



City of Indian Hills Supplement Newsletter

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At the July Council Meeting, the Council had requested to include a few new matters and reiterate a couple of items that were in the most recent newsletter in the next issue. But Mayor Hancock wanted to get the information to you sooner instead of waiting until the Fall Edition. This Supplement Summer Newsletter will be posted on the City's website (www.indianhillsky.org) and emailed to those who have subscribed to receive City information, so if you know of any of your neighbors who have not yet subscribed to receiving City & Police emails, please encourage them to do so by emailing their request to: clerk@indianhillsky.org. The Supplement will not be mailed.

Only when there is a need to get additional information to our residents once a newsletter has been printed/mailed, will a Supplement Newsletter be posted on our website and emailed during the first week of the next month following a Council Meeting.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW!!

FALLEN TREES—If a homeowner's tree falls onto the street due to a storm/damaging winds, the City will have the tree removed/cut so not to be blocking the street and it will be placed in the resident's yard. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay the cost of having the fallen tree removed within a reasonable time.

NO LITTERING ALLOWED-NO dumping grass clippings in creeks or hillsides; NO dumping construction debris-concrete, NO dumping trash, NO DUMPING!!! Why would you want to pollute/do harm to your beautiful city?

DANERGOUS/DEAD TREES/LIMBS-Condition declared a nuisance! Any dead/dangerous limb overhanging the street, or any tree, or other object standing in such a condition that it will, if the condition is allowed to continue, cause injury to persons or damage to property, the homeowner is responsible to have the dangerous limb or tree removed before it may cause a hazard.

PERMITS— Please call Jim Graven at **502.552.4250** or send an email to clerk@indianhillsky.org if you plan to do any remodeling, resurfacing of driveways, etc.. A permit will be required and depending on the project, a building deposit may be required.

COYOTES—Please see the next page for Coyote Safety Tips.

LOCK YOUR VEHICLES—Do not leave firearms, valuables, keys, etc. in your vehicles. Please let's not make it easy for the bad guys! If you see a suspicious person, please contact **893-COPS (2677)**. Let's watch out for each other!

SPEEDING & RUNNING STOP SIGNS are against the law—You & your neighbors can help keep our roads be safe. Please set a good example for our young adults and adhere to speed limits and all traffic signs/signals.



We hope you, your family and neighbors continue having a safe, healthy and fun Summer!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN KEEPING OUR CITY THE BEST
THERE IS IN KENTUCKY!!!!**

**25
SPEED
LIMIT**

COYOTE SAFETY TIPS

There have been a few reports of coyote sightings in our City, one being around Phoenix Hill Dr. The following information was gathered from several resources, including Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Dept, The Urban Cowboy Initiative and The Humane Society of the United States:



A FEW TIPS FOR KEEPING COYOTES FROM YOUR YARD:

1. The number one rule for dealing with coyotes is not to feed them or provide them with a food source. Discourage your neighbors from feeding coyotes or leaving food out for feral cats or other wildlife. Do not keep pet food outside; feed pets indoors if you can or only place enough food for one sitting outdoors.
 2. Keep dogs indoors at night; do not let your dog outside alone during the day; keep cats indoors.
 3. Avoid having any attractants in your yard, which means:
 - a. Cleaning the BBQ grill;
 - b. Securing lids on trash cans
 - c. Remove birdfeeders at night. They attract squirrels, mice, and other small mammals which attract Coyotes. Don't hang birdfeeders when coyotes are in the area.
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TRYING TO AVOID AN ENCOUNTER WHILE WALKING WITH YOUR PET:

1. Take a solid walking stick, a whistle and/or carry pepper spray.
 2. Keep your dog on a 6-foot leash so not to be so long to easily control your dog should you need to. Keep on a leash at all times.
 3. Avoid walking in an area where coyote sightings have been reported, especially during breeding and pupping season (Feb-Jul).
 4. Coyotes are creatures of habit so change your routine if you see a coyote at the same time and place while walking your pet.
 5. Try to go walking with a friend or two. Coyotes are less likely to go near a group of people than just a single person.
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WHAT TO DO IF YOU AND YOUR CHILD OR DOG ENCOUNTER A COYOTE:

Outside of pupping season, between August and January:

1. Shield any children with your body.
 2. Pick up & carry small dog not allowing it to run to/from coyote.
 3. To haze is to scare the animal away from you. Haze coyote until it leaves the area:
 - a. Make yourself as big and aggressive as possible; wave your arms above your head; clap your hands; and/or stomping your feet while approaching the coyote.
 - b. Shout loud in an authoritative tone; stand your ground; make/maintain eye contact.
 - c. Do not turn your back on the coyote and do not run; this indicates submission and fear.
 - d. Throw small rocks, stones or sticks. Avoid aiming to strike the coyote's head, as this may intensify aggression. Also, the intent is to scare and not to injure.
 4. Keep the coyote's attention on you as the source of danger; keep scaring the coyote until it's out of sight.
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COYOTE IN YOUR YARD

The methods previously mentioned can be used in your yard. In hazing the coyote, use tools that appeal to multiple senses, such as:

- a. Air horn or a whistle; flashing a flashlight; use motion sensor-lights
- b. Spray a hose
- c. Bang pots and pans together

Show pictures of a coyote to kids & instruct them not to ever approach a coyote or run from one. Demonstrate and rehearse different situations with your children.

Total eradication of coyotes is not possible. Trapping and removing coyotes will only result in new coyotes moving in to occupy empty territories. Efforts to eradicate coyotes can actually increase their numbers: females may breed at younger ages and give birth to larger litters.

Let your neighbors and local officials know about any coyote sightings in the area, stay alert and work together to effectively haze them away from your homes.

For more information, visit the website of any of the abovementioned resources.