

CITY NEWS

Greetings from Mayor Collett

On behalf of council and the dedicated staff of the city of Crescent Springs, let me wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday. We are looking forward to a prosperous 2010. Rest assured that we will continue to be good stewards for your city and do all we can to make Crescent Springs a pleasant and safe place for you, your family, and your neighbors.

Halloween in the Park October 21st

Thanks to Little Red Schoolhouse teachers for organizing and working this event! We had all sorts of monsters, princesses, cowgirls, and cartoon characters take over the Park that day. Thanks to our generous business community, (see complete list on back page) the kids enjoyed games, a costume judging, free door prizes, and trick-or-treat candy on the walking trail. Chiropractic Rehab staff took fall family portraits, and Kremer's Market supplied our 'guess the weight' pumpkins. If you weren't there you missed the fun!

Financial News

Great job on tax collections! Only approx 3% of the \$703,000 real estate and tangible taxes billed for 2009 are outstanding. We appreciate

your prompt payments. If you have not yet paid, you can check the website *Home* page for the box in the lower right that says "Click here to look up your city taxes" or call the City Building for the current payoff.

Adopt-A-Unit

The City's Adopt-A-Unit Committee continues to provide support to the 1st battalion, 320th Field Artillery stationed at Ft. Campbell KY. Lt. Col. David S. Flynn has expressed his appreciation for the efforts of all the students and faculty at St. Joseph's School. Many thanks for supporting our troops! The Regiment may likely be called into action in Afghanistan sometime in mid to late 2010 if the President authorizes additional forces. A bake sale at the VH Haunted Trail last month netted almost \$800 for our troops. A group of friends traveled to Ft. Campbell in early Nov. to experience training procedures and also delivered 4 corn hole sets for the soldiers to enjoy. Thanks to the Hartfiel's and the Schuler's for donating those!

Mayor, Jim Collett

Council Members :

Christie Arlinghaus

Mike Daugherty

Dale Ramsey

Scott Santangelo

Tom Vergamini

Matt Zeck

RUMPKE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be NO CHANGE IN PICK UP this year! Monday and Thursday pick ups are unaffected.

GREEN your office...

Don't print off those emails, read and delete or mark your calendar accordingly.

Teleconference instead of traveling, then carpool, bike or take the bus.

Recycle your toner kits and batteries. Use recycled paper.

Make the environment, not just price, a factor when purchasing.

Turn off lights and equipment when leaving for the night or weekend.

COMMUNICATIONS

Electronic Signs Coming Soon...

We are in the process of installing two LED signs in order to keep citizens informed of important City news and information. One will be in front of the City Building on Buttermilk and the other will be near the expressway at Hazelwood and Buttermilk. These signs will have the capability of using generator power in case of a power outage. They will serve

as a reminder of meetings and events as well as emergency notifications and updates.

New Website Up and Running

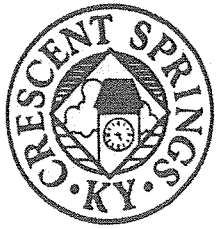
Go to www.crescent-springs.ky.us and check out our newly designed website. The *Business Directory* may help you decide where to eat tonight, or what beauty salon to call or where to do your holiday shopping. Look for *Recent News*

NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE

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Check it out!! Thanks to Christie Arlinghaus, Emily Prabell and Daniele Longo for their design help

on the Home Page or go the *Calendar* to find the date of the next Council meeting.



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BUSINESS NEWS

Anyone out there interested in forming a **Crescent Springs Business Association**? (that's what we'll call it for now!) If you've been around awhile, you may remember there was one long ago and it was very beneficial. Please call Ken Kallmeyer at 341-6606 or send the City your email address. Look for a mailing to follow with more information.

Businesses, please check our webpage directory to be sure the information we listed is correct. Any changes, please keep us informed so that we can update

THANKS TO THESE BUSINESSES FOR CONTRIBUTING TO OUR HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK EVENT!

Little Red Schoolhouse (Corporate Sponsor) All Vacuum Center, Astro Lawn, Barbara Beatrice Art Studio, Beautiful Nails, Card & Party Shop, Chase Bank, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Chiropractic Rehab Center, Data Management/LaRosa's, Kremer's Market, Menninger Auto Body, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Royal Touch Car Wash, Theatre House, US Bank, Perfetti/Van Melle, and Zimmer Motors.

There are 27
restaurants in our city.
Visit one tonight!

