



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2015

NEW CITY WEBSITE LAUNCHED, MORE TRANSPARENCY

Visit www.villahillsky.org to find the latest information about the city, including:

- Monthly finance statements & prior year audits
- Crime mapping and alerts
- Meeting minutes
- Updated city code & new ordinances
- Sign up for future e-newsletters online
- Ball Field schedules
- Upcoming events & more



Villa Hills Police Cruiser (photo provided)

Vehicle Sticker Fees closed out. Delinquent accounts sent to collections.

Last year, Council voted to eliminate the \$40 vehicle sticker fee. City staff continued to collect delinquent accounts and sent out final notices in February. Unpaid accounts were sent to collections at the end of March. If you believe you have unpaid vehicle license fees, contact the city at 341-1515.

A NOTE FROM MAYOR IRVIN T. "BUTCH" CALLERY

Welcome to our first electronic newsletter of 2015. We hope you find this information helpful.

Our first three months have been very busy. We did an RFP for a new attorney and received nine bids. A committee made up of Councilmembers Greg Kilburn, Mary Koenig, Gary Waugaman and myself interviewed the top three and chose Mary Ann Stewart of Adams, Stepner, Woltermann, & Dusing.

We are installing a new phone system to replace the current one, which is over 15 years old. We purchased a second new police cruiser and a new pick-up for public works, which will have the Villa Hills logo on it. We are exploring new ways to fund road projects. Police Bike patrols will begin in the spring with two new bikes.

Most important, if a citizen wishes to address Council before we vote on an issue, you only have to raise your hand, come to the podium and give your name and address.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES COMMUNITY OUTREACH, ADDED FULL-TIME OFFICER.

The Police Department continued its efforts to partner with the community by using new social media platforms. Over the past few months, a new department specific facebook page, twitter account and the MyPD app have been deployed to give the VHPD a robust presence in cyber space. The police department's Twitter handle is @VHPD15.

The MY PD app offers 40 features, such as traffic updates, missing children, and similar resources. The app can also be used to send in tips about crimes or other quality of life issues. Villa Hills is the first department in Kentucky to deploy the MYPD app. The app can be found at google play, the apple store or on-line at <http://mypdapp.com/mypd-for-android-iphone/>

The Police Department also added a full-time officer in January by moving one of the part-time positions to full-time status. This move quickly paid dividends as the extra hours allowed the officer to close three open cases within weeks, culminating in two arrests.



UPCOMING EVENTS

City Beautification Day – April 11th

Spring Yard Sale – May 1st & 2nd

VHGC Garden Sale – May 9th

Veterans' Memorial
5K Run / Walk – May 16th

Kids' Fishing Derby – June TBD

Visit www.villahillsky.org for details

MEETING DATE CHANGES!

City meetings have returned to a familiar schedule. Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Council meets in caucus quarterly. For a full monthly schedule visit the city's website.

VILLA HILLS CITY OFFICIALS

719 Rogers Rd., Villa Hills, KY 41017

Mayor Irvin T. "Butch" Callery

Councilmembers

George Bruns Scott Ringo
Gregory Kilburn Jennifer Vaden
Mary Koenig Gary Waugaman

City Administrator/Clerk
Craig T. Bohman

Chief of Police Bryan Allen

Public Works Director
Derick "Buck" Yelton

Email links are on the city website. Click on the elected official or staff name.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENLARGED, KEEPS WATCHFUL EYE ON TAXPAYERS' MONEY.

The Finance Committee consists of a Chairman (Councilperson) and Villa Hills' citizens. Currently, the Chairman is Councilmember Gary Waugaman. The Committee also consists of five citizens, four of which are CPA's. The members are appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor and City Clerk/Administrator also attend these meetings.

All Finance meetings are open to the public. The Finance Committee meets on the Monday before the Council Meeting at 7:00 pm at 719 Rogers Road. The Council meeting is the third Wednesday of the month. Any citizen may ask questions or voice concerns.

The Finance Committee has no authority other than to make recommendations. Responsibilities include review of monthly financial statements, submitting any questions and correcting any errors. Once the Committee members are in agreement that the monthly financial statements fairly represent the city's financial activities, they are submitted to the Council for approval. The Finance Committee also helps in developing the yearly budget.

VILLA HILLS GARDEN CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Garden Club is sponsoring a program through Ammon's Nursery, on "New Plants for 2015" on Monday, April 6th at 7:00pm in the Police Dept. building. Public Welcome!

Please join the Villa Hills Garden Club and the Villa Hills Civic Club for a joint "Spring Clean Up" on Saturday, April 11th (Rain Date April 25th). Meet at the Civic Club by 9:30am for a morning of community work and fun. Celebrate our accomplishments with a picnic lunch afterwards!!

The Garden Club will host their annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 9th from 9:00am until Noon, at the VHCC parking lot. Choose from hundreds of potted perennials and herbs. Come early for the best selection!

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS & CONTACTS

Emergency Dispatch: 911
Dispatch non-emergency: 356-3191
Mayor Butch Callery: 341-1515
Police Department Admin: 341-3535
Fire Department: 341-3840
City building: 341-1515
Code Enforcement: 331-8980
Building/Zoning: 331-8980
Animal Control: 356-3191
Garbage pick-up: 800-582-3107
Sewer/Sanitation: 578-7450
Water Department: 578-9898

Have a student looking for service hours?

The Villa Hills Events & Beautification Committee needs assistance for several upcoming events. Contact Councilmember Mary Koenig for more information.