

City of Indian Hills Newsletter

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A Message from the Mayor

When Mayor Tom Eifler passed the torch to me as Mayor, his advice to me was, “just make sure our residents have good police protection, make sure the city is clean, and make sure their garbage is picked up”. Pretty good advice, until our garbage contract expired.

As you know Rumpke is our new garbage contractor. We were very pleased with Eco-Tech, however in their bid, they no longer provide rear door service to long driveways and to our elderly and handicap residents. The City Council felt that this was a must needed service to some Indian Hills residents, so we accepted Rumpke because they offered the service on a **very limited basis**, and only available to residents with long driveways, and those who are physically unable to roll the cans to the curb.

I know we’ve had some bumps in the road during this change, but the city and Rumpke are working through the problems and I’m sure we’ll be as happy with their service just as we were with Eco-Tech.

On a lighter note, on Sunday October 6th, the city has planned our annual Octoberfest from 12:00- 3:00 in Sagamore Park. Sagamore Park is in the Country Club section of Indian Hills off Old Brownsboro Rd.

Once again, we will have food, drinks, music, and games for the kids, so please mark your calendars for Sunday October 6th. We’d appreciate your help in calling in your reservations to the city or emailing our city clerk, so we have a good estimate for food and drinks. Call 502-893-1375 or email clerk@indianhillssky.org.

I hope everyone had a good summer. Have a wonderful fall and I look forward to seeing you at Octoberfest.

MAYOR CHIP HANCOCK



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council Meetings are 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:

Sep 18 Oct 16 Nov 20 Dec 18 Jan 15 Feb 19

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.



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CITY TAX RATE & BUDGET

At our June Council Meeting, the Council voted to continue the 20% discount for fiscal year ending 6/2025. The tax rate is 19.974¢ per \$100 of assessed value. The 20% discount is offered if paid by December 31st as provided in Ordinance No. 3, Series 2024.

The Council also passed an annual budget for FYE 06/2025 as provided in Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024.

Both Ordinances may be viewed on the City’s website. (www.indianhillssky.org)

2024 PROPERTY TAX BILLS

As in the past, the 2024 tax bills will be mailed no later than October 31st, Please contact Donna if you do not receive it by November 14th, Her email address is clerk@indianhillssky.org or call 502.893.1375.

The tax bills are mailed **only** to the property owner at the address provided by the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator. If your tax payment is made by your mortgage company or made by someone other than you, it is **your responsibility** to provide a copy of your tax bill to whomever pays your taxes.

SOLICITATION

No solicitation in all cities has been challenged in the courts that by enforcing it, cities are preventing the solicitors right to free speech. The City of Indian Hills has recently had solicitors in the city, which we cannot prevent.

The only way to keep a solicitor from coming to your door is to stop by your local hardware store or go online to purchase a sign that states “Solicitation is not invited.”, or “No Solicitation”. Mayor Hancock and the Council had liked to have purchased a supply of uniform signs with or without the city’s logo on them for residents to pay for at cost, but our city attorney advised against it.



The city has started compiling a “No Solicitation” list of residents and only the addresses will be provided to the applicant who applies for a license to solicit in Indian Hills. If you are attending the Octoberfest, you may request being added to this list or request being added to the list via email to clerk@indianhillssky.org.

By having your address added to the list does not prevent you from solicitation, **you must have a sign visible at your front door.**

NOTE: A City License is required to solicit in the City of Indian Hills. The License is non-transferable. For details, go to www.indianhillssky.org, click on “Ordinances” then the green bar which will take you to our Codified Ordinances.





COP'S CORNER

By Chief Kelly W. Spratt



PREVENTION OF MAIL & IDENTITY THEFT

The Indian Hills Police Department has investigated at least 16 reports of crimes involving Fraud, Theft of Mail Matter, and/or Theft of Identity that have occurred in 2024. These cases represent nearly 40 percent of all crimes reported to the Department this year.

