

Recreation and Events

Fall Fest The Villa Hills Events and Beautification Committee in conjunction with the City of Crescent Springs will host Fall Fest at Lou Hartfiel Memorial Park on Saturday, September 28th from 5-9 pm. Activities include: children's games (5-8 pm), pumpkin decorating, face painting, local food trucks, beer garden, Live Music by Velvet Soul (6-9), and Fireworks by Vito's at 9 pm.



Christmas in the Park

The cities of Crescent Springs and Villa Hills will host Christmas in the Park on December 14th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Lou Hartfiel Memorial Park.

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



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.
- 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.



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CITY WEBSITE PROVIDES TRANSPARENCY

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

- Finance statements & Audits
- Meeting minutes
- City code & zoning ordinances
- Sign up for email alerts
- Upcoming meetings & events

An Update from Mayor Heather Jansen

Happy Fall, Everyone!

It's that time of year. School is underway, temperatures are getting cooler in the mornings/evenings and football season has begun.

- The City's finances are in great standing having just completed the fiscal year-end audit. Financial statements, audit reports, legislation and committee reports can be accessed on the website at www.villahillsky.org.
- Details are being finalized on both the Rogers Road improvement project, as well as, the construction of the salt bin that will be built between the Public Works garage and the VH Police Department.
- The Villa Hills Police Department continues its work to keep the Villa Hills and Crescent Springs communities safe. Our officers do their best to patrol the neighborhoods for speeding or other issues but they cannot be everywhere at once. We, as residents, need to do our part for our community. If

you see something illegal, unsafe or questionable, please reach out to VHPD (859.341.3535) or to Kenton County Dispatch after hours (859.356.3191). That is the quickest way to investigate and resolve the issue.

- If your child has an electric scooter please make sure that it is not ridden on any street. Scooters are not road-worthy and should be kept to the sidewalks to avoid colliding with vehicles.
- **The new firehouse is complete and helps keep all the first responders well equipped and safe while they do their work. The CSVHFD Open House is on Saturday, September 21st and hopefully you are able to attend.**
- Don't miss Fall Festival on Saturday, September 28th at Lou Hartfiel Memorial Park. It's a nice way to bring families together to celebrate the start of the new season.
- You can get your passport processed or renewed at the City building if you are looking to travel internationally or if you just want a passport in case the travel bug bites you. You will need to call ahead to make an appointment (859.341.1515).
- Please be considerate of your neighbors. If you see something that doesn't conform to VH code enforcement standards, call NKPDS to have them look at the issue (859.331.8980).

I want to thank Jim Cahill and Kyle Walsh who are finishing their terms on City Council at the end of this year. I have enjoyed working with both of them and wish them well in their next endeavors. They will be missed.

I am thankful to the staff, crew and officers who continue to care for our City. My gratitude goes to the City Council for the work that they accomplish during the monthly meetings and caucuses but especially through their dedication to the responsibility of their committees. Thank you to the residents who volunteer their time to help on these committees and with city events. Lastly, thank YOU for your continued support. It takes all of us to help keep the City of Villa Hills running smoothly and to make this a special place to live.

Mayor Heather Jansen

Villa Hills City Officials

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Mayor Heather Jansen

Councilmembers

Jim Cahill Scott Ringo Cathy Stover Seth Thompson Sue Wadsworth Kyle Walsh

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Jennifer Lipson

Chief of Police

Matt Hall

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.

Council sets Tax rate and Solid waste fee

City Council set the tax rate for 2024 at 2.02 cents per one hundred dollars which is down from the 2.30 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 Rumpke solid waste and recycling fee is \$5.42 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.

Did you know

Sidewalks are the responsibility of abutting property owners. Villa Hills had the city’s sidewalks surveyed in 2023. Each year Villa Hills will send out about 125 - 150 letters to the properties with the worse sidewalk defects and will annually issue letters until the list is complete. Your neighbor may receive a letter when you do not. This means you may receive a letter in a future year. You don’t have to wait for a letter to take action. If you are planning on doing concrete replacement work or wish to know what defects have been recorded for your property, contact City Administrator Craig Bohman at cbohman@villahillsky.org.



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 (859) 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 6-8 weeks for standard processing - 2-3 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

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.

Electric Scooters:
We have seen an increase in electric scooters being operated around the city. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has provided some recommendations and safety tips for use of e-scooters. Wear a helmet to protect yourself. Check for Damage to ensure the scooter is in good working condition and test the brakes to ensure they work properly, Alert others and be seen, due to the quietness pedestrians and vehicles may not hear you approaching, a bell or horn should be used to alert others. Watch out for obstacles, uneven surfaces can cause a crash. Always keep your hands on the handlebars. These scooters are designed for single occupants, so ride solo and avoid distractions. Follow all traffic rules, riders should be stopping at all stop signs and intersections before crossing the street, just as they would if they were a pedestrian or a bike.

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, 2024 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 Adam Watson joined the Police Department in March 2024

Officer Lauren Steffen joined the Police Department in May 2024

Officer Kevin Burke joined the Police Department in June 2024

Officer Nikko Ciancanelli and Officer Christopher Snider joined the Police Department in September 2024

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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