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2019 TREE CANOPY CAMPAIGN SCHEDULED FOR EARLY FALL





As you may be aware, much of our Hurstbourne tree canopy population endures an on-going battle for survival due to age, disease, pests, and severe weather events. Each year we lose trees that help make our City a very special place.

On occasion, mature trees in the medians and on the bridle path along Shelbyville Road are removed. However, the removals only take place when these trees have declined to the point that they are diseased, dying and present a significant hazard.

To combat this problem, the City continues to replant a wide variety of trees that will provide a new tree canopy for the future. By planting a variety of trees, the hope is to prevent a single disease, pest or event from destroying a great number of trees at one time. The planting program will add new trees this season to the medians and bridle paths.

Residents will have the option to partner with the City in the planting of trees in front or side yards that abut streets. This initiative will help restore and maintain our urban canopy. It is important to note that trees will be available on a first come-first serve basis.

As in past campaigns, high quality 2" caliper 10 to 12 foot tall maple or oak trees will be available for selection. Tree size will be comparable to trees planted in the medians. Residents may select up to two trees for a cost of only \$150 per tree. The City will pay the balance of the cost for the trees and labor to plant each tree. The trees will be purchased by the City and a qualified contractor will plant the trees in each yard at marked locations selected by residents. The City arborist will then work with resident's selected placements to avoid City right of way, easements and underground utilities.

The name "Hurstbourne" is a wedding of two words: 'hurst, meaning a grove of trees, or a woods, and "bourne" meaning boundary. While the person who first gave this name to the property in the 19th century is not known, this foretelling of the identity of Hurstbourne is certainly a known reality today. Let's all do our part to make sure Hurstbourne lives up to its name.

As the campaign kickoff approaches, residents will be provided opportunities to place orders for trees. Keep on the lookout for additional reminders from City Hall over the next few months.

STREET CLOSINGS - FROM 2002 TO PRESENT DAY

2002 - Initial Street Closings



The Louisville Planning Commission approved the Oxmoor Farm Development. The approved master plan required six City of Hurstbourne streets to be connected directly into the Oxmoor Farm Development. After realizing the Planning Commission would mandate that traffic from all new developments in our area be dispersed into our City of Hurstbourne streets, the City of Hurstbourne Commission started a road closing process in order to preserve the future safety and quality of life for the residents of Hurstbourne. The Hurstbourne City Commission initiated the legal process of closing Linn Station Road and South Lyndon Lane. The lengthy process was completed July of 2009.

2019 - Street Closures: The Sequel



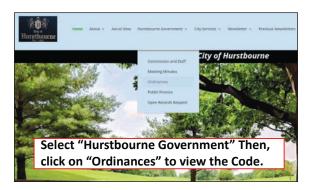




It is obvious that the Oxmoor Farm development plan is no closer to fruition today than it was at its inception some 17 years ago. The Commission believes it is prudent to proceed with the closure process once again. The two streets presented before the Planning Commission for closures at this time are Stamford and Cheffield. If successfully closed on paper, physical barriers will be erected.

UPDATED UNIFORM CODE OF CITY ORDINANCES AVAILABLE ON CITY WEBSITE

For the first time in our history as a City, all City of Hurstbourne Ordinances passed up to present day are available for viewing 24/7 online. The public can visit www.hurstbourne.org to view the Code of Ordinances.





From this point forward, the City plans to update its Uniform Code of Ordinances each fiscal year. Permanent records will be maintained at City Hall while the online electronic files will be available on the City of Hurstbourne website.

CONSTRUCTION CENTRAL

Over the past few months City Hall has been a hub of construction activity. Three construction projects working at the same time are the Vikings Properties site development, the Northwestern Mutual building renovation and the American Heart Association parking lot wall replacement. To add to the fray, the City of Hurstbourne City Hall received a new roof.

