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Next City Meeting

Thursday, August 18th
City Hall at 6:30 pm

Yard Waste Monday

Trash & Recycling
Tuesday



GOLDEN WATCH Teresa Renninger

9 Home Security Tips

Did you know that a burglary happens every 16 seconds in the U.S., according to the FBI?¹

Your home is one of your most valuable possessions, along with everything inside. It is a place you want to feel safe and secure from the potential dangers of the outside world. Employing and engaging in some basic best practices around home security is the first step to help create a secure environment for your loved ones and family.

Consider these tips to help keep you and your family, and your possessions, safe and secure.

- 1. Landscape with safety in mind. As you walk around your property, look for areas that could be potential hiding spots for thieves, who prize the privacy they provide. Try and clear away any overgrown areas.
- 2. Talk with your local police department.
- 3. **Know your neighbors.** Take the time to meet them
- 4. **Lighting matters.** Lighting can set the right ambiance inside your home, but outdoor lighting can be the difference between your home being targeted or not by thieves. Motion-sensitive fixtures can help add security and provide light when needed. Also consider using automatic timers or a smart lightbulb that can be controlled remotely to turn lights on and off in various parts of the house.
- 5. Avoid advertising that shopping spree. Thieves look for and steal newly-delivered boxes on your front porch, a method called <u>porch pirating</u>, so consider having them delivered elsewhere or requiring a signature for delivery. Thieves may also look at clues provided by your trash or recycling, which may indicate the new computer or flat-screen television inside.
- 6. **Set a safety routine.** Make sure you establish a routine where you regularly lock all doors, shut windows and turn on your alarm system every time you leave your home. Avoid leaving spare keys outside, as thieves know most of the potential hiding places.
- 7. **Manage visibility.** Make sure you can see who is at your front door without opening it. Avoid placing valuables where they will be visible from the street.
- 8. **Protect your outdoor valuables.** Burglars also target sheds, garages and other outdoor buildings. Secure your grill, lawn mower, bicycles and other outdoor gear.
- 9. Create a plan for when you are away. Hold your mail, stop your papers and ask a friend or neighbor to remove flyers from your property. Arrange for snow removal and lawn mowing so you do not advertise when you are away from home.

Sources: 1 https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2013/crime-in-the-u.s.-2013/offenses-known-to-law-enforcement/crime-clock

August Message from Police Chief Steve Griffin

We have been receiving reports of some vagrants and panhandlers frequenting the shopping centers on Hurstbourne Parkway and at the Speedway at Taylorsville and Blowing Tree. While it can be seen as virtuous to help people that are less fortunate, please be cautious when dealing with these people. In my experience, the majority of panhandlers and vagrants have substance abuse problems and/or are emotionally disturbed. Many will be polite, but it is not uncommon for them to become aggressive in their attempts to solicit money from you. Please contact the Police Department if you run across any vagrants or panhandlers so that we can speak with them.

It's hard to believe that summer is passing so quickly, but once again the school year is upon us. Jefferson County Public Schools will begin their school year on August 10th. Please use caution when driving during school hours and in particular during times when children are traveling to and from school. As we all know, children do not always pay as close attention as they should and it is possible that they may dart into the roadway unexpectedly. A little extra attention on our parts can go a long way in avoiding potentially devastating situations.

If you see something, say something Chief Steve Griffin

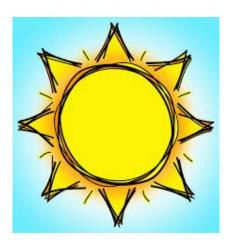


I would like to Thank Chief Griffin for conducting the Gun Safety class.

It is so very reassuring to have a fire arms instructor in our department and to know that all of our members receive excellent instruction.

I would also like to thank those residents who took time out of their day to learn more about gun safety.

I would also like to thank Bill Renninger for disposing of the large shrub that was dumped at the corner of Hurstbourne and Taylorsville and just sat there for weeks. Thank you for being a good citizen and stepping up.



