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Oxmoor Farm Development

The Hurstbourne Commission has retained attorney Kyle Hubbard to initiate the legal steps required to close Linn Station Road and Lyndon Lane at their juncture with the Oxmoor Farm Development. Steps to eliminate connections at Cheffield Drive, Lincolnshire Drive, Oxmoor Woods Parkway and Stamford Drive will follow. No timetable or method of closure has been established by the Commission at this time.

In 2002, Planning & Zoning and the Board of Aldermen approved these six street connections from the City of Hurstbourne to the planned 438-acre development as part of the zoning change for Oxmoor Farm.

Response to the street closure survey included in the March 2006 Hurstbourne Herald indicated that 74.8% of Hurstbourne residents favor closing all connections to the Oxmoor Farm development. 428 surveys were returned.

Safety, traffic, quality of life and cost of additional road repair in Hurstbourne were cited as residents' main concerns.

City Meetings

Residents are encouraged to follow issues that affect the City of Hurstbourne by attending City Commission meetings, which are held at 4:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Approved minutes of the Commission meetings are posted at www.Hurstbourne.org for review by the residents.

Crime Alerts Work!

When criminal activity occurs in Hurstbourne, we want you to be informed. Hurstbourne is fortunate to have a safe City, but we are not a crime-free community.

- Recently a teenage girl was approached in a threatening manner by a male wearing a hooded sweatshirt and gloves about 8 am in the vicinity of Linn Station Road and Colonel Anderson Parkway.
- Also recently, two house break-ins occurred in the Oxmoor Woods area of the City. One was during daylight hours.
- Numerous car break-ins happened during a short period of time earlier in the year.

Instant notification of all residents is a valuable way of letting everyone know when crime is happening and reminds residents to collect critical information such as a description of a suspicious person, the description of a vehicle and/or license plate number. This type of information should be forwarded to the police department and then the City of Hurstbourne.

All residents are encouraged to sign up for the Crime Alert on the City of Hurstbourne web site at www.Hurstbourne.org. The Crime Alert form on our website makes it easy for residents to add and/or change their e-mail address so they can participate in this program.

Halloween

The City of Hurstbourne follows the times set by Louisville Metro Government for trick-or-treating.

Bargains Aplenty at First Annual City-Wide Yard Sale.

Rumor has it that many City of Hurstbourne residents are wealthier after our successful first City-Wide Yard Sale, held on a weekend in June.

Balloons and yard signs throughout the city tempted shoppers to stop, look and buy the "treasures" residents had to offer. Neighbors visited other neighbors' yard sales, and cars carrying eager bargain hunters filled the streets. Shoppers bustled from one sale to another in search of the best buys of the day.

Start planning now to participate in the second annual City-Wide Yard Sale, which will be scheduled on a weekend next spring or early summer. The City sponsors newspaper advertisements and signs for the sale.

Picnics 2006

Even the rainy weather didn't dampen spirits at this year's Hurstbourne Picnic and Concert held in June at the Park at Nottingham Parkway and Linn Station Road. Picnickers shared the big tent, filling plates with Germantown Cafe's fried chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, slaw, brownies and cookies.

At the September concert, the Mayor and Commissioners kept bratwurst and hot dogs coming to the serving table after they were expertly grilled by Ron Howard, City Administrator. New acquaintances were made, neighborhood news was exchanged, and both laughter and music flowed during the annual event.

Attendees relaxed on the lawn and enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by Pete Willinger's Orchestra; Pete and some members of his orchestra are Hurstbourne residents. Thanks to all residents who participated. The City of Hurstbourne is a friendly neighborhood and a great place to live. The picnic was the perfect opportunity to celebrate our City.

Snow and Ice Removal

Snow and ice removal are some of the most difficult tasks faced by the City of Hurstbourne each year. Preparedness is the key, but even when fully prepared, Mother Nature can throw you a curve.

In a perfect world, we could salt each street before snow or ice hits, and send a snowplow down every street simultaneously. Your City officials do their best to get roads cleared as quickly as possible, but no matter how hard we work, a severe storm can cause major traffic problems, which is frustrating to all of us. As a matter of fact, snow and ice removal concerns generate the most complaints from City residents.

