

# City of Douglass Hills

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE...

Congratulations to the council on their re-election. This council worked together tirelessly to provide good governance and leadership to the citizens of Douglass Hills. I look forward to another 2 great years.

I also want to thank Rick Moreschi for placing his name on the ballot. Elections aren't easy and it takes courage to even consider any time in public service. Douglass Hills is fortunate to have the council that we do.

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Not long after the Covid pandemic, Congress provided the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for cities and counties to be spent in recovery helping governments to continue to provide for their citizens. All cities were allowed to spend the funding in any way they needed. Our council chose to update, improve, and create new things and ideas for the city.

The first of the funding was spent on a new state-of-the-art playground. Since we put it in, thousands of families have enjoyed the playground. Other projects that we were able to complete with ARPA funding include:

- Parking around the park and pool.*
- Doubling the size of Public Works building*
- New sidewalks on Rothbury and Falkirk*

In the spring of 2025, we will complete 2 more projects. We will give notice when those projects begin.

- \*The City will be correcting the drainage issues at the pool/public works parking lot.
- \*Expanding the area of the baby pool and providing 2 permanent shading areas for our patrons.
- \*And lastly, a complete rebuild and refurbishment of our tennis courts.

I am proud that the council chose projects that might never have been done, or most certainly would have taken years to complete. They chose

projects that were needed and were diligent in making sure that this funding opportunity was spent to improve our city. Thank you again.

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Once again our citizens came together to help those in need. Sandra and Tony Smith again donated their time and money to rent a truck for disaster relief folks in North Carolina. And once again our folks came through, filling the council room with needed help. Thanks for giving your time and attention to those in need.

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A huge thanks to Vatina Selby and Jennie Norfleet for coordinating our "treats for the troops."

This is our second year of collecting candy for our veterans in the VA hospital. Another record year of over 400 lbs. of candy.

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The Council, Staff and I wish all of you a wonderful holiday.



*All dates and times are subject to change. Please watch the newsletter and social media for more information.*

- DEC 1** 2-5PM CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
- DEC 3** 3PM PLANNING & ZONING MEETING  
MSD VARIANCE SWEET WATER SPRINGS
- DEC 3** 5:30PM RECREATION COMMITTEE MTG
- DEC 5** 4:30PM SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
- DEC 5** 6PM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
- DEC 24** CHRISTMAS EVE
- DEC 25** CHRISTMAS DAY
- DEC 31** NEW YEARS EVE
- JAN 1** NEW YEARS DAY

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

## **"Branching Out" from the Tree Committee**

We enjoyed the fall color and now those hues are blanketing our lawns. It is natural to rake and clear for the winter, but do you think about the best practices to winterize trees? Here are a few ways to prep your trees:



1. If you planted new trees this fall, mulch should be applied 2-3 inches across the root zone. Do not mulch up the trunk—make sure you have a “volcano cavity” around the trunk.
2. The tree is dormant to our eyes, but the roots are still very active. The trees are developing roots for more stability—it’s broadening its area to get more nutrients. So watering during winter is very important for new trees. If you planted new trees this fall, each needs watering because the dry air and winds will stress the tree. So as long as the ground is 40 degrees or more, those trees need to be watered at least twice a month if there isn’t sufficient rain (or snow.)
3. Yes, established trees also need watering if the air is dry and moisture isn’t nature provided. This is especially true for evergreens because they are active longer than deciduous trees and lose moisture through their needles all winter – especially when it’s windy. But it doesn’t mean deciduous trees should be ignored. Bottom-line—protect your investment by watering trees this winter when the ground temperature is 40 degrees or more.
4. This is also a good time to prune dead wood from trees. Pruned trees are less likely to fail during strong storms.
5. Trees can be fertilized now too. Again, they look dormant, but the roots are active. This is a perfect time to use a slow-release injectable fertilizer.

And a final tidbit: As we approach winter, the air temperature and soil temperatures do not match. The soil is slower to cool; therefore, it may be in the 30’s but the soil can still be in the 40 degree range.

