

# **A NEW RESIDENT'S GUIDE**

To Living in Kingston Springs, Tennessee



Dear New Resident,

Welcome home and thank you for choosing our community. Kingston Springs was Recently ranked as the '9<sup>th</sup> Safest Community in Tennessee', and the '3<sup>rd</sup> Best Suburb of Nashville' by the real estate blog Movoto.com. Additionally, our residents enjoy a brief commute to downtown Nashville and easy access to Interstate 40, yet return to the small-town atmosphere of home.

Both the town and the surrounding area is home to a wide variety of scenic habitats and opportunities for outdoor recreation. Just outside our limits you can enjoy the hiking, boating, fishing, zip-lining, and canoeing that make our area special. Inside our limits the town is home to a number of well maintained parks and natural areas. Located on the Harpeth River, L.L. Burns Park and Kingston Springs City Park feature athletic fields, a nine-hole disc golf course, a canoe ramp to the river, walking trails, a dog park, and a perfect area for events and picnicking. And in the warmer months, families can cool off by the splash pad. There are lots of fun ways to stay active in Kingston Springs.

Several annual events and local civic organizations also help foster a sense of community in our area. With excellent schools, sidewalk connectivity, welcoming houses of worship, and a thriving business community, Kingston Springs is a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

I hope this new resident's guide captures some of the community's unique spirit and offers an easy and convenient way to connect with all that our town has to offer. See you around town!



Genuinely,

Long Dues

Tony Gross Mayor of Kingston Springs



Surrounded by the bluffs of the Harpeth River, the Town of Kingston Springs is a small, family oriented community.



#### This is Kingston Springs

\*movoto.com

- Ranked 9<sup>th</sup> Safest Community in the State of TN \*
- Voted one of the Best Nashville suburbs to live in \*
- Walkable Historic Downtown
- 173 Acres of Parks and Trails
- Highly Rated Fire Protection Service
- Just steps away from numerous Outdoor Activities



#### **Kingston Springs Town Events**

- Youth Soccer League ----- Each spring and fall
- Community Yard Sale ----- Third Saturday in May
- Easter Egg Hunt ----- Two Saturday's before Easter
- Catfish Rodeo ------ Second Saturday in June
- Art in the Park ------ First Saturday in October
- Senior Citizens Group ---- Monthly (bingo and luncheon)



Kingston Springs maintains a 173 acre parks system, which is known for its quality and is a hallmark of the Kingston Springs area



Kingston Springs Parks also include a **Challenge Trail** with 12 exercise stations overlooking the Harpeth River, a nine hole **Disc Golf Course** with both novice and pro tees, and an **Activity Center** available for rentals.





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# **Getting Started**



# **Change of Address**

U.S. Post Office 110 Luyben Hills Rd., Kingston Springs, TN 37082 (615) 952-3953



### Electricity

Dickson Electric System 236 Cowan Rd., Dickson, TN 37055 (615) 446-9051



## Water

2nd South Cheatham Utility Dist. 505 Valley Dr., Kingston Springs, TN 37082 (615) 952-3094



#### **Natural Gas**

Greater Dickson Gas Authority 605 E. Walnut St., Dickson, TN 37055 (615) 441-2830



#### Waste Water Town of Kingston Springs 396 Spring St., Kingston Springs, TN 37082 (615) 952-2110

Old Rail Bridge over the Harpeth River



## **Vehicle Registration**

Cheatham County Clerk 264 S. Main St., Suite 108, Ashland City, TN 37015 (615) 792-5179



## **Voter Registration**

Cheatham County Election Commission 188 County Services Dr., Suite 100, Ashland City, TN 37015 (615) 792-5770



#### **Farmers Market**

Kingston Springs Farmers & Artisans Market Mid May through the end of September <u>www.ksfarmersmarket.org</u>



## **Animal Control**

Cheatham County Animal Control 2797 Sams Creek Rd., Pegram, TN 37143 (615) 792-3647



### Library

South Cheatham Library 358 N. Main St., Kingston Springs, TN 37082 www.southcheathamlibrary.com (615) 952-4752





#### **Kingston Springs City Hall**

396 Spring Street, Kingston Springs, TN 37082 Main Number: 615-952-2110 www.kingstonsprings.net

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Access to Public Records	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 12
Burn Permits	(877) 350-2876
Building Permits	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 24
City Recorder	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 12
Code Enforcement	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 24
Commercial Development	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 15
Fire Dept (Non Emergency)	(615) 952-2555
Fire or Police Emergency	911
General Inquiries	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 10
GIS, Mapping, & Zoning Info	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 15
Municipal Court	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 20
Property Tax (KS Residents)	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 10
Park Activity Center Rentals	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 22
Parks Department	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 22
Pet Spay & Neuter	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 10
Planning & Zoning Info	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 15
Police Dept (Non Emergency)	(615) 952-9965
Public Works Department	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 13
Residential Development	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 24
Sewer Emergencies	(615) 887-5400
Soccer Registration	(615) 952-2110 Ext. 22



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#### **Property Tax Information**

Beginning in October of each year, Kingston Springs property owners will receive notices for taxes due to both the Town of Kingston Springs and Cheatham County. Payment on all taxes are due by February 1. A late fee of 1.5% per month is assessed on late payments. Some property owners may qualify for a tax relief program through the County Trustee's office.

