

HURSTBOURNE ACRES POST

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Next City Meeting

Thursday, April 14th
City Hall at 6:30 pm

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

April Showers bring May Flowers!! I hope that all enjoyed the Easter Egg hunt. A shout to Commissioner Troy for all his hard work. Sign up and you may win a tree!!!

Hope to see you all on the 14th.

Sean Fore- Mayor



Re-tree Hurstbourne Acres

The commission for the city Hurstbourne Acres is dedicated to keeping our city beautiful and green. In response to the loss of tree canopy in our park due to storm damage, our commission has begun a project to "Re-tree Hurstbourne Acres".

Thanks to sponsors like MSD, Eco-tech, and Grant Line Nursery, the City of Hurstbourne Acres is planting nearly \$4,000 worth of new mature trees in Stanley Welch Park this year. In addition to these trees, we are having a **contest to win a tree**. Two lucky residents will win a mature tree with free professional planting. Some restrictions apply (*see bottom of page). The winning entry will be drawn at the Brightside cleanup on April 16th.

Ways to Enter

- ◇ Send your name, address, and phone number to troy.eskridge@jefferson.kyschools.us or by mail to Troy Eskridge, 9002 Hurstbourne Lane, Louisville, KY 40220
- ◇ Reply by text to the reach alert that will be sent out during the first week of April
- ◇ Sign up in person at a city event (city meeting April 14th or Brightside Cleanup April 16th)

Contest Rules

- * The value of the tree must not exceed \$150 and total cost of the tree and planting must be below \$250.
- * The trees that must be selected from an approved list and available through Grant Line Nursery.
- * Winners must sign a pledge to maintain the tree after planting.
- * Winners must reside in the City of Hurstbourne Acres.
- * Current commissioners and city employees are not eligible to win.



Brightside Cleanup Saturday, April 16th 10:00 a.m.

We will meet at the corner of Taylorsville and Hurstbourne Parkway. We will have supplies, bags, and t-shirts to hand out. T-shirts are limited in number and sizes and will be given out on a first come first served basis. We will start at 10 a.m. and work until we're done.

Note: the winners of the tree contest will be drawn during this event and winners will be posted on Reach Alert. If you have not signed up for this service, it is quick and easy. Contact commissioners Troy Eskridge or Terry McAllister and we will get you signed up.



City-Wide Yard Sale Saturday May 28th 8:00 a.m.

This event will be posted in the classified section of the CJ as well as social media sites (like face book and craigslist).

New city yard sale signs have been purchased and will be out the week before the event.



April Message from Police Chief Steve Griffin

It looks like Spring is finally upon us. As the weather warms, there will be increased outdoor activity in our community. People will be walking and riding bikes, families will be traveling to and from the park, children will be playing in and around the area, and all the other things we all look forward to doing outside after winter passes. Please be cautious when driving through the neighborhood. A moment of inattention or poor judgement while driving can have devastating results to all involved.

There was an incident on Hurstbourne Circle a few days ago where someone was knocking on a resident's door late at night requesting help. Please be very weary when anyone that you're not expecting comes to your door after dark. If you are unsure of who they are or if you have concerns about their intentions, please call the police department. If an incident occurs during a time when a Hurstbourne Acres Officer is not available, please contact the Louisville Metro Police Department by dialing 911 for emergencies, or 574-7111 for non-emergencies and they will dispatch officers to assist you.

I hate to sound like a broken record, and I'm not saying that you need to be paranoid, but it does pay to be cautious these days.

If you see something, say something.

Chief Steve Griffin



GOLDEN WATCH

Teresa Renninger

Enjoy Gardening? Consider a Window Garden

If you enjoy gardening but can no longer bend down to work the dirt and prepare a garden try a window garden. The first thing you need to do is pick a window location that gets about six hours of sun a day. If you have space in front of a kitchen window, plant the herbs in small containers for an indoor garden.

Here are some suggested herbs:

- Basil
- Sage
- Rosemary
- Chives
- Sweet Marjoram
- Lavender
- Parsley
- Common Thyme
- Oregano
- Cilantro

- ⇒ Pick some small containers for your herbs, plant early in the morning or late in the afternoon to prevent the transplants from wilting in the midday sun.
- ⇒ Be sure to label each of your freshly planted herbs to make them easy to identify when using them for cooking.
- ⇒ If you do not enjoy herbs you can also plant small flowering plants to enjoy all spring and summer.

