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City of Indian Hills Newsletter

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A Message from the Mayor

Summer is here and let's just say this has been a challenging year for everyone so far. COVID-19 has made us all make changes to our usual routines like working from home, online classes, masks, social distancing, it's all getting old, but please be careful. Other states are showing signs of a second wave and we all don't want that to happen in our city or state so continue to practice hand washing, masks, and social distancing. Since March the city has held our regular meetings through Webex which has worked, but it's also a challenge getting used to technology.

The City of Louisville not only had to deal with COVID-19, but also the protests and destruction of property in downtown Louisville. The City of Indian Hills witnessed a protest one Tuesday morning on Blankenbaker Ln., fortunately there was no property damage. I apologize to those residents on Blankenbaker, our police were not able to determine their route, and we had very little time to plan for it. Since that protest, our police are monitoring social media and are getting clues about their routes. On June 20th, a second protest was organized, but with the help of our Councilwomen Paula McCraney and Major Brown with Metro Police, they were able to speak with the protest leaders and send them away from Indian Hills. I want to thank Paula McCraney and Major Brown for their quick and continued response to the city's needs.

We had to cancel this year's Octoberfest due to COVID-19. This was a difficult decision but the City had to place deposits with our vendors that were not refundable, so we made the decision to cancel it this year, but look for it next year on the first Sunday in October.

The City completed paving of the Indian Hills Village section; special thanks to Jim Graven and Flynn Brothers Paving for their good work. MSD is currently working on Indian Hills Trail to add a switch station for two major sewage pipes, the electric switch station must be above the 100 -year flood plain. This will be a 20-foot structure on MSD's easement; we are working with MSD to shield it with landscaping to try and hide it the best we can.

Have a great summer, and please be safe.

Mayor Chip Hancock



WELCOME NEW COUNCILMEMBER—ANN DREISBACH

The City had a vacancy on the Council due to the resignation of Kate Lindsay since she moved out of the City. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor and Council did not have an opportunity to appoint a new councilmember within the required statutory 30 days, resulting in the authority to appoint by the Governor.

The City was very fortunate to have four residents to apply for the vacancy, and their names were submitted to the Governor. On June 15th, Governor Beshear appointed Ann Dreisbach by Executive Order.

The Mayor, Councilmembers and City staff would like to congratulate and welcome Ms. Dreisbach to the Council!! If you see her, please express your appreciation for her service as a new councilmember!

Also, a special thank you to the other three applicants for expressing an interest in serving our City!

CITY TAX RATE & BUDGET

At our June Council Meeting via Webex, the Council voted for **NO** increase in the tax rate on property taxes for FYE 06/2021. The tax rate will remain at 20¢ per \$100 of assessed value; with a 20% discount offered if paid by December 31st as provided in Ordinance No. 2, Series 2020.

The Council has also passed an annual budget for FYE 06/2021 as provided in Ordinance No. 3, Series 2020.

CITY GARBAGE COLLECTION CONTRACT

The city's garbage collection contract expired on June 30, 2020, and following an advertisement for bids, the city held a public bid opening on June 17, 2020. At the June Council meeting, the Council awarded the 4-year contract to Eco-Tech commencing on July 1, 2020. The trash, recycling and yard waste will continue to be picked up on Wednesdays. As it has been in the past, if a resident is interested in yard waste pickup, you must call Eco-tech (502.935.1130) to subscribe for it and you will be individually billed by them.

YARD TALK FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

On Sunday, June 14, 2020, Judy and Steven Lippmann who live on Merrick Rd. invited neighbors to social distance in their front yard and to talk about how we can build on racial equality and justice. They had about 20 people who shared some good dialogue, and it was agreed upon to meet again and continue to explore ideas on the problems our country is currently facing. If you would like to get involved, please email the Lippmanns at Lippmannjudy@gmail.com.



COP'S CORNER

By Chief Kelly W. Spratt



COUNTY-WIDE PROTESTS

As everyone is aware, several different groups of protesters have been operating in Jefferson County over the last month. Most of the demonstrations have been downtown, but Indian Hills has had two separate caravans pass through our area. While the events have been disruptive and caused potentially dangerous traffic situations, no property damage, injuries, or other criminal acts occurred.