COMIN' DOWN THE PIKE

- ◆ **Christmas Tree Lighting and Light up Buttermilk** Thurs. Dec 10th. 7:00pm at the City Building. Come enjoy Christmas carols sung by the Little Red Schoolhouse chorus as we flip the switch to light up the tree! Punch, hot cider and cookies will be served. Inclement weather moves us inside to the Council Chamber. Little Red Schoolhouse will provide luminaries to light up Buttermilk Pike as well.
- ◆ The No. Ky. Area Planning Commission invites you to attend a public forum on the future of our hillsides. Wednesday, Dec 2nd from 6:30-8:30 at Notre Dame Academy, Park Hills. Public consensus is important when deciding how to protect and utilize our hillsides. Join the discussion. Express your opinions. For more info, contact NKAPC at 859 331-8980 or email thehills@nkapc.org.
- ◆ City Building will be closed Nov. 26 & 27, Dec. 24 & 25, as well as 1/2 day Dec. 31st and all day Jan. 1st. We wish you and yours a very joyful Thanksgiving, a very merry Christmas and an extremely happy New Year!
- ◆ Tree recycling will be held at the Park-and-Ride lot on Anderson Rd., next to the Skating rink from Jan 1st - Jan 13th. You may drop off trees in the designated area, set them out at the curb Mon thru Friday, or call Public Services at 344-0797 and the friendly crew will pick them up at the curb.

Mark your Calendar

Dec 2nd 6:30-8:30
NKAPC Hillsides Forum
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Dec 10th 7:00
Tree Lighting at the City Bldg
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Jan 1st-13th
Christmas Tree Recycling

PARK & PUBLIC SERVICES NEWS



Please remember: It is the homeowners' responsibility to keep the sidewalks in front of your home cleared of high snow. Please do not plow snow from your driveway into the street. Remember also, to shut your outside faucets off before the first big freeze. A broken pipe can allow water to run undetected and cause a lot of damage!

hills receive priority, followed by residential streets. When snow hits, please move vehicles off the streets. This greatly assists us in keeping streets safe and clear. When a snow emergency is declared by the Mayor (3 inches or more of snow, or ice conditions) it is **MANDATORY** that all vehicles be moved. (City Ordinance #74.01) Failure to do so may result in a citation and the vehicle being towed. Tune to your local radio or TV station for snow emergency updates.

Park Restrooms are now closed for the season. The outside facilities are open for use as the weather permits.

We are pleased to announce that the streets in the City were swept in October. This was done both for aesthetic reasons and in response to SD1's requirement to keep litter and debris out of the storm drains. We will be contracting for this service twice a year.

When the winter weather hits, you can count on the Public Services' "Clean Street Policy" to make streets as safe and clear as possible. New salt spreaders have been installed, and the plows are greased and sharpened. The salt bins are full and ready to go. Crews will work until all streets are plowed or salted to the bare pavement. Major thoroughfares, bridges, and

REPORT POT HOLES DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC SERVICES ANSWERING MACHINE AT 344-0797. Leave your name and a phone number with the exact location of the problem, and we will follow up as quickly as possible.

Season's Greetings

From all of us to all of you...

Mayor Collett
Dale Ramsey

Sue Hill

George Rubbejer
Mike Daugherty

Joe Bohm
Dewey Phil

Christie
Arlinghaus

Thomas Urganic
Mike

Scott Gates

Susan Levy

Letter from Lt. Mike Bianchi: "Burglary Season" is here...

The arrival of fall and then winter brings us into the Holiday Season, as we all know it; but it also brings another time I call "Burglary Season" because the early sunset makes an ideal situation for burglars aiming to break into your home and steal from you. All they have to do is drive around in neighborhoods and look for dark houses with no lights on. It is early enough in the evening that they know surely the residents would be awake if they were home. They find a few dark homes in a row and sneak up, possibly ringing the doorbell or knocking to see if anybody answers. When there is no answer, they quickly break a window or force a door to get in – knowing their chances of getting caught are very low. It's also colder outside, so neighbors will have windows closed and will be less likely to hear the forced entry.

The good news is that protecting yourself does not have to be complicated or expensive. Leaving some lights on is the simplest and most effective deterrent. Burglars do not want to get caught, so if a location looks like a bad risk they will move on. If you won't be home in the evening hours, leave on a television and a light in the TV room. Another tip is to leave a bathroom light on and close the door so that if they do come in they will think somebody is inside. Use timers if you are gone for more than a day so they can't easily see it is the same lights always on. If it is just your daily routine to get home after dark, you can just vary the lights a little each day. This simple measure will go a long way toward preventing you from being a victim.

The second thing we can all do is be vigilant in our observations in our neighborhoods. Report suspicious people or activity to the police right away. Give us the opportunity to check out the situation. We would much rather get a call to check a person and find out they are OK than not get a call and find out later that it was a bad guy.

Criminals are opportunists – reduce or eliminate their opportunity and they will move on.

ROAD SAFETY

The public services director of the City is currently working with Kenton County to evaluate safety and maintenance issues pertaining to Bromley-Crescent Springs Road. Both routine maintenance and accident-related issues are being addressed. Work in process includes re-striping the roadway in needed areas, marking the bridges with reflective signage, and refilling the shoulders of the road where it has eroded over time. The use of guardrails is being considered in certain stretches. A more costly option may be to add to the limited number of streetlights currently running along the road. These additions should add to the improvement and safety of this well-traveled by-way.