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The City of Hurstbourne Acres Post January 2023

Next City Meeting

Thursday – February 9, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Hurstbourne Acres City Hall

From the Mayor . . .

I am looking forward to an early spring, so I'm committed to doing my part. On February 1st I will be boarding up the hole under my shed where there is an unnamed Groundhog. I'm making sure that groundhog doesn't get out and see his shadow.

Don't worry I'm going to let him out the next day, and the next day, and the next day, and well you get it.



City of Hurstbourne Acres Police Info

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Sergeant: Kevin Mills
Officers: Todd Hale
Mike Holston
Susan Stivers
Paul Wheatley



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Golden Watch

Teresa Renninger

*Things to Remember
as the days grow longer and the
weather gets warmer!*

Due to the increase in vehicle thefts, thefts from vehicles, and burglaries that are happening all over, here are a few reminders to keep you safe:

1. Never leave anything of value in your vehicle; this includes laptops, purses, GPS devices and even loose change. This includes when you go to the gym or stop at a park for a walk.
2. Do not leave your vehicle running while unattended even to run back into your house because you forgot something.
3. Always lock your vehicles doors.
4. When your vehicle is parked outside, remove your garage door opener.
5. Do not leave windows or sunroof open when parked.

6. Try to park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
7. Never leave your keys or your key-fob in your unattended vehicle.
8. Never leave a firearm in your vehicle.
9. Remember to keep your garage closed.

Safeguarding Against Burglaries

1. Remember to keep your garage closed at all times.
2. Keep shrubbery around your home trimmed to reduce places to hide.
3. Make sure to lock doors, including side door to garages.
4. Make your home look occupied.
5. Use deadbolts on exterior doors.
6. Use a sliding glass door floor lock for better retention.
7. Don't tempt a thief with lawn mowers, bikes, grills, and other easy to remove pieces. Keep them in the shed or garage.
8. If going out of town, use the House Watch program we have in our city.

***As always, if you
See Something, Say Something!***

Parks and Recreation

Tom Theiss

First and foremost, I would like to say Thank You to all who had the faith in me to be elected as a City Commissioner. Also, I would like to thank all the folks that have been so gracious in welcoming me!

There is really not a great deal to report on this month, with the exception of the Park Playground being inspected and found to be in good working order.

We have plans to add several trees to the park and make some additions to the playground equipment. Luckily, it's a slow time, as we are planning to replace many of the picnic tables in the foreseeable future.

Also, the plan is to have a complete list of dates for this year's events available in our next newsletter.

I will say I have been walking our dog in the city quite a bit lately and have noticed we need to

be a bit more diligent in picking up after our dogs. Please be a good neighbor and pick up after your pets.

Police

Chief Steve Griffin

Car thefts and car-jackings are at an all-time high in the Metro area. Please make sure to keep the doors to your vehicle locked at all times, whether you are in it or not. Be alert to things going on around you when you are out in public and be wary of people you don't know that approach your vehicle. As I've stated before, you should not be going about your life being paranoid or afraid, but it does pay to be aware of what is going on. We are blessed to be a part of a safe and quiet community. Just always remember that bad things can happen anywhere.

I am happy to say we have rehired Sergeant Kevin Mills. We are very glad to have him back. Sergeant Mills is working the afternoon shift. Please take the time to welcome him back if you see him out during the evenings.

If you see something, say something!

Sanitation

Troy Eskridge

Junk Pick-up Dates

As part of our negotiations with Eco-tech on the issue of large item pick up, they have agreed to schedule two *junk pick-up* days. These dates are **Saturday, June 10th** and **Saturday, September 16th**. I will update you on the details and restrictions as we move closer to those dates. If you have large items that you want removed now, you can call eco-tech directly to schedule a large item pick up. There is a charge for large items not scheduled on "junk pick up" days. Text 690-1592 with questions or concerns.

Sanitation Issues

If you have a sanitation issue, please let me know by text at (502) 690- 1592. Please include the issue, your address, and name. I will get in contact with our provider to resolve the issue. I will try to reply to you within 24 hours or less. If the issue is widespread throughout the neighborhood, I will reply via Reach Alert.

