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A Message To The Residents Of Hurstbourne From Louisville Metro Police Eighth Division Commander Major Jamey Schwab

I am very excited to be commanding the Louisville Metro Police Eighth Division, which covers the City of Hurstbourne. I have been a Louisville resident since grade school and am now in my 20th year with the police department. My goal in the Eighth is to make the officers and resources that the police provide as accessible as possible. One way of achieving this is through extensive community outreach. Since the majority of crimes can actually be prevented, it is our goal to get the word out about crime prevention and continue to build strong partnerships with the community. We will be visible at many major events in the community and very much want to encourage dialogue between residents and our officers.



As mentioned, preventable crimes continue to be problematic in the division with thefts from unlocked cars being the most common. We encourage all residents to make sure that valuables are removed and your car doors are locked. We constantly receive reports of thieves pulling on car door handles hoping that one will open. If you do experience a theft please call dispatch to make a report. Filing a report allows our detectives to better track crime patterns and gives us additional intelligence to adjust our patrol resources.

Finally, here is a quick word about social media. The way social media has interconnected our communities has tremendous benefits. Unfortunately, social media can also spread some incorrect information. On several occasions we have seen hoaxes going around on Facebook, Twitter, and even Nextdoor.com perpetuating false crime stories. Some memorable ones include the assailants who drug people using tainted business cards or the "Louisville purge" rumors that were spread a couple of years ago. Typically a quick internet search can dispel these myths and urban legends. If you encounter such stories and feel they may not be true, feel free to reach out to the LMPD 8th Division before forwarding any info. I have attached a few important phone numbers to keep handy.

Important Phone Numbers: *

Non-emergency dispatch: 502-574-2111
LMPD Crime Tip Line: 502-574-LMPD
LMPD 8th Division: 502-574-2258

* When calling LMPD, please remember to make your next call to City of Hurstbourne City Hall for information and communication purposes.

Picnic At The Park

After taking the Concert/Picnic on the road to the grounds of Lowe Elementary the last couple of years, the annual City-sponsored event returned to the City Park. Attendees of all ages were treated to tunes provided by Pete Willinger's Orchestra. This year, Louisville Metro Police and Lyndon Fire were on display at the adjoining parking lot on Nottingham. Grandparents, Moms, Dads and Kids came out to enjoy good old-fashioned fun.

On a side note, the City of Hurstbourne is celebrating its 35th year of incorporation.



Mark your calendar

Fall Junk Day – October, 14



Street Resurfacing And Final Sidewalk Upgrades

The annual resurfacing of City streets was advertised for bid in August. The contract was awarded to Hall Contracting of Kentucky as their proposal was determined to be the lowest and best bid. The total bid for paving of Ayrshire, Dennington, Hatherleigh and Laughton came in at \$134,882. This year, six companies submitted bids for the Hurstbourne paving project. Hall's bid was \$8,152 less than the next lowest bidder and \$42,046 under the highest bidding company.

The City also awarded Lawrence Concrete and Design the 2017-18 Sidewalks/Ramps Upgrade Project. The total contract is \$84,000 to complete the final phase of the multiple year City-wide project. A special thanks to Louisville Metro Councilperson Marilyn Parker as she authorized a grant of \$30,000 that will help fund this year's project.

With this being the final phase of the multi-year ADA (American Disabilities Act) Sidewalks/Ramps Upgrade Project, the City of Hurstbourne will be 100% fully compliant with ADA requirements.



Bikers, Joggers, Walkers, And Fishing On Golf Club Property = A Recipe For Disaster

According to the Hurstbourne Country Club Board of Directors, an increasing number of residents and visitors have been found walking, running and biking on the golf course and the entrance roads to the Club. While the natural setting and beauty of the property are enticing, *non-members need to stay off the course and any other part of the property.* Furthermore, there is risk of injury for walkers, joggers and bikers resulting from flying golf balls, crossing cart traffic and vehicles on Club roads. Another area of concern is fishing on the ponds on the golf course. The Club does not allow fishing on these ponds.

Please be a good neighbor and be respectful of Club rules and property boundaries since it is indeed a private property, just the same as other single family homes in our City.



City Hall Improvements And Tenant Occupancy In Final Stages

After leasing space for City Hall for 33 years, the City acquired a building at 200 Whittington Parkway in the fall of 2015 to use as a permanent City Hall. Since then a number of improvements have been made. The David Beckman, Jr. Commission Room was remodeled, energy efficient windows were installed, ADA sidewalk ramps and handrails were installed while the landscaping was enhanced. This year, the parking lot will be resurfaced complete with improved storm water drains.

In on-going effort to offset operating costs, Tenant office space at City Hall has been filled to near capacity providing the City annual lease revenue of over \$52,500. City also enjoys the benefits of saving \$44,000 per year that was paid for leasing the previous City Hall space. Only one small section of 944 square feet of space is still available for lease. Marketing the available space is currently under contract with Geoff Wilkinson of KW Commercial Realtors. Geoff can be reached at 502 653-3600 or by email at g.wilkinson@kwcommercial.com.



We are very proud of our City Hall and have received numerous compliments from the citizens and visitors when they drop by.



Duplicate Property Tax Payments

Before you pay your City of Hurstbourne property tax bill, please check to see if your mortgage company has already paid it. Unfortunately, dozens of duplicate payments arrive at City Hall where both Mortgage Company and resident pay the same bill. Also, please note that property owners should always forward their tax bill to their mortgage company if funds are held in escrow for payment of taxes.