## **Important Phone Numbers**

Ecotech: 935-1130  
LMPD 8th Division: 574-2258  
LMPD 6th Division: 574-2187  
LMPD Anonymous Tipline: 574-LMPD (5673)  
LMPD Non-emergency#: 574- 2111  
Metro Safe: 572-3460  
Metro Call: 311 or 574-5000  
Metro Animal Services: 473-7387  
Metro Codes & Regulations: 574-2508  
Metro Health & Wellness: 574-6520  
Metro Planning & Design: 574-6230  
Metro Public Works: 574-5810  
Metro Parks: 574-7275  
Metro Air Pollution Control: 574-6000  
Eastern Area Community Ministries: 426-2824  
Adult Protective Services: 595-4803  
Child Protective Services: 595-4550  
Ky. Poison Control Center: 589-8222  
Louisville Water Company: 583-6610  
MSD: 540-6000  
LG&E: 589-1444  
TARC: 585-1234  
Brightside: 574-2613  
Mayor Greenburg’s Office: 574-2003  
Jefferson County Clerk’s Office: 574-5700  
Louisville FREE Public Library: 574-1611  
Louisville Zoo: 459-2181  
Ky. Science Center: 561-6100



The City of Douglass Hills Presents:

# CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK



- Free Pictures with Santa
- Train Rides
- Kid's Crafts
- Cookies & Hot Chocolate
- Christmas Market



**DEC 1**  
**SUNDAY**

**2:00 - 5:00 PM**

Warren Walker Park  
501 Gatehouse Lane

The City of Douglass Hills will be collecting new, unwrapped children's books to be donated to local nonprofits.



## ECOTECH Yard Waste Services

- Yard Waste must be placed at the curb no later than 6:00AM.
- Leaves, grass and small limbs must be bagged or canned, and is limited to 15 bags or bundles per week. There is a 60lb weight limit on all cans.
- Larger branches must be tied in bundles no more than 4' in length & 4" in diameter.

## Metro's Fall Leaf Drop-Off now on-going through 12/7/24

### FALL LEAVES

Mowing over leaves to mulch them back into your lawn is a great option for reducing waste. Mulching not only returns vital nutrients to the soil, but experts say that it can help your grass grow even better the following year!

Never blow leaves into the street! If you see Street Sweeping signs posted on your street, please make sure to move your vehicle so any leaves that fell naturally on the street can be properly cleaned.

**\*ALSO:** MSD asks if you see a catch basin covered with leaves, in front of your home or near by please collect them/clear the basin! That will assist in proper drainage and helps everyone.\*

## 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](http://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.

Leaf Drop-Off Sites (coming soon!)

The Metro Public Works free leaf drop-off sites will be open Tuesday-Saturdays, now through December 7. Drop-off will not be available on November 28 and 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Only leaves will be accepted. Leaves can be loose, in paper/compostable bags, or reusable containers. Containers used to bring leaves to the drop-off sites must be taken back by residents.

Locations and hours:

- Public Works Yard**, 10500 Lower River Rd (enter from Bethany Ln), Tues-Sat, 9am-3pm
- Public Works East District Operations Center**, 595 N Hubbards Ln, Tues-Sat, 9am-3pm
- Shawnee Park**, 230 Southwestern Pkwy (Athletic Complex), Tues-Sat, 9am-3pm
- Waste Reduction Center**, 636 Meriwether Ave, Tues-Fri, 9am-5pm & Sat, 9am-3pm

This service is for residents ONLY and not for businesses!!




# EXPLORE @ Crosby

Class Topic & Experience Lists

### Five Core Beliefs

- Equitable Access to opportunities and resources
- Increased student engagement and sense of belonging
- Student empowerment through Design Thinking (Project Based Learning)
- Promotion of 21st-Century Learning and the JCP's Success Skills
- A clear connection to the Academies of Louisville to create a middle-to-high school bridge

DESIGN	OUTCOMES	APPLICATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equitable access to opportunities and resources</li> <li>• Increased student engagement and sense of belonging</li> <li>• Student empowerment through Design Thinking and authentic, relevant classroom activities</li> <li>• Promotion of 21st-Century Learning and the JCP's Success Skills through hands-on learning</li> <li>• A clear connection to the Academies of Louisville</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students gain awareness of an array of careers</li> <li>• Students will develop employability skills as well as technical and career skills</li> <li>• Students increase self-awareness and begin to form their occupational identity</li> <li>• Students move into high school with an action plan to reach their career goals</li> <li>• Students are enabled to make informed decisions that will lead to future success</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways aligned to Kentucky Career Clusters</li> <li>• A clear avenue of student exploration connected to student interest and future success</li> <li>• Student leaders through district-wide Ambassador initiative</li> <li>• Teacher development through ongoing professional learning and coaching</li> <li>• Standards-based learning experiences designed around the principles of Design Thinking</li> <li>• Field trips, guest speakers, and community service projects for all students</li> </ul>

DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES

	<b>TEACHERS:</b> Anderson & Dukes	<b>TOPICS:</b> Accounting   Business Management & Administration Finance   Marketing   Arts A/V Technology   Digital Literacy & Information Technology   Hospitality Media & Journalism   Travel   Tourism & Recreation
	<b>TEACHERS:</b> Barham & Kanuparth	<b>TOPICS:</b> Architecture & Construction   Flight & Aerodynamics Manufacturing   Robotics & Coding Electrical Engineering   Chemical Engineering Civil Engineering   Computer Science   Digital Design
	<b>TEACHERS:</b> Arnold & Little	<b>TOPICS:</b> Health Science   Anatomy   Physiology Sports Medicine   First-Aid & CPR Physical Therapy   Health   Nutrition
	<b>TEACHERS:</b> Ashford Lawrence Mueller Rouster Murphy	<b>TOPICS:</b> Business Management & Administration   Marketing   Arts A/V Technology   Digital Literacy & Information Technology   Media & Journalism   Travel   Tourism & Recreation   Architecture & Construction Flight & Aerodynamics Manufacturing Robotics & Coding   Computer Science   Digital Design

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Metro Hall @ **Saturday, December 7th** Jefferson Square

**Free Event For the Entire Family!**  
**Video-Mapping Show + Drone Show**  
**Mistletoe Market**  
**Frosty's Food Court**

Free Children's Activities, Free Photos with the REAL Santa Claus,  
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## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

- 1/8 page (business card) \$50
- 1/4 page (4.25" x 5.5") \$75
- 1/2 page (5.5" x 8.5") \$100
- Full page (8.5" x 11") \$175

*No multi-issue discounts.*

Send your artwork in pdf file to [clerk@cityofdouglasshills.com](mailto:clerk@cityofdouglasshills.com) 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.

### SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

**MATERIALS ACCEPTED**


**NO Styrofoam NO Food Contaminated Materials**

Notes: 1. No motor oil, insecticide, herbicide or hazardous chemical containers. 2. All containers must be emptied. 3. No expanded foam containers, restroom papers or papers that contain synthetic materials.

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## Blackacre Holiday Tours

**Holiday House Tours (1 - 4 pm)**  
Nov. 24, Dec. 1, Dec. 15  
Suggested donation  
\$7.50 pp; \$15 family

**Candlelight Tours (5 - 8 pm)**  
Dec. 21  
Suggested donation  
\$10 pp; \$20 family

Enjoy the festively decorated 1844 Presley Tyler House. Learn about Christmas traditions that began during the 19th century.

Candlelight Tours include the 1844 Presley Tyler house & pioneer-era music and dancing in the 1795 Stone Cottage. Tours are led by docents dressed in period attire. Refreshments provided.

This project partially funded by Kentucky Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in the Candlelight Tour event do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities or Kentucky Humanities.



## DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE: FIREPLACE SAFETY RULES TO LIVE BY

On a cold winter's night, there's nothing better than the warmth of a fireplace. But as with any flame source, following some simple rules can help keep your family safe.

Fireplace safety DON'Ts:

- DON'T burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in a home fireplace.
- DON'T ever leave any fire unattended.
- DON'T use flammable liquids of any kind to start a fire.



Fireplace safety DOs:

- DO have your fireplace inspected annually by a professional chimney sweep.
- DO only build small, manageable fires. They will burn more completely and produce less smoke.
- DO use a glass door or mesh metal screen to prevent embers from escaping.
- DO open your damper when the fireplace is in use and close it when it's not in use.
- DO always have a working fire extinguisher nearby.

Always following these basic precautions will help ensure your fireplace provides safe, comforting warmth all season long.

## NEED BILL HELP THIS WINTER? EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS



If you find you need a bit of help with your energy bill, we offer a variety of assistance programs designed to provide support for income-eligible customers. We encourage anyone needing help to explore their eligibility options for these programs. Examples of these programs include LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program), LIHEAP Crisis, various local agency assistance programs and LG&E Winterhelp.

