



## CITY OF INDIAN HILLS



CHIP HANCOCK, MAYOR  
3905 BROWNSBORO ROAD  
INDIAN HILLS, KY 40207  
[CLERK@INDIANHILLSKY.ORG](mailto:CLERK@INDIANHILLSKY.ORG)  
(502) 893-1375

### **New Neighbor:**

Welcome to the history-filled City of Indian Hills, in Jefferson County and within the beautiful, bluegrass Commonwealth of Kentucky.

We are providing our new residents with this Welcome Packet and an invitation to attend a meeting of your City of Indian Hills Council to introduce yourself to any of our Council Members at any upcoming meeting. Our City Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Louisville Boat Club (4200 River Road).

Inside this packet is information that may answer your basic questions. You may also like to visit our website ([www.indianhillssky.org](http://www.indianhillssky.org)) to check out the latest News and Events, or click on the Police Department tab where you may sign up for a House Watch and/or for an email subscription which is utilized to disseminate recent crime information and important traffic safety issues. You may also click on the tab "Contact" to sign up to receive city emails utilized to inform our residents of any upcoming events, any city-related matters, and to receive any supplemental newsletter.

In addition to the latest News and Events on our website to keep the residents up to date as much as possible, another resource used is a bi-annual newsletter (with contact information on the last page) that is mailed to our residents and posted on the website as well. As the need arises, supplemental newsletters will be emailed (only) to residents who have provided their email addresses to the city. To subscribe to receiving city-related emails, please send your request to [clerk@indianhillssky.org](mailto:clerk@indianhillssky.org) or go to our website and click on the tab "Contact" as mentioned in the above paragraph.

Indian Hills ID stickers for your automobiles are provided upon request. These help our police to identify residents' vehicles.

Whether your move to our City of Indian Hills is from far away or right around the corner, we consider ourselves fortunate enough to offer a share of our great community through our residents, Council, neighborhood organizations and businesses.

Our continued success is rooted in each new resident experiencing a feeling of being fortunate too.

Mayor Chip Hancock & City Councilmembers  
City of Indian Hills

# CITY OF INDIAN HILLS

3905 BROWNSBORO ROAD • INDIAN HILLS, KY 40207 • (502) 893-1375

[www.indianhillsky.org](http://www.indianhillsky.org)

## “GOOD TO KNOW” INFORMATION

### EMERGENCY 911 or 893-2677 (COPS) for Police Dispatch

#### **MAYOR:**

Chip Hancock

#### **CITY STAFF:**

Donna M. Sinkhorn, City Clerk - [clerk@indianhillsky.org](mailto:clerk@indianhillsky.org)

Jim Graven, Code Enforcement Officer

& Public Works Director - [jimgraven@steepleton.com](mailto:jimgraven@steepleton.com)

Patty Deye, City Controller - [finance@indianhillsky.org](mailto:finance@indianhillsky.org)

#### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Kelly Spratt

#### **COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Robert L. Astorino, Sr.

Ann E. Dreisbach

Laura J. Dunbar

David E. Ferguson

Lee K. Garlove

John H. Harralson, III

Samuel G. Hayward, Jr.

Lee Maddox

Kay Matton

**CITY OFFICE:** Hours – 10:00 am – 3:45 pm Monday through Thursday

(502) 893-1375 Please listen to options and select the one appropriate for your call.

\*\*For more contact information, please visit the city’s website at: [www.indianhillsky.org](http://www.indianhillsky.org)

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTACTS NOT REQUIRING DISPATCH:**

Administrative issues may be handled by e-mailing [police@ihpd.org](mailto:police@ihpd.org) or calling our office at (502) 893-1375

The Indian Hills Police Department offers a House Watch Program that will have officers check your home several times a day while you are out of town. The Department also offers a Crime Alert e-mail subscription that notifies residents of important crime and traffic information for the area. Residents may register for both of these services by visiting [www.indianhillsky.org/police](http://www.indianhillsky.org/police).

Indian Hills vehicle decals can be requested by sending an e-mail to [police@ihpd.org](mailto:police@ihpd.org).

