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City of Indian Hills Newsletter

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A Message from the Mayor

It is officially summer in Indian Hills; I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer vacation. Remember to sign up for a house watch if you are leaving town for an extended period.

We have been busy with the recent storms that have blown through the city, we lost six large trees in the last storm that blocked our roads and shut down power in some areas. I apologize if you were one of those inconvenienced by the storms; we contract with Cornerstone who puts Indian Hills at the top of the list for tree removal, they clear the roads first, then they will come back for clean up later.

With the hot weather Eco-Tech has asked us to place our garbage and recycle bins out early on Wednesdays or Tuesday evenings. Their workers will be starting earlier to try to avoid the hot afternoon temperatures.

We continue to get calls about residents cutting their grass and using blowers after 6:00 PM. Please be considerate of your neighbors who want some quiet time after work. If you have a lawn service, please remind them to stop at 6:00 PM, and no work on Sundays.

Speeding in the city continues to be a problem, please make sure to watch your speed and be on the lookout for people walking and riding their bikes, especially now that summer is here. Our Indian Hills Police are stepping up patrols, especially along Indian Hills Trail.

The Octoberfest date has been changed to Sunday October 9th, due to some vendor conflicts, hopefully the weather this year will be great. I look forward to seeing all of you on October 9th.







Mayor Chip Hancock

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council Meetings are now held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.at the Louisville Boat Club located at 4200 River Road. The dates of upcoming meetings are:

Jul 20 Aug 17 Sep 21

All meetings are open to the public. The monthly Agenda will be placed on the City's website (www.indianhillsky.org) a day or two prior to the scheduled meeting.

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CITY TAX RATE & BUDGET

At our June Council Meeting, the Council voted for NO increase in the tax rate on property taxes and to continue the 20% discount for FYE 06/2023. The tax rate will remain at 19.1¢ per \$100 of assessed value; and the 20% discount is offered if paid by December 31st as provided in Ordinance No. 3, Series 2022.

The Council also passed an annual budget for FYE 06/2023 as provided in Ordinance No. 4, Series 2022. Both Ordinances are at the end of this newsletter and on the City's website. (www.indianhillsky.org)

BRIDGE on STONEBRIDGE ROAD—Update

The rebuilding project of the bridge on Stonebridge Road is moving right along and ahead of schedule despite the unbearable heat and humidity the workers have to tend with. It may be completed prior to the original expected finish date of September 21, 2022. Once completed, it will be able to handle up to 18 Ton vehicles.

This project is part of the Bridging Kentucky Program and will be no cost to our city.

We appreciate your patience for a little while longer....

Photos provided by Mayor Chip Hancock-taken 6.20.2022





JIM'S REMINDERS

- No short-term rentals are allowed
- * No rubbish, trash or yard trimmings allowed to be stored on property
- * No boats, ski jets, campers or utility trailers in view from street
 - * **No** basketball goals at or on street
- * No cooking grills on front porch or front yards
- * Place your garbage cans and recyling out Tuesday evening or early Wednesday morning of the pickup, and make sure you remove the cans from the street the day of the pickup.

PERMITS REQUIRED

Before you build or remodel (includes driveways, swimming pools and any interior or exterior renovations), a City permit is required.

A permit is also needed for a dumpster or an outdoor storage container, such as a POD (Portable On Demand Storage). They are not allowed to be dropped and parked on City streets.

Please contact Jim Graven at 552-4250.



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!



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COP'S CORNER

By Chief Kelly W. Spratt



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

In order to ensure the safety of our residents and citizens in Indian Hills and Rolling Fields, the Indian Hills Police Department is stepping up the enforcement of all traffic violations within our jurisdiction.

25 SPEED LIMIT

To aid us in this effort, and to prevent from being cited yourself, please remember that the maximum speed limit within the two cities (excluding Brownsboro Road, River Road, and Blankenbaker Lane) is 25 MPH. Officers will be observing for speeders, as well as those violators who disregard stop signs, red lights, and turning restrictions.

CRIME PREVENTION

While this message has been passed several times, we continue to encourage everyone to follow these crime prevention tips...

- * Always lock your vehicles
- * Always remove valuables from your vehicles at night
- * Never leave your car keys or key fob inside your vehicle
- * Never leave a firearm inside your vehicle

Many of our stolen vehicles in the past few years have been involved in violent crimes throughout Jefferson County. These simple tips can prevent you from becoming a victim and will help keep the community safe.

