

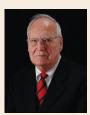
# The Hursthourne Herald

## Spring 2021

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Mary Masick Mayor



Norb Hancock Commissioner Code Enforcement/ Sanitation



Ben Jackson Commissioner General Government



Lois Wagner Commissioner Public Works



Bill Leavell Commissioner Public Safety

## NEW COMMISSION TAKES OFFICE

The Commission was sworn in to take office effective January 1, 2021. Re-elected Commissioners Ben Jackson, Bill Leavell and Lois Wagner were joined by elected newly Commissioner Norb Hancock. Mayor Mary Masick remains in office having served two years of her four-year term. The first order of business for the new Commission was to assign department Supervisors, appoint non-elected City Officials, Committees, and others.



## **Elected Officials**

Norb Hancock Commissioner – Code Enforcement / Sanitation

Ben Jackson Commissioner – General Government and Mayor Pro-Tem

Mary Masick Mayor

Bill Leavell Commissioner – Public Safety Lois Wagner Commissioner – Public Works

## Appointed City Officials & Professional Services

Jim Leidgen, City Administrative Officer, City Clerk, ABC and Code Enforcement Officer John Singler, City Attorney Mike Rhodes, City Treasurer Chris Crumpton, City Engineer

## **Appointed Standing Committees and Boards**

Finance Committee – Ben Jackson, Bill Leavell, Mike Rhodes, Jim Leidgen Ethics Officer – Robert Rudd Hurstbourne Storm Water Advisory Committee – Mary Masick, Lois Wagner, Jim Leidgen, John Singler, Chris Crumpton

## COYOTE SIGHTINGS



Every year there are multiple sightings of Coyotes in Hurstbourne. Many times they are seen 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. 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 rabbits and other wildlife. 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 of Coyotes as they will repopulate right away. 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 other cases, when municipalities attempted such actions Coyote populations actually increased from the starting point of the extermination efforts.

Removal or eradication of Coyotes in the City of Hurstbourne is also complicated by the fact that the City of Hurstbourne owns little property, other than its road right of way. Everything else is privately owned by residents. This greatly restricts the area the City has legal right to enter for trapping Coyotes within the City. Also, the large tracts of open land upon which most of the Coyotes are living are outside the City of Hurstbourne boundary. Additionally, traps that attract Coyotes also attract domestic pets. Therefore, placing traps in close proximity to household pets is not a viable option.

## **BUILDING AND DESIGN REGULATIONS**



## APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

The City of Hurstbourne has various building and remodeling regulations to maintain the beauty of the City and the consistency of community. Prior to the issuance of any building permit or demolition permit from Metro Louisville, the City of Hurstbourne must be given the opportunity to review permit application and plans to determine if the project is in compliance with the Building and Design Ordinance. The City shall evidence the determination as to whether the project complies with the City's building and design ordinance by issuing a Building permit.

It is the responsibility of the resident to provide all required information for the issuance of a building permit. Activities which might not trigger a Metro Louisville building permit may be subject to review by the City of Hurstbourne. Such activities requiring review and approval by the City of Hurstbourne include room additions, attached garages or any other structure attached to the house. Fence and wall installations also require approval. The City determines whether the project complies with the Building and Design Ordinance, prior to approval of the permit.

### **DESIGN STANDARDS**

Construction within the City of Hurstbourne must have building architecture in keeping with the general character of the existing architecture in terms of style, type of material, design and appearance. All fences and walls must not be installed in such a way as to obstruct drainage. All fence and wall materials must also match the general style and materials and type of design.

Garages must be attached to the home. Attachments can be achieved via breezeway or wall structures attached to the primary structure on the lot. Garages must also match the general style and materials of the primary structure on the lot and must be in keeping with the general character of the neighborhood.

## CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ORDINANCE 21-02 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND UPDATING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CITY'S SIGN ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 153

This ordinance clarifies the City's regulations on temporary signs often used by residents to advertise their houses for sale or rent, advertise yard sales, contractor signage for renovations or home improvements, or other events in the City. The intent of this ordinance is to limit the proliferation of these temporary signs, while recognizing the need for residents to use temporary signs for certain specific purposes and for a limited time. Full copy of this ordinance is available on the City website, www.hurstbourne.org.

## CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ORDINANCE 21-03 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY FOR PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF HURSTBOURNE

This ordinance adopts safety standards for any pedestrian that desires to enter the right of way. Any pedestrian who wishes to be in the roadway for any purpose, whether it be for collection of donations, or for any other reason, must comply with the standards contained in this ordinance, for the safety of the pedestrians and the traveling public. Full copy of this ordinance is available on the City website, www.hurstbourne.org.

#### AT&T FIBER OPTIC UPGRADES CONTINUE



AT&T continues to upgrade their system throughout the City of Hurstbourne. The upgrades take the form of new high-capacity fiber optic cable extensions to improve cable and internet services. Crews continue to work in right-of-way and AT&T easements to connect the new cable using a technique called "stitch boring." This method of installation is effective and minimizes impact to property owners.

The latest phase of work takes place along sections of Linn Station Road, Oxmoor Woods Parkway, Stockport Road, Oldbury Place, Cheffield Drive, Blackpool Drive, Hadleigh Place, Leighton Circle and Bedfordshire Road. AT&T is still working to install 5G upgrades at selected locations – all designed to bring high speed and capacity internet.

#### FEBRUARY WINTER STORMS BLANKET AREA



A 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.

While this year proved to be challenging due to a succession of winter storms, the City was up to the task. Each storm presented a unique blend of rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow.

Our contractors worked hard to treat and plow City of Hurstbourne streets. On a number of occasions crews cleared streets during late evening and early morning hours. A hearty thanks to Bramer Brothers and Pro Turf for a job well done.

## DOG OWNERS – PLEASE BE A GOOD TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND TO YOUR DOG



Unfortunately, a few dog owners leave their dog outside – barely sheltered from the elements. On many occasions and over several days, these animals are left to bark all hours of the day and night. This is a violation of both Metro and City of Hurstbourne Animal Ordinances and borderlines on animal cruelty.

If you, as a neighbor, find these types of conditions, contact Metro Animal Control at metro 311. The City will echo your complaints to Metro in an attempt to remedy the situation and bring offending parties into compliance as soon as possible.

## POSTERS AND FLYERS ON CITY SIGNS, SIGNPOSTS, TREES AND MEDIANS



The City reminds residents to refrain from placing "yard sale" and "lost pet" signs etc. on any city signs, signposts, light posts and trees. Doing so could result in damaging the signs and posts and possible charges to the resident for repairs and restorations.

### WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



If you are new to our City, please contact City Hall so we can update our data base records. You may call us at 502 426-4808 or send an email to <a href="mailto:info@hurstbourne.org">info@hurstbourne.org</a>

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Junk Pick Up Day Saturday April 17th, 2021

## **CITY CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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