

Council sets Tax rate and Solid waste fee

City Council set the tax rate for 2022 at 2.23 cents per one hundred dollars which is slightly up from the 2.21 cents rate last year. This represents the compensating rate plus 4%. This is based on the overall expected revenue to the city and individual property tax bills will vary based on each property's assessment. The new rate will add \$5 to the tax bill for an average Villa Hills home with an assessed value of \$267,000.

The Rumpke solid waste and recycling fee increased for the first time in four years. The fee increased \$36. The cost to remove trash and collect recycling is \$4.49 per week per household. Residents of Prospect Point do not pay the waste fee as their Homeowners Association has its own contract with Rumpke and collects their waste fee through HOA dues.

If you have any questions about your tax bill or the tax calculation process, contact the City Administrator.

CITY TAX BILLS

Tax Bills are out. If you have an escrow account with your mortgage company, it is your responsibility to forward the bill to them. Tax bills can be paid at the City Building during office hours, at Heritage Bank in Crescent Springs, sent in the mail to the lockbox (P.O. Box), paid online on the City's website, or it may be dropped off in the drop box at the City Building.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED ON-LINE ONLY!

Tax payments received on or after December 1, 2022 will have 15% penalty added.

Postmark will be accepted.

Passport Information!

The City of Villa Hills is a Passport Acceptance Facility. Application forms can be found online at www.travel.state.gov, or at our office for both new and renewals. Application Fees and Processing fees are paid at the time you submit your application, no payments are accepted online for these fees. If you are on a site that asks for any payments or credit card information, it is NOT a legitimate site.



New Passports and renewals for children will require an appointment at an acceptance facility. Please be sure to call our office before coming in, at 341-1515.

Passport Fees: Adult Passport Book \$130, Adult Passport Card \$30, Child (under 16 years of age) Passport Book \$100, Child Passport Card \$15. Books are required when flying in/out of the United States. Passport Acceptance Facility processing fee is \$35, this fee applies at any acceptance facility.

Current processing time is 8-10 weeks for standard processing - 5-7 weeks for Expedited processing (expedite fee is an extra \$60 per application).

When you have any questions - Please call us and DO NOT rely on internet searches, we are more than happy to help.

Frequently Requested Numbers & Contacts

Emergency Dispatch:	911	Dispatch non-emergency:	356-3191
Police Department:	341-3535	Fire Department:	341-3840
City Administration:	341-1515	Mayor Heather Jansen:	341-1515
Code Enforcement:	331-8980	Building/Zoning/Permits:	331-8980
Animal Control:	356-3191	Sewer/Sanitation:	578-7450
Water Department:	578-9898	Rumpke (garbage/recycle pick-up):	1-877-786-7537



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CITY WEBSITE PROVIDES TRANSPARENCY

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

Finance statements & Audits

Crime alerts

Meeting minutes

Updated city code & zoning ordinances

Sign up for email alerts

Upcoming meetings & events

An Update from Mayor Heather Jansen

Dear Residents of Villa Hills,

It's difficult to believe that this is my fourth newsletter since taking office in January 2019. I'm very proud to say that Villa Hills was ranked #3 in the Top Communities to Live In, by Cincy Magazine's annual "Rating the Burbs" survey. A number of factors are taken into consideration when evaluating all the cities in the Greater Cincinnati area (safety, education, housing, etc.). The City also ranked #8 in the Safest Communities. Additionally, we were the highest ranked city in Northern Kentucky for both lists.

Cincy Magazine's survey has confirmed what I have known all along. All departments and committees have been providing the highest level of quality service to our community. City Administration hosted a shred event in August which despite the torrential rain, was well attended. They process passports and manage the City's finances effectively so that our taxpayers get the most value for their money. Over the past year, the Public Works crew worked extensively to ensure that our

streets are in good condition during the warm months but especially during the cold, snowy days. They keep the Villa and Franzen fields in great condition for players and the parents who come to watch them play. The Villa Hills Police Department hosted another successful Safety Night with highlights that included food trucks, a demonstration of the skills of canine Officer Onexx, and a touch-down of a UC medical transport. Our officers are exceptional at protecting the residents and keeping the City safe.

I am thankful to the City staff, crew and officers who have supported me over the last four years. My gratitude goes to the City Council for the work that they accomplish both during the monthly meetings and caucuses but especially through their dedication to the responsibility of their committees. I want to thank the residents who volunteer their time to help on the committees. The committee work can be very time-consuming and takes place outside of working hours. Lastly, thank YOU for your continued support. It takes a number of people to keep the City of Villa Hills running smoothly. It takes dedication and service to make this a special place to live.

