

CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS NEWSLETTER



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SEPTEMBER 16
8-10 A.M.
DUNKIN DONUTS
MIDDLETOWN

CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE!
CITYOFDOUGLASSHILLS.COM

Some of the best memories are made in flip-flops—Kellie Elmore

Despite the cool weather, rain and storms, the pool season closed on Labor Day with income above last year. The changes in memberships and gate fees helped us accomplish this goal. Thanks for your support!

Douglass Hills has had almost no crime in the last month. Only two incidents were reported. As you continue to work outside, be aware of your surroundings and things that do not look right. If you have a problem or concern that is not an emergency call LMPD non-emergency line at 502-574-2111 option 5.

Now that school has started please be aware of our students walking to and from school. Also, if you are waiting with your child at a bus stop, you must remember to obey Metro Traffic Laws concerning the distance you can park from an intersection or stop sign. The minimum distance is 30 feet. You must allow enough space for other residents to be able to turn from the correct lane of the street. Already on several occasions residents coming out of their own street were almost hit by other vehicles turning in. Off-Duty police are patrolling our streets for those who speed, run stop signs, and those who break traffic laws.

I am extremely proud of our new and improved website. It is easy to navigate and has a wealth of information all at your fingertips. The "contact us link" is a direct link to my e-mail address. Soon there will be pictures in the gallery of events that have occurred in the neighborhood. You can also view all city ordinances, minutes from prior council meetings and past newsletters.

Finally, if you still have not signed up for Reach Alert Communications system please do so. This is the best way to get immediate communication from the city regarding changes in events, garbage, or emergencies.

Go to www.reachalert.com and create an account to get signed up. Or if you need to call (877) 307-9313 and get immediate help.

In addition to the dates listed on the newsletter of upcoming events, please add November 14 at 11:00 a Flag Retirement at the gazebo. You will be able to bring your old, tattered American flags. More information will follow in the October newsletter.



DEE EDWARDS
WHISPER WALK

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12

REGISTRATION
7:30
WALK 9:00

MEET AT
DOUGLASS HILLS
POOL PARKING
LOT

DEDICATION

BILL LILE

RUNNING CREEK

PARK

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19

2:00 P.M.

Council Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7p.m. at City Hall—219 Moser Road
If you would like to address the Council, please come early to place your name on the sign-in sheet.

DURING LABOR DAY WEEK , GARBAGE PICK- UP WILL BE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

OCTOBER 3RD—SHRED IT—POOL PARKING LOT—9 A.M.—1 P.M.

THIS IS FOR DOUGLASS HILLS RESIDENTS ONLY—DRIVERS LICENSE REQUIRED FOR PROOF OF RESIDENCE. THIS EVENT IS FOR PAPER DOCUMENTS ONLY.

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City Wide Yard Sale—October 9th and 10th— 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Scott Kamman is the chairman and can be reached at scott.yardsale@yahoo.com or leave a short message at 254-1308.



The leaves are turning and will soon begin to fall. Please note that City Hall receives many calls regarding residents using the common grounds and drainage areas as a dumping area. As a result, some of our residents have cleverly used cameras to take pictures of the offenders. Please do not abuse City property with your yard waste. Eco-Tech picks up yard waste weekly. Please make note that this is the time of year that you will want to use the disposable paper bags for your leaves. Plastic bags are no longer acceptable for yard waste. If you feel you have a larger than normal pick up, please call Eco-Tech at **935-1130**.

EASEMENTS

A common question in the City is responsibility for maintenance of easements. Each lot in the City normally has a drainage easement along the back property line and utility (gas and electric) easements on the side of each lot.

The short answer is that an easement is still owned by you and you must maintain it. An easement is only a right of use for a particular purpose. Easements still have to be maintained like the rest of your yard, with few exceptions, that will be noted below.

Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) is the agency in this county responsible for drainage and storm control. Therefore, if something in the MSD easement was blocking the flow of water, MSD could enter its easement and remove the blockage. However, MSD is not going to perform routine maintenance in these drainage easements. The exception to this is for “major channels”, which are defined as a large ditch (30 or more feet wide) draining water from several neighborhoods that cannot maintain with normal lawn care equipment.

The same principals apply to the utility easements on the side of each lot. The easement allows LG&E to install and service its supply lines. However, LG&E is not required to cut the grass on either side of each lot in the City.

Drainage easements maintenance is important. Small things can pile up and then when a large rain event occurs, sticks, leaves and other debris can accumulate at choke-points and cause flooding. Regular maintenance of back yard drainage easements as part of your normal lawn maintenance makes a big difference during major storm events.