City Hall Roof Replacement Project

One previously planned project is the installation of a new roof on City Hall. When the building was purchased in 2015, the appraisal reported that the original roof was still in place and in need of replacement. At that time, the purchase price was reduced to compensate for a new roof. After a number of other building repairs, replacements and improvements were completed; the roof replacement project was recently let out for bid and awarded to Highland Roofing Company. A new white Thermoplastic material was installed. The new roof will be more durable, sunlight reflective and more energy efficient.



New roof installation



40+ year-old roof



White Thermoplastic and new hatch

American Heart Association Wall Replacement Project

Who says you can't build a wall? Our neighbors to the south did just that and paid for it to boot. It all happened as a result of a pending failure and potential collapse of the original barrier wall that lies between the southernmost property line at City Hall and the adjacent American Heart Association parking lot property. After discovery and contacting the appropriate parties, our good neighbors sprang into action and replaced the old wall with a new and more stable wall.

A big thanks goes to the American Heart Association for their speedy remedy to a potentially dangerous situation.



Old wall and asphalt failing



New reinforced wall and pavement

www.hurstbourne.org

Northwestern Mutual Building Renovation

Our neighbors to the north took possession of the old MD2U building and are in the midst of revamping the entire building. Parking is being reconfigured, complete with side entry, building frontage is to be redesigned and interior space is being reworked. The finished product promises to be of high quality.



Northwestern Mutual Building Renovation underway

Viking's / Hills Apartments Development Project







Viking Partners LLC bought the park in 2016. The Cincinnati-based private equity and real estate investment firm is redeveloping much of Hurstbourne Business Park. The redevelopment plan includes a hotel, large luxury apartment complex, restaurants and retailers. Total project costs have been estimated at \$100 million, which includes site acquisition.

Viking has already landed Cincinnati developer Hills Properties Inc., a family-owned apartment developer and property manager. After purchasing about seven acres of the Hurstbourne Plaza site for \$4.5 million, Hills is building 268-unit luxury apartments to be named "Rialto on Hurstbourne." The complex is to be positioned within the 100 through 300 blocks of Whittington Parkway.

Recent revisions to the approved plan include some reconfigurations. The total size of the hotel building will increase. However, the rooms are to be reduced from 149 to 127. As a result, individual rooms will be larger. Viking is talking to several major hotel companies. More than an acre will be carved out and sold to the hotel.

About 350,000 square feet of existing office space, including the eightstory Hurstbourne Park and the 13-story Hurstbourne Place ("flashcube building"), will remain in place with the redevelopment, as will the existing restaurants - P.F. Chang's restaurant and Z's Oyster Bar & Steakhouse. Z's will stay at its current location. Other small retail stores and coffee shop are planned as part of the development.



THE URBAN COYOTE – A LONGTIME VISITOR TO HURSTBOURNE



Every year, multiple sightings of Coyotes in Hurstbourne take place. Many times they are sighted in back yards, creek-beds, along the golf course and even on our streets and sidewalks. In fact, Coyotes have been seen in and around Hurstbourne for several decades. It's well known that the "Urban Coyote" is a nationwide phenomenon. As civilization encroaches upon nature, Coyotes and other indigenous species are left to share shrinking space with humankind.

Unfortunately, when we see wildlife on our streets, sidewalks and back yards, it's natural to be alarmed and even feel a sense of imminent danger. These concerns are heightened when it comes to small children and pets.

While they can be a nuisance and a threat to small wildlife and small pets, Coyotes are generally known to be reclusive by nature unless their young are threatened or they are hunting for wildlife such as rabbits and the like. Nonetheless, most people, when confronted with a Coyote sighting, are quick to report the activity and are in favor of removal or eradication.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife published information on the subject of Coyotes. According to the experts, it is not advisable to attempt to eradicate or remove Coyotes as they will simply repopulate right away.

"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. The survival rate of pups may increase due to less competition for food."

In another case, some years ago, the City of Denver, CO., attempted such actions and found that the Coyote population actually increased from the

starting point of the extermination efforts. The City of Hurstbourne is keenly aware of this issue. If incidents involving Coyotes, other than occasional sightings, take place, the City will act swiftly to take the appropriate actions.

