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Hurstbourne Family Picnic 2025 A Wonderful Success

The Hurstbourne Family Picnic 2025 was a hit! Neighbors, friends, and loved ones gathered at the grounds of Lowe Elementary School to celebrate our annual tradition together. The weather was warm and sunny with just the right breeze – and ice cream from Comfy Cow helped everyone cool off!



This year's spread, catered by City Barbeque, was nothing short of delicious. From the hot and fresh barbecue to the chilled potato salad, every detail was delectable. Residents also raved about the sweet treats – ice cream plus the delightful cookies from Penny & Pearls Bakeshop rounded out the menu in the best way.



Children spent the afternoon racing across Lowe's playground and lining up for face painting by Linda Brooks of Face the Fun Facepainting as well as caricatures by Denny Whelan. Linda's colorful designs had the kids beaming, while Denny's impressive caricatures gave both children and adults a laugh – each artist kept long, yet happy lines throughout the event. All the entertainment was set to music from The Fab2 band. Their take on classic hits filled the air with an energy that kept the celebration lively and fun.

We estimate nearly 400 attendees joined us this year – a fantastic testament to the strong community spirit of Hurstbourne. City Hall looks forward to this gathering each year as one of our favorite ways to show appreciation for our residents.

If you haven't joined us yet, we sure hope you'll mark your calendar for next year. Bring your family, bring your appetite, and come be part of the fun!



City Hall Closed For The Holidays

Veteran's Day Observed:

November 10, 2025

Thanksgiving Observed:

November 27 & 28, 2025

Christmas Observed:

December 24 & 25, 2025



Public Safety Updates

As part of the Commission's ongoing commitment to enhancing public safety, four new speed radar signs have been installed along Oxmoor Woods Parkway and Linn Station Road. These signs are designed to display drivers' speed in real time, serving as a friendly reminder to slow down and drive safely through our neighborhoods.

In addition to promoting awareness, the signs also gather valuable traffic data. This information helps the city better understand driving patterns and identify peak times or locations where speeding is most frequent, allowing us to address concerns more effectively.

While these tools are effective, the greatest impact will always come from each of us doing our part, so please remember to stay mindful behind the wheel. A few extra seconds of patience can make a big difference in keeping our community safe and enjoyable for all.



Preventing Car Thefts and Break-Ins: Small Steps Can Make a Big Difference

Unfortunately, car break-ins and thefts can happen anywhere - even in quiet, safe neighborhoods like ours. The good news is that most of these incidents are crimes of opportunity, meaning they occur when a thief randomly takes advantage of an easy situation. In many of these cases, vehicles were left unlocked or had valuables visible inside - a big temptation for a criminal.

What Thieves Look For:

- **Visible Valuables:** Bags, electronics, purses, and even loose change can catch a thief's eye.
- **Unlocked Doors:** It sounds simple, but a *surprising* number of thefts happen because a car wasn't locked at all.
- **Keys Inside:** Leaving your car running unattended or simply leaving the keys inside makes an incredibly easy target.

Prevention Is Simple:

- **Lock It Up:** Make it a habit to lock your car doors and roll up your windows every time you exit your vehicle.
- **Remove or Hide Valuables:** Keep personal items out of sight to avoid temptation.
- **Take Your Keys:** Never leave keys or key fobs inside the vehicle.
- **Stay Aware:** If you notice suspicious activity, report it to the police or City Hall right away.

A few extra moments of precaution can truly make all the difference. By removing temptation and opportunity, we can help prevent these types of crimes before they happen. So, let's all take part in these simple steps to keep our city streets safer for everyone.



Help Us Keep Hurstbourne Looking Its Best

We'd like to kindly remind everyone that Ordinance 153.06 (A) prohibits attaching signs of any kind - such as yard sales, missing pets, or event flyers - to street signs, poles, posts, hydrants, utility boxes, or other facilities in the road right-of-way.

When signs are taped up, the tape damages the poles and our crews then have to spend extra time and resources on repairs and cleanup. By following the ordinance, you're helping us keep our city safe, attractive, and running efficiently. Thank you for doing your part!

