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CITY OF

VINE

GROVE

KENTUCKY

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## CITY HALL OPENS JUNE FIRST

### 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) 877-2422

**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**

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 closed their doors to the public.

City Hall and Public Works personnel continued to work as much as possible to take care of City business. However, the Governor has now given approval to open our doors, and begin conducting business in person again.

Therefore, City Hall will open their doors to the public on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 8 a.m. Citizens are asked to be mindful of social distancing when they enter the building. Also, please be aware that we will have to limit the number of citizens allowed to be in the lobby at any given time. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we endeavor to protect the health and safety of the public.

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.



## FIREWORKS PLANNED FOR JULY SECOND

Officials of the City of Vine Grove are pleased to announce plans for a fireworks display on Thursday, July 2, 2020, in observance of Independence Day.

Last year the firework displays was incorporated as a part of the First Friday celebrations that were held downtown. However, due to Covid-19, it has been decided to postpone the First Friday events until social distancing restrictions have been eased or eliminated.

The Fireworks display will take place in Optimist Park, at or around sunset, which is expected to be at 9:10 p.m. that evening.

Citizens are asked to remain in or near their vehicles in small family groups.

Many thanks go to Chism Family Funeral Home, Skylar Construction, Air Temp of Radcliff, All Around Aluminum, Kamla Kaur Enterprises, Kathy Sisco, and Michelle Landes who made this event possible with their generous donations.

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Vine Grove, KY 40175  
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**@VineGroveCityHall**  
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**City of Vine Grove**



## FARMERS MARKET IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Vine Grove Farmers Market is now open for business!

The market is located near the gazebo in front of the City Hall building at 300 West Main Street.

The market is open between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Local farmers are encouraged to participate. For more information, Please call (270) 877-2422.

## 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. Please bring a copy of your DD Form 214.

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

## NEW WATER METER INSTALLATION IS HALFWAY COMPLETED

The City of Vine Grove has finished installing half of the new water meters planned for the entire city. 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.

Citizens should also be aware that the usage on their bills might change, as the new meters will be much more accurate than the older ones are. As meters age and wear out, the mechanism that measures usage slows, and eventually stops.

As is possible with any project, the City has experienced a few minor delays; however, we thank you for your patience as we work our way through this process.

## 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.

## 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.***

## 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.

## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Neighbor,

We are nearly halfway through my second year serving as your Mayor, and what a year it has been!

I want you to know that my staff and I have been working very hard to serve you during the recent pandemic. And I am so excited that we are going to be able to serve you in person on Monday, June first!

I would like to personally thank each of you for your support and understanding during the past several weeks. I want you to know that I am wishing each of you good health!

## FOOD PANTRY SERVES COMMUNITY

The Heartland Christian Center, located 124 Ditto Lane in Vine Grove 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.



## 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.

