

FEBRUARY 2022

CITY NEWS AND THANK YOUS

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Human Rights Commission



On March 22, 2021, Crescent Springs became the 21st Kentucky City to adopt a Fairness Ordinance. The Fairness Ordinance established a three-person Human Rights Commission whose mission is to promote and protect basic

human rights for all people who live and work in our community. Commission members were selected through an application process and approved by City Council: Kristin Tierney, Chair; Hannah Briner, Vice Chair; Jason Abeln, Secretary/Treasurer; Christina Wissman, Alternate. The HRC began their regular meetings in September at the City Building, and will continue their meetings on the second Thursday of the month in 2022.

The HRC will be working closely with the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights and the Northern Kentucky Pride Center to plan community activities and identify opportunities that promote the Fairness Ordinance's policies of inclusivity and anti-discrimination in Crescent Springs. As established by the Ordinance, the HRC also has a role in reviewing complaints filed under the City's Fairness Ordinance. Mayor Justin Hartfiel said, *"The City of Crescent Springs is proud to be committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion for all, and the establishment of this commission as well as the passage of our Fairness Ordinance demonstrate that on a daily basis."*

The Commission is currently seeking community input on ways the City can continue to improve equality and inclusion in Crescent Springs. The HRC encourages anyone that lives or works in Crescent Springs to submit feedback and suggestions for consideration where indicated on the HRC's page on the City's website.

The HRC's page on the City's website provides information on filing a complaint under the Fairness Ordinance in the near future. In the meantime, if anyone feels they have been discriminated against in Crescent Springs, please send a written complaint to Mike Daly, City Administrator.

K9 Memorial

A local Police K9 Memorial has received generous support

from The Richard and Barbara Hoefinghoff Charitable Trust and Fedders Feed in Covington. Villa Hills Mayor Heather Jansen together with her siblings, Rick Hoefinghoff and Schelli Schroder, as trustees have authorized funds from their parents' trust to contribute to the Police K9 Memorial which is located at Highland Pet Cemetery in Fort Mitchell. The trustees have provided funds to pay for future cremation and burial of Northern Kentucky Police K9s. Support from the trust also provided for the monument and burial plots. The inscription on the monument reads: "In memory of the police canine officers who risked their lives and dedicated themselves so that others may be safe. They were the nose and ears of their officers and police departments. May their unfailing dedication be honored by all those who they have served. We are forever grateful." Visitors to Highland Pet Cemetery and the nearby Highland Cemetery hiking trails have admired the memorial which includes an image of Santo, a beloved K9 who worked with now retired DEA officer and K9 handler Miguel Rodriguez. The landscaping around the monument will be donated by Fedders Feed in Covington. Warmest thanks to Mayor Jansen, her siblings, and to Fedders Feed of Covington for their contributions to the memorial.



THE Z21 PROCESS

A new era of planning and zoning in Kenton County launched in Spring 2021 with the unveiling of an ordinance that creates a modern and more user-and business-friendly zoning code.

The Kenton County Z21 effort updates existing zoning codes that were adopted decades ago with a flexible, streamlined, simpler ordinance that communities can customize to meet their individual needs. The City of Villa Hills and several other cities have embraced the new zoning ordinance and updated their codes.

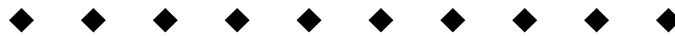
In August 2021, our work here in Crescent Springs began with the Planning & Development Services of Kenton County (PDS) to tailor

and implement the new Z21 Zoning Ordinance for our city. Mayor Justin Hartfiel identified members to sit on the steering committee for the Z21 process. This will be a year or more long commitment with bimonthly meetings with PDS staff, and perhaps more meetings on our own. When completed, the Kenton County Z21 Blueprint Zoning Ordinance will update existing decades-old zoning codes.