FIREWORKS

As the country celebrates the upcoming holidays, please be courteous to your neighbors – and obey the law – by limiting your selection of fireworks to only those that are legal within Jefferson County – sparklers, snakes, trick noisemakers, and the like. Basically, any firework that flies or explodes is prohibited.

CRIME ALERT E-MAIL SERVICE

Be sure to subscribe to the Indian Hills Police Department's Crime Alert E-Mail service by visiting our website www.indianhillsky.org/police to receive crucial and time-sensitive emails regarding recent criminal activity or traffic information.

Follow the Indian Hills Police Department
On Facebook and Twitter
@ihpdky



KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP....



Trash/Yard Waste Pickup

The City of Indian Hills has been notified by our trash contractor, Eco-Tech, that due to the severe heat and humidity, the sanitation workers will be starting earlier in the morning, so please place your garbage cans and recycle bins out early Wednesdays or Tuesday evenings.

If your recycle bin or trash receptacle needs to be replaced, or your trash was missed on pickup day, you can call Eco-Tech directly at 502.935.1130. Just let them know you are a resident of the City of Indian Hills and the reason you are calling.

LG&E Tree Trimming

LG&E will be trimming trees in our City over the coming months. They are to start/may have started in the area off Travois Road, Blankenbaker Lane and over to Rudy Lane.

The second area is off Indian Hills Trail, Totem Road, Westwind Road and down to Moccasin Trail. LG&E will notify the homeowners in these areas by phone and mail prior to any trimming on their property.

<u>Octoberfest</u> – At the June Council meeting, after some discussion, the City Council voted to move the Octoberfest from the 1st Sunday in October to the 2nd Sunday in October due to some vendor conflicts & other local events. This year, it will be October 9th from Noon to 3:00 pm. Don't forget to save the date - hope to see you there!

Shred Event #2—There will be a second Shredding Event coming later in the year—date to be determined. We will post the date and time on our website and send out City emails. If you haven't subscribed to receive City emails, yet, please visit our website at www.indianhillsky.org.



SUMMERTIME—YAY!!



We want everyone to have a fun and safe summer, so here are some important **REMINDERS** as you begin spending and enjoying more time outdoors:

- Please walk on the left side of the street facing traffic, not in the middle of the road, allowing room for vehicles to go around you.
- © Do not let your pet run loose unless in your enclosed backyard-while walking, keep on a short leash on your left at all times.
- Pick up your animals poo.... and throw the poo bag in the trash, not in your neighbor's yard or public property!
- NO SPEEDING—adhere to speed limits, stop signs & traffic restrictions—be aware of your surroundings at all times watch for pedestrians, bicyclists and other vehicles, etc!!
- If riding your bike and/or your children riding bikes: for your and your children's safety, wear bike helmets; ride with the flow of traffic; and obey Stop & Yield signs.
- Hours for mowing/leaf blowing by commercial lawn services are 8:00 am—6:00 pm Monday-Saturday. No commercial lawn care on Sundays.
- If you don't use a commercial lawn service, please try to do your lawn work during the hours the commercial lawn services are to do their work. Be considerate of your neighbors—they don't want to hear the lawn mower or leaf blower while they sit on their patio or deck.

OUR ENVIRONMENT



The Indian Hills Environment Committee/volunteers got their hands dirty, really dirty, cleaning up several eye-sores throughout our City. Lee Maddox and Patricia Vairin organized the morning's work; Brightside provided gloves and trash bags.



Construction debris thrown over the edge into the woods



Photos provided by Councilor Mimi Zinniel



Vance von Borries, LuAnn George, Lyle Graham, and Vertner Smith





Tires in the creek

We must all work together to not only have a City that is aesthetically pleasing to the eyes, but to also have a safe and healthy environment in which to live. We really can/need to do better than this!!!

CODE OF ORDINANCE—§ 91.03 LITTERING PROHIBITED.

It is unlawful for any person to place, deposit, throw, or dump; or cause to be placed, deposited, thrown, or dumped; or suffer to remain any garbage, cans, bottles, glass, crockery, wood, trees or parts thereof, brush, scrap metal, junk, abandoned automobiles or parts thereof, paper, boxes, carcasses of dead animals, trash, grass, debris, litter, or refuse of any kind whatsoever, in or upon any public or private highway or road, including any portion of the right-of-way thereof, or in or upon any private or public property within the city. Penalty, see § 91.99

> A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/VOLUNTEERS!!!**



OUR ENVIRONMENT—CONT...



