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2020



CITY OF

VINE GROVE  
KENTUCKY

FOUNDED 1850

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**

## THE 2020 CENSUS IS COMING SOON

In mid-March, homes across the country will begin receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. Please take note of the following time line.

- ◆ **March 12 - 20:** Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.
- ◆ **March 30 - April 1:** The Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness over these three days. As part of this process, the Census Bureau counts people in shelters, at soup kitchens and mobile food vans, on the streets, and at non-sheltered, outdoor locations such as tent encampments.
- ◆ **April 1:** Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.
- ◆ **April:** Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers also begin conducting quality check interviews to help ensure an accurate count.
- ◆ **May - July:** Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.
- ◆ **December:** The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.

### AVOID FRAUD AND SCAMS

The U.S. Census Bureau is committed to making the 2020 Census quick, easy, and safe for all participants. Here are some tips to help you stay safe:

- ◆ **Avoiding Scams Online;** Phishing is a criminal act in which someone tries to get your information by pretending to be an entity that you trust. Phishing emails often direct you to a website that looks real, but is fake, and may be infected with malware.

It is important to know that the Census Bureau will not send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census. Further, during the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask for:

- \* Your Social Security Number.
- \* Your bank account or credit card numbers.
- \* Money or donations.
- \* In addition, the Census Bureau will not contact you on behalf of a political party.

If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity:

- ◆ First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- ◆ If you still have questions about their identity, you may call 800-923-8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that the visitor who came to your door does not work for the Census Bureau, contact the Police Department at (270) 877-2252.

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### THE CENSUS BUREAU PROTECTS YOUR INFORMATION

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential.

Under Title 13, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The law ensures that your private data is protected and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

The answers you provide are used only to produce statistics. You are kept anonymous: The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or anyone else in your home.

Being responsible stewards of your data is not only required by law, it is embedded in Census Bureau culture. Strict policies and statistical safeguards help protect the confidentiality of your information. Before releasing data products, the Census Bureau verifies that they meet its confidentiality standards.

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## **Citizens Asked to Respond to Survey**

The Vine Grove City Council recently held a Town Hall Meeting to discuss options for the City Hall building. Many of you drive by daily and see the crumbling facade. The interior also has numerous structural issues that need to be addressed. Citizens are asked to respond to the simple survey below. You may return your survey with your water bill, or you may leave it in the water bill drop box next to City Hall.

**The question is: Do you want a new building**

- With a Community Center?**
- Without a Community Center?**
- Or would you prefer to see the current building remodeled?**

## **CITIZENS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING FIRST FRIDAYS**

Recently, Mayor Ogden met with downtown merchants to begin planning for the upcoming “First Friday” events, which will take place during the months of June, July and August, 2020.

As in past years, the “First Friday” events offered citizens an opportunity to mingle, make new friends and enjoy entertainment, while supporting local businesses.

This year, several merchants who are involved agreed they would like more input from other businesses, the clergy, and any citizens who would like to volunteer their time and talents.

A meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming events will take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vine Grove Community Center inside the City Hall building. Anyone who would like to participate is invited to attend. The suggested theme for the June First Friday is “All American”.



### **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) 430-600.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.