



# The Hurstbourne Herald

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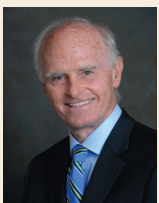
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## PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TO COMBAT INCREASE IN CAR THEFTS



There has been an unfortunate rise in the number of car thefts and break-ins since the beginning of 2023 in Louisville, and Hurstbourne has not been immune to these thefts.

Due to staffing issues in the Louisville Metro Police Department's Eighth Division, proactive measures like routine patrolling and traffic enforcement have been almost non-existent.

Because of this, in late 2020, the city entered into a contract with the Lyndon Police Department (formerly Graymoor-Devondale at the time of the initial contract) to provide first-responder services for Hurstbourne. This means that when someone in our city calls 911, Lyndon police officers receive the dispatch and are sent out. The average response time for a Lyndon officer to arrive at a call from Hurstbourne is around 2 minutes.

There are outside forces that create opportunities for vehicle thefts as well. Oftentimes, the investigations will find that car owners have left their car unlocked and/or the keys are inside the vehicle. In other cities, thefts have occurred when a vehicle key fob is left in the house too close to the vehicle outside, and thieves have used technology to mirror the signal and unlock, start, and drive the vehicle away.

Recently, vehicles made by Kia and Hyundai have been targeted due to their lack of security features, which have been shared across the social media platform TikTok. LMPD estimated in July 2022 that half of the cars stolen that month were made by Kia or Hyundai. While these manufacturers work on resolving the security issues through product recalls, it is recommended that you purchase a steering wheel lock to further decrease the chances that your car is stolen.

In January, city officials met with LMPD's new 8<sup>th</sup> Division Major, Eric Wampler, shortly after he was appointed. The city expressed our concerns about their lack of services being offered and reiterated the string of crimes we've experienced in Hurstbourne, and our hope that services improve moving forward.

Last October, the city purchased 5 Flock Safety cameras, which are cameras situated at entrances/exits of Hurstbourne that capture license plate numbers for every car that passes by a camera. These were purchased as a pilot project and because of their success, the city plans to order 8 more cameras in the coming months. Once installed, Hurstbourne will have Flock Safety cameras covering each entrance/exit point of the city, which will allow Lyndon Police, LMPD, and other connected agencies to track stolen vehicles via the license plate and will notify authorities if a car is picked up on another Flock Safety camera elsewhere, such as another city or state.

## LMPD TIPS ON PREVENTING CAR THEFTS



**LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**PREVENTING VEHICLE THEFTS & THEFTS FROM VEHICLES**

- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE RUNNING UNATTENDED**
- **DO NOT LEAVE SPARE KEYS OR FOBs IN YOUR VEHICLE**  
**50% OF RECENT STOLEN VEHICLES INVOLVE LEAVING KEYS IN THE VEHICLE**
- **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLE DOORS**  
**90% OF RECENT THEFTS FROM VEHICLES WERE FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLES**
- **DO NOT LEAVE THE WINDOWS OPEN OR PARTIALLY OPENED**
- **PARK IN WELL-LIT AREAS**
- **AVOID ISOLATED AREAS & PARKING SPOTS**
- **REMOVE VALUABLE ITEMS FROM YOUR VEHICLE  
(WALLETS, PURSES, CELL PHONES, LAPTOPS, FIREARMS, ETC.)**

**REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR VEHICLE TO (502) 574-7111**

### HURSTBOURNE HIRES NEW CITY BOOKEEPER

Please join us in welcoming the City of Hurstbourne's new Bookkeeper, Stephanie Kellerman. Stephanie most recently worked as the Controller for NextLaw and was previously the Controller for the City of Shepherdsville for 3 years. Stephanie brings years of financial experience and knowledge to the city, and we are excited to have her on our team. Stephanie's first day will be Monday, April 10. Feel free to stop by City Hall to welcome her any time.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Junk Pick-Up Day	Saturday, April 15
City-Wide Yard Sale	Friday, May 19 & Saturday, May 20
City Shred Event	Saturday, June 10 9:00 a.m. to Noon City Hall parking lot 200 Whittington Pkwy.

## THE URBAN COYOTE – A LONGTIME VISITOR TO HURSTBOURNE



Every year, multiple sightings of coyotes in Hurstbourne take place. 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 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 other 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. 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 has published information about 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 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 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 co-existence with the indigenous wildlife.

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### GOOD NEIGHBOR CHECKLIST

We all play a part in being a good neighbor and keeping Hurstbourne a beautiful and welcoming city.  
Please review the list below to ensure you are doing your part in being a good neighbor.

- 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, doesn't bark excessively, and picked up after ✓
- BUILDING PROJECTS** – You inform the City of Hurstbourne before you start your project ✓
- NOISE** – Excessive noise levels are kept to a minimum out of respect for your neighbors ✓
- 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 ✓

## REMINDER - SIGNS PROHIBITED ON CITY POLES



The city wants to remind residents that signs are prohibited from being attached to any poles located on city property and common areas, such as medians and rights-of-way. This includes light poles, Flock Safety poles, stop signs, and street signs.

Anyone found attaching signs to poles in Hurstbourne will be fined and billed for the cost of repair or replacement due to damage caused by the removal of these signs.

## CITY HALL CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS



**Good Friday:**  
**Friday, April 7**

**Memorial Day:**  
**Monday, May 29**

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## REACH ALERT – SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP



The City of Hurstbourne contracts with REACH Alert, a local company and provider of an instant mass communication system, which enables the City to communicate essential information to our residents in real time. It is a simple, no cost service available to you. You can either scan the QR code to the left to be taken to the sign-up page, or all you have to do is let us know how you would like to receive your REACH Alert messages – whether by text, by email, by telephone, or in all three formats.

Over 1,000 Hurstbourne households have already signed up. Customary Reach Alert messages include sanitation service delays, junk pickup information, picnic events, the City-wide shredding event, yard sales, and weather-related warnings.

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 up to a total of four email addresses and/or phone numbers to receive alerts. It is 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 as determined by City Hall staff.





## SHRED EVENT DETAILS

Date:	Saturday, June 10 , 2023
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:	PAPER ONLY-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

## 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 on hand.

If you need any of the above, contact the City website at [www.hurstbourne.org](http://www.hurstbourne.org), call us at (502) 426-4808 or stop by City Hall at 200 Whittington Parkway.

## TENANT OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL

Office space is available for lease at the City Hall building. For questions or additional information contact Nicol Young at (502) 426-4808 or by email – [nicol@hurstbourne.org](mailto:nicol@hurstbourne.org).



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## CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Office: City of Hurstbourne  
200 Whittington Parkway, Suite100  
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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00  
Phone/Fax: (502)426-4808 / (502)426-4889  
Website: [www.hurstbourne.org](http://www.hurstbourne.org)  
General Email: [info@hurstbourne.org](mailto:info@hurstbourne.org)

### City Commission

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