

City of Indian Hills Newsletter

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A Message from the Mayor

I hope this newsletter finds your family safe and healthy during these COVID days. Our lifestyles have changed dramatically this past year; many of us are working from home, children are virtually learning from home, and we've all had to up our game with technology and seem to be Zooming through life. Our Police officers are working from the office however, our City Clerk is primarily working from home but does go to the office in the afternoons a couple of times a week, so please be patient with us until we can get back to normal.

Since many of us are working from home, there are more people walking and riding our bikes, so please observe the speed limits and watch for pedestrians in our City.

We had our first measurable snowfall this January and I'd like to thank Jim Graven and the Steepleton crew for their great work in keeping our roads open. They plow and salt the hills in our City first before they get to the rest of our streets.

Last October, we cancelled the Octoberfest due to COVID. This year we are planning on having Octoberfest, but it will be more of a picnic style with food and drinks rather than games and rides. We must place sizable deposits with our vendors to hold the dates for Octoberfest, so rather than losing our deposits, we made the prudent decision to scale it back. We hope that by October we might be able to get back to normal, or at least close to it.

Our City has expanded, last year we added the residents of Grove Hill Place, and on February 11th the Metro Council approved us adding eight homes on Phoenix Hill Ct. We are not looking to expand the City, but these two streets are contiguous to the City, so it made perfect sense to add them. If you know anyone who lives on these streets, please welcome them to our City.

Have a safe and healthy winter, and please look out for your neighbors, especially our seniors who might need help this winter.

Mayor Chip Hancock



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OUR ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS.....

CONGRATULATIONS to the candidates who were elected to serve as our councilmembers in the November Election: Ann Dreisbach, Laura Dunbar, Lee Garlove, LuAnn George, James Giesel, John Harralson, III, Kay Matton, Gary Ulmer and Mimi Zinniel. Their phone numbers are provided on the last page of this newsletter and on our website (www.indianhillssky.org) Please thank them for their time and service to our wonderful City the next time you see them.

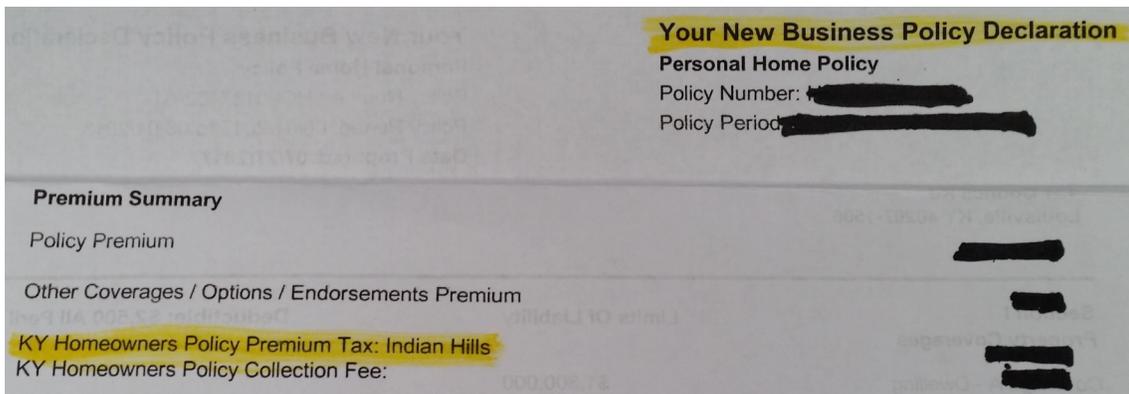
INDIAN HILLS PROPERTY TAX BILLS

In October each year, we mail your property tax bills to the address that is on record with the Jefferson County PVA. We always add a colorful insert that instructs you to give the bill to your mortgage company if you escrow for your taxes; it is not the City’s responsibility, so next year please make sure you forward your tax bill to your mortgage company if necessary. You also may want to check with your mortgage company to make sure you are getting the benefit of the discount by paying prior to December 31st, and not mailing the payment on the 31st. This year we had serious delays with the mail and found that some payments were mailed several weeks before we got them, so if you want the discount, don’t wait until the last minute to mail them. If you are close to the 31st deadline, you can always drop your tax bill off in the office mailbox.