STREETS AND LIGHTING

Donna Nichols

Residents on Cardwell Way: Please know that Safe T Signs have made me aware that they were short 1 Cardwell Way sign (intersection of Suffolk). It is being made and will be hung as soon as possible.

When this is done, all new reflective street signs will be complete!

My thoughts and prayers are with the Dever and Wilder families.

SANITATION

Terry McAllister

Its time to get rid of those unwanted electronics. Bluegrass E-cycle is coming August 6th, at the corner of Addington & Haviland from 9:00 till 11:00 am. Now is the time to clean up the clutter. Refer to the July Hurstbourne Acres Post for items you can discard.

We have several new residents in the City and I want to welcome you all to the City of Hurstbourne Acres and let you know to signup for Reach Alert. This is a free to you program that allows the City to send you an informative message in about 15 seconds.

To register, go to www.reachalert.com and click the yellow box "Create an account". When prompted, please use the following information to register.

Network Name: Hurstbourne Acres

Role: Resident

If you have difficulty registering, contact REACH Alert at (877)307-9313.

July's quote of the month was from Robert Frost.

August Quote: "Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know".



CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES

July 14, 2016 Minutes- DRAFT

The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on July 14, 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
- Steve Griffin, Police Chief
- Andrew Howell, Attorney
- Michael Bolten, Clerk
- Tom Theiss, Resident
- Scott Majors, Resident
- Norma Pennington, Resident
- Diane O'Brien, Resident
- Doug Rogers, Resident
- Bill Renninger, Resident
- Marty Dunn, Resident
- Jim Lynch, Resident
- Brent O Hardin, Resident
- Lenny Miles, Resident
- Karen Level, Resident
- Mary Thompson, Resident
- David Datillo, Resident
- Byron Cook, Resident

June 9, 2016 Minutes

After a discussion, Commissioner Nichols made a motion to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Renninger and carried unopposed.

Treasurer's Report

In Sharon Hollkamp's absence, Mayor Fore read the monthly treasurer's report for June, 2016 and copies were made available for all people in attendance. After a discussion, Commissioner Renninger made a motion to accept as reported. Commissioner McAllister seconded the motion which then carried unanimously.

Warrants

In Sharon Hollkamp's absence, Mayor Fore read the warrants for June, 2016 and copies were made available for all people in attendance. After a discussion, Commissioner Renninger made a motion to accept as reported.

Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion which carried without opposition.

Police Report

Police Chief Griffin reported the following for June;

-Offense Reports: 2 -Accident Reports: 1

Police Report (cont.)

-Arrests: 5

-Traffic Stops: 36 -Citations Issued: 26 -Warnings Issued: 10

-Contact with Other Agencies: 7

-House Watches: 7 -Courtesy Notices: 2 -Directed Patrols: 0 -Calls for Service: 22

-License Plates Confiscated: 17

-Motorists Assists: 7 -Funeral Watches: 1

June Highlights;

-All officers completed KLC recommended monthly training,

-2 offense reports were for fraudulent use of a credit card,

-Chief Griffin completed his 40 hour annual in-service training,

-Renewed ABC licenses for all applicable businesses,

-All Golden Watch residents checked weekly,

-All businesses in the shopping centers checked daily,

-Explorer and Impala are in good working order.

Attorney's Report

Andrew Howell from our city attorney's office outlined his response to an inquiry from Commissioner McAllister about the sidewalk project proposed for Blowing Tree Road. The attorney recommended that their office conduct a review of the relevant land records of the affected properties and determine if there is an easement for public ways. They would do the same for Planning & Zoning records to see if there would be any conflict. Our attorney would then prepare a written statement, and if there is no easement, possibly setup a person to person meeting with the land owners to see if they would consent to such an easement. If no consent is granted, the next step for the City, if it so chooses, is to obtain the property by 'eminent domain'. discussion, Mayor Fore After a instructed our attorney to contact the apartment owners by letter to express our intent to proceed with 'eminent domain' which would also be to the benefit of their residents. It was noted by Commissioner McAllister that the office of our Louisville Metro Council member. Marilyn Parker, has already agreed to fund the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Parks

