

Hurstbourne Acres Post

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Next City Meeting

Thursday, April 9th
City Hall at 7.30 pm

- Yard Waste- Monday (year-round)
- Recycling- Tuesday
- Trash- Tuesday

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When walking at night, please remember to wear reflective or light color clothing. Don't forget your pets- there are lots of doggie vests and leashes that are reflective.



Notes from the Mayor

Message from Hurstbourne Acres Police Department

Spring is finally here. Usually after a long cold winter people are ready to get outdoors and start doing yard work, as well as fixing up their homes. Others choose to hire these jobs out. Nine times out of ten this usually works out. But what happens when it doesn't? I have put together a list of things to consider when hiring someone;

1. **Reputable businesses do not solicit you at your front door.**
2. **Do not let anyone in your house if you are not 100% comfortable with that person.**
3. **It is true you can get better deals with cash in some cases. But when hiring someone to do work it is usually better to pay with a check. If you did get scammed, you can notify the bank and put a hold on the check.**
4. **Write down their license plate number, and ask for an id. This should not hurt their feelings.**
5. **Check to see if they have insurance, in case they get hurt while working on your home.**
6. **Always check references. See what their work looks like from other completed jobs.**
7. **Do not get in a hurry. Do not let anyone pressure you.**
8. **Check with the better business bureau.**
9. **Ask a family member or trusted friend to see if this seems like a good purchase.**
10. **If the deal seems too good to be true it usually is.**

More often than not, all of the money you have saved on the first nine jobs can easily be more than wiped out on the tenth job.

On a side note, I would like to thank all of the kind citizens for all of their thoughts, prayers, and well wishes expressed during my recent illness. Also I would like to thank our police department for carrying on and doing my work during my absence. I would like to lastly thank the mayor and city commissioner for their continued support during this trying time. God is truly great. I am looking forward to coming back to work.

Rusty

Parks and Recreation

I would like to thank everyone for the great turn out for the 2015 Easter Egg Hunt. New additions to this year include having 200 prize eggs for the kids, a drawing for adults, refreshments, a grand prize egg, and an Easter themed piñata.

Next up is our park spring cleaning. On Saturday April 25th, we will be meeting at the park to clean and prep for the upcoming season. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. and donuts and milk will be provided. All residents are invited to help. Please bring gloves and dress in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

Finally, the date for the annual yard sale has been set for Saturday May 23rd. Changes to any dates or times will be posted on the website and through Reach Alert.



Sanitation

Terry McAllister

I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to all of the Hurstbourne Acres Police Department for the great job they have done during Chief Bittle's absence. Sergeant Michael Moore and Officers Mike Holston, Steve Griffin, and Kevin Mills have all performed like the true professionals they are.

I am excited to announce the city's new (Hurstbourne Acres Alert) program. The city can now communicate timely information to its residents instantly. But you won't get it if you don't sign up. So go to www.reachalert.com and click on the blue "Create an account." Network Name: Hurstbourne Acres, Role: Resident. If you need help registering contact Reach Alert at 877 307-9313 or I will be happy to help. Call me at 709-2509.

How many knew last month's quote was from Ronald Reagan?

This month's Quote: "Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else."

Streets and Lights

Donna Nichols

A representative from LG&E called me yesterday 3/26, making me aware that the problem with lights on Hoke Rd was not the bulbs. Each light has a cable, and this needs to be replaced on all three lights. Depending on the weather, this should be done within the next 10 working days. Many thanks for your patience, as I know how dark it is at night.

I would like to thank Commissioner McAllister for his time and effort in patching the 3 holes on Blowing Tree. It was definitely appreciated!

Rueff Sign Co should begin work on replacing the street sign at Taylorsville Rd & Cardwell Way within the next week....if the weather permits. This has been the major problem with completing this.

Golden Watch

Teresa Renninger



Time to get Outside

With the nicer weather back it is time to get back outside. Take some time to speak to your neighbors; some of us have new neighbors make sure you welcome them to our city.

If you have plans of working in your yard make sure you are safe when doing so.