Regular Waste Pick-up Schedule

Monday	Yard Waste & Recycling
Tuesday	Trash

Streets and Lights

Donna Nichols

Sorry I missed the January meeting, but it was unavoidable.

Regarding the STOP sign that was down at Hurstbourne Lane and Woodfield Road, the picture that was sent to me had a pole and nothing else. The Mayor propped the sign up against the pole so it could be seen. I took a picture of the pole for SafetySign. They needed measurements for proper screw length to remount the sign. SafetySign did not originally install the sign. I explained to Andrew this sign was at an intersection that could cause problems. The sign has now been repaired.

My goal is to eliminate the Block Watch signs except at entrances. Our City never ever had a proper Block Watch – more at the February City meeting. We now have an excellent police department.



CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES

January 12, 2023

Minutes

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The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on January 12, 2023 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
- Troy Eskridge, Commissioner
- Teresa Renninger, Commissioner
- Tom Theiss, Commissioner
- Steve Griffin, Police Chief
- Finn Cato, City Attorney
- John Bloomer, Treasurer
- Michael Bolten, Clerk
- Kim Bloomer, Newsletter Editor

December 8, 2022, Minutes

Commissioner Renninger 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 December. Commissioner Renninger made a motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Theiss which carried unanimously.

Warrants

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

Auditor

Treasurer Bloomer is still searching for a permanent auditor for our City. He contacted KLC

and was provided a list of CPAs as potential auditors. Their prices range from \$8000 to \$10,000 for an audit. After contacting the five names on the list, he will furnish the Commission with their prices and availability so a decision can be made.

Police Report

Police Chief Griffin reported the following for December 2022 & Annually:

- Offense reports 5 (36 for 2022)
- Accident reports 1 (15 for 2022)
- Arrests 1 (13 for 2022)
- Traffic stops 6 (72 for 2022)
- Citations issued 3 (25 for 2022)
- Warnings issued 3 (47 for 2022)
- Contacts with other agencies 3 (32 for 2022)
- House watches 3 (71 for 2022)
- Courtesy notices 0 (12 for 2022)
- Directed patrols 0 (0 for 2022)
- Calls for service 40 (470 for 2022)
- License plates confiscated 1 (2 for 2022)
- Motorists assists 4 (23 for 2022)
- Funeral watches 0 (0 for 2022)

December Highlights:

- All officers completed KLC recommended monthly training.
- The five offense reports were a theft of a vehicle in Cherry Springs Apartments, a criminal mischief in Hunnington Shopping Center, a theft in the Meadows Apartment Complex, a recovery of a stolen vehicle in Hunnington Shopping Center, and a theft from Shoe Carnival.
- Lieutenant Gingerich and Officer Holston completed their annual 40 hours DOCJT in-service training.
- Officer Stivers was commended for her actions in preventing an assault.
- Department supported the City Christmas Party.
- All Golden Watch residents checked on weekly.
- All businesses in shopping centers checked on daily.
- All vehicles are in good working order.

2022 Department Highlights

Operations

- Department supported all city sponsored events (Easter Egg Hunt, City Yard Sale, City Picnic, Trick or Treating, Christmas Party),
- Alcohol Beverage Control Licenses were renewed for all businesses that serve and/or sell alcohol,
- Golden Watch Program continues and currently includes 5 residents.

Personnel

- Lieutenant Fiechter, Sergeant Beahl, and Sergeant Hiles resigned from the Department.
- Officer Holston, Officer Wheatley, and Sergeant Mills were hired.
- Sergeant Gingerich was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Department has one open position.

Training

- All officers completed their mandatory annual in-service training through the Department of Criminal Justice Training,
- All officers completed monthly Kentucky League of Cities recommended training,
- All officers completed firearms training to include day and night qualifications with duty handguns, and off-duty handguns,
- All officers completed annual Use-of-Force training to include training on department policy, case law, and de-escalation.
- Active Shooter Training was conducted for Civil Design, Inc.

