



Orchard Grass Hills News

November 2010

Mayor's Moment:

Hello, City of Orchard Grass Hills residents! I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather. It is a nice reprieve from the hot summer we have had. I wanted to give you some facts about the city that you may not know. The city was founded in 1979 and is comprised of two subdivisions, Orchard Grass Hills and Poplar Hill. One of the main reasons for the incorporation of the City was snow removal. When it snowed the county did not plow our streets until well after the main streets and highways in the county were done. This caused a big hardship on the residents of our subdivision. No one could get out to go to work or the store. Residents of the city banded together and founded the city. Our city is classified as 5th class. The governing body consists of a Mayor and 6 Councilpersons. The Mayor holds office for 4 years and the Council members hold office for 2 years.

The city has a new website: www.cityoforchardgrass.com. Residents are able to access previous newsletters, the Deed of Restrictions for each section of the city, City Ordinances, the Minutes from previous City Council meetings, current events and more. Email addresses for the Mayor and Council members are also located on the website.

The council and I authorized work on several drainage problems at the last meeting. Those projects are now completed. Our City Engineer prioritizes drainage projects and then presents them to the Council at the monthly meeting. Two targeted areas for upcoming drainage improvements are W. Orchard Grass Blvd and Sideoats. These will be discussed at the next meeting. The City Council meets each month on the 2nd Tuesday at the Pewee Valley Fire House on Foley Ave. This is an open meeting and all residents are encouraged to attend.

I would like to thank Councilperson, Misty Nicholson for her contributions and service to the City. Misty resigned her position in August. She will be missed. At the September meeting the Council unanimously elected Jami Springer to fill the vacated seat. We look forward to working and serving with her.

This will be the last mailing of a city-wide paper newsletter. Future announcements and information will be posted to our website. However, a quarterly condensed version of paper newsletters will be mailed or emailed to residents upon request. Please refer to the form on page 2 for details.

May you all have a glorious fall and holiday season.

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Mayor, City of Orchard Grass Hills

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New Trash Service Rates and Recycling Incentive Program

The City has renegotiated its contract with Industrial Disposal Company with lower rates effective September 30th of this year. Residential Trash Service will be \$11.25 per month, with an optional recycling service for \$3.95 per month.

Any customer who chooses to recycle will be invited to participate in a free "RecycleBank Rewards Program." Each time a resident recycles, points will be earned which can be redeemed for rewards such as groceries, apparel, merchandise and gift cards at local businesses, such as Bed, Bath & Beyond, Dicks, Sporting Goods, Sam's Club, McDonalds, and others. Current recycling participants should have received a letter, as well as instructions and an activation code for registering. Go to RecycleBank.com or call 1-866-563-0114 to register.

*****NOTICE*****

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST CITY-WIDE MAILING OF OUR CITY NEWSLETTER. IN THE FUTURE, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CITY INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON OUR CITY WEBSITE @
WWW.CITYOFFORCHARDGRASS.COM.**

**HOWEVER, CONDENSED NEWSLETTERS (CONTAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS) WILL BE MAILED OR EMAILED QUARTERLY UPON REQUEST BY COMPLETING THE FORM BELOW AND MAILING TO
P.O. BOX 25, CRESTWOOD, KY 40014.**

NAME: _____

☐ PLEASE MAIL ME A QUARTERLY CONDENSED NEWSLETTER AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

OR

☐ PLEASE EMAIL ME A QUARTERLY CONDENSED NEWSLETTER AT THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS:

Dilapidated Homes

Problems continue to arise with dilapidated houses in our City, especially in light of the high volume of foreclosures due to the economic downturn. Please be assured that your Mayor and Council members are continuing to work to find ways to address the problems caused by the abandoned homes that are not being maintained.

Sidewalks are for Pedestrians!

Please be reminded an Ordinance is in place prohibiting vehicles from blocking the sidewalks. Please move any vehicles that are blocking sidewalks! Thank you.

Keep our City Safe and Neat!!

In an effort to keep our City safe and avoid a decrease in the value of our properties, an Ordinance relating to Abatement of Nuisances in the City was passed in 2005. This Ordinance prohibits items to exist on your property, including, *but not limited to*, the following: trash, debris, lumber, furniture, portable basketball goals on any sidewalk, right of way or street, temporary structures (such as trailers, campers, tents, boats), unruly dogs or non-operating vehicles. In addition, the Ordinance requires us to maintain our property by keeping it neat and attractive in appearance, which includes keeping the grass cut. If the City is required to cut a resident's grass, a lien may be placed on the property for the amount the City is required to pay for the job. Any violation of the Ordinance may result in a \$100.00 fine for each violation, with an additional \$100.00 per day that the nuisance remains on the property. Also be aware that our Ordinance mandates that all dogs must be on a leash. Please help us take care of our City by removing nuisances that will be detrimental to our safety and the value of our property.