Thank you, Mr. Anonymous!

Recently an Indian Hills resident asked if he could purchase a tree through our Tree Canopy Program, but instead of his front yard (which already is well-planted), could his tree be planted in Sagamore Park? Of course it could!

In addition, this generous resident offered to add EXTRA money, sufficient for a species not among the Program's usual offering. This funding, as well as the City's normal contribution to each planting in the Program, all add up to a new sapling Chinkapin Oak that will one day be a great, beautiful shade tree in Sagamore Park for all to enjoy. Thank you Mr. Anonymous!

Photos provided by Councillor Mimi Zinniel



Resident Boyd Butler stood tall next to the Chinkapin Oak giant root ball. With Boyd are his Dad Robert, and IH Tree Committee Chair Vance vonBorries.



A planting well done!!!

Chinkapin Oak Trees

University of Kentucky-Department of Horticulture website:

- **Native habitat:** New England to northeastern Mexico on limestone outcrops.
- Growth habit: Because this tree has a diverse range, its form varies with location. It tends to have an open, rounded crown.
- Tree size: The chinkapin oak can reach a height of 40 to 50 feet in the landscape and 70 to 80 feet in the wild. Spread tends to be equal to or greater than height.
- **Leaf:** Yellow-green above and pale below, the chestnut-like leaves flutter, aspen-like, in the breeze. Fall color is yellow to brown.

Additional information:

The wood of the chinkapin oak has been used for split-rail fences, railroad ties and construction lumber. It is noted historically for its role in fueling steamships along the Ohio River. While this durable wood made excellent fences in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, when farms fell by the way, the wooden fences were collected and placed on the riverbank to sell to passing engineers.

2022 Indian Hills Tree Canopy Planting Program

For the 6th continuous year the Tree Committee is offering residents to participate in the Tree Canopy Planting Program.

How does it work? The City of Indian Hills and the resident share the cost of the tree and the services provided by a certified arborist, the total cost being \$500. The City pays \$250 and the resident pays \$250

The tree must be planted in the front or side yard.

If interested, please fill out the application on the following page and return as instructed by the dead-line.

If your name is drawn, you will be contacted with further instructions about the arborist site visit and payment will be required at that time.



INDIAN HILLS TREE CANOPY PLANTING PROGRAM 2022



We are excited to have you participate. Please read the following instructions and feel free to ask any questions prior to completing and submitting the attached application below.

Costs are shared between the City and private property owners:

- This program is a shared expense between the resident and the City of Indian Hills. The total cost is to be about \$500. You agree to pay half the total cost of the tree & services provided (\$250.00) and the City pays the other half (\$250.00).
- The trees we have to offer are available to any resident of the City of Indian Hills who owns a detached home and is a taxpayer.
- This program is limited to one tree per household. *Elected officials & Committee members are not eligible.*
- The tree must be planted in the front or side yard to optimize canopy shade tree benefits.
- Species for this program are limited to those designated by the arborist and include:
 American Beech, Hop Hornbeam, Scarlet Oak, Bur Oak and Bald Cypress

Submit the completed form online (https://indianhillsky.org/treepro/) **OR email to** Vance vonBorries at vonborriesw@bellsouth.net **OR mail to Vance at 64 Indian Hills Trail, 40207**, by September 30, 2022 to be entered in the drawing. If your name is drawn, *you will be contacted* with further instructions about the arborist site visit and payment will be required at that time.

	2022 Ap	plication			
Name:	e:Email:				
Address:					
Phone (home) :	(work):	(cell)			
Tree preference by name:	1st Choice				
	2nd Choice				
		valuable assets that require your stewardship. ember 30, 2022. Don't miss out!			
Signature		Date			
Date received:		(to be completed by IHTC)			
		cipating. All applications received will be entered n't have to be present to win. Good luck!			
Vance vonBorries IHTC Chairperson					

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES 2022 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

WHEREAS there has been deposited with the City the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator assessment for

all taxable real estate located within the City as of January 1, 2022, and

the City has computed its tax rate as required by law, now, therefore, **WHEREAS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF INDIAN HILLS:

The City of Indian Hills does hereby elect to use the Jefferson County Property Valuation **SECTION 1.** Administration tax assessment of all real estate located in the City as of January 1, 2022, as the basis for ad valorem taxes for the City for the fiscal year ending June 30. 2023

An ad valorem tax for the fiscal year of the City ending June 30, 2023, is hereby levied and fixed **SECTION 2.** at the rate of Nineteen Point One cents (\$0.191) on each \$100 of all real estate assessed for taxation and subject to taxation by said City under assessment date of January 1, 2022, as made by the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator.

