

# City of Indian Hills Newsletter

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## A Message from the Mayor

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family health, and safe this fall; to say the least this has been a very challenging year for all of us. COVID-19 has changed our normal lifestyle in almost every way we live. We've had to learn how to work from home, school our children, and even change the way we do the simple things, like going to the grocery store; but with challenges comes opportunities. This past summer and early fall the weather has been beautiful, and it has given us a chance to get outdoors and enjoy a walk with your dog, or a bike ride thru the neighborhood. It has given us all a chance to step back and enjoy more time with family and neighbors; of course, socially distanced apart. On the first Sunday in October we usually get together and enjoy Octoberfest in Sycamore park, unfortunately we had to cancel this year's Octoberfest due to COVID, but I promise that if we can get back to normal next year we'll bring it back even better.

Your Indian Hills tax bills will be arriving soon, and I'm pleased to say we have continued the 20% discount if paid prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, so please take advantage of this discount. The City has completed some road paving and patching of several streets. LG&E has completed their tree and brush removal within their easements, so we are working with them to try and make these areas look better next spring. The City has signed a new contract with Steepleton for snow removal this year, so we are ready for whatever comes our way. Have a great Fall, and please be safe with your families.

**Mayor Chip Hancock**



## 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 current quarter's meetings are:

Oct 15

Nov 19

Dec 17

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



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## **ELECTION 2020**

This year due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, we have seen some changes/adjustments made to many facets of our lives and that holds true for this year's election process. The polls have opened three weeks before Election Day to allow for social distancing in order to keep poll workers and voters safe from the virus and more people are mailing in their ballots.

You will be voting for a President, US Senator and US Representative, a State Senator and State Representative and for our City you will be voting for council members. This year there are 11 candidates running for nine seats. There are a few new candidates, a few running for re-election but sadly, this year, Frank Doheny has decided to not run for re-election.

Frank has served on the Council for several years and his service to our City and residents have been very much appreciated and will be greatly missed! Frank, on behalf of our residents, the City Staff and City Officials, we THANK YOU!!

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## **CITY PROPERTY TAX BILLS**

The City of Indian Hills 2020 Property Tax Bills will be mailed to taxpayers no later than October 31st to the addresses provided by the Jefferson County PVA tax roll records. **IF you do not receive your tax bill by November 11th**, please contact our City Clerk, Donna, via email at [clerk@indianhillssky.org](mailto:clerk@indianhillssky.org) or call 502.893.1375, ext 101. During the pandemic, our city clerk has been doing most work from home so please leave a message and your telephone number and your call will be returned.

Please remember it is the taxpayer's responsibility to forward their tax bill to the mortgage/escrow company if your taxes are paid by them. We would like all our resident to take advantage of the 20% discount by paying your taxes by December 31, 2020. The face amount is due during the month of January 2021. Any taxes not paid by January 31, 2021, penalty and interest will be added, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Thanking you in advance who pay in a timely manner.

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## **CITY ANNUAL AUDIT**

Our City Controller, Patty Deye, has been quite busy the past couple of months working (remotely) with Auditors from Dean Dorton and assisting them with the preparation of the City's annual Audit Report.

We are happy to inform you, once again, the City has received a clean unmodified opinion; it was a clean audit, no issues, no deficiencies. A special THANK YOU to our Mayor and City Council for overseeing the City's finances and to Patty for doing a great job!!

You may go to the City's website ([www.indianhillssky.org](http://www.indianhillssky.org)) to view the entire Audit Report.



## COP'S CORNER

By Chief Kelly W. Spratt



## THANK YOU!

While 2020 has been a year full of new routines and practices - and unrest - the residents of Indian Hills and Rolling Fields have continued to show their support for the officers of the Indian Hills Police Department. We have received several letters, calls, and gifts in appreciation of the work performed by our members. I am proud of the professionalism and dedication of each of our officers, and also proud of the community that we serve.

## SCAM AWARENESS

### OFFICE OF SENIOR PROTECTION

The Office of Senior Protection (OSP) is responsible for administering and offering services and training, as well as collaborating with stakeholders to protect Kentuckians from fraud, scams, and financial exploitation.

#### Resources Provided by OSP:

- Mediation/Consumer Complaint Assistance
- Consumer Information
- Scam Reports and Fraud Assistance
- Outreach Programs

#### Special Events and Programs:

- Elder Abuse Awareness events
- Elder Abuse Task Force
- Senior Summit

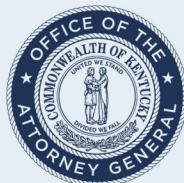
### HOW TO REPORT SCAMS

Report scams to [ag.ky.gov/scams](https://ag.ky.gov/scams) or call the Consumer Protection Hotline at **1-888-432-9257** (option 3) to leave a message for our Office of Senior Protection staff. If you have lost money to a scam, please contact us as quickly as possible. Depending on the type of scam you encountered, we may be able to assist you in protecting yourself from further financial harm. We will also provide information regarding any additional agencies that should be notified.

