



# NEWSLETTER FALL 2015

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- Monthly finance statements & prior year audits
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- Updated city code & new ordinances
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- 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 beginning January 1, 2015. Unpaid accounts were sent to collections in July. To date approximately \$5,000 in sticker fees, penalties, and collection costs have been paid. If you believe you have unpaid 2013 or 2014 vehicle license fees, contact the city at 341-1515.

## **A NOTE FROM MAYOR IRVIN T. "BUTCH" CALLERY**

Citizens of Villa Hills,

I am enjoying my first year as mayor of this great city. We have a fine council and staff and it is a pleasure to work with them. I hope you find the information in this newsletter useful. Please contact the city building if you need assistance with any issue.

Mayor "Butch" Callery

## **COUNCIL ADDRESSES ROAD FUNDING ISSUE; RESIDENTS TO VOTE ON HOW TO PAY FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE; INFORMATIONAL MEETING DATES SET.**

After years of debate, City Council addressed the chronic underfunding of road maintenance by asking voters to select how they would like to pay for the needed road work. Villa Hills needs to spend \$700,000 annually to keep up with regular road repair, but has only been able to raise \$350,000 to \$400,000 per year in dedicated road funds over the past decade. As a result, the city has about \$3 million in deferred road work that cannot wait any longer to be fixed.

To ensure that the \$700,000 that is needed is available, Council increased the insurance premium tax from 7% to 10% and raised the payroll tax from 1% to 1.5%, both of which will take effect next year. Council placed a question on the ballot for voters to determine if they want to reduce the insurance premium tax to 5% and replace that funding with a 6.7 cents per \$100 (.00067) road tax on their property tax bill. If the ballot question passes, the insurance premium tax will be reduced effective next year. If not, the increase will take effect.

Informational sessions will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Villa Madonna and on October 21<sup>st</sup> at River Ridge, both at 6:30 p.m. Residents can also review their insurance bills to determine if paying the increased insurance premium tax or if paying a 6.7 cents road tax, which is tax deductible, is more beneficial to them.

### **BALLOT QUESTION:**

**ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSAL ENTITLED "ROAD FUNDING" WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX FROM 10% TO 5% AND APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ROAD TAX AT A RATE OF 6.7 CENTS (\$0.067) ON EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION UPON ALL TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY STREETS?**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

City-wide yard sale –  
September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Senior Bingo – October 8<sup>th</sup>

Road Tax informational sessions -  
October 13<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Haunted Trails – October 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Tree lighting – Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>

2016 Spring Field drawing –  
Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>

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## VILLA HILLS CITY OFFICIALS

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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

E-mail links are on the city website. Click on the elected official or staff name to send them an e-mail.

## PROPERTY TAX BILLS ARE DUE NOW; HERITAGE BANK HAS LOCAL BRANCH PAYMENT OPTION.

The 2015 City of Villa Hills tax bills are now due. Please forward your bill to your mortgage company if they are paying your taxes. When paying your tax bill by mail, please include the remittance stub and put the parcel number on your check.

Due Date:	October 1, 2015
Pay Base Amount:	On or before November 30, 2015
15% Penalty:	applied December 1, 2015
6% Interest per year	begins December 1, 2015

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the City Clerk’s office will be closed November 26-29. Please pay your taxes before November 30, or if paying by mail, the post-mark must be no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Villa Hills has also made arrangements for you to pay your tax bill at the local Heritage Bank located at 612 Buttermilk Pike (next to Walgreens). The lockbox in Pittsburgh has closed. Please update our new pay-to mailing address to the one found on the tax bill.

## NIWAHNER ISLAND RELOCATED TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND PUBLIC ACCESS:

Bad weather earlier in the summer forced the replacement of Buttermilk from Rogers to Niewahner to take much longer than anticipated, but the road work is now complete. The intersection at Buttermilk, Niewahner, and Valley Trails was redesigned to address turning radius issues for fire trucks and school buses, which resulted in the traffic island being moved to the side and out of the middle of the street.

The new greenspace area is larger than the old island and the memorials, markers, flagpole and a new Amsterdam Village sign will be placed in the relocated island. Another bonus of the project is that the memorials will be accessible from the sidewalk.

The Events and Beautification Committee and the Garden Club are working to restore the island following its relocation.

## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS & CONTACTS

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

Have a student looking for service hours?

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