Some of these thefts are committed online, and don't involve the offender's physical presence in or near Indian Hills. The majority of these cases originate from the theft of mail matter, primarily thefts from USPS "blue boxes", like the ones located near the PNC Bank at Brownsboro Road and Chenoweth Lane, and at the Holiday Manor shopping center in Northfield. Unfortunately, we have victims that have suffered losses in the tens of thousands of dollars.

The United States Postal Service recommends the following prevention tips...

- Don't let incoming or outgoing mail sit in your mailbox. You can significantly reduce the chance of being victimized by simply removing your mail from your mailbox every day.
- Deposit outgoing mail at secure locations, including inside your local Post Office or at your place of business, or hand it directly to a letter carrier.
- Sign up for Sign up for [Informed Delivery](#) and get daily digest emails that preview your mail and packages scheduled to arrive soon.
- Become involved and engaged in your neighborhood via neighborhood watches and local social media groups to spread awareness and share information.
- Keep an eye out for your letter carrier. If you see something that looks suspicious, or you see someone following your carrier, call 911.



Additionally, we strongly encourage using the letter drop-off inside a post office for mailing any correspondence that includes personal identifying information, credit applications, and banking information (including checks). The closest USPS location is in the Shelbyville Road Plaza at 4600 Shelbyville Road in St. Matthews.

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



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Now that schools are back in session, we wanted to remind everyone to be patient and safe when school buses are present on the roadways. It is a violation, not to mention dangerous, to pass a school bus when its stop arm is extended. Please be observant for students walking to and from their bus stops, especially those that may be out before sunrise.



GOOD TO KNOW / REMINDERS



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.



HOURS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK

Indian Hills Code of Ordinances § 151.10

If you are having construction work done at your home, please let the contractor know that the permissible hours during which for-hire construction activities may occur are: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Sunday: None.

If the property owner is physically doing the work himself or herself, the permissible hours during which construction activities may occur are as follows: Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. and Friday through Sunday 8:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m.

HOURS FOR ALL LAWN WORK

Indian Hills Code of Ordinances § 92.02

For residents, the hours for lawn mowing and the use of landscaping equipment should be done after 8:00 AM, and end at 8:00 PM Monday through Thursday; and Friday through Sunday after 8:00 AM and end at 6:00 PM.

For commercial landscapers, the hours of operation are after 8:00 AM and end at 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday; on Saturday, after 8:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM. At no time on Sunday. NOTE: This includes cutting grass, weed eating, leaf blowing, hedge trimming, power washing and any use of landscaping equipment that creates excessive noise disturbing residents.

**Thank you in advance for adhering to these hours
so that your neighbors may enjoy some quiet time.**

SIGNS IN YARDS

Please remember contractor construction signs are not allowed. It is considered visual pollution; please try to monitor this the best way you can.

If you see any such sign, call or text Jim Graven (502.552.4250) or contact the city office: clerk@indianhillssky.org or 502.893.1375 and it will be removed.

As a courtesy to your neighbors and to keep our city beautiful, please remove your political sign the day after Election Day.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE—November 5th!!!!





OUR ENVIRONMENT



OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY

If we each do our part, we can continue being the most beautiful City in our state.

A few things we can do—which are fairly simple:

1. Recycle—we received new recycling bins—so let’s fill them up with recyclable items
2. Don’t dump any yard waste, limbs, hanging baskets, construction materials, dog poo bag in creeks!!
3. Mulch your leaves instead of bagging them!!

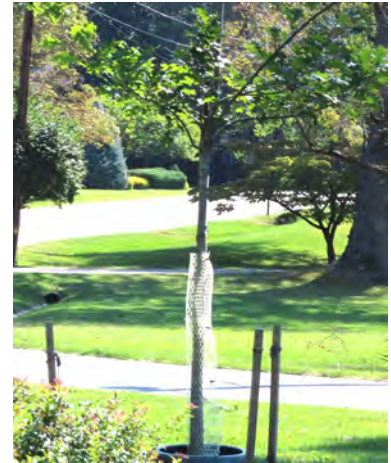
Simple—but very beneficial for our environment!!!