All scams perpetrated through the internet should also be reported to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint database at [ic3.gov](https://ic3.gov).

### TOP TIPS ON SCAMS

- 1. Hang up.** If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up.
- 2. Do not pay in advance.** Do not wire money or send reloadable credit/gift cards or pay by iTunes cards to people that you don't know. Legitimate businesses and government agencies will never ask you to use these payment methods. Gift cards are for gifts!
- 3. Slow down.** Con artists prey on fear and want to scare you into taking action very quickly. Before you issue a payment or provide your personal information, verify the business.
- 4. Beware of threats of arrest.** Beware of callers claiming to be from the IRS, Social Security Administration, FBI, Sheriff, or other law enforcement. Call your local law enforcement to confirm if the call is a scam.
- 5. Beware of charity calls.** Verify that a charity is legitimate by visiting [www.charitynavigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org).



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### COMMON SCAMS

- 1. Grandparent Scam** - A caller claims to be a grandchild in trouble and asks that money be sent immediately. The caller asks that the grandparent purchase gift cards and not tell anyone about the call.
- 2. Impersonator Scams** - A caller claims to be from the IRS or Social Security Administration. They will claim you owe back taxes or will lose your social security if you don't call them back and pay money. The IRS and Social Security will NEVER call you and demand payment.
- 3. Romance Scams** - You make a new friend on a dating site or on social media sites. Over many weeks, or even months, you develop trust with this person online. Eventually they ask for money for an emergency, often asking you to send cash, MoneyGrams, gift cards, or wire transfers.
- 4. Computer Scam** - You receive a pop-up on your computer claiming that spyware has been detected on your computer, and you must call Microsoft for a technician to repair. When you contact the toll-free number that appears on your screen, a scammer will get access to your computer and steal your personal information.
- 5. Lottery & Sweepstakes Scams** - A caller claims you've won the lottery or Publisher's Clearing House prize and that you need to send payment for the taxes and fees in order to collect your winnings. Legitimate sweepstakes are free. You will NEVER have to pay in advance to claim a prize.

## KENTUCKY PUBLIC HEALTH HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES during the COVID 19 VIRUS



The following information was taken from the Governor's website. Please visit <http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov> for up to date guidance, incidence rate maps and other information.

CDC guidance for Halloween, can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>.

### **Recommended Activities:** Trick-or-Treat the Safe Way

- o Place individually wrapped candy outside on the porch, driveway, or table.
- o Maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet from anyone not within your household.
- o Always wear a face covering. Halloween masks DO NOT count as a face covering.
- o Clean hands before and after touching the wrapped candy.
- o Trick-or-treat in family groups and don't congregate in large groups.
- o Trick-or-treat in your own neighborhood and do not travel to other neighborhoods.
- ☐ Use hand sanitizer often, especially after contacting frequently touched surfaces and before eating anything.

### **Additional lower-risk activities:** These lower-risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- ☐ Carve or decorate pumpkins with members of your household and display them.
- ☐ Decorate your house, apartment, or living space.
- ☐ Have a virtual Halloween costume contest.
- ☐ Have a scavenger hunt for Halloween treats with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house.
- ☐ Hold drive-by costume or car decorating contests with judges who are social distancing.

### **Avoid Higher-risk activities:** Avoid these higher-risk activities to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- ☐ Traditional trick-or-treat where treats are handed to children that go door-to-door.
- ☐ Trunk-or-treat events where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.
- ☐ Costume parties.
- ☐ Haunted houses where people may be crowded together and screaming.
- ☐ Hayrides or tractor rides.
- ☐ Any event with large crowds.

### **Parents and Guardians**

- ☐ Wipe candy wrappers with sanitizing wipes. (NOTE: Never wipe unwrapped food with wipes.)
- ☐ Allow children to eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid homemade treats from individuals you do not know.
- ☐ If your child is at greater risk of complications from COVID-19, use extra caution and avoid moderate and high-risk activities.
- ☐ Stay home if you are sick.
- ☐ Consider people in your household who may be at risk for greater complications if COVID-19 is brought into the home, such as those with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, or older family members before participating in any holiday activity.

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For more information, please go to <http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov>

Be creative & may you all have fun while doing your part in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

**May you all stay safe and healthy!!**



## **A WALK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

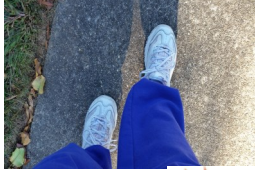
The beauty of Indian Hills encourages the residents to walk its winding roads for exercise, friendship and simply to enjoy the beauty of the neighborhood. As we walk the winding picturesque roads we will pass by beautiful vistas of grass, stately trees, luxurious lawns, and colorful flower beds.