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTACTS NOT REQUIRING DISPATCH:**

St. Matthews Fire & EMS

(502) 893-7825

[www.stmatthewsfd.com](http://www.stmatthewsfd.com)

Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS

(502) 245-7555

[www.amfireandems.org](http://www.amfireandems.org)

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOLLOWS:**

## **ALL COLLECTION SERVICES:**

Effective July 1, 2024, Rumpke is the City of Indian Hills Waste Removal Contractor.

### **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, collection day will be moved back one day - Friday.

Any missed pickups, collection or yard waste billing issues, please contact Rumpke 1.800.828.8171 and identify yourself as a resident of the City of Indian Hills.

Residents are reminded to **please** be considerate of neighbors and mindful of the city's appearance:

- Do not store garbage, recycling and/or yard waste containers / carts in front of the garage door or home to where the carts are in view of the street.
- Do not put out garbage, recycling and/or yard waste carts until Wednesday evening and retrieve them by day's end on Thursday.

### **TRASH COLLECTION**

Rumpke will provide each household with one 95-gallon trash cart. Additional trash carts available for \$3.50 each, per month, billed to the resident by Rumpke.

Location for normal collection shall be at curbside except for those that were **approved** for rear door service.

Large Items - Service includes the weekly collection of one large item per household, such as a mattress, furniture items or appliance. You must contact Rumpke **at least 24-business hours before Thursday**, the regularly scheduled collection day, to request a large item pickup. Do not set out the large item before arranging for pickup or more than 24 hours prior to pick up. Please review how to properly prepare material.

- 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](http://www.rumpke.com) for more details.

### **RECYCLING**

Recycling is offered to all households / paid for by the City.

- A 65-gal recycling cart is provided to each household by Rumpke. Additional recycling carts available for \$2.50 each, per month, billed to the resident by Rumpke.
- Cart must be placed curbside.

### **YARD WASTE**

Yard Waste collection is offered on a weekly subscription basis for \$120 per year which will be invoiced directly to the resident by Rumpke.

- Yard waste collection season begins March 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- A 95-gallon yard waste cart will be provided to the subscriber by Rumpke.
- Yard waste cart must be placed curbside.
- 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.
- Rumpke is the only authorized residential sanitation company to operate in the City. This does not prevent you from having a landscaping service or yard service company. Rumpke provides for disposal only.
- If you are interested in yard waste services, please contact Rumpke (1.800.828.8171 or [service.lou@rumpke.com](mailto:service.lou@rumpke.com)) to become a subscriber.

### **PLACEMENT OF CARTS**

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.

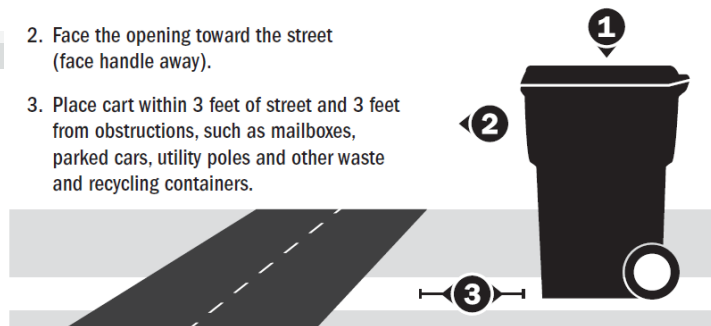
2. Face the opening towards the street (face handle away).

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](http://www.rumpke.com).

**RUMPKE**

**PROPERTY UPDATES/ADDITIONS, CONTAINERS & GARAGE SALES, ETC.:**

City of Indian Hills permits are required for construction, remodeling, driveways, fencing, grade/drainage changes, dumpsters, moving/storage Containers, garage & estate sales, etc. For more details, please check the Indian Hills website ([www.indianhillsky.org](http://www.indianhillsky.org)), click on “Ordinances” tab on home page; then click on the green bar “Indian Hills Codified Ordinances”. Contact the Public Works Director at (502) 893-1375 before undertaking any of these.

