# City of Douglass Hills

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#### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE...**

Welcome to summer in Douglass Hills. So many activities and events are planned for this summer and fall. Make sure you mark July 1 (rain date July 2nd) for our Annual **"Thunder in the Hills"** concert and fireworks. We've expanded the event this year with more food trucks so there's something for everyone.

Jennie Norfleet and our Events committee continue to find great things to do in Douglass Hills. Watch for information on a few more farmer's markets and especially for our city's **"50th Birthday party"** scheduled for October.

The last census for Douglass Hills showed that our population at 5,365 folks. We are the 79 th largest city in Kentucky, and the 4,622nd largest city in the United States! Our median age in Douglass Hills is now 43.5 years and our minority population is 20.07%. We are in the fastest growing area in Jefferson County with nearly 22% of new growth in the East and Southeast areas of the county.

With continued growth comes changes. And our growth Is coming rapidly. I've already met many new families with younger children, and we welcome you to Douglass Hills.

Please remember the process for obtaining seasonal or daily pool passes. This process will help us to meet health department regulations for entry and overcrowding.

Serving as you mayor is a position I do not take lightly. Whether it's working with contractors or legislators, the needs of the citizens of Douglass Hills will always be my priority. Many times, work is overlooked but often it's celebrated. I am indeed humbled that in April, during the celebration of Women in History Month, The Louisville Defender Newspaper recognized me as one of the few woman Elected Official in History. I received this honor along with 3 other women who serve as Mayor's of a Home Rule City in Jefferson County. I appreciate the recognition on behalf of our beautiful city and for all women who serve leadership roles.

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# **JUNE 10, 2023**



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JULY 1	THUNDER IN THE HILLS
JULY 2	RAIN DATE FOR THUNDER IN THE HILLS
JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 6	SAFETY MEETING 5:30PM CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:00PM

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Send your artwork in pdf file to <u>clerk@cityofdouglasshills.com</u> by the 1st of the month to get your ad in that issue. You may call Clay Porter, City Clerk, at (502) 245-3600 ext. 2 with any questions.

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*Please call City Hall for any general questions and/or concerns at (502) 245-3600 ext 2.* 

#### **REACH ALERT**

For those citizens that are new in the area - Welcome! Please take advantage of the City's Reach Alert system that can keep you instantly communicated regarding events and emergencies. Please call (877) 307-9313 to register or go to **www.reachalert.com** This is a feature you won't want to miss and it is free to our citizens. It will keep you in touch with your City.

#### **Important Phone Numbers**

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## "Branching Out" from the Douglass Hills Tree Committee

Exploring trees for Kentucky landscapes will be the focus of our next few newsletters. Let's start with the Ginkgo:

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To begin, Ginkgo trees are older than dinosaurs and appeared about two hundred ninety million years ago. The oldest Ginkgo tree is three and a half thousand years old which explains why this type of tree is known as a living fossil. This is a great choice for our Kentucky landscape. Obviously, these trees last many lifetimes, provide fabulous shade, and have identifiable leaves which provide outstanding fall color. They require at least six hours of light each day. The Ginkgo is slow growing and likely will reach 50 feet tall and 40 feet wide; so, space is necessary for its long-term management. Ginkgo trees are very resistant to pests because they contain acids that kill insect larvae. They also can adapt to soils, extreme weather, and diseases (thus the longevity!)

What are the "cons" regarding this species? As mentioned, it is slow growing. The female tree produces foul, smelly, messy (fall-to-the-ground) fruit. Most importantly for animal owners: the seeds of the fruit are toxic to pets. When choosing your Ginkgo, make sure to purchase a male cultivar because it will not produce the unwanted fruit. A popular choice is "Autumn Gold." Two others are: the Shangri-la (slightly more compact) and Princeton Sentry (the most upright in stature.)

Sources: Kentucky Living and ProGardenTips

June

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July

August

**Community Yard Sale** 

8:00am to mid-afternoon! Don't forget - you may use yard signs and balloons on mailboxes, but please do not affix signs to light poles or city signage.

#### **Thunder in the Hills**

Rain Date Sunday, July 2

DH's Annual Independence Day Celebration! Food trucks arrive at 5pm, music starts at 6pm, fireworks begin at dusk. Location: Warren Walker Park

### Summer Market

The farmers market returns to Warren Walker Park, 11am - 3pm, with live music & kids activities!

## National Night Out

Douglass Hills is proud to host this annual community building-campaign, designed to promote police and community partnerships. Warren Walker Park 5pm - 8pm Watch for more details!



Want to get involved? Join the DH event planning committee! Send an email to Jennie Norfleet for more information:

douglasshillsevents@gmail.com

More information coming on our Facebook Page! www.cityofdouglasshills.com

Call: 502-245-3600 or email douglasshillsevents@gmail.com

# **THUNDER IN THE HILLS ★** ★ IN CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY ★ ★

#### Saturday, July 1, 2023 AT WARREN C. WALKER PARK

#### Let's Celebrate a Great Summer!

By now the residents know the routine....be ready for a terrific show by W. A. Loeffler Enterprises. Over the years, the crowds have grown and you will see an increase in security and directional signs for limited parking. If possible, we always encourage residents to walk and to bring their lawn chairs. Please remember that this is a family affair and no alcohol is permitted in the Warren C. Walker Park.