During a winter storm, the City Administrative Officer, our snow removal contractor and the Commissioner of Public Works are in constant, 24-hour communication. We monitor weather reports to determine expected temperature, wind chill, wet snow, dry snow, road surface temperature, rain, ice, freezing rain, etc. Based on these factors, we decide what actions (salting, plowing, and type of salt to use) are necessary, and when. Hurstbourne's streets are ranked by priority, based on their importance to traffic flow. Using the street rankings, City officials direct clearing and salting to make main thoroughfares passable first, then go to work on lower-ranked streets.

Hurstbourne's snow removal contractor is selected based on several factors: amount of equipment available, guaranteed response time, experience and price. It's important to your City administration to provide the best level of service possible to residents at all times, and we take into consideration safety, mobility and economic livelihood of residents on one hand, versus cost and budgetary constraints on the other.

Should you have questions or comments regarding snow and ice removal, please call the City of Hurstbourne at 426-4808.

Road Maintenance

Just like the trees in our City, every spring the City of Hurstbourne streets are inspected and rated according to condition. The City hires an independent highway/road engineering firm to make recommendations regarding appropriate maintenance: patching, crack filling or total resurfacing. This is done in tandem with the yearly budget for routine maintenance and improvements.

Streets that receive a low rating from the engineering firm are the first streets to receive major improvements. With large budgetary items such as road maintenance, the City engages independent professionals to prioritize projects in a systematic, impartial manner. This method is fair to all residents, regardless of who does or does not reside on a particular street. The condition of the road surface is the only criteria considered in street maintenance and repair.

Annual Financial Statement

The City of Hurstbourne continued to improve its financial position during the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 2006. A summary of the unaudited report is shown below.

Increased revenues from insurance premium taxes and from interest added \$50,000 to Funds Available. Expenditures, including a one-time expense to replace street signs, were completed below budget.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/06

Funds, beginning of year		\$1,601,047
Revenues		<u>1,463,740</u>
Total Funds available		\$3,064,787
Expenditures:		
General Government	\$418,634	
Public Safety	185,780	
Public Works	476,841	
Sanitation	<u>354,907</u>	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1,436,162</u>
Funds, end of year		\$1,628,625

Tree Removal

One of the City of Hurstbourne's most visible assets is its trees. To care for them properly, we hire a professional arborist and horticulturalist to evaluate the trees' health and provide us with the facts. Sometimes, this professional will recommend that certain trees be removed.

The decision to remove any tree from our City is a difficult one. Facts and opinions are carefully weighed. The City Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Public Works tour the City with the arborist to review each recommendation. Many times, City administrators will revisit the site two or three times, when a removal has been recommended, to determine the impact of the removal and if it is absolutely necessary.

Many tree removals are based on safety concerns, and when that's the case, the tree must be removed as soon as possible to avoid injury to residents or damage to their property. Other trees are slated for removal if they are diseased, because tree disease can spread quickly and cause many trees to be lost.

Tree disease is the culprit with the Norwegian Pines located along Linn Station Road and Oxmoor Woods Parkway. We have been advised to have them removed as soon as possible, but we are removing the most severely damaged ones first to mitigate the impact of total removal. Unfortunately, all the Norwegian Pines will ultimately be removed to maintain the health of other City trees.

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JUNK PICK UP DAY

OCTOBER 21, 2006

HAVE ALL JUNK FOR PICK UP AT THE CURB BY 6:00 AM

LATEX PAINT

Remove the lid. Set can in a well-ventilated area until paint has dried. Set it out for collection next to your trash with the lid off. You may place kitty litter, sawdust or shredded paper in the paint to help it dry faster.

OIL-BASED PAINT

Oil-based paint is considered hazardous household waste. You may take oil-based paint and other qualifying items to the HazBin. The HazBin is located at 7501 Grade Lane. Hours: Wednesdays & Saturdays 9:00 - 3:00 PM. Contact Metro Call for holiday hours and other items accepted at 574-5000.

REFRIGERATORS

To qualify a refrigerator for a junk pick up, you must have the freon removed by a certified technician. Please attach a copy of the technician's freon removal form to the refrigerator when you set it out for pick up.

ITEMS THAT CAN NOT BE PICKED UP

- Tires -Fluids -Chemicals -Combustibles -Batteries -Propane tanks
- Lumber Over 4' (*under this length acceptable*)
- Fluorescent light bulbs over 10' – must be broken to dispose of (*under 10' not required to break*)

