

April  
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**

## **CITY HALL REMAINS CLOSED**

On March 17, 2020 Governor Andy Beshear Signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency.

In addition to closing a number of "Public Facing" businesses, he also ordered the closing of "in-person" government services. As of Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 5 p.m., City Hall has closed their doors to the public. The parks and playgrounds are also closed to the public. Police and Fire services will continue as normally as possible. Citizens are advised that if they call and ask to speak with an officer for a non-emergency, the citizen may be asked for a telephone number. The officer may then (depending on the circumstance) call that individual to gather more information. This is for the protection of the general public

City Hall and Public Works personnel are still working as much as possible to take care of City business. We will resume normal operations as ordered by the Governor.

Citizens are asked to pay their water bills either by mail, (300 West Main Street, Vine Grove, KY 40175), on-line ([www.vinegrove.org](http://www.vinegrove.org)), by phone (844-863-7359), or in the drop box located at 300 West Main street. We appreciate your cooperation. To open or close accounts, please call (270) 877-2422. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Please be aware that the City takes the needs of our citizens very seriously, and we are concerned for their well-being. We recognize that many of our citizens are suddenly without work, and dealing with their own pressures. If you need an extension or to set up a payment plan, please call us at (270) 877-2422, and we will do what we can to work with you.

### **CITIZENS REMINDED OF LEASH LAWS**

Officials of the City of Vine Grove are asking citizens to be aware of local leash laws. Dogs are known to be quite territorial, and even the most mild mannered dog can become aggressive when someone infringes upon their perceived territory.

Pedestrians often have no defense when dealing with an animal that feels threatened. Citizens are asked to be mindful of their pets, and to maintain control of them at all times.

Please take note of the following ordinance:

#### **90.02 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.**

- (A) No person who is the owner of any animal shall permit it to run at large in any public road, highway, street, lane, or alley, or upon unenclosed land, or permit it to go on any private yard, lot, or enclosure without the consent of the owner of the yard, lot, or enclosure.
- (B) The owner of an animal who permits it to run at large in violation of this section is liable for all damages caused by the animal upon the premises of another.

Animals running at large are also at risk of being hit by a car, and getting lost or stolen.

**Vine Grove City Hall**  
300 West Main Street  
Vine Grove, KY 40175  
[www.vinegrove.org](http://www.vinegrove.org)  
Facebook page:  
**@VineGrovacityhall**  
**Instagram:**  
**City of Vine Grove**

### **IDEAS FOR COPING WITH COVID ISOLATION OFFERED**

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many citizens are isolated, and looking for ideas to keep their children occupied.

A website called Fitness by the Sea Day Camp has compiled more than 100 family friendly ideas to help keep children occupied and engaged throughout the remainder of the pandemic, as well as during the summertime.

For ideas and inspiration, go to <https://fitnessbythesea.com/101-summer-activities-for-kids/>

### **ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO MILITARY VETERANS**

Assistance is being offered to military veterans, preferably first responders, and administrative personnel living in the City of Vine Grove. Irvin Lyons Jr. has announced that he is willing to assist you in preparing your claims for the military benefits you may have earned. He will work with only those veterans who have never filed a claim for benefits.

Mr. Lyons will come to you if you can't meet him at Vine Grove City Hall. Once the pandemic is over, he will be at City Hall on the Second Monday of the month, beginning in April 2020. Please bring a copy of your DD Form 214.

To contact Mr. Lyons, please call (270) 304-6044.

## VINE GROVE TO CONTINUE INSTALLING NEW WATER METERS

The City of Vine Grove has begun to install new water meters throughout the entire city within the past few weeks. Many of the meters currently being used are more than ten (10) years old, and are not very accurate. In addition, workers are forced to read the meters manually, which is inefficient and time consuming. It currently takes four workers more than a week to read the meters for the entire city.

The new meters are digital, and much more accurate. The technology surrounding the new meters will allow one person to read the meters for the entire city in one day. This will free up our small Public Works Department for other tasks such as filling pot holes, mowing, and general repairs and maintenance.

Citizens should be aware that in some cases, workers will be required to dig in order to replace their meters. If that happens, workers will return to repair the damage, once the dirt has had time to settle.

## BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE MOVES OFFICE

Brandenburg Telephone Company will be moving their VINE GROVE Customer Service Office to their Radcliff Office located at **316 W. Lincoln Trail Blvd, Radcliff, Ky. on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

Beginning May 26<sup>th</sup>, all payments may be made at any of their 4 business offices, on their website at [www.bbtel.com](http://www.bbtel.com), by phone, or by mailing payments to PO Box 599, Brandenburg, KY 40108. For questions, please contact them at (270) 351-4466. The Vine Grove night drop will remain open for customer payments.

If you need further assistance, please visit or call one of their other locations:

### **Brandenburg Telephone Company**

**Radcliff:** 316 W Lincoln Trail Blvd (270) 351-4466  
**Brandenburg:** 200 Telco Drive (270) 422-2121

### **Brandenburg Telecom, LLC**

**Elizabethtown:** 2840 Leitchfield Rd  
(270) 982-4466  
**Hardinsburg:** 213 Main (270) 580-4466

## 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. – 6:00 p.m. at 306 High Street in Vine Grove just 2 blocks from City Hall.

*During the Coronavirus pandemic, meals will be prepared as "to go" and delivered curb side. Workers will appreciate your patience as they work to deliver meals to you.*

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

## FOOD PANTRY SERVES COMMUNITY

The Heartland Christian Center, located 124 Ditto Lane in Vine Grove will re-open their food pantry on Monday, March 30, 2020. They will be open on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 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. *Unfortunately, during the Coronavirus pandemic, citizens will not be admitted to the meetings in person, but may view the meetings on Facebook Live @vinegrovecityhall. Meetings will be reopened to the public once the pandemic is over. We regret the inconvenience.*

## YESTERDAY'S YOUTH SENIOR GROUP SUSPENDS MEETINGS

The Vine Grove Senior group, commonly referred to as Yesterday's Youth will not be able to meet at their regularly scheduled meeting date due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Meetings will resume once the Vine Grove Community Center is reopened for business. We regret any inconvenience.

## 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.