



CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS

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MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER

Message from the Mayor:

It has been a busy year in the Mayor's office. I have one year under my belt and I would like to thank all of the City employees for their help and cooperation. Without each of them this year would have been a lot more challenging.

I would also like to thank our City Council. They have been working hard with a spirit of cooperation to see that our City heads in the right direction.

Over the past year all the departments have been upgraded, from the new computer system in the office, to the equipment and vehicles in the Public Works and Police Departments.

I would also like to thank all the citizens for their input and cooperation in trying to keep their properties in good repair and taking pride in our City.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming events beginning with the Easter Egg Hunt in March and finishing up with the Lunch with Santa in December. Please take note of the schedule of events the Parks and Recreation committee has been working hard to organize.

The City faces many challenges in the future and I look forward to your support as we move forward.

Sincerely,
Greg Meyers, Mayor

Council Members and Committees

Safety: Steve Lehman & Gene White

Finance: Rose Pfaff & Sandy Shaw

Infrastructure: Sandy Shaw &
Gary Chinn

Technology: Gary Chinn &
Steve Lehman

Development: Rene Heinrich &
Steve Lehman

Personnel Policies & Procedures:
Rose Pfaff & Rene Heinrich

Beautification: Gary Chinn &
Sandy Shaw

If you wish to contact any of the Council members please call 441-8575 during business hours and they will return your call as soon as possible.

Campbell County Spring Clean Up

The spring clean-up event is scheduled for **March 28, 29 & 30** from **8 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Litter and general debris can be taken to any one of these three locations: Campbell County Police Station, Pendery Park, and the Campbell County Transportation Center off Race Track Road. **No liquids will be accepted at any of the sites.**

Visit the City's Web Site

Take a look at the city's web site at www.hhky.com. This is the easiest and most convenient way to find newsletters, upcoming events or perhaps you are interested in a form for city business.

These and much more are at your fingertips. Come visit us often at www.hhky.com

Community Events for 2008

The Recreation Commission has planned the community events for this season. Please come and join us for some fun and music. **All events will be held at the Civic Center in Reuscher Park unless otherwise noted.**

March 16 - Easter Egg Hunt 1:30 – 3 pm

May 9 – July 11 - Volleyball 6:30 – 8:30 pm

May 26 - Memorial Day Ceremony
Veterans Park 8:30 am

June 14 – Park Concert 6 – 9 pm
Cross-Eyed Cricket

July 12 - CityFest 1pm - 6pm
Cruise-In 2pm - 6pm
Kids Games All Day
Bingo 2pm - 4pm
5pm - 6pm
Plate Dinner 3pm - 5pm
Corn hole All Day

Hot dogs and drinks will be available all day.

Oct. 26 - Halloween Party 2 - 3:30pm

Oct. 31 - Trick or Treat 6 -7:30pm

Nov. 8 - Veterans Day Ceremony &
Senior Breakfast 8:30am - 12pm

Dec. 6 - Lunch with Santa 11:30am - 1pm

Dec. 14 - Lighting Contest 6 - 8pm

CITY PARKS CLEAN UP DAY

Please join your Mayor, City Council and volunteers from NKU on **April 26 from 10am – 1pm** to begin our city parks clean-up effort.

We will be mulching flowerbeds, painting and general cleaning around our city's parks and nature trail. Whatever time you can donate to this beautification project will be appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer your time, **please call Gary Chinn or Sandy Shaw at 859 441-8575 to be placed on the list.**

Lighting Contest Winner

This year the winner of the Lighting Contest was **Gil Fessler**. Mr. Fessler has been dressing his yard with sparkle and creativity for over 30 years. When his wife DeeDe passed away we thought that the wonderful display would be absent from our city. However, Gil had other ideas and this Christmas we were happy to see the display continue.

Our recognition of his Christmas display is small compared to the happiness that Gil has provided to so many children over all the years he has graced Highland Heights with his handiwork. **Congratulations Gil and thank you from the city and its residents.**

School Board News

As a representative of the School Board, I wanted to provide the residents of Highland Heights with a brief update.

During this busy year, we have completed a redistricting plan, opened Crossroads Elementary, and developed a plan to address the recommendations of our last external audit. We are closely monitoring and evaluating every program in the district to ensure its educational effectiveness.