STREETS AND LIGHTING

Donna Nichols

Hope each and all had an enjoyable Easter!

I recently noticed, that on our City of Hurstbourne Acres website, under Streets and Lighting it states to call LG&E at 589-3500, when you discover a street light is out.

When this occurs or there is a problem with the white globe, please contact me directly at 491-7670. I can get the problem resolved in a more timely manner. Also, this is a part of my responsibility as Commissioner over Streets and Lighting !!

SANITATION

Terry McAllister

Hi everyone. As spring is here, so is spring cleaning.

If you have any large items you would like to dispose of please call Ecotech for proper instructions on when and how to get them picked up.

Phone number: 502 935-1130.

Also keep in mind the more you recycle the more room you will have in your garbage container. Recyclables are aluminum cans, aluminum foil and foil containers, tin and bi-metal food cans, steel food and aerosol cans, all plastic bottles (#1 through #7), glass bottles and jars, telephone books, office and computer paper, paperboard and beverage carrying cases, brown paper grocery bags, newsprint, magazines and catalogs, corrugated cardboard cut to fit in container, gift and cereal boxes.

Last months quote of the month, which was from Winston Churchill, was: "You have enemies? Good.

That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

April's quote is: "Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

Yard Waste

Monday

Trash & Recycling

Tuesday



PARKS AND RECREATION

Troy Eskridge

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was a great time. The weather was great and we had over 20 kids participating. The Easter Bunny made a special appearance and left nearly 300 eggs for us to find.

In addition, we played corn hole and cracked open a piñata.

If you were unable to make it this year, I hope to see you next year.



CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES

March 10, 2016 Minutes DRAFT

The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on March 10, 2016 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
Sharon Hollkamp, Treasurer
Steve Griffin, Police Chief
Steve Emery, City Attorney
Michael Bolten, Clerk
Brent O. Hardin, Resident
Lenny Miles, Resident
Jim Lynch, Resident
Doug Rogers, Resident

February 11, 2016 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 Nichols and carried unopposed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sharon Hollkamp read the monthly treasurer's report for February, 2016 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 carried unanimously.

Warrants

Treasurer Sharon Hollkamp read the warrants for February, 2016 and copies were made available for all people in attendance. After a discussion, Commissioner McAllister made a motion to accept as reported. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion which carried without opposition.

Introduction of Kevin Nix

Mayor Fore introduced Alex R Kennedy Elementary School Principal Kevin Nix (the principal was incorrectly identified by the City Clerk as Don Reid in last month's minutes). Mr. Nix advised that the school is currently the smallest elementary school in Jefferson County. A playground is planned for mid April in the back of school for use by the students and neighborhood children. In answer to a question from Commissioner Renninger, he stated that he would appreciate our continued help in keeping vehicles off school grounds related to the adjacent soccer activities. Mayor Fore invited him and his family to attend the next City picnic.

Police Report

Chief Griffin reported the following for February;

-Offense Reports: 5
-Accident Reports: 1
-Arrests: 0

-Traffic Stops: 16
-Citations Issued: 2
-Warnings Issued: 14
-Contact with Other Agencies: 6
-House Watches: 5
-Courtesy Notices: 4
-Directed Patrols: 0
-Calls for Service: 16
-License Plates Confiscated: 0
-Motorists Assists: 9
-Funeral Watches: 0

February, 2016 Highlights;

-All officers completed KLC recommended monthly training,
-The offense reports references 1) a residential burglary on Haviland, 2) theft of iPad from AT&T in the Hunnington Shopping Center, 3) theft of cartons of cigarettes from Speedway, 4) domestic violence in East Chase Apartments, 5) burglary in the Meadows Apartment Complex,
-The Department supported snow removal/salting operations during inclement weather events,
-ABC license issued to El Nopal Restaurant,
-All businesses in the shopping centers checked daily
-Golden Watch residents checked weekly,
-Explorer and Impala are in good working order,
-Letter of Commendation written to Sergeant Flowers for his work on the burglary that occurred on Haviland. As a result, the suspect was arrested and confessed to several other burglaries in the area. Related to that incident, there was also a Letter of Commendation for a resident on Haviland, Mr. Perry, who provided crucial information that lead police to the suspect.

Attorney's Report

Steve Emery mentioned the release for the start of the sidewalk project on Blowing Tree, and that the process has temporarily stalled.