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS TAX

The following has been published in a couple of previous issues of our newsletters; but we feel it is important to keep doing so as a reminder to our residents.

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.





COP'S CORNER
By Chief Kelly W. Spratt



SCOOTER SAFETY

You may have noticed an increase in children riding electric scooters in the neighborhood. With this rise in popularity, it is important for users, and motorists, to know some important facts and tips to keep everyone safe.

- Electric scooters that travel less than 20 miles per hour are treated as bicycles, with regards to traffic laws.
- Riders should operate the scooters in the same manner as bicycles– riding with the flow of traffic, staying as close as safely possible to the right side of the roadway.
- Riders are to adhere to all traffic signs (stop, yield, etc.).
- Riders should wear a helmet.
- Riders should not operate the scooter in the dark unless wearing reflective gear and safety lighting attached to the scooter.
- Riders should refrain from wearing ear buds or headphones that may hinder their awareness of vehicles and others nearby.

2020 YEAR END STATS

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	117	115	87	73	69	82	69	1044	1212	1212
Business/ House Watch Requests	91	78	49	26	37	46	55	35	35	40	39	39	570	N/A	N/A
Business/ House Checks	6317	5678	3972	3084	2873	2885	4006	2815	2637	2950	2822	2803	42842	37652	37652
Crime Reports	1	5	4	5	2	3	5	5	7	7	2	3	49	47	47
Collision Reports	4	2	1	2	2	5	4	1	2	2	3	2	30	50	50
Arrests/ Criminal Citations	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	3	4	2	1	0	17	26	26
Traffic Citations	35	36	29	5	23	29	21	3	3	1	3	3	191	276	276
Traffic Stops	64	60	51	10	36	52	37	12	8	9	8	9	356	632	632

FREQUENT RESIDENT REQUESTS TO THE MAYOR

As the Mayor of the City, I frequently get calls or emails from residents with City-related issues that they want to see corrected. Below are several for you to read, so ask yourself, am I part of the problem, or the solution?

Place your garbage cans and recycling out Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning of the pickup, and make sure you remove the cans from the street the day of the pickup.

Please keep your garbage cans and recycling out of view from the street, and definitely not on your front porch.



Keep your dogs on a leash! The City has a leash law, and we expect everyone to follow the law.

Please pick up your dogs' waste when walking them, and don't throw the bag in someone's yard. Take it home and place it in your trash can.

Don't park your cars on the street for extended periods of time. We understand you may have guests for an evening, but don't make the street an extension of your driveway.

Please walk on the left side of the street facing traffic, not in the middle of the road and if on your bike, ride with the flow of traffic. This is for your own safety.

Obey the City speed limit of 25 MPH. We frequently get calls about speeding and concerns for children's safety.

Lawn mowing and leaf removal should be done after 9:00 AM, and end at 6:00 PM M-F. Your neighbors don't want to hear the lawn mower or leaf blower while they sit on their patio or deck.

No commercial lawn care on Sundays.

Lock your cars at night, make sure anything of value is either removed from the car or locked in the trunk.

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER AND BE GOOD NEIGHBORS!!!

REMINDERS FROM THE DESK OF JIM GRAVEN:

- **No** parking on dirt or grass - park on hard/durable surfaces only
- **No** inoperable or unlicensed motor vehicles on property (store in garage)
- **No** more than 4 cars stored outside of garage
- **No** basketball goals at or on street
- **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** deteriorating, rusted or falling gutters
- **No** cooking grills on front porch or front yards
- **No** indoor furniture at front of home



OUR ENVIRONMENT



LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR PUBLIC PROPERTIES

We are thrilled to announce a new project the City is undertaking! At its last meeting, a majority of your Council approved the development of a long-range landscape design manual – a document on managing the various types of city-owned properties: parks, intersections, traffic islands, streets, and woodlands. This document will be developed by Booker Design Collaborative – with input from residents -- over the next several months; the outcome will be a series of recommendations for the right plants for the right spots throughout the City, and maintenance of these areas over the long-term.