Based on the current state budget projections, Campbell County schools will lose about 1.5 million dollars over the next two years. Funding reductions this large are difficult to absorb without affecting educational programs for our children.

Our students are preparing to take the state assessments. If you have a child taking these tests, please encourage them to do well. I wish each student the best of luck.

If you have questions or concerns that I can help with please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Janis Winbigler

Volley Ball League

Team sign up is scheduled at the volleyball court shelter as follows:

Session Sign-Up Times

- Fri. April 25 5:30 – 7pm
- Fri. May 2 5:30 – 7pm
- Sat. April 26 2 – 5pm
- Sat. May 3 2 – 5pm

There is a \$30/team fee payable at sign up. For more information call Mike at (859) 442 –9778 from 5-8pm.

Reminders For All Residents

Whether you are new to the city or have lived here for many years, please abide by the **Leash Ordinance** of the city. **All** dogs and cats must be on a leash any time they are off your premises. There have been stray dogs and cats that have become a nuisance. You are also required to **pick up after your pet**.

Garbage cans are required to have lids that fit. Garbage should not be put out earlier than the day before collection and should be removed from the street

by the end of the day of collection (Tuesday). Empty cans should be to the back of the house out of sight of the street.

When **snow or snow emergencies** are imminent please remember to park your vehicles in your garages or driveways so that city workers, who have the responsibility of clearing the snow, can do a better job. For every car on the street at plowing time three car lengths are left unplowed.

Zoning Ordinance

The city has amended the **fees, charges, and expenses** for zoning permits, appeals, zoning applications, and other matters pertaining to the zoning ordinances. If you have questions please call the city office at 859-441-8575.

Yard Sale Signs

We wish to inform all residents that there is a **new permit fee of \$10.00 per sign for yard sales** in the city. These signs must be on the property where the yard sale is being held. Signs must be removed immediately after the sale is finished. The \$10.00 permit is limited to a maximum of two (2) consecutive days. **No** signs are permitted in the right-of-ways or on poles. If you have questions please call the city office at 859-441-8575.

Ordinance Violations in the City

- **Permits** are required before pouring foundations, building additions, which include decks, swimming pools and fences.
- **All** motor vehicles are to be licensed. All off street parking must be on an approved surface. **Recreational** vehicles (boats, campers, trailers) can be parked in

the driveway **no longer than 48 hours.**

- **All garbage debris**, abandoned or inoperable vehicles, and yard debris (paper, glass, and cans, cardboard) must be removed from the property.
- **Grass** must be cut. **Weeds and other vegetation** must be trimmed or removed from the property.

Let's all clean up the city and keep Highland Heights a nice place to live for all the residents.

Police Night Out

The first Tuesday in August is scheduled to be the annual **Night Out**. There will be activities to showcase local police activities. It is a night for gaining information about your local law officers and seeing what their jobs entail. It's a chance to meet the officers and get to know them.

There will be more information later in the year about specific times and scheduled activities for this event. We hope that our residents will come out to support our local law enforcement officers.

Good Neighbor Award

If you know someone in the city who has done a **good deed** for you or any other resident, send a note about it to the **city office** (175 Johns Hill Road). We are a friendly city and we like to reward those actions. So let us hear from you.

Montessori Interview

Bud's J & M Service, Inc., a business in our city, was interviewed by Katie from the Cornerstone Montessori School located on US 27 in Highland Heights. Here are excerpts from that interview.

"Bud started the business over 40 years ago (1969), but then it was a Union 76 gas and service station." Bud, a mechanic in WW II in the Philippines, decided this would be a family business, so he had his sons help out. Jeff, who started in the business at age 13 eventually, bought it from his Father.

Katie asked Jeff what advise he would give to future mechanics. He answered, "Absorb as much education as possible."

Bud still works 3 half days per week along with 5 other mechanics in Jeff's employ. Jeff's wife Vicki greets customers and orders parts. His daughter-in-law runs the U-Haul business next door to the station. "It really is a family business."

Way to go, Katie, on your article in the Cornerstone newsletter. Thanks also to Jeff the owner of Bud's J & M Service for being in our city and for taking the time for the interview with Katie.