**PROPERTY TAXES**

The Indian Hills City Council levies an ad valorem tax via ordinance in June prior to the upcoming fiscal year. The city uses the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administration tax assessment of all real estate located in the City of Indian Hills. The tax rate FYE 6.30.2025 is 0.19974 on each \$100 of all real estate assessed for taxation. A 20% discount of the face amount is allowed if the tax is paid on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. The face/gross tax is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. If taxes are still owed as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, a 10% penalty of the tax payable plus interest from February 1<sup>st</sup> until paid at the rate of 1.5% per month compounded monthly, or \$10.00 if the penalty and interest is less than that amount. You may review Ordinance No. 3, Series 2024, in its entirety, on the city’s website at: [www.indianhillsky.org](http://www.indianhillsky.org)

**UTILITY CONTACT NUMBERS:**

LG&E	589-1444
(to report down powerline or streetlight outage)	
Louisville Water Company	583-6610
MSD Customer Service	587-0603
OR Email MSD:	<a href="mailto:CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org">CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org</a>



**CITY OF INDIAN HILLS  
KENTUCKY**

**PERMITS REQUIRED & RESTRICTIONS BY ORDINANCE**

For detailed information on permit requirements and restrictions, please review the referenced ordinances on American Legal Publishing. You will find a link on our website ([www.indianhillsky.org](http://www.indianhillsky.org)). If you are in need of additional help, or want to apply for a permit, please contact Jim Graven, Public Works Director & Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) at 502-552-4250 or send an email to [clerk@indianhillsky.org](mailto:clerk@indianhillsky.org) and it will be directed to the CEO or to the mayor.

**CONSTRUCTION**

New developments or construction and/or additions or alterations	152.03
Construction hours	151.10
Driveway/Parking Area	153.02
Excavations	153.055
Fence	154.05
Outdoor Lighting	154.42
Portable Storage Containers	157.04
Swimming Pools	154.21

**ORDINANCE §**

**OTHER**

Limitations of Stopping & Parking	73.03
Parking Time Limited; Towing Authorized	73.06
Parking of Recreational or Commercial Vehicles	73.16
Trees-Trim, Cut, Remove or Damage on Public Ways	92.32
Use of Power Equipment – Residential & Commercial Landscaping	92.01 – 02
Vehicle Weight Limit Established	70.20



## *CITY OF INDIAN HILLS*

### *TIME TRAVEL BACK and THROUGH a BIT of HISTORY - SPECIFIC TO OUR CITY of INDIAN HILLS\**

*If you were able to pass back in time and to glimpse this area in the late 1700's, you might come to know a surveyor from Ulster, Ireland-John Veech, who with his wife, Agnes, came to The Falls of the Ohio by flatboat and soon acquired 502 acres or Indian Hill Farm...*

*Only a fort along the Ohio marks what your future travels through time would find to be named Louisville. And, the Veeches, well, you would likely be meeting six generations of them over 118 years.*

*And, yes, you probably guessed, an encampment of 300 "Indians" likely gave the farm its name; and, the acquisition of land gave the Veeches a reputation as Indian fighters, as history notes.*

*In the late 1800s, you would meet grandson, Richard Veech, and be entertained as one of many businessmen or horse breeders from the East, readying for the annual Lexington Trot Meet. He likely let you tour his famous, large, trotting horse barn, with 50-60 brood mares, situated about where Rolling Lane crosses Pennington, in Rolling Fields.*

*A few years later, you might be rolling into Indian Hill Farm in a new "automobile", finding the rich land appropriately converted, from horse breeding, to potato farming... and, yes, you might be headed around the corner, to invest in one of the largest potato markets - the St. Matthews Produce Exchange.*

*Before you head off into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, stop into the Louisville's Courier Journal's office of John Duncan, on December 14, 1877, as he reports:*

*“Indian Hill Farm is a fine tract of rich, rolling land, with springs of the purest and best water bubbling up in the most convenient places on every part of it. The whole of it is down in grass, which is mostly bluegrass, though orchard grass is deemed worthy of no little attention...”*

*Come into town, in 1911, with the famous landscape architects, Frederick, Jr., and John Charles Olmsted to meet with Dr. Annie Veech and her brother, James Nichols Veech... to begin design development plans for their family’s vast farm. [The legacy of the Olmsted’s father, Frederick Law Olmsted, preceded these sons, as the “Father of American Landscape Architecture”, including the development of Louisville’s Olmsted Park System, as his final project before retiring in 1895 - by the way his career starting project was Central Park in New York City!] Unfortunately, World War I waylaid any plans between the Veeches and the Frederick Law Olmsted landscape firm.*