New Traffic Pattern At Intersection Of South Lyndon Ln. And Shelbyville Rd.

Someone once said “Change is my constant and welcome companion.” It is apparent that the author of this quote has not visited the intersection of Shelbyville and South Lyndon lately. Since the re-stripping of arrows on both north-bound and south-bound Lyndon Lane, the occurrence of car crashes has increased substantially.

The City of Hurstbourne remains in communication with the Kentucky Department of Transportation requesting for an earnest re-examination of the intersection and change to the traffic patterns. However, reports indicate that most of the accidents were caused due to drivers running the Shelbyville Road stop light and driver inattention.

In the meantime, please be advised that the risk of an accident at this intersection may be greater because vehicles traveling across Shelbyville Road are not as visible to crossing traffic.



Patrols Increased For Public Safety



The 2017-18 Public Safety Budget was increased to provide additional police coverage. Additional contracted Officers were deployed over an expanded schedule. Both traffic management patrols and crime prevention deployments were put into place this spring and summer. Police are tasked to monitor and manage cut-through traffic, speeding, stop signs. Various commercial locations are under watch for all suspicious activities as well. Public Safety in the City of Hurstbourne is a top priority and resources will be continuously appropriated to achieve that end.

Hurstbourne Parkway To Be Widened

Hold on to your turn signals and get ready to hit the gas and brakes and gas and brakes and so on. The Kentucky Transportation Committee (KYTC) dusted off plans from several years ago that called for the widening of Hurstbourne Parkway – South-bound lanes from Shelbyville Road down to Linn Station Road. According to KYTC local staff, the project will be let out for bid late this year with construction to start early 2018.



Irrigation System “Smart” Controllers Upgraded This Season

The irrigation system in the City has been in place for decades. While it has worked well over the years, there are signs of aging and multiple failures. On many occasions, valves would stick in an open position and cause troublesome “geysers” where water would be running for hours at a time. Stuck sprinkler heads, broken lines, stuck valves, electrical shorts, power outages and controller failures all create running water problems that cost money and upset the customized irrigation schedule of our median turf areas.

As part of the City-wide upgrades to the irrigation system, smart controllers are being installed at every junction box. The controllers named “WeatherMatic” have weather stations at each location. The new system will be more weather sensitive and have a built-in capability to be programmed, adjusted, turned off or turned on remotely from a computer or smart phone. This way, if you happen to see a gusher, geyser or several sprinkler heads stuck in open position, call City Hall and we will make changes in minutes vs. hours and therefore save time, labor and money in the form of reduced water consumption.



Fall Tree Canopy Campaign Underway

In 2014 a pilot Tree Canopy Incentive Campaign was initiated. The public/private program was an overwhelming success where 72 trees were planted on residents’ properties to contribute to the overall tree canopy. This year, the same campaign is underway and we are hopeful that more than 50 residents will participate by purchasing trees to plant in their front yards. The cost to residents is only \$125 per tree. The City of Hurstbourne will fund the balance of the total program costs that includes location and planting the purchased trees. As in the previous campaign, residents will be allowed to select maple or oak species of tree with a limit of two per home. Letters have been mailed to announce the program and encourage participation.



Painting And Cutting To Improve Intersection Visibility

Stop Bars and Bushes seem to be an odd combination when mentioned in the same sentence. However, this is exactly what was needed to improve visibility at City of Hurstbourne intersections. This year, all the painted stop bars located at street stop signs received a fresh coat of highly reflective traffic white paint. Another problem is literally growing in our City. Bushes planted at or near stop signs have been left to block the view of approaching traffic and therefore have caused some blind spots at certain intersections. In order to resolve this problem, the City has been removing these large bushes to increase visibility at certain intersections.



Leaf And Yard Waste Collection



Fall is upon us. On the other hand, one could say it will “fall” on us (in the form of leaves). Tree lovers must love unconditionally because trees leave us their special gifts this time of year to clean up, pick up, blow, rake or whatever for weeks on end. This season, as customary, the City of Hurstbourne will clear up the leaves and debris from the medians and other City properties.

Please help everyone keep ahead of the game by placing your debris in your yard waste containers. Pick up will take place every Friday. Remember to keep your bundles under 4 feet, tied, in a standard sized garbage can or approved yard waste bio-degradable bags. Let’s try not to share our leaves with our neighbors by keeping them corralled in our own yard.

New Constructions Need To Apply For Permits

Homes sell fast in Hurstbourne and that’s a good thing. Usually when new residents arrive, they may choose to remodel in some fashion – an expanded garage, new fence, new pool, new room and more. On many occasions, folks stay in Hurstbourne but wish to update their home in the same manner. Unfortunately, some residents do not inform the City of their building plans and run the risk of being out of compliance with City of Hurstbourne Building Codes.

Please remember to contact City Hall before you start that project. The approval process is simple and fast. A form entitled “Letter of Compliance” is completed, signed and submitted along with renderings and relevant details of the project. The City Administrative Officer and Code Enforcement Commissioner review the application for compliance and then approve the project. In the case of potential non-compliance, recommendations are made in communications with the applicant. Help us keep Hurstbourne a City of high standards by following its Codes.



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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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