Tips for working outdoors;

1. Do not over do, work in short burst of time.
2. Purchase seed or seed tape for easier handling and planting.
3. Use a vertical garden or trellis. This allows the gardener to plant and weed without stooping or bending.
4. Design a raised bed garden this provides a place to sit and garden.
5. Try using a stool, chair or bench to avoid constant stooping or squatting.
6. Wear the proper clothing to work outside such as eye protection, sunscreen, a hat to shade your face and gardening gloves.
7. Always take your phone with you in case you need assistance or you can always let your neighbor know you will be working in the yard just in case.
8. If outdoor gardening is not for you then you can always plants in small containers in your house.

CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES

March 12, 2015
Minutes- DRAFT

The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 7:30 PM on March 12, 2015 at the meeting room of the Hurstbourne Acres City Hall/Police Department, 1916 Hurstbourne Circle, Louisville, Kentucky, with the following persons present;

Sean Fore, Mayor
Troy Eskridge, Commissioner
Terry McAllister, Commissioner
Donna Nichols, Commissioner
Teresa Renninger, Commissioner
Steve Emery, City Attorney
Sharon Hollkamp, Treasurer
Mike Holston, Police Officer
Marilyn Parker, Metro District 18 Representative
Jim Lobb, Attorney with Weber & Rose
Lenny Miles, Resident
Brent Hardin, Resident
Nann Anderson, Resident
Ballard Anderson, Resident
Carol Swoboda, Resident
Bob Swoboda, Resident
Brent Renninger, Resident
Sara Beth Brown, Resident
Margaret Bode, Resident
Doug Rogers, Resident
Don Smith, Resident
Diane O'Brien, Resident
Pearlie Woods, Resident

February 12, 2015 Minutes

After review of the draft copy of the minutes, Commissioner Renninger made a motion to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McAllister and passed unopposed.

Continental Properties Update

Attorney Jim Lobb provided an update to the plans for developing the Thieneman Nursery Property. He pointed out that the current plan has the entrance to the new development off of Bunsen Way, several feet west of the gravel road in front of Thieneman's.

There is a future plan to build an access road west of and parallel to Blowing Tree Road. However, he estimated that the road, if built, would not be constructed until at least 2020. After further discussion, Mayor Fore read a letter he plans to send to Continental Properties, if approved by the Commission, indicating that Hurstbourne Acres will not object to the development as long as our proposed 'binding elements' are accepted. Those binding elements include the following; 1. That Blowing Tree Road not be a through street (it will end at lot 123 with posts or structures prohibiting access), 2. That Blowing Tree Road only be used for emergency access to the developed property with a locked gate and no access to apartment residents, 3. The gravel road will be developed as a green space, 4. The only access to the developed property will be from Bunsen Way. Commissioner Nichols made a motion authorizing Mayor Fore to deliver the letter as read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eskridge, and passed unanimously.

In answer to a question from a resident of Hurstbourne Circle to Commissioner Renninger, Attorney Lobb stated there are no plans currently to address the additional traffic from Bunsen Way to Hurstbourne Parkway making entry to and/or exit from Hurstbourne Circle potentially more difficult. A rezoning property meeting is scheduled for 3/19 at 1:00 pm downtown which Mayor Fore and Attorney Lobb will attend.

Sidewalk Project

Metro District 18 representative, Marilyn Parker, outlined Louisville Metro's sidewalk construction plans, including the plan to connect the area in front of Liquor Barn to Taylorsville Road. The estimated cost of the sidewalk construction is \$96,000 with a completion date within 9 months of the start date.

She was asked by a resident at the meeting whether Louisville Metro has taken a position on the Thieneman property development. She advised that they cannot take a position. However, if anyone has specific concerns about the plans, they can always contact her office at any time to express those concerns.

Commissioner McAllister presented to Representative Parker a request to have permanent trash cans installed at the TARC bus stops in our City for which Louisville Metro would be responsible for the trash pickup. She indicated that this would be considered.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Hollkamp read the monthly treasurer's report for February, 2015 and copies were made available for all people in attendance. After a discussion, Commissioner Renninger made a motion to accept as reported. Commissioner Eskridge seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

Warrants

Sharon Hollkamp read the monthly warrants report for February, 2015 and copies were made available for all attendees. After a discussion, Commissioner Renninger made a motion to accept as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols and passed without opposition.