Tree Canopy Campaign: Growing Together



Hurstbourne continues to thrive under the shade of our beautiful trees - and thanks to the success of this year's Tree Canopy Campaign, our community just got a little greener. Residents responded enthusiastically to the program, showing how much value they place on adding trees to our shared landscape.

This year's selections included the vibrant Burgundy Belle Red Maple and the fragrant, golden-foliaged 'Greenspire' Linden. Both will grow into impressive additions that provide beauty, shade, and a lasting contribution to our neighborhoods.

The city is proud to partner with residents on this initiative; residents are able to select trees at wholesale cost, with the city covering the additional expenses for purchase and professional installation. The City Horticulturist also ensures each tree is planted in the best possible spot for long-term health and longevity.

Rooted in our very name – hurst meaning grove of trees and bourne meaning boundary – the Tree Canopy Campaign honors Hurstbourne's

heritage while building a canopy that will flourish into the future.

If you are interested in participating in this initiative next year, the program will be back again around September. We look forward to watching our community continue to grow together.

Fall Leaves – Friendly Reminders from the City of Hurstbourne

Autumn is a beautiful season and can be a busy one for yards. As leaves start to fall, please remember that Ordinance 92.32 requires residents to keep their properties maintained and prevent the accumulation of yard waste. It's neighborly to sweep up leaves and do your best to keep them from blowing into nearby yards and gutters.



A few helpful reminders:

- Do not sweep leaves or yard debris into city gutters – Ordinance 94.04 prohibits this. Clogged gutters create drainage, health, and sanitary problems for the whole neighborhood.
- Rumpke picks up yard waste year-round on Fridays. You may set out about six paper yard-waste bags for collection each week. **If you prefer reusable cans, they must be clearly marked "YARD WASTE"** so collectors can spot it easily. This is proper procedure per the sanitation contract with our city. Yard waste collectors operate from a separate collection vehicle, so they are not actively stopping at every home on a street. They rely on visibly identifying the yard waste cans for collection. City Hall has free "YARD WASTE" can labels available – stop by anytime or call us and we'll gladly mail you as many as you need.
- Yard waste bags should not exceed 50 lbs. – if a bag can't be reasonably lifted by a person, it may not be collected. Let's keep our sanitation workers safe and appreciated by setting out manageable bags and cans. For very large loads, call Rumpke customer service in advance at 800-828-8171 so they can help plan pickup.

We know leaves can be relentless in some yards – we simply ask that you please do the best you can to maintain your property this season. Thanks for helping keep Hurstbourne clean, safe, and neighborly!

Pumpkins, Gourds, and ... Vermin?

It's that time of year again when our porches begin to glow with pumpkins, gourds, and all things fall. Festive touches make our city feel cozy and inviting, yet as with most things, a little mindfulness can go a very long way.

Per Ordinance 92.32 Section B: Outdoor areas should be kept free of discarded food, garbage, and refuse. While decorative pumpkins and gourds *certainly* don't fall into that category at first, they could quickly turn into a feast for local critters once they begin to spoil. Once pumpkins begin to soften, it is best to dispose of them properly. This will help prevent unwanted guests from making your yard, or your neighbors' yard, a late-night wildlife dining spot.

We kindly request that you keep an eye on your fall décor and subsequently keep this idea in mind year-round. Leaving food outdoors for critters is not only unneighborly, it can also bring about several negative implications for wildlife itself. Surprisingly, intentionally leaving out food for the critters could lead to damaging habitats, easier spread of diseases, loss of survival skills, unbalanced animal diets, and making animals potentially aggressive and dependent on humans. Creating a dependency can encourage wild creatures to lose their healthy fear of humans which then, in some cases, can become a public safety risk.

So let's all remember, a tidy yard and limited food sources for wildlife will help keep our community safe, clean, and charming through every season.



Coyotes & Foxes In The Suburbs

Coyotes and foxes may seem like surprising visitors in our city, but the truth is - they've been our quiet neighbors for decades. Our goal is simple: *peaceful coexistence*. These animals are naturally shy and would much rather avoid people than interact with us. When we take a few simple steps, living alongside them can remain safe and positive for everyone.