RESIDENT DONATES TREES TO CITY

A special THANK YOU to a resident for donating 10 trees to the City!!!

They have been planted on public property throughout the City

Don’t forget to water, slow and deep, your trees during long periods of dry weather.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are looking for 3-4 folks who might be interested in helping maintain the Indian Hills pollinator garden located at the bottom of Westwind Road.

Only skill required is the ability to weed properly.

Only tools needed are gloves, a hand spade and a bucket.

Time commitment varies, generally one hour per week, any day and any time that best suits the volunteer.

If you or anyone you know would be interested and would like more details please call LuAnn George 502.693.5456



INDIAN HILLS TREE PROGRAM

At the August 2017 Council Meeting, the Indian Hills Tree Program was presented to Council by Bob Astorino, Amy Wisotsky and Mary Ann Thornton. After the impressive presentation, they requested monetary support from the City for the program.

Since the partnership with the City of Indian Hills and the participating residents, the Indian Hills Tree Program has a record of over 230 canopy trees having been planted. That number is impressive, but more can be done by you and the City.

As mentioned in our Spring newsletter, the City of Indian Hills will once again contribute to the Indian Hills Tree Program to encourage residents to plant canopy trees.

If you would like to be part of this continued success, please fill out the application on page 11 of this newsletter and return it to Vance Borries. The details are included on the application.

UPDATE—Road & Retaining Wall Repair

You may remember we mentioned in the Spring Newsletter that a cave-in occurred on Poplar Hill Woods, near Blankenbaker Lane. A large portion of the retaining wall and part of the pavement went down the cliff.

After having to bid out two separate jobs, the project was performed in a concerted effort by Louisville Paving and Aguilar Stone Masonry and is now complete! As you can see from the before and after photos below, they did a very nice job!!

The photo on the left shows the portion of the retaining wall that had broke free and the crumbled road.

A thank you to the residents of Poplar Hill Woods. They wanted a more decorative stone railing and they agreed to pay for it - pictured below.



ARROWHEAD ROAD SPEED HUMPS

Arrowhead Road is a very nice shady road and is frequented by walkers, but it is a very curvy and hilly road. Since this road is shadowed by many trees, it was difficult for drivers to see the speed humps even though they were painted. They have now been striped with a paint containing glass beads to make them more visible.

There have been a couple requests for speed humps on certain city streets, but it is not recommended to have them throughout the city for they will change the traffic flow and may cause more issues than resolving the one.

The city relies on drivers to drive the speed limit which is generally 25 MPH in a residential area and if they are not doing the speed limit, we rely our police to enforce the speed limit.

You can do your part by heeding the speed limit. Please keep in mind, when you are speeding, you are endangering someone else's life, as well as your own...





NEW SANITATION CONTRACTOR

As of July 1st, our sanitation contractor is now Rumpke. There were a few bumps during the transition, but we made it through, and we would like to thank all of you for your patience during that time.

Following are some reminders and general information:

Pickup Day - All regular collection services, removal of trash, recycling and yard waste, are on Thursdays. If a regular collection day (Thursday) falls on or after a holiday, all collection days for the remainder of that week will be moved back one day, making pickup day on Friday.

Any missed pickups, please contact Rumpke 1.800.828.8171.

Cart Placement

1. All trash must be bagged prior to placing it in the cart. Recycling should be placed in container loose. Material should be fully contained within the cart with the lid closed.

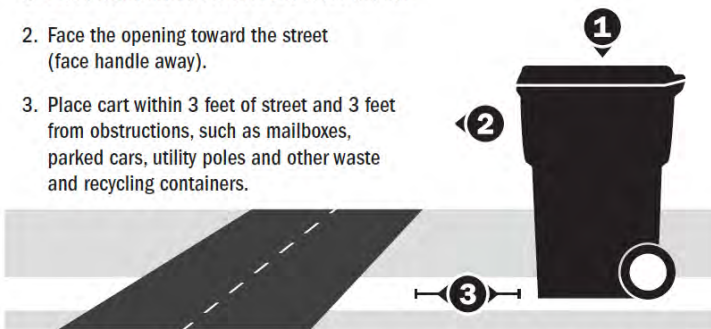
2. Face the opening towards the street (face handle away).