We hope you will be engaged! Residents will have plenty of opportunity to offer suggestions and opinions as the document is developed. Watch the Indian Hills website (<http://www.indianhillsky.org>) for notices of public meetings. Your involvement will help develop great public landscapes that will be appreciated for years to come.

PRUNE THOSE TREES!

Regardless of time of year, your trees may need pruning. According to Davey Tree company, sometime between fall and early spring is a good time to talk to your local arborist about pruning before spring blooms emerge.

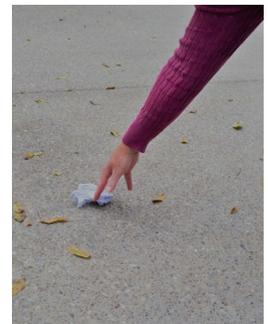
In addition, NOW is ALWAYS the time to prune something that might be dangerous if left as is.

Indian Hills' Tree Safety program identified certain trees along the roadways that definitely need attention to prevent potentially serious damage to cars and people.

If your property was one of those ID'd, you will be receiving a letter from our City Clerk that describes the tree in question and recommends the action to be taken. We ask that you call your favorite arborist to assess the problem and take care of resolving it asap.

BE A LITTER GETTER!!

We need your help! If you see litter on any of our City streets during one of your walks, **PLEASE** pick it up and dispose of it. Let us make our City a LITTER FREE ZONE and keep it BEAUTIFUL by all of us pitching in and working together.



BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR.....

RIVER HILL CIRCLE In the history of River Hill Circle, it was divided into wedge shaped pieces of property belonging to the owners on its perimeter. Its grassy areas are the front yards of those residents, an extension of the property on which their houses sit. Some may assume this is park area. It is not. The owners of this private property pay for its maintenance and taxes as we all do on our Indian Hills properties. Please treat the circle as you would anyone's front yard.

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.

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.



TRASH COLLECTION

(Go to City's website: www.indianhillssky.org)

- Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste are collected on Wednesdays.
- Recycling (in plastic collection bin) is picked up at curbside.
- Yard Waste is an individually subscribed service.

***New residents with questions may contact Eco-Tech directly at 935.1130; or contact Jim Graven at 502.552.4250; or visit the City's website (www.indianhillssky.org) or email your questions to clerk@indianhillssky.org

Ecotech observes six holidays a year for residential customers:

New Years Day
Labor Day

Memorial Day
Thanksgiving Day

Independence Day
Christmas Day

If the collection day falls on or after an observed holiday during that business week, i.e., Monday through Friday, that week's collection day will be postponed by one day. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it does not affect the collection schedule.

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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 Jim Graven at 552-4250.

NEIGHBORHOOD WALK..... SAFE

As we are spending more time at home due to COVID-19, we find ourselves taking more walks around our beautiful City. While walking is good for your health, mentally and physically, please adhere to the safety guidelines to prevent a walk from becoming an unwanted event.

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.
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BIKE SAFETY

With warmer weather right around the corner (we hope) comes fun bike rides. For their safety, please be sure to have your children wear bike helmets; to ride with the flow of traffic; and to obey Stop & Yield signs.

THANK YOU, FRANK.....

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Frank Doheny did not run for re-election and he will be greatly missed on the Council. To honor his years of service to the City, the Mayor and Council has had a Burr Oak tree planted in Sagamore Park marked with a plaque pictured below. The next time you see Frank, please thank him for his time, service and dedication to our 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 dates of upcoming meetings are:

Feb 18 Mar 18 Apr 15 May 20 Jun 17

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. NOTE: In these uncertain times during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City may have virtual meetings. The information will be on our website.



MAY ALL OF YOU STAY SAFE, HEALTHY AND PLEASE CONTINUE TO MASK UP!!

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City's Website

www.indianhillssky.org

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS

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Animal Control Services 361-1318

Dog or Cat Complaints 363-6609

Eco-Tech LLC 935-1130

Health Dept 574-6520

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(all branches may be reached at this number)

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