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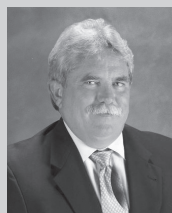
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2017 Property Tax Update

The total assessed value of the 1480 parcels in the City of Hurstbourne increased for the second consecutive year. This year commercial properties values were reassessed and increased in value. While property values increased, KY House Bill 44 places a ceiling on tax revenues to all taxing authorities.

Confused yet? – Hold on; there is a silver lining to all of this. Due to the substantial increase in commercial property values, coupled with KY House Bill 44 legislation that comes into play, a real benefit to the residents of the City comes in the form of a reduced tax rate. The new rate for 2017 is \$0.169 Cents per \$100 in property value – down from \$0.174 last year and \$0.185 in previous years. The bottom line is when business properties are maintained, developed and enhanced, everyone benefits.

Tax schedule for 2017:

July, 2017: City of Hurstbourne to mail property tax bills

August 31, 2017: 5% discount deadline

November 30, 2017: Face amount deadline

December 1, 2017: Penalties and Interest added to unpaid accounts

Walkers, Runners, Bikers and Vehicles; Sharing the Roads



Walkers and Runners should stay close to the curb side of the street, not the median curb side, wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight when it's dark. On many occasions, employees of our local businesses take lunch hour walks. Unfortunately, they have been seen walking as much as three abreast; taking a good portion of the road. If you have friends that join you for a walk or jog, it's important to walk or run in single file. Bikers should always travel with the traffic and pedestrians should face oncoming traffic. Please remember to be a courteous traveler of Hurstbourne streets and be safe!

City of Hurstbourne Directory – 2017 Edition

Every three to four years the City publishes a directory as a convenience to the residents of Hurstbourne. The last publication was April of 2013. Therefore, it's time to update and go to print. The layout of the directory will remain the same as in previous years. Names, addresses and phone numbers are listed by street and in alphabetical order. Please be on watch for delivery of your copy in the next few weeks.



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Sprucing the City up for the Seasons



Each year, flowers are planted, bushes trimmed, trees pruned, beds mulched and grass tendered. In addition to the customary landscaping, irrigation, cutting, irrigation and chemical treatments, new plant materials were placed at the new Linn Station Entrance, Urns and Medians. A number of tree removals cleared the way for fall plantings as well. Finally, the irrigation system on Williamsburg Plaza is slated for reconnection and upgrade due to the redevelopment of that section of streetscape.

Easements – Fact vs. Fiction



Just about everybody knows about property easements. However, some experience difficulties in distinguishing “fact vs. fiction.” A common myth about easements centers on access, care and control of properties containing easements. The word easement is defined as “a right to cross or otherwise use someone else’s land for a specified purpose.”

Most properties contain an easement area in front yards near public streets. Back and side yards also contain easement areas. Other common easement areas are creeks and streams. MSD, Louisville Water Company, LG&E, Cable Service Companies and Municipalities have full rights to access easements for the general purpose of providing certain public services.

A continuing problem with certain easements is proper care and maintenance of the property. Creek banks and commercial frontage areas tend to be neglected. If your property has rear, side and back yard easement areas, please keep in mind that when it comes to day-to-day care, it’s your property and you need to keep it maintained.

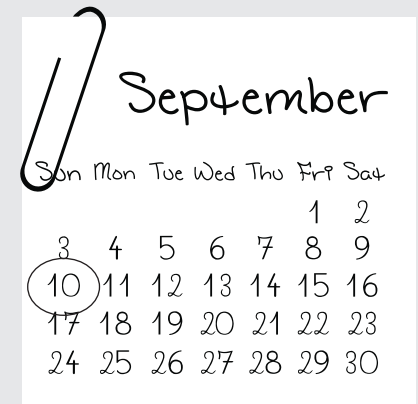


On a related topic, the City of Hurstbourne is working on a comprehensive waterway inventory survey. The survey will assist in fully evaluating conditions of our streams, basins, creek beds and drainage systems. Creek and creek bed easement areas will be inspected and evaluated for the purpose of improving water retention and flow function where needed. One creek / creek

bed area that was targeted for immediate clearing, as shown above, is located at the 700 block of Nottingham Parkway between Nottingham and Hurstbourne Parkways. More areas will be assessed with substantive improvements to follow.

Mark Your Calendar

Hurstbourne Picnic and Concert
Sunday, September 10th



KEEP UP ON THE LATEST – CHECK OUR WEBSITE

If you need information, have questions or are looking for the latest news in Hurstbourne, keep www.hurstbourne.org on your favorites folder or bookmarks bar on your PC, Laptop or Smart Phone.

Public Safety – Block Watch – Version 2017

A number of years ago, the City of Hurstbourne and other communities held active block watches – all for the purpose of enhancing public safety. These groups would garner members, appoint volunteer officers or “Captains” and hold regular meetings. Information was exchanged and responsibilities were distributed to the members of the block watch. Finally, primary communication tools in use in the 1980’s and 1990’s were telephones, printed forms, mailers and face-to-face meetings.