**Please visit our website at:
www.cityofforchardgrass.com**

Neighborhood Watch Program

As you may know, in conjunction with the Oldham County Police Department, some residents have decided to reactivate the Neighborhood Watch program. Crime is on the increase around the country and in our area due to the down economy. One of the best ways to reduce crime in our neighborhood is via a watch program. **For the program to be effective, residents need to sign on as Observers or Captains. The more involvement we have the better the results.** Also, being organized will create a two way communication with the police so we stay informed about activity in our area. Police will let us know issues of concern and Captains can communicate concerns to the Police. *We need volunteers!! If you wish to help out, please send your name, address, and phone number, involvement preference (Observer or Captain) to OrchardGrassNeighborhood-Watch@gmail.com.* You will then be contacted with more information about upcoming meetings and plans to get our Neighborhood Watch organized and running. In the mean time, we all can help keep our neighborhood safe by keep a watchful eye and alerting police of any suspicious behavior. The police can be contacted at 222-0111 or 911 for more urgent needs. Let's get organized, watch out for each other, and keep our city safe!! For more information on Neighborhood Watch programs, visit www.ncpc.org.



Rental Ordinance

Rental property owners must file for a permit and pay a yearly license fee, as well as file a yearly tax form. If you are currently renting property, please contact the Clerk to ensure the rental property is properly licensed with the City.

Insurance Surtax

Please check your insurance premiums or call your insurance agent to confirm your insurance surtax (on any home, auto, boat and first year of life insurance) is being directed to the City of Orchard Grass Hills. The city code is #358. As we all have a Crestwood mailing address this is important information to have verified. Let your money work in your city and not in Crestwood or the County. **This does not mean you are paying additional taxes, but only that the surtax you have always paid is being directed to Orchard Grass Hills.**

Drainage projects completed... your tax dollars at work!

Drainage projects completed on the following properties in 2010:

9200 Block of Bermuda Court
9200 Block of Foxtail Place
9200 Block of Bermuda Court
7100 Block of Applewood Road
9400 Block of Poplar Hill Drive
7500 Block of Foxtail Court
9200 Block of Bermuda Court
7400 Block of E. Orchard Grass
9200 Block of Bermuda Court
Millet Place/Orchard Grass

Snow Plow Removal

Winter is approaching, which often means snow, and with snow, comes the need for snow removal. We are very appreciative of the services that have been offered by Kingsbury's in the past and look forward to a continued good relationship with them. **Please keep this in mind when a problem arises with their services, and do not contact Kingsbury directly, but direct any complaints or problems to the Mayor or City Council.** Please also be cooperative in keeping snow shoveled from your driveway out of the roads, so that they can properly plow the roads.



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Who to Call

Utilities:

AT&T	582-1572
Bell South service	557-6111
Industrial Disposal	628-9000
Insight Communications	357-4400
LG&E	589-1444
Louisville Water	583-6610
Natural Gas service	627-3772
Veolia Water North America (Sewer)	225-9477
Plant Operator: Wayne Mills	523-0835
Alex Smith (clean up)	523-1973

County Services:

Animal Control	222-7387
Fire Dept. (non-emergencies)	241-9366
Oldham County Health Dept.	
Environmental	222-3519
Health Issues	222-3516
Oldham County Police Dept.	222-1300
Oldham County Sheriff	222-9501
Planning & Zoning	
Nuisance complaints, etc.	222-1476

Other:

Briar Hill Park (problems/bookings)	222-2154
Oldham Era	222-7183
Worthington Fire Dept.	425-2711

Calendar

November 9	City Council Meeting
November 25	Thanksgiving
December 3	Light Up LaGrange
December 11	Christmas in Crestwood Holiday Festival
December 14	City Council Meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve

*Daylight Savings Time—November 7th
Don't forget to set your clocks back
Sat., November 6th!*



***City council meetings are at the Pewee Valley Fire Station** located at 8607 Foley Avenue off Highway 146 (LaGrange Road) behind PNC Bank - just East of Jucy's Bar-B-Que. The meetings are open to the public and meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.