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CITY OF

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CITY OFFERS FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

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

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The following article was copied from the National Safety Council website:

Leave Fireworks to the Experts

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home. They may be legal but they are not safe.

In 2017, eight people died and over 12,000 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents. Of these, 50% of the injuries were to children and young adults under age 20. Over two-thirds (67%) of injuries took place from June 16 to July 16. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or other illegal fireworks or explosives, an estimated 1,200 injuries were from less powerful devices like small firecrackers and sparklers. Additionally, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires.

If You Choose to Use Legal Fireworks

If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- ◆ Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- ◆ Older children should use them only under close adult supervision
- ◆ Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- ◆ Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
- ◆ Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
- ◆ Never light them indoors
- ◆ Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material
- ◆ Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- ◆ Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- ◆ Never ignite devices in a container
- ◆ Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- ◆ Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- ◆ Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- ◆ Never use illegal fireworks

Better yet, grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back and let the experts handle the fireworks show.

Sparklers Are Dangerous

Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but sparklers are a lot more dangerous than most people think.

Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet. According to the National Fire Protection Association, sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries. For children under 5 years of age, sparklers accounted for nearly half of the total estimated injuries. Consider using safer alternatives, such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers.

For more information, go to <https://www.nsc.org/home>

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ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT IS AVAILABLE

The 2019 Vine Grove Water Department annual water quality report is now available. This report contains important information about your drinking water.

Citizens may go to:
www.krwa.org/2019ccr/vinegrove.pdf to view the report.

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.





FIREWORKS PLANNED FOR JULY SECOND

Officials of the City of Vine Grove are pleased to announce plans for a free 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, and Kathy Sisco, who made this event possible with their generous donations.

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. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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



CITIZENS ASKED TO USE CAUTION WHEN FLUSHING

The City of Vine Grove understands that citizens are dealing with hardship during these difficult times. While the shortage of toilet paper has forced many of us to "get creative", please remember that if it wasn't designed to be flushed, it shouldn't be flushed.

Flushing items such as napkins, paper towels, T-shirt fabric, rubber/plastic gloves, and even baby wipes that say they are flushable, are hazardous to the system. Please keep a bag-lined waste can next to your toilets, and dispose of these items in that can. Anything other than human waste and toilet paper will clog the sewer lines, and pump stations, causing a back-up, which could affect your homes.

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.

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.

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.

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.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH SENIOR GROUP TO RESUME MEETINGS

The Vine Grove Senior group, commonly referred to as Yesterday's Youth will meet at a restaurant, yet to be determined, until the Vine Grove Community Center is reopened for business.

For more information, please call Yvonne High (270) 352-3186.