Commissioner Eskridge again confirmed that he will be providing a 'quarterly' report in April, July, October and January. There are 3 outstanding issues; branches & debris under a tree need to be cleared, sand needs to be raked and treated, and the suspension bridge in the playground needs to be replaced (cost to be determined). In other news, someone is driving a vehicle in the retention basin intentionally creating large ruts. If anyone sees the individual(s), they are asked to contact Commissioner Eskridge or our police. The flag in the park has been replaced, and the normal maintenance of the gazebo will be scheduled around election time.

Parks (cont.)

Finally, the date for the city picnic will be Sunday, September 18. More details of the picnic will be included in the city newsletter.

Sanitation

Commissioner McAllister advised that he obtained a quote of \$2068 per sign to refurbish the city entrance signs. He suggested that before we make a decision to have the signs refurbished, the City obtain another bid.

Also, the wrought iron holding the signs is rusting and he recommended we replace with aluminum. Finally, Commissioner McAllister confirmed that the problem with early dumpster pickups behind Pier One has been resolved. There have been no further complaints.

Roads

Commissioner Nichols learned about 3 weeks ago that Louisville Water Company was installing a new water line for the Kennedy School. Several residents of Cardwell Way expressed concerns at the time about the effect on their water pressure. Since she received no subsequent complaints, she believes that the water pressure for Cardwell Way residents was not affected.

Regarding the installation of the new street signs, there has been a delay. Commissioner Nichols explained that the method for installing the signs required making the brackets (at no additional cost to the City). She also mentioned that the street sign poles themselves need to be repainted.

Police

Commissioner Renninger reported that all of the ABC license renewal fees have been received from the applicable businesses in the City including one new license for 'Chuck E Cheese'. The ownership of 'Yen Ching' has changed, and they will be applying for a liquor license. In other news, the purchase order for the new police car has been submitted. The new vehicle should be in service within the next six to eight weeks. Finally, Commissioner Renninger mentioned that we have a problem with homeless persons living in our City. She advised that if any resident is approached or solicited for money, you should contact our police department.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

2nd Reading of Ordinance #4, Series 2016

Mayor Fore completed the second reading of Ordinance #4, Series 2016 granting a communication franchise to Google Fiber Kentucky, LLC and authorizing execution of a uniform franchise agreement. Commissioner Renninger then made a motion to enact and ordain.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols and carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner McAllister reaffirmed that Bluegrass E-Cycle is returning to the City on August 6, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. He also advised that several residents have expressed an interest in the Yellow Dot Program mentioned in last month's minutes with details outlined in the Hurstbourne Acres Post. In answer to a question from

Miscellaneous (cont.)

resident Marty Dunn about the Costco tents setup in the shopping center soliciting new members, the Commission said that if the tents are setup in the grass area, i.e., in our City, then our police have the authority to tell them to move. Otherwise, no action can be taken.

Another resident expressed a concern about a couple of houses that have noticeable peeling paint issues which pose a threat to the valuation of adjacent properties. Mayor Fore said that although Hurstbourne Acres has no specific ordinance, there is a Louisville Metro Housing ordinance. He said that if the addresses in question are provided to himself or our police, they will take a look at the properties, and take the necessary action.

Resident Scott Majors asked the Commission if there were any restrictions about campaigning in the City. He is running for school board in District 7. He was advised that our City has no restrictions.

The resident at the end of Blowing Tree Road mentioned a problem with non-commercial vehicles coming down Blowing Tree at all times of the day intending to get to Bunsen Parkway. Mayor Fore said that he will instruct our police to have a more active participation over there to help discourage that traffic.

In answer to a question from resident Byron Cook about running for the office of Commissioner, Mayor Fore advised that any resident of one year or longer, whether a renter or owner, can run for office.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Michael Bolten, City Clerk