#### **Public Meeting Information**

All public meeting are held at the Audrey Beck Meeting Hall, 420 N. Main Street at 7:00 p.m. City Commission meeting agendas are advertised on the town's social media resources. All meetings are available on-demand through the town's YouTube channel.

- City Commission meetings are the Third Thursday of each month
- Planning Commission meetings (as needed) are the Second Thursday of each month

# Stay Connected With Us



www.kingstonsprings.net



citymanager@kingstonsprings-tn.gov



www.facebook.com/TownofKingstonSprings



www.youtube.com – Town of Kingston Springs



### **New Student Registration**

Cheatham County Schools 102 Elizabeth St., Ashland City, TN 37015 (615) 792-5664 www.cheathamcountyschools.net

There are three schools in Kingston Springs and all are part of the Cheatham County School District:

#### Kingston Springs Elementary School

166 W Kingston Springs Rd. Kingston Springs, TN 37082 615-792-5664 www.kingstonspringsccs.net



Kingston Springs Elementary School, home of the Cardinals, serves about 390 students in grades Kindergarten through 4th grade.



#### Harpeth Middle School

170 Harpeth View Trail Kingston Springs, TN 3708 615-952-2293 www.harpethmiddleccs.net

Harpeth Middle School, home of the Harpeth Indians, serves 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in our community.

#### Harpeth High School

170 E Kingston Springs Rd. Kingston Springs, TN 37082 615-952-2811 www.harpethhighccs.net



Harpeth High School, home of the Harpeth Indians, serves 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in our community.

The 'Town of Kingston Springs' was formally incorporated in 1965 with a population of 290. It has since grown in area and population to just under 3,000 residents while still maintaining its small-town feel and scenic beauty. Kingston Springs is also home to a thriving business community. 11,000 people reside within 5 miles and nearly all of them frequent town roads, schools, and businesses daily.

Archeology research indicates that Indigenous American people migrated to the area that is Kingston Springs about 12,000 years ago and settled near the banks of the Harpeth River and Turnbull Creek. The Native Americans were likely attracted to the location due to the excellent game hunting and various sulfur springs. They helped shape the Cheatham County landscape by burying their dead in stonebox graves and created mounds that still exist today.





Lewis Dunn was the earliest known white settler of Kingston Springs. He received a land grant for his service during the Revolutionary War and in 1807, settled with his family near the Harpeth River. A large hotel and tavern was constructed in 1819 near mineral springs to accommodate visitors seeking the healing qualities of Kingston Springs' white, black and red sulfur water. The springs served as the primary local attraction throughout the 1850s.

During the turn of the century, major changes occurred in Kingston Springs. A local branch of the United States Post Office opened in 1865, followed by two general stores in 1866. The Vanderbilt Preparatory School opened its doors in the early 1900's and a public elementary school soon followed, opening in 1915. Thanks in large part to the automobile, Kingston Springs experienced substantial population growth at the turn of the century. The town transformed from a resort destination to a residential community.





# Are you asking yourself... Do I need a Permit for that?

Construction or alterations to structures or property in the Town of Kingston Springs may require a permit.

## Permits are required for the following projects:

- New Residential Construction
- Building Additions
- Accessory Buildings
- Building Remodeling (a permit is required only if the remodeling involves structural changes or changes to exits).
- Structural Alterations
- Roofs
- Swimming Pools (all in-ground, and above ground over 24 inches deep).
- Fences over 6 feet in height
- Decks
- Attached or Detached Garages
- Sheds, Storage buildings or other Accessory Buildings
- Retaining Walls over 4 feet in height
- Signs
- Demolishing or Moving a Structure
- Driveways
- Blasting
- Excavation or Grading
- Street Cuts
- Temporary Use (tents, construction trailers, PODS)
- Firework Sales

If you're not sure you need a permit for items not listed here please call Kingston Springs City Hall at 615-952-2110 ext. 24 (Building Inspector and Codes Officer available Tuesday and Thursday only). You can obtain permits at City Hall, 396 Spring Street, Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 4pm



The State of Tennessee has some very strict open-burning regulations and you can be fined up to \$25,000 per day.

It is illegal to burn the following items in the State of Tennessee:

- Household Trash
- Paper Products
- Tires and other Rubber Products
- Vinyl Siding and Vinyl Shingles
- Plastics and other Synthetic Materials
- Paper Products, Cardboard and Newspaper
- Asphalt Shingles, and other asphalt roofing materials and demolition debris
- Asbestos-containing materials
- Paints, household and agricultural chemicals
- Aerosol cans and food cans
- Building Material and Construction Debris
- Buildings and Mobile Homes
- Coated Wire
- Most Vegetation not grown on site

It may be okay to burn leaves, branches, tree limbs, twigs, lawn clippings, woody vegetation, yard trimmings, clean unpainted, uncoated wood or untreated lumber.

Visit <u>www.burnsafetn.org</u> for burn permits and <u>www.tn.gov/environment</u> for additional information

# Kingston Springs, Tennessee







# **Kingston Springs Sewer Service**