The Mayor or City Clerk shall cause the tax bills to be made out and sequentially numbered and mail tax bills **SECTION 3.** from the assessment rolls as certified on or before October 31, 2022.

The payment of tax bills shall be made to the City and shall be subject to the discounts and penalties listed be-**SECTION 4.** low and the collection remedies provided by law:

- A. A discount of 20% of the face amount of the bill shall be allowed if the tax is paid on or before December 31, 2022:
- B. The face amount of the bill shall be payable during January, 2023;
- C. In the event any owner fails to pay the taxes assessed against him prior to February 1, 2023, there is hereby levied as a penalty an amount equal to ten (10%) percent of the tax payable plus interest from February 1, 2023, until paid at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month or part thereof, compounded monthly, or \$10.00 if the penalty and interest is less than that amount.
- D. All delinquent tax collection expenses incurred by the City, including lien filing and release fees, attorney's fees of not less than 25% and cost of initiating legal action, shall be deemed a penalty in addition to that specified in Subsection (C.) above and shall be encompassed within the City's lien.
- The proceeds of such taxes, penalties and interest are to be placed in the general fund of the City of Indian Hills **SECTION 5.** and are to be used for general operating purposes and expenses of the City such as the purchase of City supplies, purchase and maintenance of City property, street repair, garbage collection, police protection, and all other necessary and proper municipal functions as may be properly ordained or resolved by the City Council.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect from and after passage, approval and publication as required by law.

First Reading May 18, 2022 Second Reading June 15, 2022 June 15, 2022 Passed and Approved

Introduced by: Gary Ulmer, Councilor

/S/ Attest: /S/

Chip Hancock, Mayor			Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk
Council	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	
Ms. Dreisbach	X		
Ms. Dunbar	_X_		
Mr. Garlove	_X_		
Mr. Giesel	Absent		
Mr. Harralson	X		
Ms. Matton	_X_		
Mr. Ulmer	-X-		
Ms. Zinniel	-X-		
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CITY OF INDIAN HILLS **ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES 2022**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF INDIAN HILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an Annual Budget proposal and Message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications, now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF INDIAN HILLS:

SECTION 1. The annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, is hereby adopted as follows: General Fund Road Fund Resources available: 15,000 **Fund Balance Carried Forward** 1,970,000 **American Rescue Plan Act - 2022, not spent 547,000 2,517,000 **Estimated Revenues:** Net Property Tax - includes discount 1,123,000 Bank Franchise Deposit Tax 35,000 Telecommunication Tax Income 16,500 Interest/Dividend Income 9,000 Insurance Fee Income 385,000 Municipal Aid Program 58,000 Permit & Other Income 10,000 Indian Hills Tree Program 7,500 **Total Estimated Revenues** 1,586,000 58,000 **Total Resources Available for Appropriation** 4,103,000 73.000 **Estimated Appropriations:** Police Protection 881,916 Waste Removal 281.834 Parks/Environment 250,000 Utilities/Street Lighting 7,500 50,000 Snow Removal 30,000 Resident Programs 30,000 Road Repairs/Maintenance 20,000 Street Signs 10,000 Infrastructure 175,000 Professional Fees 32,500 Auto Expense 3,000 **Employee Wages** 100.075 Payroll Taxes 9,200 **Elected Official Compensation** 9,000 Insurance/Bonds 13,000 PVA Tax Processing Fee 40,000 Safety and Security 2,000 General Administration 18,500 <u>15,0</u>00 Indian Hills Tree Program **Total Estimated Appropriations** 285,000 1,693,525 **Excess of Resources over Appropriations** 2,409,475 -212,000 **Anticipated Interfund Transfers** 227,000 227,000 Estimated Fund Balances at End of Fiscal Year 2,182,475

15 000

Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect from and after passage, approval and publication as required by law.

First Reading May 18, 2022 Second Reading June 15, 2022 June 15, 2022 Passed and Approved Introduced by: Laura Dunbar, Councilor

Chip Hancock, Mayor

/S/ Attest: /S/

> Council Council Ms. Dreisbach Mr. Harralson Ms. Dunbar Ms. Matton Mr. Garlove Mr. Ulmer Mr Giesel Ms. Zinniel

^{** \$163,000} remains unspent of 1st tranche of American Rescue Plan Act; ARPA-2nd tranche in amount of \$384,000 is expected to be received no later than 6/30/2022 and to remain unspent as of FYE 6/2022.

