

December
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VINE GROVE

KENTUCKY

**Important Phone
Numbers**

**Police and Fire
Emergency**
9-1-1

**Water/Sewer
After Hours
Emergency**
(270) 351-4477

**Police
Non-Emergency**
(270) 877-2252

Fire Department
(270) 877-5202

**Code
Enforcement**
(270) 877-8026
(270) 272-2003

City Hall
(270) 877-2422

Planning/Zoning
(270) 877-2422

**Building
Inspections**
(270) 272-2800

**Water & Sewer
Billing/Public
Works**
(270) 877-2713

**Mayor
Pam Ogden**
(270) 877-2422

**City Council
Members**

Donna Betson

Kristofor King

Garry McCoy

Kathy Sisco

**Donna
Spangenberg**

Robert Woosley

VINE GROVE TO PURCHASE A NEW FIRE TRUCK

The Vine Grove City Council recently voted to purchase a new fire truck! The truck will be used to replace a truck that will be twenty-three years old by the time the City takes delivery of the new one. The cost of the truck is \$447,152, and will be paid for in a lease purchase agreement, out of the general fund over a period of 15 years at an interest rate of 3.39%. The City expects to take delivery of the vehicle in late 2020.

The National Fire Protection Association guidelines require trucks 15 years and older to be used only as a reserve truck. Trucks 25 years and older are to be completely retired.

City Council had to take several things into account before agreeing to make this purchase. Not only did the age of the truck being replaced matter, but the population in the City of Vine Grove has grown from 4,169 in 2003 to 6,300 in 2019! In addition, the rating our fire department is given for insurance purposes is partially based on the trucks and equipment being used. This rating determines how much our citizens pay for their home insurance. A high rating for trucks and equipment result in lower insurance fees for our citizens.

Recently, there was a question about our older truck and the mistaken belief that the city painted it pink. In fact, the older truck in question is still in service as a reserve vehicle. The pink fire truck was given to the Radcliff and Vine Grove Firefighters Association by the City of Battletown, Kentucky. This truck was retired due to its age. The Association assumes all of the costs for this vehicle, which is used solely for parades and Cancer prevention/ special events. The Radcliff and Vine Grove Fire Departments take turns housing the vehicle. No taxpayer money is used for the upkeep of this vehicle.

SAFE ROOM AVAILABLE TO ALL CITIZENS

Citizens who do not have access to a basement or any other protection during severe weather are encouraged to take advantage of the safe room, which is located at the Vine Grove Fire Department, at 513 Highland Avenue.

The Safe Room was constructed to accommodate approximately 500 people, on a short-term basis. It is not intended to be a long-term shelter, but it will give refuge during extreme weather events.

Citizens need not wait for someone to be on the scene to open the doors, as the doors may be unlocked remotely by Fire Chief Steve New. The moment he receives notification that severe weather is on the way, he can unlock the door remotely, thereby allowing citizens immediate access to safety.



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FOOD PANTRY SERVES COMMUNITY

The Heartland Christian Center, located 124 Ditto Lane in Vine Grove will host a food pantry on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The pantry will be open from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The food pantry is an agent for Feeding America.

OPEN DOOR SERVES MEALS

The Open Door Community Kitchen is a help agency providing free hot meals to anyone who might need them, sponsored by volunteers and area churches. The meals are served every Saturday from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at 306 High Street in Vine Grove just 2 blocks from City Hall.

For more information, please contact Dan Paddock at (270) 945-4997.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH SENIOR GROUP MEETS MONTHLY

The Vine Grove Senior group, commonly referred to as Yesterday's Youth will meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Vine Grove City Hall Community Center. The group will play cards and other games and share lunch. For more information, or if you would be willing to assist, please contact Miss Yvonne High at (270) 352-3186.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS IS A SUCCESS!

The annual Dickens of a Christmas event kicked off on Thursday, December 5, 2019 with the Christmas for the Kids Auction. All together, the City raised approximately \$12,300. The money was used to provide approximately 45 children with a very nice Christmas. Many thanks go to the Heartland Auction team, Kenneth and Donna Spangenberg, Bobby Lynch, and Justin Musson for donating their auctioneering skills for the evening. Thanks also to the Heartland Auction staff, Brenda Marnell and Donna Spangenberg for keeping track of sales and in helping in the organization of the auction.

This year's event shared a dual highlight. The first was the sale of an Italian cream cake, baked by Alta Hargan. The cake sold for \$2,100.00 and was purchased by David Chandler, owner of Radcliff Electric Supply. The second was a Hummingbird Cake baked by Barbara Proffitt, and purchased by Larry Phillips for \$2,000!

Some notable donations came from the following: Chism Family Funeral Home \$1,000, Knights of Columbus - \$500, The American Legion Riders - \$200, The Vine Grove Firefighters Association - \$650, The Vine Grove Masonic Lodge #603 - \$500, Patriot Realty - \$200, Glenn's Auto Body Shop - \$250, and Vine Grove Body Shop - \$150. Heritage Engineering - \$200, Larry Phillips \$3,000.

In addition to the cash donation, the Knights of Columbus prepared and donated the chili everyone enjoyed. Thanks also go to the Fire Department for the many errands they ran, and for serving the food to everyone!

Many thanks go to all who donated items, and to those who purchased those items.

Friday evening, crowds came to enjoy the carriage rides in downtown Vine Grove. Santa dropped by for a while and met with some of the children who were there. Magician Aaron Harp was there to entertain. Chism Family Funeral Home provided S'mores for children of all ages. Carolers sang, and stores remained open to allow citizens a place to warm up and enjoy a little shopping.

Saturday, December 7, Mrs. Claus was unavoidably detained at the North Pole, so Santa stepped in and surprised those who came to enjoy breakfast!

We thank all of the volunteers and participants for making this a successful event. Many thanks to our Public Works Department for their hard work in making the downtown area look so charming! Thanks to the staff at City Hall for their support as well.

We also thank the following for their support: Wilson & Muir Bank & Trust Co., Apothecare, Chism Family Funeral Home, Air Temp of Radcliff, Nelson Edelen Bennet Funeral Home and Vine Grove Body Shop for supporting this event.

CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING AND ZONING MEET MONTHLY

City Council meets on the first Monday, of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the new Council Chambers, located in the former meeting room #1.

The Vine Grove Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m., also in the Council Chambers.

Exceptions for both bodies occur whenever a federal holiday falls on the regular meeting date. In that event, the meeting is held on the following Monday. All meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend.



Happy Holidays



FROM
MAYOR OGDEN CITY COUNCIL

AND THE STAFF OF THE CITY OF VINE GROVE