Along with more ease of use, standardized code sections, and the ability of communities to customize the code to meet its needs, other benefits include:

- ◆ Improved efficiency, flexibility, simplicity and predictability;

- ◆ An online platform that can be easily searched and cross-referenced;
- ◆ A streamlined approval process;
- ◆ Utilizing Link-GIS to ensure existing neighborhoods match the new zoning standards;
- ◆ Protecting the unique character of compatible infill development through architectural standards for commercial and residential buildings and infill development incentives;
- ◆ Protecting environmental, cultural and historic resources through floodplain hillside development standards, tree preservation requirements, and stream buffers.



PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Reservations are now being accepted for the 2022 season for Shelter #2 and Shelter #3. As a reminder, Shelter #1 is not available to rent, but is for community use on a "first come, first served" basis.



Shelter #2 is to the left when you

enter the Park from Buttermilk Pike, adjacent to the 9/11 and Kenton County Veteran's Memorial. This shelter is in close proximity to the playground and restrooms, and offers the use of eight picnic tables, four grills and has electric.

Shelter #3 is to the right when you enter the park from Buttermilk Pike. This shelter is ideal for groups who

would like a quieter setting, and offers ten picnic tables, four grills and has electric.

The rental fee for either Shelter #2 or Shelter #3 is \$40 for residents and \$80 for non-residents. You can make your reservation through the City website at <http://crescent-springs.ky.us/reserve-park-shelters/> or you may call the City Building at 859.341.3017.



FIRE BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

An invitation to bid for the new Firehouse Project was posted Friday, January 21st in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Enquirer. Bid information has also been placed on the Villa Hills and Crescent Springs city websites. Bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 10th.



The CVFA Design Committee will review the bids and hopes to have a recommendation to both cities by mid-February. This could be presented to the Crescent Springs Mayor and Council at the Monday, February 28th Council meeting or a Special meeting may be scheduled prior to the Feb. 28th meeting.

SUPPORT AND ENJOY OUR LOCAL RESTAURANTS

As we all know, restaurants have faced many challenges throughout the pandemic. Here is a listing of our local Crescent Springs restaurants. Thank you for following current health protocols and for continuing to support our local businesses.

Arby's	2517 Hazelwood Dr.	341-0100
Bonefish Grill	588 Buttermilk Pk.	426-8666
Burger King	337 Terry Ln.	341-1621
Cancun Mexican	2313 Buttermilk Crossing	331-0345
Chipotle Mexican Grill	525 Buttermilk Pk.	341-8111
Cincy Seafood	2301 Buttermilk Crossing	815-8005
Domino's Pizza	2353 Buttermilk Crossing	331-4040
Dunkin Donuts	2410 High St.	331-4202
Empire Buffet	570 Clock Tower Way	341-8009
Gold Star Chili	2516 Hazelwood Dr.	331-9426
Guru Indian	2303 Buttermilk Crossing	341-5858
Jimmy John's	2404 High St.	331-1112
Joella's Hot Chicken	2440 High St.	341-4444
Kremer's Market	755 Buttermilk Pk.	341-1067
LaRosa's Pizzeria	2446 Anderson Rd. #2	331-6221
Lupita's Bakery	2351 Buttermilk Crossing	371-9300
Marco's Pizza	598 Clock Tower Way	341-4300
McDonald's	2513 Hazelwood Dr.	341-2232
Milk & Beans	574 Buttermilk Pike	360-0257
Miyako Sushi & Steakhouse	2511 Ritchie Ave.	578-0031
Moonrise Donuts	2513 Ritchie Ave	360-6643
Panera Bread	622 Buttermilk Pk. Ste. A	916-6049
PeeWee's Place	2325 Anderson Rd	341-4977
Penn Station	2355 Buttermilk Crossing	331-6585
Poseidon's Pizza	2513 Ritchie Ave.	360-3470
Remke Market	560 Clock Tower Way	331-4200
Skyline Chili	550 Buttermilk Pk.	426-5929
Subway Sandwiches	2522 Hazelwood Dr.	331-1313
Sweet Basil Thai & Sushi	2520 Hazelwood Dr.	331-0666
Taco Bell	609 Emily Dr.	331-1936
Tropical Smoothie Café	2416 Baxter Ave.	360-6705