*By the 1920’s, your return visit would be seeing the magic of the Frederick Law Olmsted firm and the brothers enmeshed in 18 parks, campus of University of Louisville and both seminaries, many private estates and several neighborhoods.*

*It was noted that the Olmsted brothers strictly adhered to their father’s principle that the landscape IS the art and results in design respecting and leveraging the natural topography, emphasizing the hills, valleys and streams that are characteristic throughout our community.*

*Dr. Veech sold 200 acres for the development of the Louisville Country Club and brother, James, sold 300 acres to a syndicate including names such as Axton, Reynolds, and Semonin, to develop Indian Hills. “The Home Community Adjoining The Louisville Country Club”, all to incorporate the design features of Olmsted.*



*“... sweeping, curvilinear streets and gently rounded intersections, following the natural contours of the hilly terrain... efforts were made to save existing trees, ... preserve natural beauty, ... suggesting, too, to plant more native trees and shrubs to strengthen the romantic character ... leaving green spaces, to promote a sense of community.”*

*Which lands you here in the present – inclusive of neighboring mergers to expand this sense of the **City of Indian Hills** community: Indian Hills-Cherokee Section (1955), Robinswood (1965) and Winding Falls (1977). This 1999 expansion gave sense of security to our community as a 4<sup>th</sup> Class City (n/k/a as a “Home Rule City”)- one enjoying greater control over local zoning and servicing...*

*... you find yourself in this **City of Indian Hills**, one greatly expanded and further developed, but still working to respect the Olmsted principles of natural design and promotion of community...*

*... in fact, you are right in time, as we consider initiatives to replant, focusing on those same native species of hardwood, shrubs and other plantings.*

*Yes, we are setting our sights on securing another 100 years of the Olmsted Legacy for your futuristic travels – and excellence of sense of community of **City of Indian Hills**.*

*Prepared by former City of Indian Hills Councilwoman, Sandy Hyland Carroll (2018)*

*\*Much of this time travel scenario was accumulated from previous research, including (1) Olmsted Residential Friends’ Article, with research, noted to have been pulled from US Dept. of the Interior, Courier Journal, and other Sources and Indian Hills: An Olmsted Legacy document and even Wikipedia – Indian Hills, Kentucky*



## *CITY OF INDIAN HILLS*

### *INDIAN HILLS: AN OLMSTED LEGACY*

*The residents of Indian Hills are justly proud of the beauty of the landscape lining our roadways and populating our green spaces. Our Indian Hills landscape reflects the legacy of the great Frederick Law Olmsted, the “Father of American Landscape Architecture”, who not only designed Central Park in New York (his “starter project”!) but many other public park projects across the country, including his final project before retiring, Louisville’s own Olmsted Park System. After his retirement in 1895, Mr. Olmsted was succeeded by his long-standing partners, his two sons, Frederick Jr. and John Charles Olmsted, who followed in their father’s footsteps to extend the Olmsted magic throughout Louisville, ultimately resulting in 18 parks, the campuses of U of L and of both seminaries, many private estates, and several neighborhoods, including the original Indian Hills, designed in the 1920s.*

*The Olmsted Brothers’ strict adherence to their father’s principle that the landscape IS the art resulted in design that respects and leverages the natural topography, emphasizing the hills, valleys and streams that are characteristic throughout our community. You’ve noticed the curvilinear streets, the majestic native hardwood trees, the frequent shade-then-light effect that makes every curve a delightful discovery of a new vista. This is the best of Mother Nature, with the assistance of subtle manipulation of the land and flora to create landscape that truly IS art!*

*The boundaries of Indian Hills have expanded greatly since the ‘20s, well beyond the original Olmsted plan. And as the neighborhood ages, the original plantings have died of old age, disease, or damage caused by nature or humans. Yet we continue to respect the Olmsted principles of design insofar as possible. Currently there are community-driven initiatives to replant, focusing on native species of hardwood, shrubs and other plantings. Yes, we are justly proud of our Olmsted legacy, and hope to see it continue another 100 years!*

*Provided by former City of Indian Hills  
Councilwoman Mimi Zinniel - 2018*