In the meantime, it's best to follow the advice of the experts, keep a watchful eye and take precautions in our peaceful coexistence with the indigenous wildlife.



CITY TO USE ECO-FRIENDLY COLD PATCH ASPHALT MIX

The 2019 winter season has brought its own unique brand of weather patterns. Temperature swings from sub-zero lows, brought to you courtesy of the Polar Vortex, to near-record highs – all within the span of a day. In addition to taxing our bodies, heating systems and pocketbooks, cold-to-warm temperature variations also tear up our streets causing cracks that ultimately form into potholes.

This year, the City is adding a new fix to its bag of tricks "Green Patch." The cold mix asphalt product uses eco-friendly materials and is easy to apply. The mix is poured directly from the bag to the street – no pre-mixing, no heat requirements and no heavy equipment needed to do the job. The simple application process includes the mix, a hand tamper and a vehicle. Once applied, Green Patch is traffic-ready within minutes.



NEW TO THE CITY?



WELCOME TO HURSTBOURNE!

Are you a new resident of our City? Important information such as the City directory, sanitation schedule, ReachAlert mass communication network, City Ordinances, Codes and important public service agencies are good to have in hand. If you need any of the above, contact the City website at www.hurstbourne.org, call us at (502) 426-4808, or stop by City Hall at 200 Whittington Parkway. Help us help you get plugged in and connected!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND

On many occasions, we need to contact important services and agencies. Local government and public agencies contact numbers are listed below:

- Animal Control—363-6609 (Complaints)
- Before U Dig, Dial 811
- Garbage Service—City Hall 426-4808 or Rumpke 568-3800
- Louisville Gas & Electric, 589-3500—to report power or gas problems
- Louisville Water Co, 583-6610
- Metro Call, Dial 311 (fields local government inquiries or reports, or visit <u>www.louisvilleky.gov,)</u>
- Municipal Sewer District, 587-0603—To report clogged drainage pipes & storm sewers or visit www.msdloukv.org
- Louisville Metro Police Department

Non-emergency 574-7111 / Emergency 911

Telephone Reporting Unit, 574-4661 (allows you to make a report for insurance purposes)

Anonymous Tip Line, 574-5673

Free Home Security Survey, 574-2258



"GOOD NEIGHBOR" CHECKLIST







Take a look at the checklist below and see how you stack-up when it comes to being a "Good Neighbor" in the City of Hurstbourne.

PARKING – All Vehicles are parked in the garage or driveway *before parking on the street* ✓

GARBAGE CANS – Garbage cans are kept at the rear of the garage/driveway for collection ✓

PETS – Your dog is leashed, doesn't run free, bark excessively, and picked up after ✓

BUILDING PROJECTS – You inform the City of Hurstbourne <u>before</u> you start your project ✓

NOISE – Your home is known as a quiet place – day and night ✓

GRASS AND WEEDS – Your yard is cut, trimmed, and picked-up – it's a "junk-free-zone" ✓

TREES, LEAVES AND DEBRIS – Your trees, leaves, and debris are properly maintained ✓

HOME EXTERIOR – Paint, brick, shutters, gutters, steps, driveway are kept up-to-date ✓

PUBLIC SAFETY − Your home and vehicles are locked and you keep a watch on your street ✓

CITY STREETS – You carefully share streets with other vehicles, walkers and bicyclists ✓

COMPASSION – You know your neighbors and offer a helping hand when called upon ✓



TENANT OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL

1,429 square feet of office space is available for lease. All inquiries should be directed to City of Hurstbourne C.A.O. Jim Leidgen at (502) 426-4808 or, by email at jim@hurstbourne.org.



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City Shred Event
Saturday, April 20th
9:00 a.m. to Noon
City Hall parking lot –
200 Whittington Pkwy.

Junk Pick-Up Day: Saturday, April 20th

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

We encourage you to check out the ways you can get in touch with your City government.

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