3. Place carts within 3 feet of the street and 3 feet from obstructions such as mailboxes, parked cars, utility poles, and other waste and recycling containers. This allows the pickup arm to move without obstruction.

To help keep your neighborhood clean and green, Rumpke is using an automated truck to collect your waste.

To ensure your material is collected, please follow these guidelines:

1. Place items inside the cart and close the lid.
2. Face the opening toward the street (face handle away).
3. Place cart within 3 feet of street and 3 feet from obstructions, such as mailboxes, parked cars, utility poles and other waste and recycling containers.



Thank you for choosing Rumpke. We appreciate your attention to this notice. If you have questions, please contact us at 1-800-828-8171 or www.rumpke.com.



Yard Waste - Subscription

If you are interested in yard waste services, please contact Rumpke (1.800.828.8171 or service.lou@rumpke.com) to become a subscriber. A 95-gal yard waste cart will be delivered to you, and you will be invoiced directly by Rumpke.

Loose shrubbery or lumber must be bundled and tied in lengths no larger than 4 feet long and 2 feet wide. Bundles should not exceed 50 pounds.

Large Items

The contract includes weekly collection of one large item per household, such as a mattress, furniture item or appliance.

Please contact Rumpke at least 24-business hours before your regularly scheduled collection day to request a large item pickup and to review how to properly prepare material.

PLEASE do not set out the item before arranging for pickup or more than 24 hours before pickup.

* Mattresses, box springs and upholstered furniture must be wrapped and sealed in plastic prior to collection.

* Freon must be properly removed by a certified professional prior to collection. Visit www.rumpke.com for more details.

As a courtesy to your neighbors, please do not store your trash carts, etc. in front of your garage door or home to where they are in view of the street. Please do not sit out your containers any sooner than the night before pickup day and remove them by the evening of pickup day.



To date, our experience with Rumpke has been a positive one. From our Customer Representative to our Route Manager and to those answering the phone, Rumpke's personnel have been accessible, professional, courteous and very helpful. We look forward to continue building on this relationship for the next four years.



GOOD TO KNOW / REMINDERS —Cont...



NO-NO'S—From the Desk of Jim Graven

- **NO** basketball goals at or on street—Three reasons why basketball goals/hoops are not allowed at or on the street:
 1. Safety of the children. Kids getting injured can be avoided by having them play on a basketball court.
 2. To prevent damage to passing/parked vehicles; and
 3. To maintain a peaceful environment.
- **NO** parking on dirt or grass-hard/durable surfaces only
- **NO** cooking grills on front porch or front yards
- **NO** inoperable or unlicensed motor vehicles on property (store in garage)
- **NO** rubbish, trash or yard trimmings allowed to be stored on property
- **NO** boats, ski jets, campers or utility trailers in view from street



BICYCLISTS....

These days, we are seeing more bicyclists in the City, so please for your own safety

- Ride with the flow of traffic
- Wear a bike helmet
- Parents, be sure your children are wearing bike helmets & knee pads.

WALKERS / JOGGERS...

With the changing of the weather, our days grow shorter, so please

- Walk facing traffic
- If you walk during evening, wear light-colored clothing

PET OWNERS

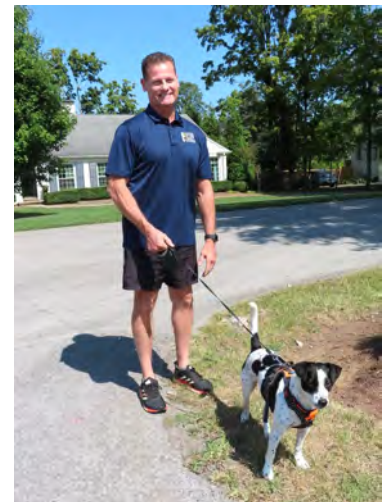
Any animal must be on a leash and not be permitted to run at large when not in an enclosed backyard.