Songs of the various bird population will be heard and sometimes the horn of a tugboat on the Ohio River can be heard as we continue our walk. It is not unusual to see deer grazing or small animals scampering about.

Mayor Chip Hancock and the Indian Hills Council want you to WALK SAFE by following these safety guidelines as you enjoy your neighborhood walk.



1. WALK FACING traffic
2. WALK your pet on your left with a short leash
3. WALK single file on roadway
4. BE VISIBLE wear light color reflective clothing
5. BE ALERT to your surroundings.



### **OUR ENVIRONMENT**

#### **Don't Rake ... Mulch!**

Every fall, many of us face the daunting task of managing our leaves. We ask the perennial questions: Should I rake and bag? Should I mulch? Can I get away with doing nothing?

Simply, mulching is far better than raking/bagging, and far, FAR better than ignoring the task completely. Why? Because done correctly, mulching will nourish your lawn without the added costs of having to use fertilizer. And not only does mulching provide your lawn with fantastic nutrition, but it is a much faster (and cheaper) alternative than bagging.

The key to mulching is a good lawn mower. Ensuring that your blades are sharp will help your mower cut each blade of grass into finer, lightweight mulch. Allowing each blade to blend in and mix with your lawn is an important part of what makes mulching work.

Bottom line: ditch the bag and switch to mulching. Easier on your back and pocketbook, and much better nutrition for your lawn. You'll be amazed at how much better your lawn will look next spring!

#### **Drought!**

Please don't forget to water your trees while we are in a drought!!

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#### ANSWERS TO UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS on page #7

1. HALLOWEEN 2. SPOOKY 3. PUMPKIN 4. MULCH LEAVES 5. MASK UP 6. SCARECROW 7. BLACK CAT 8. GHOST  
9. HAND SANITIZER 10. HAYRIDE 11. WALK FACING TRAFFIC 12. SOCIAL DISTANCE 13. VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

## **REMINDERS**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends** at 2:00 a.m., November 1, 2020 so before you go to bed Saturday night, don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.



**Also** it would be a great time to **change batteries in your smoke alarms** and carbon monoxide detectors; check them monthly. According to the National Safety Council, smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors replaced every five years. For more safety tips, visit National Safety Council's website at [nsc.org](http://nsc.org).

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**PET OWNERS** 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.

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### **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.

New residents with questions may contact Eco-Tech directly at 935-1130; or visit the City's website ([www.indianhillssky.org](http://www.indianhillssky.org)) or email your questions to [clerk@indianhillssky.org](mailto:clerk@indianhillssky.org)

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- **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



### **PERMITS PERMITS PERMITS PERMITS PERMITS PERMITS**

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.

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**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON OR BY NOVEMBER 3, 2020!!!!**



## PETE'S PERSPECTIVE

Hey there, I'm Pete and I live in Indian Hills.

It's a great day for a run! With my "human" by my side I am ready for sensory overload with all the sights and smells. I can tell it's time because my human is lacing up her shoes, grabbing my leash and those "poop" bags. **Tip: Please keep your dog on a leash during your walk and don't forget your "poop" bags to clean up after him.**

I will share my experiences from 2 feet off the ground – sometimes the very sights and sounds you miss. And let me clarify that while my eyes may be very expressive, my shared experiences will be through my cold, wet nose. It takes in a lot of information that I need to process, prioritize and share with you!

While my human is into this "cardio" stuff, I need to stop and smell the roses so I can share the REAL story. My travels will include many stops along the way, great humans and dogs I meet and yes, even some other critters – squirrels, raccoons etc.



### **Pete's stops along the way:**

First, let's start with this stereotypical dog thing – fire hydrants. I can spot 'em (or smell them) from a quarter mile away with their multiple dog scents. You humans may not know this, but fire hydrants were designed by dogs in conjunction with the Fire Department, to provide the optimum location for Canine Bladder Relief (CBR). They are just the right height and I'm always excited to leave my mark to show this hydrant is MINE (until the next darn dog shows up!). **Tip: make sure the hydrants are visible for the Fire Department and dogs.**

Now I need to share information about my job as "Surveyor". I am highly trained and my role takes on critical importance beginning around October when I survey the streets and yards. There are enough leaves remaining for me to check the well-being of trees and well, provide a little extra watering. There are SO MANY TREES! Sometimes I notice a lot of fallen limbs, and my human and I have to dodge them during our run. **Tip: Don't forget to prune your trees and remove fallen limbs!**

While we are on the topic of leaves, I have important information. **Tip: Leave your fallen leaves on the ground and run your mulching mower over them. They will break down and perform miracles on your lawn over the winter.** The spring grass will grow thicker and more beautiful and I love, love, love



### Unscramble the Words & Phrases

(Hint: some are mentioned in this newsletter)

(Answers on page 5)



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## **City's Website**

[www.indianhillssky.org](http://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

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