If you have any concerns or issues, please feel free to call me or anyone at the City Building.

Mayor Heather Jansen

Villa Hills City Officials

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City Administrator

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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.

Recreation and Events Updates

Villa-Ween The Villa Hills Events and Beautification Committee will have a pumpkin patch with pumpkin decorating, face painting, carnival games, and a costume contest for all ages, as well as a movie. Villa-Ween is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th, with a rain date of October 22nd, beginning at 6:00 pm. Parents are advised that the movie that will be shown is Beetlejuice, which is rated PG. Parents should decide if the movie is suitable for their child(ren).



Cookies and Cocoa with Santa and your Elected Officials will be held in December, at Franzen Field shelter. Additional information will be shared on the City's website and Facebook page after event details, the date and time are finalized.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS TO RESIDENTS

- Trash can be placed out starting at 4PM the day before pick-up. Cans, carts, and totes need to be brought back from the curb the same day as pick-up. Cans should not be left up against the front of the house per the city's zoning code. Please place them in the side or rear yard.
- If your trash is missed, please call the City building as soon as possible at 859-341-1515 or email us at info@villahillsky.org. Staff will work with Rumpke to reschedule the pick-up.
- Golf carts are not permitted to be driven on public rights-of-way such as streets, alleys, and sidewalks.

Public Works - Your Snow and Ice Removal Team

As winter approaches, the Public Works Department would like to do the best job clearing the snow and ice as possible. When a City-wide Snow Emergency is declared, or when it is automatically effective (once 2 inches of snow has fallen) all cars are required to be removed from the roadway. Keep in mind that even if a small amount of snow is forecasted, it is a good habit to remove your car to allow the crew to clear your streets.

It takes about 4 hours to plow city streets once. Public Works plows several times during an average snowfall. Snow cleared from the streets has to be placed onto the easement and sometimes in the center of cul-de-sacs. While staff does their best not to block driveways, mailboxes or fire hydrants, there is no way to prevent a snow mound from being left behind, no matter which way the plow is turned.

The City staff are NOT able come back and clear off the snow left behind on driveway aprons. PLEASE, do not shovel or blow the snow back into the street. Place the snow from your driveway and apron in the grass areas on either side and along the grass strip by your mailbox. Also, if you have contractors clearing your driveway, please let them know where to put the snow piles. Our Team works long, hard hours during the winter for the public's safety. Please help by keeping the streets clear after they are plowed.

Sometimes the weight of the snow coming off the plows knock mailboxes down. Sometimes our plows cross over the curbs. Poor visibility during storms plays a factor in these incidents. Our policy is to report all damage that workers are aware of, then make repairs ASAP. If you notice damage from our trucks, please call our office, 859-341-1515.

Thank you for working with us. We take pride in our job.

Buck - Villa Hills Public Works Department



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Police Department continues to work on areas of concern, and do their part to keep our city safe.

A few reminders as you prepare for the shopping season. When shopping, secure purses and wallets. Do not leave anything in the vehicle in plain sight. Put items in the trunk before arriving at your destination and always secure your vehicle.

We encourage everyone to be on the lookout for scams. Do Not give out personal information or credit information to anyone. If you are not sure, do not do it. Scammers are constantly working to get information from you. No law enforcement agency will ever contact you and ask for your information or to settle a warrant over the phone.

When expecting package deliveries, have someone you know keep a look out and secure your packages, if you will not be home at the time of delivery.

REMINDERS:

School buses: When you come up on a bus and the red lights are flashing and stop sign is out, it is a mandatory stop on all roads in Villa Hills. Drive carefully and watch for officers directing traffic in school zones, and drive the speed limit. Watch for children during the mornings and afternoons at bus pick up locations and throughout the neighborhoods. Speed Limits will be strictly enforced.

Halloween: Please use caution when driving during trick or treat hours, as children sometimes forget to look before running into the roads. Trick or Treat will be on October 31, 2022 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Do not hesitate to contact the police if you see something suspicious, for an emergency call 911, for non-emergency call (859) 356-3191 and request for a Villa Hills officer to call you back.



EMPLOYEE NEWS

New Hires:

Officer James Isaacs joined the Police Department in October 2021

Officer Ashley Mairose joined the Police Department as a recruit in January 2022, and completed her Academy training in September 2022.

Officer Haught joined the Police Department in September 2022

The following Police Officers received promotions in 2022:

Matt Hall was promoted to Lieutenant in January.

Tyler Brockman and Joe Krull were both promoted to Sergeant in January

Andrew Lucas was promoted to Detective in July,

Congratulations to all of our Officers!

Keep up the great work and thank you for serving the Citizens of Villa Hills!

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