Keep in mind, police officers are not equipped to corral stray animals in their vehicles nor do they have the facilities to confine animals. You should contact Louisville Metro Animal Services.

You must also clean up after your pet—**PLEASE**, do not toss the poo bag on city property or on your neighbors lawn.

To report a stray animal, or if you suspect cruelty to an animal and as long as it is not a wild animal, please call Metro Animal Services at 473-PETS (7387). For more information about their services, go to their website at LouisvilleKY.gov and click on "Resident" tab and then on "Animals".

Please be a responsible pet owner and a better neighbor—and dispose of your pet's waste properly and keep your pets leashed.



Meet our good neighbor, Scott— Thank you for walking your pet on a leash and carrying a plastic bag, ready to clean up!!

OCTOBERFEST

The Octoberfest will be Sunday, October 6th, Noon to 3:00 pm at Sagamore Park located off Old Brownsboro Road at Indian Hills Trail and adjacent to Sagamore Road.

If you and your family plan to attend, please email your name, address, number of adults and number of children to clerk@indianhillssky.org.

For more details, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

We hope you can make it!!



Above—Sagamore Park



Left—Island-Rio Vista Dr.



Right—Island-Sequoia & Comanche Trail



Left—Island-River Hill Rd & Blankenbaker

Right—Island—Comanche & Cayuga



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS—November 3rd

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, November 2nd. We will gain an hour, but lose more daylight....

Also, it would be a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.





INDIAN HILLS TREE CANOPY PLANTING PROGRAM 2024



We are excited to have you participate in making our city beautiful!

Please read the following instructions and feel free to ask any questions prior to completing and submitting the application.

Terms and conditions:

This is a shared expense program between the property owner and the City of Indian Hills. You agree to pay half the total cost of the tree and services provided. The total cost this year is expected to be \$575. This means you pay **\$287.50**, and the city pays the other half, \$287.50.

The trees are offered to any private property owner resident of the City of Indian Hills.

The program is limited to one tree per household.

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

The species you choose must be approved by the arborist, according to availability.

Your application will be entered in a drawing. If your name is drawn, you will be contacted with further instructions about the arborist site visit. Payment will be required at that time.

Elected officials and committee members are not eligible.

The trees available in this year's program include:

Tulip Poplar Black Cherry Scarlet Oak White Oak Bald Cypress

2024 Application

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

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

Tree preference by name: 1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

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

Signature _____ Date: _____

DEADLINE: The close of business September 28, 2024.

Submit the completed form by the deadline by any of the following three methods:

Online at: <https://indianhillssky.org/treepro/>

Email directly to Vance von Borries at: vonborriesw@bellsouth.net

Mail to Vance at: 64 Indian Hills Trail, 40207

*The Indian Hills Tree Committee thanks you for participating. **All applications received will be entered in the draw selection** at the annual city Oktoberfest. You do not have to be present to win. Don't miss out, and Good Luck!*

Vance von Borries,
IHTC Chairperson

CITY of INDIAN HILLS RESIDENTS

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN for OUR ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 at 12:00 to 3:00 PM at SAGAMORE PARK

Large Area for Kids' Games

Photo Booth

Antique Fire Engines

Caricatures (by Denny Whalen)

Bob's Barbecue & Hot Dogs

Bring Lawn Chairs if Desired

**If you plan on attending, please RSVP
ing your Name, Address, number of
clerk@indianhillsky.org**



Balloon Artist

Bubble Truck

Local Fire Departments

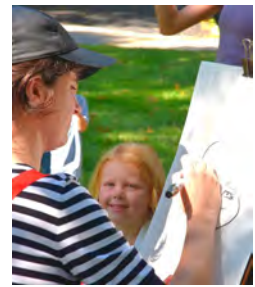
Indian Hills Hay Wagon

Haywood Dairy Ice Cream

NO PETS PLEASE



**no later than October 2, by send-
adults and number of children to**



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

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