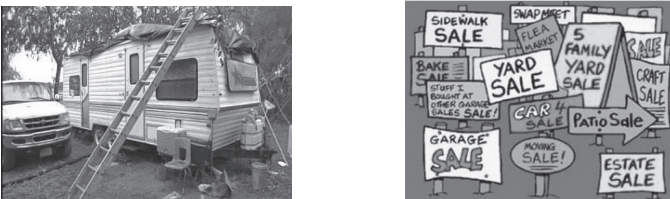
In 2017, the need for active “block watch” volunteers is still valid for all the right reasons; however, communication methods and the dissemination of information are what dramatically changed and will continue to do so in the future. It’s Email, Text and Twitter that rule the day when it comes to reaching out to one another. Benefits to using these tools are 24 hours a day access 7 days a week and the fact that just about everyone owns a cell phone, smart phone or tablet.

What does a block watch look like in 2017? If you and your neighbors belong to Facebook, Nextdoor, or ReachAlert, or follow one another on Twitter, then you have the makings of a block watch. In fact, over 750 residents belong to one or more of these groups. If you don't, please consider embracing the technologies of today, put them to productive use and help your neighbors keep Hurstbourne a safe City. To enhance public safety, the City recently increased Police presence and patrols to deter crime and control traffic violations.

Weeds, Dumpsters, Signs and Parking



While we all love the spring and summer, those pesky violations spring up with the annual foliage. Cars and RVs pop up to reside on our streets, yard signs spring up like dandelions, dumpsters appear on our streets and garbage cans linger at City curbsides. Please be a good neighbor and be mindful of City property standards. All of us can keep Hurstbourne the special City that it is by keeping our individual homes and yards in top shape.



Street Closures



The City of Hurstbourne has worked diligently to legally close certain stub streets for the purpose of shutting off “cut-through” traffic that would come with the development of the Bullitt Farm property. The streets that could be connected to the new development include South Lyndon Lane, Linn Station Road, Cheffeld Drive, Stamford Road and Lincolnshire Court. The City went through the road closure process and passed ordinances closing South Lyndon and Linn Station Road in 2009.

This year, the City Commission is in the process of going through the road closure process for Cheffield Drive, Egham Road, Lincolnshire Drive and Stamford Drive. Linn Station Road at the Oxmoor Woods end remains to be closed. The City has obtained written consents from two roads (Cheffield Drive and Stamford Drive) and those closure actions will be filed. The City will also install barricades at the end of each street as physical evidence of the action. Finally, the City has upgraded and modernized its ordinance that regulates whether a developer can encroach or connect onto a city-owned street and the procedures to do so.

Shelbyville Road Resurfacing and Sidewalk Upgrades come to Hurstbourne

Metro Louisville / KYTC are paving certain streets and upgrading sidewalks to meet ADA standards. Shelbyville Road and adjoining access streets received asphalt resurfacing, curb modifications, and sidewalk /ramp upgrades. All Hurstbourne access streets will be restored to pre-work conditions.





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2017-2018 Budget Passed

The City Commission passed the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget is balanced and discloses general and road fund resources as well as total appropriations by department. If you have any questions, feel free to contact City Hall at (502) 426-4808.

CITY OF HURSTBOURNE, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE NO. 17-04

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HURSTBOURNE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal has been prepared and delivered to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed said budget proposal and made necessary modifications in public session, now, therefore, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HURSTBOURNE:

Section 1: That the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, is hereby adopted as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Road Fund</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Resources Available:			
Prior Yr. Carry-Forward & Funds Appropriations	\$257,825	\$0	\$257,825
Estimated Revenues:			
State Road Fund		\$85,000	\$85,000
Property Taxes	\$1,288,308		\$1,288,308
Interest and Penalties	\$5,000		\$5,000
Insurance Premium Tax	\$720,000		\$720,000
Cable Franchise Fees	\$28,000		\$28,000
Bank Deposit Tax	\$65,000		\$65,000
Sign Fees	\$7,000		\$7,000
Alcohol Beverage Fees	\$16,000		\$16,000
Home Occupation Fees	\$600		\$600
Business License Fees	\$8,500		\$8,500
State Coal/Mineral Tax/Litter Abatement	\$200		\$200
Base Court Revenue (HB 413)	\$0		\$0
Interest General Fund	\$3,000		\$3,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,000		\$2,000
200 Whittington Bldg. - Tenant Leases	\$50,000		\$50,000
200 Whittington Bldg. - Other Income	\$0		\$0
Subtotal Revenues	\$2,193,608	\$85,000	\$2,278,608
Property Tax Discounts / Uncollected Accounts	(\$52,000)	\$0	(\$52,000)
Total Revenues	\$2,141,608	\$85,000	\$2,226,608
Total Resources available for Appropriations	\$2,399,433	\$85,000	\$2,484,433
Expense Appropriations			
General Government	\$559,433		\$559,433
Public Works	\$1,069,000	\$85,000	\$1,154,000
Public Safety	\$212,000		\$212,000
Sanitation - Code Enforcement	\$449,000		\$449,000
Community Projects & Events	\$110,000		\$110,000
Total Expense Appropriations	\$2,399,433	\$85,000	\$2,484,433

Section 2: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

First Reading held on: Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Passed and Approved on: Tuesday, June 20, 2017

ATTEST:

James E. Leidgen, City Clerk

Mary Schneider, Mayor