CITY OF INDIAN HILLS ORDINANCE NO. 5, SERIES 2022 AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATIONS FOR CITY OFFICERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF INDIAN HILLS:

SECTION 1: The compensations of the following officers are herewith set in the following amounts, effective July 1. 2022.

Police Chief-Kelly Spratt \$92,302 Works Director/Code Enforcement Officer-James P. Graven \$40,000 City Clerk-Donna M. Sinkhorn \$47,700

SECTION 2: Said compensations are in addition to any and all supplement amounts.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect from and after passage, approval and publication as required by law.

First Reading May 18, 2022 Second Reading June 15, 2022 Passed and Approved June 15, 2022

Introduced by: Laura Dunbar, Councilor

/S/ Attest: /S/

Chip Hancock, Mayor	•		Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk
Council	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	
Ms. Dreisbach	_x_		
Ms. Dunbar	_X_		
Mr. Garlove	_x_		
Mr. Giesel	Absent		
Mr. Harralson	_x_		
Ms. Matton	_x_		
Mr. Ulmer	_X_		
Ms. Zinniel	_x_		

Dunn Elementary through the Decades

Dunn Elementary first opened its front doors to students 50 years ago for the 1972-1973 school year. The school is named for Ruth Dunn, who was a supervisor of primary education for the Jefferson County Public Schools. Mrs. Barbara Smith was the first principal.

On September 23, 2022 Dunn Elementary School will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of that momentous time. We are excited to look back at the memories from those years, but more excited to look forward to what the future will bring to Dunn.

We are hoping that former students, their parents, and former teachers would like to become involved in this effort. We will have a celebration the evening of Sept. 23 from 5pm to 7pm. We hope the school community will contribute mementos they have from their Dunn years and we will display them. All items will be returned.

Please contact:

Dr. Tracy Barber, our current principal, at tracy.barber@jefferson.kyschools.us or Margaret Blackburn, the school secretary, at margaret.blackburn@jefferson.kyschools.us



INDIAN HILLS/POLICE ALERTS



The most recent storm took down several large trees in our city and caused some road closures. You were notified of the closures if you subscribe to the Indian Hills Police Alerts. If you would like to receive the alerts, send your name and email address(es) to police@ihpd.org to subscribe. Your email address will be added to the city list also, so you may receive any upcoming city information.

Photos taken by Chief Spratt







THANK YOU!!

This November's election, we will be voting for mayor and councilmembers. There are 10 candidates to fill nine seats for council; some are new names, some are currently on the council; but there are some who are presently on the council, and have decided not to run for re-election.

We would like to express our appreciation to LuAnn George, James Giesel, Gary Ulmer and Mimi Zinniel for their dedication and service to better our community. For a number of years, they have given their time, energy and commitment to our City. Their ideas, discussions, enthusiasm and willingness to serve will truly be missed!

Unscramble the Words Answers on page 4 **OOKWRPEEDC** MWMNIISG OPLO 2. **ROU REMEVNIOTNN** CFRFAIT NEFRETECONM 4. _____ **RWONAIB KFOEISRRW** DISHRGDEN TNEEV DSOIBTGRNEE ADOR DEGRIB **LSEURIQR** 10. KAEL EWIV 11. ON TIERLGNTI 12. KLWA CIGAFN TCFAIRF 13. DESEP MILTI 25 14. NSTSUE 15. HKNICPAIN KOA ERTE 16. LULF ONMO **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!**

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Kay Matton

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Gary Ulmer

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City Controller

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City's Website

www.indianhillsky.org

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS

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Councilwoman Paula McCraney 574-1107

Metro 16th District

LG&E

Councilman Scott Reed 574-1116 Metro Animal Control Services 473-7387 Eco-Tech LLC 935-1130

Health Dept 574-6520 Jeff. Co. Clerk 574-5700 (all branches may be reached at this number)

589-1444 (to report down powerline or streetlight outage) MSD Customer Service 587-0603

or Email MSD:

CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org 574-6230 Planning & Design Services

Correspondence relating to City of Indian Hills should be addressed to:

Mayor Chip Hancock and mailed to the address on top left of this page