2nd Reading of Ordinance #1, Series 2016

Mayor Fore completed the second reading of Ordinance #1, Series 2016 regarding the compensation of elected officials and compensation and classification of City employees. A motion to enact and ordain was made by Commissioner Nichols, and seconded by Commissioner Eskridge. The motion carried unopposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks

Commissioner Eskridge confirmed that the date for the Easter Egg Hunt is March 26 at 1:00 pm, and the citywide yard sale is May 28. Regarding those 2 events, he stated that the current signs for the yard sale have deteriorated, and more professional signs are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. After a discussion, the Commission authorized the purchase of new signs for those events. No maintenance issues in the Park other than some downed tree limbs which will be removed shortly. Sign options for the Park were discussed. The price for a single sign affixed to the park spring house would be \$152. However, Commissioner Eskridge

stated that since this potential sign is not completely weather proof, he recommended metal signs for each of the entrances to the park. They would be located on the existing poles listing the park hours. The Commission approved the metal signs as long as they match the City's other signs (gold letters on a black background). Commissioner Eskridge provided an update on the 'retree' program. He has talked with EcoTech, MSD, a couple of nurseries and an arborist. Both EcoTech and MSD are ready to provide the trees (between 12 & 15 ft tall) for phase 1 of the plan. There is an initial cost to the City of a little more than \$1000, but will be reimbursed in full. Also discussed was the offering of a tree to 2 homeowners in our City.

Roads

Commissioner Nichols passed around an example of the new reflective street signs coming for our City. Though she is still working on the cost, this was previously budgeted. Once that is completed, she will work on getting reflective Park signs and City entrance signs.

The speed bumps have been removed from Blowing Tree. Commissioner Nichols also had a phone call from a resident on Cardwell Way about the possibility of removing the speed bump there. She advised that if enough of the residents want the speed bump removed, she would present it to the Commission for review.

In other news, she mentioned a 'container' at one of the residents on Hurstbourne Lane that needs to be emptied. Mayor Fore asked Chief Griffin to have someone check with the owner about the status. Operation Bright Side was discussed for getting the ditch on Hurstbourne Lane and along Blowing Tree cleaned up. The Spring date is April 16, and October 22 for the Fall. Commissioner Eskridge said he would call tomorrow to get our City registered and obtain T-Shirts for the clean-up.

Finally, Mayor Fore reported that he had several conversations with the Department of Traffic/Transportation as it relates to Bunsen Way, and a 'No Right Turn on Red' sign. The last e-mail he received suggested that the State will not come out and install a sign at the corner, but left open the possibility of our City installing it. Resident Doug Rogers said that if the Mayor can get the sign, he will help him put it up.

Sanitation

Before Commissioner McAllister provided his report, Mayor Fore mentioned that a copy of the Hurstbourne Acres Post is sent to him electronically before publication for any editorial changes he deems necessary. He had noted that in one case, a portion of what Commissioner McAllister had sent for inclusion had been accidentally cut off. Mayor Fore decided that it would be beneficial if a copy of the Post was sent to all of the commissioners before publication to help prevent errors in the future.

Commissioner McAllister reported that once again there is a new manager at the Camden Meadows Apartments. As a result, the sidewalk project along Blowing Tree has stalled. Before the previous manager left, she provided Commissioner McAllister with her contact person regarding the sidewalk. He will meet with the new property manager when he settles in to get the project back on track.

Finally, he mentioned that the reference to the fence ordinance for a permit needs to be corrected on the website.

Police

Commissioner Renninger reported that the City received \$650 from the El Nopal Restaurant for their licensing. She stated that the additional hours allotted to the Police Department helped provide the resources for Sergeant Flowers to solve the burglary on Haviland. In answer to the Mayor, she said even with the extra hours, they are still within budget. Commissioner Renninger proposed that the next fiscal budget allow for 3 shifts during the week, and 2 on the weekend.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Eskridge asked about cleaning out the spring house in which is stored old City street and traffic control signs. After a brief discussion of giving away the signs to interested residents, Attorney Emery outlined the process. He stated that city owned property cannot be transferred until it is declared 'surplus', and there are certain statutory ways to distribute. He said that if a list of the items is provided to him, he can furnish the City with a 'Surplus Property Resolution' and include the legal options to distribute the property.

Commissioner McAllister suggested that the Police Chief have immediate access to the Reach Alert program without having to go through anyone else. After a discussion, the Commission agreed to allow him unhindered access.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Bolten, City Clerk