Police Report

Police Officer Holston reported the following;

- 2 offense reports,
- 1 accident report,
- 1 arrest,
- 4 traffic stops,
- 1 citation issued,
- 4 warnings issued,
- 8 contacts with other agencies,
- 5 House Watches,
- 2 courtesy notices,
- 0 directed patrols,
- 11 dispatched runs,
- 0 license plates confiscated,
- 6 motorist assists,
- 0 funeral watches,

-February Highlights

- All House Watches completed daily, owners notified weekly,
- All Golden Watch residents checked weekly,
- All businesses in the Shopping Center checked daily,

Police Report (cont.)

- Chief Bittle completed a legal update class, 8 hours, state mandated training,
- Officer Griffin completed 32 hours of mandated training (Leadership is a Behavior),
- All officers completed recommended KLC monthly training,
- Impala & Explorer received oil changes and tire rotations,
- Chief Bittle has been on medical leave since February 13 with a return date in April. Chief Bittle thanked the entire Police Department for all the extra work completed in his absence. Sergeant Moore has been serving as acting Chief.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Steve Emery reminded everyone of the upcoming 3/25 hearing for former Police Chief Redman (Update: hearing has been rescheduled for 4/22, 5:00 pm here at this location). In other news, he advised that his personal service contract with the City expires at the end of this month. He provided all commissioners with a copy of the new, proposed contract (no change to rate or terms). After review, Commissioner Nichols made a motion to extend Attorney Emery's contract for an additional 2 years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eskridge and passed without opposition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks

Commissioner Eskridge reported that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 3/28 at 1:00 pm, weather permitting. Any change will be found on the website. Signs are being made for the event which will also reflect any changes. To address the issue of not enough available eggs for participants, the number is being increased and there will be a designated area for children under 4 years old.

A new garbage can has been purchased for the park. Based on the recommendation of the vendor, an additional \$50 was spent for a can designed specifically for outdoor use. Cleanup of the park is planned for this weekend. Several limbs are down from the recent snow storms.

An FYI for those inquiring, the flag in the park was at half-staff for the death of 2 police officers in the state.

Sanitation

Commissioner McAllister reported that a recycle bin will be placed in the park at no additional cost to the City as requested by Parks Commissioner Eskridge. In other news, it was decided that the City will use the REACH ALERT program. The contract will be signed shortly. This is a strictly voluntary program, and residents can sign up online at their convenience.

Finally, Commissioner McAllister mentioned the potential problem with an overhanging limb of a tree located on a property at the corner of Wesley & Blowing Tree. Attorney Emery advised that the owner of the property needs to be notified of the issue. There is potential bodily injury or property damage to a person or persons for which the owner could be liable.

Roads

Commissioner Nichols reported that she located the hole on Blowing Tree mentioned in last month's city meeting. She indicated that it is a small hole, about the size of a softball at the edge of the road. From information provided by Commissioner McAllister, she purchased asphalt patch. When weather permits, Commissioner McAllister and resident Lenny Miles offered to patch the hole.

The cost to replace the 17 stop signs in the City will be approximately \$1900. The street signs at Taylorsville Road and Cardwell Way should be installed within the next 2 weeks as weather allows.

Police

Commissioner Renninger discussed the snow removal service provided by our new vendor. Although there were issues, she feels confident that he is getting better and that they are being resolved.

The McMahan Fire Department wanted the City to know that they are having a blood drive on Wednesday, 3/25, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Their goal is to collect 30 pints of blood.

Commissioner Renninger has observed recently that some residents, in order to settle a dispute with a neighbor, have been requesting that a 'blanket' complaint be published in the Hurstbourne Acres Post. She suggested that talking directly with that neighbor will have a quicker, more successful outcome. She also advised that she has taken care of the barking dog complaint.

Kennedy School Access Road

There is a proposal by the Jefferson County Public School Board to build an access from Blowing Tree Road in preparation for its opening as an elementary school this Fall. Mayor Fore has already expressed to them our displeasure with this plan. In accordance with the Mayor's request, Attorney Emery has sent a formal letter to the school board stating that Hurstbourne Acres opposes the plan. The City will be kept advised of any developments.

Thank You Note

The City received a thank you note from Martha Blair for flowers sent for her brother Joseph Blair, who passed away in January. He was a resident of the City.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Bolten, City Clerk

