

City of Lakeview Heights

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Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month @6:00pm

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Commissioner Meetings – Residents are encouraged to attend regularly scheduled Commissioner Meetings to communicate needs, concerns, questions, etc. The Commission was SUPER delighted that four residents attended the Public Comment portion of July’s meeting. We would love to see the city building full of residents for the entire duration of each commissioner meeting. Attending meetings is the BEST way to stay informed about what’s going on in our wonderful city.

City Ordinances – Please continue to familiarize yourself with the City of Lakeview Height’s ordinances (all of which are available online). It is the responsibility of each resident to ensure they are familiar with and follow the ordinances. Please reach out to any of the Commissioners or the Mayor if additional information or clarification is needed in regards to the content of all of the ordinances. If you are planning on selling your home, please inform your relator and/or potential buyers that the City of Lakeview Heights does have ordinances, many of which are very similar to the City of Morehead’s. If you plan to complete *any* construction, it is best to check with the Commission BEFORE you begin your project planning to ensure you will be in compliance with the city’s ordinances.

Upcoming August Commissioner Meeting Points of Interest – Planning for a city-sponsored community gathering, LVH Resident Directory roll-out, LVH New Resident Informational Sheet/Welcoming Committee, Kinect Internet/Phone Service discussion, plan for distribution of remaining COVID-related supplies

LVH City Ordinance Spotlight – Ordinance 35: Yard Sales. Ordinance 35 was adopted by the LVH Commission in 2019 as a result of resident input and concerns related to nuisances and safety surrounding multiple yard sales throughout the city. Per this ordinance, *“Each residence of the city is limited to two yard sales per year. This is in addition to any city sponsored yard sales,”* and, *“No yard/garage sale shall be conducted unless and until the individuals desiring to conduct such sale obtains a permit therefore from a city official.”* Yard Sale permits are available in the box outside the city building and, once completed, may be placed in the drop box. As a reminder, you can find all ordinances on the LVH website.*

***LVH Website** – The City’s website is currently under reconstruction. Because the website was built and created many years ago using features that are no longer supported, the city has been forced to completely rebuild the website. Please be patient with us as we move forward with this process, as it is rather time-consuming. We hope to have it up-to-date and rebuilt by the end of August, at the latest.

City Building Rental Reminder – The City Building is available for rental. For the time being, due to cleaning procedures and costs, the building will only be available to rent on the weekends and will only be available for one rental agreement per weekend. The following fees/deposits will be required.

LVH Current Residents:

\$50* per calendar day

Non-Residents:

\$75* – up to 4 hrs during one calendar day

\$125* – 4 hrs or more during one calendar day

Cleaning Deposits/Fees:

\$50 cleaning deposit (refundable)**

\$150 ‘evidence of tobacco use’ fine

*Payment must be provided prior to or at the time the building is opened for the rental.

**Deposit must be paid by cash or check and will be returned if the renter has satisfactorily cleaned up after his/her rental. A facility condition checklist will be completed prior to and immediately following the renter using the building to ensure it is left in the same condition as it was prior to rental use.

To reserve the building, please contact the LVH City Clerk via email (clerk40351@roadrunner.com) or text/voicemail (606-356-9130).

Metal Recycling – If you have any appliances, scrap metal, or other metal that needs disposed of, please contact resident John Ginter at 606-776-4959. Depending on the item, he may haul the item(s) off for you to recycle.

City Building Wifi – Due to increased prices and recent changes to the city’s Spectrum internet service, there is currently no Wifi available at the city building. (Hence why meetings have not been live-streamed in recent months.) The commission is currently looking at alternative providers to determine if a more reasonably-priced service is available.

Response to Resident Questions - During July’s Commissioner Meeting, four residents attended during the Public Comment portion of the meeting and inquired about the following subjects/topics:

Yard Trimmings Dumping: At this time and at their own risk, residents may dump moderate amounts of biodegradable yard-waste (tree trimmings, grass clippings, leaves, branches, etc.) over the hill behind the city building parking lot. Because there has been an issue in the past with non-resident excessive dumping, the commission requests that PRIOR to dumping, LVH residents contact one of the commissioners or the mayor to let them know when they plan to dump said yard waste. Dumping said waste behind the city building is limited to LVH residents for their LVH property only.

Insurance: LVH holds Workers’ Compensation and Employers’ Liability Insurance through the Kentucky League of Cities for a fee of approximately \$615 per year. The city building’s insurance is held through Kentucky Farm Bureau for an annual cost of approximately \$702.

Tax Revenue resulting from Increased Property Tax Rate: The property tax funds collected in excess of the compensatory rate increase will be earmarked for anticipated road paving projects and will be placed in a separate savings account. Please also note that the city will continue to provide all residents an opportunity to save 2% on their property taxes if paid prior to November 30.

Speedbumps: The commission has had many lengthy discussions regarding speed bump maintenance and repairs. It is very expensive to purchase, replace, and/or repair the speedbumps across the city. City commissioners and residents have been making recent repairs, but that is not a sustainable practice. The ‘broken’ part of the speedbump on Roselawn will be pried up and removed within the coming weeks.

City Informational Sheet: The LVH Commission is currently working on an LVH-specific informational sheet to provide to new (or long-time) residents to use as a quick reference sheet. The informational sheet will provide contact information for the commission, a link to access ordinances, meeting minutes, etc., as well as numbers to local law enforcement, the animal shelter, etc. (Speaking of which, we still need volunteers for the welcoming committee... contact Clerk Mason if you’re interested!)

Cost Saving Measures: The commission has taken several steps over the past year in an effort to reduce city expenses in order to keep up with rising utility fees, unexpected legal fees, etc. For the past year, Mayor Mason and resident Carlos Marin, have been volunteering their time/services to mow city property. Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Miller (and his wife), Commissioner Blankenbuehler, Mayor Mason, and Clerk Mason have volunteered their time to organize, deep clean, partially paint, and take care of basic maintenance/up-keep needs at the city building. These measures alone have allowed the city to reduce expenditures over the past year by nearly \$5,000. Although these steps are not indefinitely sustainable, it has helped the city to compensate this year for rising operational costs while still providing residents with perks that are enjoyed by many (dumpster, leaf removal, etc.) and has allowed the city to ensure our annual expenditures do not exceed our annual revenues.

Again, we encourage ALL residents to attend monthly meetings, not only to ask questions, voice concerns, and share ideas during public comment, but to stay for the entire meeting and listen to all of the discussion surrounding each specific item on the meeting’s agenda. Thanks again to all of the residents who have taken their time to attend meetings over the past several months!

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Sam Mason, Mayor

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