TASTE TREATS



- ◆ Crescent Springs residents patronizing local businesses can receive special discounts from **February 7-11**. Participating businesses may ask for ID showing that you live in the City. This is a great way for our businesses and residents to show appreciation for each other. Watch the City's website for future specials.
- ◆ Current offers include:

- ◆ **Joella's Hot Chicken**
2440 High St. 10% discount;
- ◆ **Sweet Basil Thai & Sushi**
2520 Hazelwood Free order of veggie spring rolls (2) with purchase of 2 entrees;
- ◆ **Tropical Smoothie Café**
2416 Baxter Ave. \$1.99 smoothie with the purchase of food (excluding kids' meals and breakfast).



*Getting deals
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our businesses
is something
to crow
about!*





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CITY OFFICES CLOSED Mon. February 21

Regular Office Hours: Mon. — Fri. 8—4

2022 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Save these dates so you can join in with old friends and neighbors you haven't met yet!

Please note, this is a preliminary list for the year and all dates and times are subject to change. Please check the City website to confirm details as each event draws near so you won't miss a thing this year.

- ♦ **Easter Egg Drive Thru!** Saturday, **April 9** at noon
- ♦ **Farmers Market** Sun., April 24 & 4th Sun. ea. month
- ♦ **Kenton County Veteran's 5K Run** Sat. May 21
- ♦ **Jammin' in the Neighborhood** with Doghouse! Saturday, **May 21** 6-10 p.m.
- ♦ **Veteran's Memorial Service** Sunday, **May 22** 2 p.m.
- ♦ **9/11 Memorial Ceremony** Sunday, **Sept. 11** 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Music Fest** Saturday, **Sept. 17** 5-10:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Halloween in the Park** Saturday, **October 22**
- ♦ **Veteran's Day Service** Sunday, **Nov. 6** 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Christmas in the Park** Saturday, **December 3**

EASTER DRIVE THRU

The fun will be Saturday, April 9 at noon at the Crescent Springs Community Park! Residents can drive in, let the Easter Bunny's crew know how many kids are in the car and receive your Easter treats! The Easter Bunny will be at the event to wave to the little ones. Please note this is a drive-through only event and we ask that everyone remain in their vehicle in order to practice safe social distancing and keep things flowing safely.

Important traffic note: All vehicles will enter the park from the right lane of traffic from Buttermilk. Vehicles will make the right turn into the park, travel through the event and then exit the park. Exit will be a right turn only out of the park. No traffic will be permitted to turn left from Buttermilk Pike into the park and no vehicle exiting the park will be able to turn left.



FARMERS MARKET

There will be a Farmers Market from noon until 3 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of every month beginning April 24. Come on out to get your fill of the freshest local produce and more. The Farmers Market will be hosted in the parking lot of the City Building at 739 Buttermilk.

2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are held at 739 Buttermilk Pike unless noted.

- ♦ **Council** meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Mon. of each month.
- ♦ **Caucus** meetings are at 6 p.m. the second Mon. of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov.
- ♦ **Events & Recreation Committee** 3 p.m. each first Wed.
- ♦ **Public Works Committee** 5 p.m. each first Wed. (except July.)
- ♦ **Communication and Transparency Committee** 6 p.m. on second Mon. of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and Dec.
- ♦ **Human Rights Commission** 6 p.m. each second Thurs.
- ♦ **Finance Committee** 4:30 each third Tues.
- ♦ **City of Villa Hills Safety Committee** 6:30 each second Tues. at VHPD 719 Rogers Rd.
- ♦ **Crescent-Villa Fire Authority Committee** 6 p.m. each third Mon. at CVFA 777 Overlook Dr.