

Warm Winter Wishes  
to You and Yours!



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## The City of Hurstbourne Acres Post December 2022

### Next City Meeting

Thursday – January 12, 2022  
6:30 p.m.

Hurstbourne Acres City Hall

### *From the Mayor . . .*

There's lots to achieve in 2023 as the city turns 60 years old. Stay in touch with the newsletter, Reach Alert, or join the city meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New year.



## City of Hurstbourne Acres Police Info

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Susan Stivers  
Paul Wheatley



**Disclaimer:** Please note, articles contributed by Commissioners are edited for grammar only, not content.

## Sanitation

### Christine Bohnenkamp

It's been a pleasure serving you all these last several years. I hope your needs were addressed promptly to the best of my ability.

Please remember live Christmas trees placed at the curb will be picked up for two weeks after Christmas.

I pray all have happy holidays and a Merry Christmas.

### **Regular Waste Pick-up Schedule**

Monday	Yard Waste & Recycling
Tuesday	Trash

## Parks and Recreation

### Troy Eskridge

Thanks so much to everyone who helped with the holiday party. Special thanks goes to Pier 17 for donating two \$25 gift cards for the best holiday home decorations in Hurstbourne Acres.

Our Holiday Decorations Contest Winners for this year were:

### **Most Spectacular** - 9110 Bristol



### **Classic** – 9008 Hurstbourne Lane



  
*Congratulations*

**City of Hurstbourne Acres  
Annual Holiday Party**



Santa is ALWAYS a welcome guest!



It's not just the children who enjoy being around Santa!



Julia especially loves this Santa!

Heitzman's Bakery and Catering always provides tasty treats and the Nunlea House provides a lovely setting for a holiday event.



## Streets and Lights

Donna Nichols

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Tom Theiss as one of our Commissioners and wish Chris Bohnenkamp only the best!

Our first Meeting of 2023 will soon be here, and I am hoping we can get some positive things accomplished for our City and residents.

Wishing all only the best in 2023!

### A Good Neighbor . . .

Takes their garbage cans **out** on the same day it is picked up.

A Good Neighbor. . .

Takes their garbage cans **in** on the same day it is picked up.

A Good Neighbor. . .

Parks going with the flow of traffic.

A Good Neighbor . . .

Checks on their neighbors when we are having extreme weather.

A Good Neighbor. . .

Does not speed in the neighborhood.

A Good Neighbor. . .

Calls police when they see something, they say something.

Let's all start the New Year trying to be good neighbors!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, NEIGHBORS!**

Teresa Renninger

## Police

Chief Steve Griffin

I'm sure all of us have seen the reports of the winter weather that has been hitting the northern states and realizing that our turn is coming. So now is a great time to make sure your vehicle is ready for winter weather. At a minimum you should check your battery, anti-freeze levels, tire tread depth, windshield wipers and fluid, and make sure your heater and defrosters are working properly. Winter is hard on vehicles and breaking down in cold weather is no fun at all. It's also a good idea to put some blankets or additional winter clothing in your vehicle just in case.

Typically, there is also a spike in vehicle thefts during cold weather. It only takes a moment for someone to jump in an unattended vehicle that is warming up and drive off. Make sure you lock your vehicle while it is warming up and always keep it in sight to deter thefts. Kentucky Statute does prohibit leaving a running vehicle unattended. Also, make sure your windshield and windows are properly cleared of snow and ice before you start driving. Driving your vehicle while the windshield/windows are obscured is not only very dangerous it is also a violation of Kentucky Statutes and can result in a charge of Reckless Driving. *The Officers of the Hurstbourne Acres Police Department wish all our residents a safe and happy 2023.*

***If you see something, say something!***



Also, please don't forget to clean up after your pet!



# Hurstbourne Acres Police Department

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December 08, 2022

To: OFFICER MARY STIVERS  
From: CHIEF STEPHEN GRIFFIN  
Reference: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

This letter is to commend you for your actions on November 21, 2022, while completing a collision report involving a school bus in the Meadows apartment complex. While completing the report in your vehicle, you noticed that there was a disturbance occurring near the bus. While investigating the disturbance, you discovered a male subject attempting to enter the bus while loudly threatening the bus driver. You physically pulled the subject back from the bus door and then realized that he was armed with a knife. You then took the subject at gunpoint and verbally challenged him. You were then able to take the suspect into custody without further incident. Your quick and decisive actions likely prevented a serious assault on the bus driver and a potentially dangerous and harmful situation for the dozens of elementary aged students on the bus. Your actions bring great credit to yourself and this department. Keep up the great work.

Cc: File



Officer Susan Stivers and Chief Steve Griffin  
Commissioner Chris Bohnenkamp

## Oath of Office Taken by the Recently Elected Mayor and Commissioners



Attorney Finn Cato and Mayor Terry McAllister



Commissioners Donna Nichols, Troy Eskridge,  
Teresa Renninger, and Tom Theiss being sworn in  
by Attorney Finn Cato (not pictured)



Commissioner Donna Nichols, Mayor Terry  
McAllister, Commissioner Troy Eskridge,  
Commissioner Teresa Renninger, and  
Commissioner Tom Theiss.

The Mayor was elected to serve a four-year term,  
and the Commissioners were elected to each serve  
a two-year term.

## Golden Watch

Teresa Renninger

# 9 Home Security Tips

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, 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 porch pirating, 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.