If you need some extra time to pay your monthly bill, you could be eligible to make a payment arrangement. You can set up a payment arrangement through our mobile app (download it using the QR code at the end of this newsletter or by searching "LG&E KU ODP" in app stores), online through My Account or by calling our automated phone line at **502-589-1444** and pressing 1-2-2-1.

Visit [lge-ku.com/assistance](http://lge-ku.com/assistance) to see which assistance programs are available in your area. You'll also find helpful information on energy efficiency programs that could save you energy and money this winter. LG&E has no role in assessing who is eligible for assistance.

## GIVE A HUG FROM THE HEART

With the holidays around the corner, sometimes gift giving can be a challenge. LG&E can help you give the gift of energy. A Home Utility Gift (HUG) certificate credits the utility account of any LG&E customer. Instead of working like traditional gift certificates, a HUG is a credit placed directly on the recipient's account. When you purchase a HUG, we'll automatically deduct the amount of your purchase from the recipient's next bill. And we'll mail (or email) you a gift certificate you can present to the recipient to let them know you bought them a HUG. Simply visit [lge-ku.com/hug](http://lge-ku.com/hug) to fill out the order form and mail it to us. We will take care of the rest.

## KEEP THE HOLIDAYS FESTIVE WITH THESE SAFETY TIPS



'Tis the season for festive days and nights spent with family and friends. But those holiday decorations and extra houseguests also bring the risk of accidents. Let's make sure the good times stay that way with these important holiday safety tips.

- Minimize open flames by using battery-operated candles.
- Never leave food unattended on the stove.
- Have a live tree set up inside? Make sure it receives regular watering – dry trees catch fire more easily.
- Never overload electrical outlets.
- Ensure all cords are in good shape. Never run them under rugs or near heat sources and avoid tucking them into too-tight spaces.

Here's to a happy – and safe – holiday season!

## FROM PIPELINE TO STOVE TOP: INVESTMENTS KEEP NATURAL GAS FLOWING SAFELY AND RELIABLY

Imagine LG&E's natural gas system as a complex network of highways and local roads. The transmission lines are like the interstate highways, carrying large volumes of natural gas from suppliers across long distances. The distribution lines are like the local streets, delivering natural gas directly to your home. Just like roads need regular maintenance and upgrades, so does our natural gas infrastructure.

LG&E's natural gas system is a vast and intricate network spanning over 4,800 miles – that's like driving from Louisville to Los Angeles and back! To ensure your natural gas service continues to be safe, reliable and affordable, our employees work 24/7 behind the scenes across the communities they're proud to serve.

We've replaced aging pipes with modern, more durable ones, just like repaving a bumpy road for a smoother ride. We've upgraded our underground natural gas storage fields, which are where we store gas in the summer so we can reliably serve customers in the winter. We have modernized our natural gas compressor stations, which process and transport gas from our storage fields. These improvements

help keep rush-hour gas "traffic" flowing smoothly during peak times on the coldest days of winter.

Our recent transmission pipeline replacement project could be compared to building a new express lane, increasing natural gas delivery capacity and improving our overall system reliability. And, our upgraded regulation facilities are like modern toll booths, regulating the smooth flow and pressure of natural gas from interstate gas suppliers to neighborhoods all over our service area.

We're committed to keeping your natural gas system safe, reliable and ready for the future. Visit [lge-ku.com/investments](http://lge-ku.com/investments) to learn more about our ongoing investments in the natural gas system that help keep our community thriving – from underground to warming homes and businesses all around.





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### Property Tax Bills are DUE



- Pay by, Monday, December 2, 2024 for 2% discount
- Office will be closed for Thanksgiving the week prior to due date.

### Homestead Exemption



- Homeowner turn 65 years old in 2024?
- Scan the QR Code for Homestead Application
- Did you Move in 2024? Need to re-apply for exemption?

### City of Douglass Hills Christmas in the Park!



Sunday  
Dec. 1st, 2024  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

- Free Pics with Santa
- Train Rides
- Kids Crafts
- Cookies & Hot Chocolate
- Christmas Market

501 Gatehouse Lane - Warren Walker Park



Wishing you many Blessings of Good Health & Happiness



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