Why You Might See Them More Sometimes

It's normal for sightings to increase at certain times of the year. Coyotes roam more in January and February during breeding season, and again in spring and early summer when parents are caring for pups. In the fall, young coyotes begin leaving their parents to find their own territories, so they're on the move again. Knowing this can help us understand that most sightings are just part of their natural cycle – not cause for alarm.

Why They're Here

Coyotes and foxes thrive in many environments, including cities like ours. They help keep rodent populations in check and play an important role in the balance of nature. Most of the time, they're just passing through. Problems usually arise only when food or shelter draws them too close. Here are some key points, plus advice, straight from the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources.

What Attracts Them:

- Food left outside
- Open trash or compost bins
- Bird seed or fallen fruit in yards
- Small pets left alone outdoors



How You Can Help:

- **Don't feed them.** Coyotes and foxes have plenty of natural food sources. Feeding them makes them lose their healthy fear of people.
- **Secure food sources.** Bring pet food indoors, close trash cans tightly, and clean up fallen fruit or bird seed.
- **Look out for pets.** Supervise dogs and cats when outside. A short leash for dogs and keeping cats indoors keeps everyone safe.
- **Stay aware on walks.** Keep your dog close to you so coyotes see it as part of you.

If You See One:

- Stay calm — don't run.
- Make noise: clap, shout, or stomp your feet.
- Wave your arms or a stick to look bigger.
- Pick up small pets or children.
- Keep it up until the animal moves along.



By working together, we can continue our long tradition of living peacefully with wildlife. Coyotes, foxes, and other wild neighbors remind us that nature is all around us — even in the city! They are a sign that Hurstbourne's ecosystem is healthy, green and thriving. With a little understanding and care, we can keep sharing our community safely and respectfully.

Important Numbers To Keep On Hand

There are many reasons someone may need to contact important services or agencies. Make note of these local government and public agency contact numbers below:

- Animal Control – 502-333-9072
- Before U Dig – Dial 811
- Garbage/Recycling Services – City Hall 502-426-4808 or Rumpke 800-828-8171
- Louisville Gas & Electric – 502-589-1444 - to report power outage or report gas problems
- Louisville Water Co. – 502-583-6610
- Metro Call – Dial 311 (fields local government inquiries or reports, or visit www.louisvilleky.gov)
- MSD – 502-540-6000 (to report clogged drainage pipes & storm sewers or visit www.msdlouky.org)
- Lyndon Police Department – Non-emergency 502-574-5471 / Emergency 911
LMPD Anonymous Tip Line, 502-574-5673



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 out of sight on non collection days ✓

PETS – Your dog is leashed, picked up after, and not left to bark excessively night or day ✓

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, please keep a watch on your street ✓

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

Rumpke Reminders — Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste

Thank you to all our residents for help in keeping Hurstbourne clean and comfortable for everyone. Please go over this friendly refresher on pickup days, container rules, and what can (and can't) go in your recycling cart.



Waste & Recycling

Collection days

Tuesday — Trash & Recycling

Friday — Trash & Yard Waste

Curbside rules to keep in mind

- Recycling & yard waste must be left at the curb for pickup.
- Place recycling carts with at least 4 feet of clearance from cars, mailboxes, poles or other obstructions so the truck's automated arm can work properly.
- Loose recyclables left outside the cart will not be collected because of the automated system.

What can be recycled



- Paper – cardboard should fit inside the cart
- Plastics – bottles, jugs, tubs, cups (*please reattach lids*) – yogurt & fruit cups are OK
- Metal cans – food & beverage cans (*non-hazardous*)
- Glass bottles & jars – any color
- Cartons – remove caps and straws

Rear-door collection

- Small trash collections (up to 60 gallons) may be left at the rear door in (3) 20-gal or (2) 30-gal containers.
- If you use the 95-gallon Rumpke cart, it must be placed at the curb for pickup.
- Want to switch to rear-door collection? You must contact Rumpke directly to request the change.