**Remember If You See Something, Say Something.**



**Reminder – There is no parking on the street when snow is in the forecast.**



***A Thoughtful Gift***

It's not too late to donate a book to our Little Free Library! If you'd like to donate a book in honor of, or in memory of someone, complete the information form below, drop the book(s) and the form off at my house (1910 Woodfield Rd.) I'll

add a label to the inside with your name, donation date, and the name of the person you are honoring with your donation. I will also include a list in the January newsletter of donations made in honor of or in memory of someone.

We need books for all ages: children, teens, and adults. *Half-price Books* is right in our area and is a great place to purchase books at reduced prices if you don't have any books at home to donate. *Dollar Tree* also has some good books for just \$1.25 (plus tax).

Kimberly Bloomer

Cut out form and place it in the book before giving it to Kim Bloomer. Donating more than one book, just write the same information on a piece of paper and insert in the book.

***Little Free Library Book Donation Form***

Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Donated in honor of or in memory of  
(circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES**

December 8, 2022

Minutes

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The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on December 8, 2022, at the meeting room of the Hurstbourne Acres City Hall/Police Department, 1916 Hurstbourne Circle, Louisville, Kentucky, with the following persons present:

- Terry McAllister, Mayor
- Christine Bohnenkamp, Commissioner
- Troy Eskridge, Commissioner
- Donna Nichols, Commissioner
- Teresa Renninger, Commissioner
- Steve Griffin, Police Chief
- John Bloomer, Treasurer
- Finn Cato, City Attorney
- Michael Bolten, Clerk
- Kim Bloomer, Newsletter Editor
- Tom Theiss, Resident
- Lenny Miles, Resident
- Doug Rogers, Resident
- Paul Schneider, Resident

**November 10 Minutes**

Commissioner Nichols made a motion to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eskridge and carried unopposed.

**Treasurer's Report**

John Bloomer presented the Treasurer's Report for November. Commissioner Eskridge made a motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Renninger and carried unanimously.

**Warrants**

John Bloomer read the warrants for November. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Renninger and carried unanimously.

## **Police Report**

Police Chief Griffin reported the following for November:

• Offense reports	3
• Accident reports	1
• Arrests	1
• Traffic stops	5
• Citations issued	1
• Warnings issued	4
• Contacts with other agencies	0
• House watches	4
• Courtesy notices	0
• Directed patrols	0
• Calls for service	33
• License plates confiscated	0
• Motorists assists	3
• Funeral watches	0

### *November Highlights*

All officers completed KLC recommended monthly training,

The three offense reports were for a theft from a vehicle, a terroristic threatening and a crisis intervention all in the Meadows Apartment Complex,

Officer Hale completed his annual 40 hours DOCJT in-service training,

Sergeant Kevin Mills was re-hired,

All Golden Watch residents checked on weekly,

All businesses in shopping centers checked on daily,

The Taurus is undergoing brake repairs,

All other vehicles are in good working order,

A letter of commendation was awarded to Officer Susan Stivers for her actions on November 21 at the Meadows Apartments. Officer Stivers stopped a serious assault on a school bus driver while also stopping a potentially dangerous situation involving dozens of students on the bus.

## **Attorney's Report**

Regarding the AT&T outstanding invoice, the AT&T representatives acknowledged receipt of the letter that Attorney Cato sent to them. They advised that they would update their file and would let our City know if they intended to take any further action.

In other business, although Attorney Cato has not heard back from the previous attorney for Hurstbourne Acres, Mayor McAllister has instructed him to move forward with the case against PuppyGram.

Lastly, there was no update on the sidewalk situation on Blowing Tree Road.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Park**

Commissioner Eskridge advised that for the upcoming City Holiday Party on December 17<sup>th</sup>, all the plans are ready to go.

Lastly, this month the playground safety check list will be completed.

Also, the flag in the Park is checked annually.

Commissioner Nichols had concerns about keeping the Christmas Tree in the Park adequately protected off season. She spoke with Commissioner Eskridge and has offered to provide storage in her garage for the extra items acquired this year.

### **Sanitation**

Commissioner Bohnenkamp advised that it has generally been quiet. She confirmed that live Christmas trees will be picked up by EcoTech up until two weeks after Christmas.

A resident asked Commissioner Bohnenkamp about whether EcoTech had been contacted about the trash can on Blowing Tree Road. She has talked with EcoTech but will contact one more time to get the issue resolved.

### **Streets**

Commissioner Nichols contacted Modern Vascular about the problem with vehicles not stopping when exiting the parking lot. They were unwilling to have a *stop bar* painted next to the stop sign already there. Commissioner Nichols expressed a concern about some trees along Hurstbourne Lane near the intersection at Hurstbourne Parkway. Mayor McAllister stated he remembers an ordinance requiring Hagan Properties to maintain the trees along Hurstbourne



Lane. Some trees might be blocking the view of oncoming cars toward the intersection at Hurstbourne Parkway. He said he would check the old ordinances and confirm.

In other news, Commissioner Nichols said the Holiday decorations have been put up around the City. She thanked resident Kim Bloomer for her part in the decorations this year and Perry and Kaelin Landscaping and Maintenance for the actual installation of the decorations.

### **Police**

Commissioner Renninger said the City of Hurstbourne Acres received a thank you note from the Brown Family for the thoughts and prayers from residents regarding Kay Brown and the planting of a tree in her memory.

### **Old/New Busines**

#### **Zoning Meeting**

Mayor McAllister advised there is a zoning meeting on December 19th regarding the old Schumann Antiques building and approval for the installation of an outside elevator.

### **Swearing In Ceremony**

Attorney Cato completed the swearing in of the newly elected city officials.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Bolten, City Clerk