Rain date is Sunday, July 2, 2023.

When parking for any event at the park, pull your car forward (facing the sidewalk) on Gatehouse Lane.

#### Watch for bikers and walkers!

Food trucks will arrive around 5:00pm, Lou City Soul Paying homage to the city they live-in and love, Lou City Soul brings a unique perspective to all things funk, soul and rock. You'll hear rich vocals, tight harmonies and a horn section infused with electronic flares. LCS has the experience, energy and musical excellence that is perfect for the stage or studio. <u>Band starts around 6:30pm, Fireworks @ Dusk</u>.

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# Douglass Hills Celebrates 50 Pears

### **Douglass Hills and Homearama**

**1969, 1980, 1982** – what do all of these years have in common? You may be surprised to learn that **Douglass Hills was a featured Homearama community** in each of these years. While much has changed since those early days of our city, many of the features that homebuyers are looking for remain the same. Here's a sampling of info from Courier-Journal articles and advertising to give you a taste of those early days.

In 1969, Douglass Hills was in its infancy. The city would not be incorporated for another 4 years. Homearama was held in the Selkirk area. Homearama advertised features such as "formal living rooms, lovely dining rooms and beautifully paneled family rooms". Ad copy conjured up images of "serving wine with dinner, having an after dinner brandy in the living room or highballs while enjoying cards in the family room, the conveniently located wet bar in the family room makes gracious hospitality easy". Sounds like a scene from Madmen, doesn't it?

Given the high interest rates of the time, The 1980 edition of Homearama was scaled back from it's traditional two sites to a single location in Douglass Hills between Watterson Trail and Tucker Station Road, near Ellingsworth Lane. The showcase homes in Douglass Hills ushered in innovations such as a vaulted ceiling with skylights, dining rooms with bold pink-and-green



color scheme and an arch over the bathtub. Other amenities included wider hallways, a deep pantry, pass-through between the kitchen and family room and a customizable doorbell that played a variety of songs such as "Dixie", "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", and even "Jingle Bells".

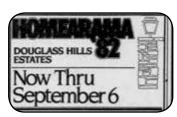


The city's final appearance in Homearama was in 1982 when Douglass Hills Estates was featured. Homes continued to highlight the latest design trends, including a hot tub giveaway. Advertisements also emphasized energy efficiency and offered a free "Computerized Home Energy Analysis Program (CHEAP)" sponsored by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extensive Service.

Paige Williams, lifelong DH resident, realtor, and member of the events committee said "Home buyers still look for safe, friendly neighborhoods that offer amenities such as parks, pools and tennis courts. Everyone wants a place to call home where they can raise their families and enjoy time with neighbors. While styles are continuously changing, Douglass

Hills continues to be a sought after location".

The Douglass Hills Events committee will continue to share information on our city's history here in the newsletter and on the city's Facebook page so be sure to follow us there. If you have historical items to donate to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary time capsule, ideas for events you'd like to see or if you'd like to volunteer please send an email to douglasshillsevents@gmail.com.



### **Douglass Hills Flag Design Contest Rules and Overview**

As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Douglass Hills is sponsoring a City Flag Design Contest to create a flag that will serve as a symbol of the past, present, and future of our City.

Students at Crosby Middle School and middle school students living in Douglass Hills are invited to participate. Currently, Douglass Hills has a flag that will continue to be used as a 'fun' flag. We are hoping to create a more formal City flag through this design contest. Designs should be in color, simple, clean, and clear. All entries should be designed on a rectangle that can be enlarged to fit a standard 3' x 5' ratio.

Each design submitted should be accompanied by an official application including a written description of the meaning and/or symbolism contained in the design. Designs can be submitted as a paper copy. All entries for the City Flag Design Contest must be received by 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

A selection committee will review entries and choose finalists to submit to the Douglass Hills City Council for consideration. The winning design will be selected and announced during the summer of 2023.

#### Ideas to keep in mind as you design your flag:

Keep it simple. The flag should be so simple that a child can draw it from memory. Use meaningful symbolism. The flag's images, colors or patterns should relate to what it symbolizes. Use 2-3 basic colors. Limit the number of colors on the flag to three, which contrast well and come from the standard color set. Avoid duplicating other flags but use similarities to show connections.

#### **Application and Release Form:**

Name:	Age:			
Address:	City/State/ Zip:			
Email Address:	Phone #			
Written description of any meaning and symbolism contained in the design (attach extra sheet if needed:				
Required release: All entries submitted to the City for consideration shall become the property of the City of Douglass Hills,				
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