What not to recycle



- Plastic bags
- Hazardous materials (*batteries, chemicals, etc.*)
- Tangles (*clothing, leashes, garden hoses*)
- Scrap metal (*pots, pans*)

Quick tips

- Put your carts out the night before in a visible spot at the curb.
- Flatten cardboard to save space in your cart.
- Keep wet or food-soiled items out of recycling.

Hazardous waste

Hazardous materials should be dropped off at the Haz Bin (*Louisville Metro*), located at 7501 Grade Lane. For details on accepted items and hours, please check Louisville Metro's website.

Questions or problems?

City Hall: 502-426-4808 or info@hurstbourne.org Rumpke: 1-800-828-8171 – or visit rumpke.com

For more details on pickups, exceptions, guidelines, etc. visit: Hurstbourne.org » City Services » City of Hurstbourne » Garbage/Recycling

Thank you again for doing your part – small actions make a big difference for our community and the flow of our city services.

Reminder – Short Term Rentals Are Not Allowed

The City of Hurstbourne Code of Ordinances Chapter 112.02 specifically forbids the short-term rental of any residence within the city limits. "Short-term rental" is defined as "a dwelling unit that is rented, leased, or otherwise assigned for a tenancy for less than 30 consecutive days duration." Any such rental, whether advertised independently or on listing sites such as Airbnb, VRBO, or others – are strictly prohibited.

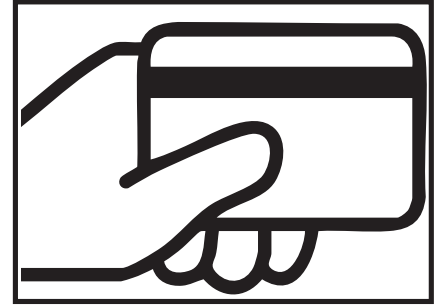
New Payment Option for Property Taxes

At City Hall, we're always looking for ways to simplify life for our residents – even at tax time! For the first time, payments could be made by electronic check or credit card. Best of all, there were no extra fees for you!

We're happy to report that the response from residents was incredible. While there was a small hiccup at the start due to a security feature that caused a few emails not to come through, the issue was quickly resolved, and everything ran smoothly.

In the spirit of betterment, City Hall is already planning improvements for next year. One of the exciting updates will be a page on our city website where residents can easily and directly request their property tax bills online.

Our goal is simple: to keep making the process better and more convenient for our valued residents year after year. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's new payment method – your feedback and patience help us continue to improve!



Reach Alert – Stay Up To Date



By using **REACH Alert** residents can instantly receive important city messages in real time. This is a simple, no-cost-to-you service that allows you to stay 'in the know'.

Reach alert messages include emergency or public safety alerts, notices on sanitation delays, reminders of community events, weather events, road closures and more!

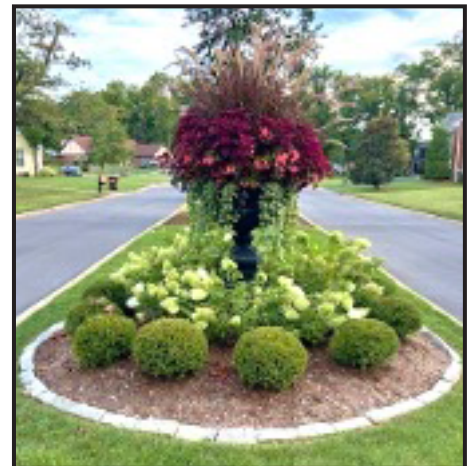
Registering is free and easy. Scan the QR code or go to www.reachalert.com and follow the prompts. If you have any issues, call City Hall 502-426-4808 and we will help.

The **REACH Alert** system is used solely for important and timely messages as determined by City Hall staff and your information is securely held in strict confidence.

New To The City? — Welcome To Hurstbourne!

Are you a new resident of our beautiful city? Valuable information about sanitation, Reach Alert communication, City Codes & Ordinances, contact numbers for important public service agencies, and much more can be found on the city website at www.hurstbourne.org or call us at (502) 426-4808.

We would love to help get you everything you may need to settle in and welcome you to our city.





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

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