenue) in Ludlow. The traffic jam each morning and evening is a great inconvenience for those residents as well as future plans of developers.

This road has little to do with appreciation of park-like qualities or connecting beautiful green space. It is ; however, an excellent remedy for relieving the traffic for crowded condos. Traffic issues of this nature demonstrate a lack of foresight in the initial plan. The correction of these limitations should not be accomplished at the expense of public park space and quality. Think of the quiet, ecologically fragile forest it will impact. The park should not become just another major roadway system.

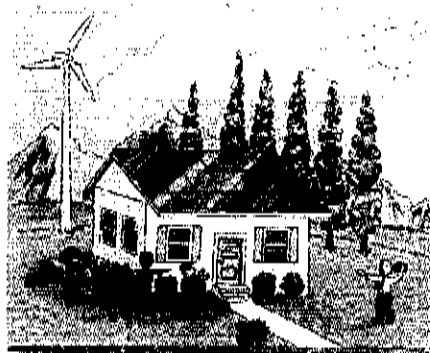
The Master Plan for Devou Park has many ambitious plans for the improvement of the park. The idea to enhance various entrances to Devou will ultimately allow for more surrounding communities to enjoy its unique features. Assurances must be made, however, for the protection of the amenities we presently have in this valuable green space

In the case of this particular road improvement/park entrance, however, the focus should be to preserve the heart of the park, not to create a convenience "cut-through" road for housing developments or to facilitate future development of the Ludlow Lagoon area. One suggestion would be "to permanently close and never allow in any future plans" any **direct access** from the River's Breeze Condo Development to Devou's lower Montague park road. This is not realistic as it is easily altered and has no substantive enforcement potential. Experience has demonstrated that where there is a road there will be development

This alternative would ensure the preservation of the real intent of William Devou....a beautiful passive park for all in the area to enjoy. Hopefully, everyone involved will see fit to save the precious amenities of Devou Park. The City of Covington must be commended for its stewardship of the park and surrounding communities should continue to appreciate its accomplishments over the years for Northern Kentuckians. This is not nor should it ever become Covington vs. the "other cities" of our county; it is and always should be "for the preservation and good of Devou Park".

We encourage all residents of Park Hills to get involved in this matter—attend meetings, ask questions and consider the impact of the park on the quality of life in our community.





**Welcoming Committee Report**  
By Shannon Gemeinhardt

Congratulations to Lou and Jed Redlinger on the birth of their daughter Lucy.

Congratulations to Josh and Anna Hankins on the birth of their son Julian Lee.

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