The Indian Hills Police Department will continue to monitor local activity and respond to any incident appropriately.

FIREWORKS

As the country celebrates Independence Day, 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.

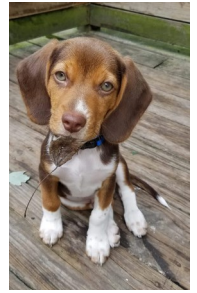
***Follow the Indian Hills Police Department
On Facebook and Twitter
@ihpdky***

Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	2019 Total
Calls for Service	82	87	91	73	99								432	480	1212
Business/House Watch Requests	91	78	49	26	37								281	N/A	N/A
Business/House Checks	6317	5678	3972	3084	2873								21924	14342	37652
Crime Reports	1	5	4	5	2								17	16	47
Collision Reports	4	2	1	2	2								11	18	50
Arrests/Criminal Citations	2	1	2	1	0								6	12	26
Traffic Citations	35	36	29	5	23								99	56	276
Traffic Stops	64	60	51	10	36								221	217	632

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

PET OWNERS

The city has had complaints from residents about people picking up their dog's waste and then throwing the bag in someone's yard. If you're going to the trouble of picking up your pet's waste, please carry it home and put it in your trash properly.



Also, failure to not pick up your dog's waste and simply being on public or private property with an animal without "some device for the removal and containment of the animal's excrement" is a violation of Indian Hills Ordinance 6.04.07 - a misdemeanor carrying a fine of \$25 per offense and Metro Ordinance 91.010—a class B misdemeanor carrying a fine of between \$5 and \$100.... It also presents a health hazard, is an affront to your neighbors, and detracts from our efforts to maintain the City for the benefit of all.



Any animal must be on a leash and not be permitted to run at large when not in an enclosed backyard. (City Code §6.04.020 A.)

PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors. Scoop up your dog's waste and dispose of it properly. Do not let your pet run loose; it needs to be on a leash at all times if not in an enclosed backyard.

REMINDER: License tags and rabies vaccination tags shall be required for each dog or cat four months of age or older in Jefferson County.

COMMERCIAL LAWN MOWING

The city has had some complaints from residents about commercial lawn mowing in the evening hours while people are trying to enjoy their family dinners on the deck or patio. City ordinance (8.24.010-8.24.040) states no commercial mowing company can start before 8:00 AM, and no later than 6:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, or any hour on Sunday. The penalty is \$100 per lawn, so please make sure your lawn care company is working within these hours. This only applies to commercial lawn mowing companies, but if you are a resident who cuts your own grass, please try to cut within these hours. It's nice to unwind on your deck or patio without hearing the lawn mower and leaf blower.

TRASH/RECYCLING/YARD WASTE RECEPTACLES

***Please be considerate of your neighbors and mindful of the City's appearance by not putting out garbage, recycling and yard waste containers until Tuesday night and retrieving them by day's end on Wednesday.



***If you are a new resident and need further information, or if anyone has questions, you may contact Eco-Tech directly at 935-1130; or visit the City's website (www.indianhillssky.org), or contact Jim Graven at 552-4250.

***If for any reason trash pickup is delayed, Eco-Tech will notify the City and the City will post the information on the City's website. (www.indianhillssky.org)

OUR ENVIRONMENT



THE INVASION OF THE E.A.B.

Do you have an ash tree in your yard? It is quite likely you do; it is estimated that 15-20% of all trees in Louisville Metro area are ash. They have been a popular choice for home landscaping for years.

But not anymore ...not since the advent of the Emerald Ash Borer ("EAB"), an invasive, destructive beetle from Asia. EAB appeared in Kentucky in 2009 and is now seen in almost all the state.

EABs are ruthlessly efficient in their infestation; mortality of infested ashes is close to 100%. Individual ash trees in your yard can be treated, often with good results, but there is no guarantee.

If you have one or more ash trees in your yard, you are strongly advised to call a certified arborist to assess the possibilities of possibly saving your precious trees.

