



# NEWSLETTER FALL 2014

## NEW CITY WEBSITE LAUNCHED, MORE TRANSPARENCY

[www.villahillsky.org](http://www.villahillsky.org) was completely redesigned this past summer. Residents can now go to this site to find the latest information about the city including:

- Monthly finance statements & prior year audits
- Crime mapping and alerts
- Meeting minutes
- The City Code & new ordinances
- Sign up for future e-newsletters online
- Upcoming events & more



*The officers of the Villa Hills PD September 2014*

### What's up with the Amsterdam Village sign?

It was damaged in the spring and will be replaced with a new sign after a water main replacement and road project between Rogers & Niewahner early next spring. Thank you for your patience!

## A NOTE FROM MAYOR MIKE MARTIN

This past summer flew by quickly. A lot of changes have been made over the past year. I feel that residents need to be informed about these changes. First, good budget management has resulted in a substantial surplus last fiscal year and working with Council the current budget started with a large surplus.

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*“Villa Hills’ finances are strong with a \$171,000 surplus last year and \$158,000 surplus this year. The issues of the past have been resolved and our focus is on the future.”*

*– Mayor Mike Martin*

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Second, the drama of the past few years is behind us allowing me to work with Council and staff to focus on the future. We have a bigger police department, new playground equipment, updated our HR policies, cut wasteful spending, and budgeted \$50,000 more for roads while eliminating the vehicle sticker fee starting in January of 2015.

Villa Hills is once again moving forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the City Office if you need assistance with any issue.

## EXPANDED VILLA HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH NEW LEADERSHIP PATROLS THE CITY; NEW SUBSTATION AT RIVER RIDGE; BLOCK WATCH GROUPS FORMING.

The Villa Hills Police Department has grown to 9 officers and Bryan Allen became the new Chief of Police at the end of May. Retirements and transfers to other departments created an opportunity to restructure the department with a combination of full and part-time officers. This increased road coverage in a cost effective manner. Part-time officers are required to have the same training and certifications as full-time officers. Six new officers have joined the Police Department over the past year bringing more than 130 years of policing experience to our community.

The Police Department has partnered with River Ridge Elementary to add a substation inside the school. Officers will spend time at the substation each school day. Block Watch groups are forming. If you are interested, contact Chief Allen at 341-3535.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Bingo – October 9<sup>th</sup>

Haunted Trails – October 25<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Tree lighting – Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

Visit [www.villahillsky.org](http://www.villahillsky.org) for details



Children play at the Rigney Park playground.

## NEW PLAYGROUND!

Villa Hills installed playground equipment at Rigney Park late this summer. The original equipment had been removed several years ago due to deterioration. Rigney Park is accessible from walkways on the Hacienda cul-de-sac and off of Rollingwood near Arrowhead.

## VILLA HILLS CITY OFFICIALS

719 Rogers Rd., Villa Hills, KY 41017

Mayor Mike Martin

Councilmembers

Amy Balson     Holly Isenhour

Rod Baehner     Mary Koenig

Jim Cahill     Brian Wischer

City Administrator/Clerk

Craig T. Bohman

Chief of Police Bryan Allen

Public Works Director

Derick "Buck" Yelton

Email links are on the city website

## TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM THIEVES

- 1.) Keep your car and home doors locked and valuables out of sight.
- 2.) Call 911 immediately if you see suspicious activity, people, or cars. DON'T WAIT. Officers can only check on suspicious activity as it occurs.

## VEHICLE STICKER FEE REMOVED JANUARY 1, 2015.

City Council and Mayor Martin agreed to eliminate the City's \$40 Vehicle License fee beginning January 1, 2015. The fee will be collected for the rest of 2014. Invoices will be sent directly to vehicle owners about 6 weeks before they are due. An increase in the Insurance Premium tax was passed by Council in order to cover most, but not all, of the revenue lost by removing the fee. Additional money for the roads budget is coming from the General Fund.

## ROAD WORK CONTINUES AS PUBLIC WORKS PREPARES FOR WINTER.

Villa Hills Public Works will continue to work and supervise road maintenance and repair projects as long as the weather allows. Recent bids for various projects on the following streets have been awarded and should be finished by the end of November:

Doriel, Cresbern, Appaloosa, Orchid & E. Orchid, Timberline, Dry Creek, Wesley, Mark Twain, Huck Finn, Eastland, Riverwatch, Valley Trails, Kenridge, Dalewood, Deerfield, Stonewood, Windsor Green, Willowdale, Windgate cul-de-sac, and Lakeshore.

As Winter approaches, the City has 300 tons of road salt on hand for the first flakes of winter. It takes about 25 tons of salt to treat the city's roads one time and about 4 hours for our crew to fully complete their routes. Snow emergencies are automatic once 2 inches of snow has accumulated and remains in effect until the the roads are cleared.

## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS & CONTACTS

Emergency Dispatch: 911

Dispatch non-emergency: 356-3191

Mayor Mike Martin: 341-1515

Police Department Admin: 341-3535

Fire Department: 341-3840

City building: 341-1515

Code Enforcement: 341-8980

Building/Zoning: 341-8980

Animal Control: 356-7400

Garbage pick-up: 800-582-3107

Sewer/Sanitation: 578-7450

Water Department: 578-9898

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Have a student looking for service hours?

The Villa Hills Recreation Committee needs assistance for several upcoming events. Contact the City office for more information.

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