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STORM WATER DRAINAGE PROJECTS UPDATE



July-2015 flood waters overtop City streets

Back in July of 2015, The City of Hurstbourne experienced a deluge of rain and consequent flash flooding with some residents experiencing significant property damage. Problem areas within the city in terms of both property damage and safety issues were quickly identified. Since that historic event, the City Commission authorized the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee - the Hurstbourne Storm Water Advisory Committee (H.S.W.A.C.). The Committee was formed to address these problem areas and identify possible solutions to

bring to the attention of the Commission and MSD. Over several months, multiple meetings and public hearings with MSD took place. Unfortunately, MSD reported that no immediate funding was available for mitigation of the identified flood-prone areas.

Not to be deterred, the City Commission acted by appropriating funds to be dedicated towards upcoming storm water flood projects. Subsequently, the City budgeted for and transferred proceeds amounting to \$100,000 per year. From 2016 to present day \$400,000 has been set aside.

Authorized projects include the clearing of Hurstbourne streams and creeks, detention basin improvements on Blairwood Road, storm grate upgrades, and curb and gutter enhancements. To date \$46,660 has been spent on the above listed projects, while an additional \$60,000 in jobs are planned to be completed this year.







REMEMBERING FOUNDING HURSTBOURNE MAYOR - DAVID BECKMAN

The City of Hurstbourne lost one of its founders, former Mayor and long-time resident David Beckman. He passed away at the age of 82 on Wednesday October 30, 2019. He was one of founders of the City of Hurstbourne and served as Mayor from 1982 to 1989. In fact, on a number of occasions, friends and neighbors affectionately referred to David as the "George Washington" of Hurstbourne.

Though he was a native of Jasper, Indiana, he resided in Louisville since 1957. He was a graduate of St. Meinrad Seminary, Bellarmine College and the University of Louisville Law School. His chosen profession was in the field of Law – specializing in Labor Arbitration. During his career he resolved more than 3,000 labor disputes including several hundred in the coal industry.

He also served as President of Hurstbourne Country Club and on several charitable boards and other civic organizations. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Gerry; two sons, David Jr. and Charles and four grandchildren.

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DRIVING, TRAFFIC, SAFETY AND US

City Hall receives numerous calls from residents voicing their concerns about speeding on our streets - and with good reason. Speeding and public safety are tops on most everybody's list when it comes to quality of life issues in our City. Therefore, we should take a close look at this problem and perhaps include the use of a mirror during our inspection.

District 18 Councilperson Marilyn Parker recently published some intriguing information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NTSA) that is well worth restating to help us draw some logical conclusions.

We are the speeders!

The NTSA report states that most people that speed through residential areas actually live in the neighborhood.

Speed kills people!

Quite literally, speed kills: If you hit a pedestrian at 20 mph, 5% will die, at 30 mph, 45% will die and at 40 mph, 85% will die. The posted speed limit for almost all our streets is 25 mph. Therefore, if we travel at just 5 mph over the speed limit and

hit a pedestrian, there is nearly a 50/50 chance they would die – a sobering thought indeed.

Our challenge: Be a part of the solution - not the problem

While it's easy to say that the source of our speeding problems originates from cut-through traffic, perhaps it's better to take control of what we can. In other words, our first responsibility is to take ownership of the problem and do our part to be part of the solution.

Since, driver behavior is crucial to safety in our City, then we should employ some or all of the following safe driving tips:

- Drive slow enough to see and respond to every new circumstance
- · Look under and between parked cars for the feet of children or other pedestrians
- · When it's dark, take another 10 mph off your speed
- Even if you are being "tailgated" from behind, slow down. If you go slow they go slow
- Make a full stop at stop signs "California" style rolling stops don't count
- Put your cell phone down
- Always scan 360 degrees see what's around you using all your mirrors
- Use common sense when driving





Please keep in mind that you will most likely arrive at your destination at the same time regardless of your speed. So, *slow down* and drive safe for the sake of others and yourself.



HURSTBOURNE – A CITY OF TREES

Each year, the City of Hurstbourne evaluates all of the trees in medians, the park and other green spaces. Due to inclement weather, blight and disease, trees decline, die, deemed to be a safety hazard and then removed. Tree removals are customarily followed by new plantings. This year is no exception as over 30 trees are scheduled to be planted in the spring.



However, the greater Louisville area tree canopy is in state of severe decline and needs attention.

Some of the following benefits are derived from trees:

- Over 20% of the world's oxygen is produced by the Amazon rain forest
- Over 180 million Americans receive quality drinking water from forested watersheds
- · Surfaces shaded by trees are at least 10 degrees cooler than unshaded areas
- One single large tree can provide up to a day's supply of oxygen
- · Trees actually help reduce certain crimes
- · Trees increase property values

Call to action - You can help!

While the City of Hurstbourne works to remove and replace diseased or damaged trees, residents can control what happens on their property. We ask all residents to join the effort to INCREASE THE TREE CANOPY. You can help by simply planting a tree or trees in your yard. If you have any questions regarding selecting ideal species and locations for planting of your new tree or trees, give us a call at (502) 426-4808.



I-64 SOUND BARRIER WALL EXTENSION UPDATE

Unfinished business still lingers along the I-64 corridor – a fully complete sound barrier wall. Even now, the only thing that separates our community from interstate noise and pollution is an old wooden fence. Then in 2014, a sizable section of the wall was constructed; starting from the Blairwood Tennis and Swim Club area down to behind the Woodlands of Hurstbourne Patio Homes. But that was the end of it until now.