Equipment

- Annual inventory was conducted with all department equipment accounted for.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Cato has reviewed the deed restrictions regarding the PuppyGram business compared with the original zoning development plan. He is working with Planning & Zoning to confirm what action our City can take at this time. Following a discussion, the Commission agreed to give time for our attorney to hear back from Planning & Zoning. If there are no issues between the original zoning plan and the City's declaration of restrictions, our attorney will move forward with

a letter to PuppyGram putting them on notice that the business is ineligible.

In other news, the City received an e-mail from the owners of the building at 4545 Taylorsville Road (the old Schumann Antiques). They need our City's approval for the changes to the use and construction of the building. A motion was made and seconded, with a unanimous vote to approve as requested. Attorney Cato advised the Mayor to contact them with the City's decision so the property can be occupied.

Lastly, Attorney Cato found the case number concerning the sidewalk court decision. He said that he will send a letter to the new owners to set up a meeting. He and Mayor McAllister will meet with them to help resolve the question of the amount of compensation for the property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks

Commissioner Theiss advised that he and Commissioner Eskridge completed the Parks inspection on the playground equipment. Everything appears to be in good shape. There is also consideration for planting more trees in the Park area to make it more visually appealing. This would include in the water retention basin. Regarding the entrance from Taylorsville Road onto Hurstbourne Lane, water does not drain properly there and can freeze causing cars to slide. He will contact the Highway Department for their input. Commissioner Theiss mentioned that there are several dead trees on the berm behind the office buildings. The owners/managers of the office buildings will be contacted to see if those trees can be removed/replaced. Lastly, he made a recommendation the newsletter have a monthly calendar page with upcoming City events, that could be pulled off by residents for their use.

Sanitation

Commissioner Eskridge said that the two dates for the large item pickups need to be finalized. A day after Memorial Day and Labor Day have been suggested. After the Christmas Party last year, he talked with Commissioner Renninger about setting goals for the next two years. The

three goals he would like to complete would be: 1) plant twenty trees around the City, 2) establish a regular cleanup program, and 3) increase communication with residents about sanitation issues. To help achieve the third goal, he recommended having magnets printed with information such as the two pickup dates mentioned earlier, information about how to contact EcoTech, rules about how to wrap up certain items for pickup, and what is acceptable in recycling

Roads

In Commissioner Nichols' absence, Mayor McAllister advised that he was able to contact Michelle with Hagan Properties who manages the Taylorhurst property. She has agreed to have the 'Stop Bar' painted by the stop sign as discussed in prior meetings. This will not be completed until the Spring when the weather is more favorable.

Police

Commissioner Renninger said that her goal for her current term is to have the City's website updated and made more user friendly. This would include allowing forms that would normally have to be printed off, completed and then sent to the City, to be completed on-line. Any fees associated with those forms or applications would still need to be mailed in. She also wants the website to include a 'counter' to know how many times the website has been visited. Lastly, Commissioner Renninger mentioned a specific house in the City that requires maintenance.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Occupational Tax Ordinance

Mayor McAllister advised that he is looking into creating an occupational tax to help fund the Police Department and a new city hall. He asked Attorney Cato to develop a ordinance for that purpose.

Crosswalk on Bunsen Parkway

Mayor McAllister recommended placing a

crosswalk on Bunsen Parkway near the mailboxes for the safety of pedestrians, especially those coming from the apartments. It would also help slow traffic on Bunsen Parkway. More information to follow.

Ethics Board

Mayor McAllister wants to replace one of the Ethics Board members. He will be working on finding someone to appoint to that position.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Bolten, City Clerk

City of Hurstbourne Acres

February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BLACK HISTORY MONTH			1	2 	3	4
5	6 Yard Waste & Recycle Pick-up	7 Trash Pick-up	8	9 City Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10	11
12	13 Yard Waste & Recycle Pick-up	14 Trash Pick-up  Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Yard Waste & Recycle Pick-up	21 Trash Pick-up	22	23	24	25
26	27 Yard Waste & Recycle Pick-up	28 Trash Pick-up				