DEER

The city has received a few complaints about deer eating their plantings. You may want to consider planting deer-resistant plants such as: sweet William (Dianthus), Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa), Digitalis Foxglove, Lavender, and/or Echinacea (Coneflower); but please keep in mind, hungry deer will eat anything so let's just think of the above plantings as not being the deer's first picks if given a choice. As a reminder, birdfeeders are a main attractant to deer. For more information, visit the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife at: www.fw.ky.gov

BRANCH OWL RESCUED

One afternoon in May, someone called the Indian Hills Police office reporting an owl in the middle of Indian Hills Trail. Chief Spratt and Jim Graven drove to the Trail and Mr. Graven found an owl on some bushes. After realizing the owl couldn't fly, they took it to Raptor Rehab of Kentucky (a non-profit organization that rescues sick or injured birds of prey). They called it a branch owl because of its age (less than six months old).

It may take 60 days for the owl to mend but once rehabilitated, someone from Raptor Rehab will take the owl to the exact spot on Indian Hills Trail where it was rescued and release it so it may find its mother.

Chief Spratt and Mr. Graven express their thanks to the unnamed residents who assisted with the rescue of this beautiful owl.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating to Raptor Rehab of Kentucky, please visit their website at: www.raptorrehab.org



REMINDERS



FROM THE DESK OF JIM GRAVEN:

- **No** cooking grills on front porch or front yards
- **No** basketball goals at or on street
- **No** parking on dirt or grass-hard/durable surfaces only
- **No** inoperable or unlicensed motor vehicles on property (store in garage)
- **No** rubbish, trash or yard trimmings allowed to be stored on property
- **No** more than 4 cars stored outside of garage
- **No** boats, ski jets, campers or utility trailers in view from street
- **No** deteriorating, rusted or falling gutters

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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 Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Graven at 893-1375, ext. 103 or 552-4250.

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS TAX

According to a Kentucky League of Cities article dated February 20, 2019, "The collection and administration of the local insurance premium tax was significantly amended in the 2008 General Assembly. The law requires insurance companies subject to the tax to accurately locate risks to the appropriate taxing jurisdiction....". If your policy does not have Indian Hills as the taxing jurisdiction (see below Policy Declaration), please contact your insurance agent to let him/her know your premiums tax should be going to your City.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Louisville Boat Club located at 4200 River Road. The next quarter's meetings are:

Jul 16 Aug 20 Sep 17

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



INDIAN HILLS TREE CANOPY PLANTING PROGRAM APPLICATION 2020



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. As in prior years, we expect the total cost 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).**
- We only have 20 trees to offer this year and they 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. If you received a matching cost tree under last year's program, you are not eligible to enter for 2020. If you were not selected last year, submit a new application. *Elected officials & Committee members are not eligible.*
- The tree must be planted in the front yard to optimize canopy shade tree benefits.
- Species for this program are limited to the four (4) designated by the arborist. **The choices are: Red Maple, Tulip Poplar, Swamp White Oak or American Beech.**

Send completed form to Vance vonBorries, 64 Indian Hills Trail, 40207, by September 30, 2020 to be entered in the drawing. If your name is drawn, *you will be contacted by Robert Woodford* with further instructions about the arborist site visit and payment will be required at that time.

Any questions, contact VANCE VONBORRIES at vonborriesw@bellsouth.net

2020 Application

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone (home) : _____ (work): _____ (cell) _____

Your signature acknowledges that canopy trees are valuable assets that require your stewardship.

DEADLINE: No later than close of business September 30, 2020. Don't miss out!

Signature _____ Date _____

Date received: _____ (to be completed by IHTC)

The Indian Hills Tree Committee thanks you for participating. All applications received will be entered in the draw selection and you don't have to be present to win. Good luck!

Vance vonBorries
IHTC Chairperson

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Dispatch 893-2677

City's Website

www.indianhillssky.org

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS

Metro 7th District
Councilwoman Paula McCraney 574-1107
Metro 16th District
Councilman Scott Reed 574-1116
Animal Control Services 361-1318
Dog or Cat Complaints 363-6609
Eco-Tech LLC 935-1130
Health Dept 574-6520
Jeff. Co. Clerk 574-5700
(all branches may be reached at this number)
LG&E 589-1444
(to report down powerline or streetlight outage)
MSD Customer Service 587-0603
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CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org
Planning & Design Services 574-6230

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