After holding several meetings with local elected officials, KYTC staff and, most importantly, the Governor's Executive Cabinet Secretary, the planned and proposed I-64 sound barrier wall is *approved, funded and will be completed!*

According the KYTC management, the project was approved, bids have been let out and then awarded to MAC Construction. The project is in the pre-construction phase which means that site prep work will need to be completed followed by installation of sound barrier panels and support structures. The wall will connect at the end of the existing wall and run along the wooded area that backs up to homes along the 8700-8800 Addresses of Linn Station Road. The wall is also set to angle northwest along the Bullitt Farm property behind homes on Cheffield Drive. Stay tuned – We will keep you posted as the project takes shape.

SNOW REMOVAL FOR WINTER SEASON

Each year, the City prepares for winter season with yearly irrigation shutdowns, seasonal pruning and other off-season maintenance. Another very important service provided by the City is snow removal. A comprehensive system of treatments is used to remove snow, sleet and ice – all in concert to keep our streets clear and safe.

The three commonly used street surface treatments are liquid brine, bulk salt and plowing. Brine and bulk salt are used depending on weather conditions. Unfortunately, much like prediction of the weather itself, it is difficult to



determine the exact ingredients of each winter storm. In other words, temperature, duration, and mix all play into how a particular storm will affect us in forms of precipitation. With each storm, the City will employ the best-matched remedies at hand to clear our streets.

With the arrival of the winter season, it's important to keep our streets smooth, clean and free from debris. Unfortunately, those troublesome potholes tend to pop-up with every freeze and thaw cycle. Please give City Hall a call if you happen to notice any potholes and we will attend to them as soon as weather permits.



End-of-street storm grate covered up



Grates near driveways and mailboxes are full

Other wintertime pests come in the form of clogged storm gutters and drainage grates. City contractors continuously clear-out storm grates. However, they may miss a grate near your mailbox or your front yard. Please take a minute to clear out those storm gutters and grates that service near your home.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Event: City-Wide Shredding Day

Hosted by: City of Hurstbourne and Paper Predator

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Location: City Hall Parking Lot - 200 Whittington Parkway

Traffic Pattern: One-way traffic: Enter from Marksfield

Exit to Whittington

Items Allowed: <u>Paper only</u> – NO cardboard, pharmaceuticals, flammable

materials or plastic. NO BATTERIES.

Staples and paper clips do not need to be removed

Limits: No more than 5 boxes per household







2020 SANITATION HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

President's Day: Monday, Feb. 17, 2020

No delays.

Memorial Day: Monday, May 25, 2020

Waste and recycling service will not occur on Monday, May 25, and service will be delayed one day during the rest of the week.

Independence Day: Saturday, Jul. 4, 2020

No delays.

Labor Day: Monday, Sep. 7, 2020

Service will NOT occur on Monday, Sept. 7. Service will be delayed one day during the rest of the week.

Columbus Day: Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2020

No delays.

Veteran's Day: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020

No delays.

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020

Customers with service on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will NOT be affected by Thanksgiving. Service will NOT occur on Thursday, Nov. 26, and service will be delayed one day for the rest of the week.

Christmas Day: Friday, Dec. 25, 2020

Customers serviced on Monday through Thursday will NOT be affected by Christmas Day. Service will NOT occur on Friday, December 25. Service will be delayed one day (Friday will move to Saturday).

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 or Rumpke 1 800-828-8171
- 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 www.louisvilleky.gov,)
- Municipal Sewer District, 587-0603-To report clogged drainage pipes & storm sewers or visit www.msdlouky.org
- Louisville Metro Police Department Non-emergency 574-2111 / Emergency 911
- St. Matthews Fire Department 502-893-7825.



A number of years ago, the City of Hurstbourne entered into an agreement with REACH Alert, a mass communication provider that enables the City to communicate important information to our residents in real time. It is a simple, no cost service available to you. You get to choose how you would like to receive your messages – whether by text, email, or both message formats.

Approximately 1,000 Hurstbourne households have already signed up. Messages are sent with each including trash pickup information, picnic events, crime related information, the City-wide shredding event, yard sales and other weather-related alerts.

After you register, you can login at any time to update your contact information. Anyone in your house can sign up to receive the information. You also have the option of adding additional email addresses and phone numbers to receive alerts. It's important to note that your contact information is held in strict confidence and will not be shared with anyone. The REACH Alert system is used solely for important and timely messages.

NEW TO THE CITY?



WELCOME TO HURSTBOURNE!

Are you a new resident of our City? - Let us know about it!

Information such as the City directory, sanitation schedule, ReachAlert mass communication network, City Ordinances, Codes and important public service agencies are good to have on 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!



CITY OF HURSTBOURNE

ORDINANCE 19-05

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING THE INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY SECTIONS 33.30 THROUGH 33.39 FOR THE CITY OF HURSTBOURNE

Ordinance 19-05 ordinance repeals and replaces the City's existing ordinance chapter relating to investment policies to match changes to Kentucky law. In 2019, the state statutes governing what Cities can invest surplus money in were updated by the Kentucky State Legislature. After the law passed, the Kentucky League of Cities created a model investment policy that is compliant with the changes. Ordinance 19-05 adopts that model policy to update Hurstbourne's investment policies to the new state law. The undersigned attorney does hereby certify that this ordinance has been summarized for publication pursuant to KRS 83A.060(9). Full text of the ordinance can be obtained by contacting Hurstbourne City Hall at 200 Whittington Parkway, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40222. John Singler, Attorney, City of Hurstbourne.



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