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## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES STORMWATER UTILITY

The Vine Grove City Council met on Monday, September 14 in a regular session. During the meeting, a second reading of the Stormwater Utility Ordinance was read and passed **by a four to two vote**. With the passage of this ordinance, Citizens will see a \$5.00 fee added to their monthly water bills. The plan is to add the fee to the bill that will mail in late October. For those citizens who reside within our city limits, but have water service with Hardin County Water District #1, the fee will be collected by the water district and forwarded to the City. The money generated by this fee will be used to improve drainage issues throughout the city.

The City of Vine Grove has endeavored to maintain the requirements set forth by the EPA and the Division of Water for many years. However the financial burden has become too great, and it has become necessary to establish the Stormwater Utility Ordinance to manage the program effectively.

Stormwater quality management programs are a response to regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) connected to the federal Clean Water Act. These regulations require cities to obtain a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, or in the case of Kentucky, the Kentucky's Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, and to create a comprehensive program to seek out and eliminate, to the maximum extent practical, pollutants carried by storm water.

In 1972, Congress amended the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act (CWA) which prohibited the discharge of any pollutant to waters of the United States from a "point source" unless the discharge is authorized by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. A "point source" is a single identifiable localized source of pollution such as an industry, business or a sewer system.

In 1987, the CWA was amended and established a \$400 million program for States to develop and implement, on a watershed basis, nonpoint source management, because water quality studies showed sparse sources of water pollution were also significant causes of pollution. They called these sparse sources of pollutants a "nonpoint source." A "nonpoint source" pollution is water pollution that is difficult to trace to a specific discharge point because it comes from many sources. Examples of common nonpoint source pollutants include fertilizers, pesticides, sediments, oils, salts, trace metals, and litter. Nonpoint sources come from locations such as farms, yards, roofs, construction sites, automobiles and streets.

In 1990, EPA promulgated rules establishing Phase I of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater program. The Phase I program for MS4s requires operators of "medium" and "large" MS4s, that is, those that generally serve populations of 100,000 or greater, to implement a stormwater management program as a means to control polluted discharges from these MS4s.

Phase II rules for small municipalities and construction activity were finalized in December 1999 to small municipalities with residential populations under 100,000 (according to the 1990 Census Bureau). Phase II requires permit coverage for all small MS4s located within urbanized areas, where an urbanized area is defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as "a land area comprising one or more places — central place (s) — and the adjacent densely settled surrounding area — urban fringe — that together have a residential population of at least 50,000 and an overall population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile."

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### CAMPAIGN SIGNS MISSING

The political season is upon us and with it comes the candidates signs.

City Hall has received notification that a number of signs are missing throughout the City.

Citizens are asked to be respectful of the signs, as they are the property of the candidates, and are costly to replace. We appreciate your cooperation.

### 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.

### 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.



### 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**



The City of Vine Grove will host a Trick-or-Treat Parade on Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. thru 8 p.m. Representatives from the City, along with the Police and Fire Departments will form a parade of vehicles, which will drive throughout City streets throwing candy. Children of all ages are encouraged to dress in their Halloween Costumes (or come as you are), to join in the fun! The parade will feature a "Scare the Mayor" award (First and Second Place) for the best decorated house!

Businesses who would like to participate are encouraged to join in the fun. If you wish to participate in the parade, or if you would like to make a donation, please call Jackie or Jessica at (270) 877-2422.

More information regarding the routes and estimated times you can expect the parade in your neighborhood will be posted on Facebook closer to the event. Come out and join the fun. because when witches go riding, and black cats are seen, the moon laughs and whispers. 'tis near Halloween

### 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.*

### FREE YOGA CLASSES TO TAKE PLACE IN OPTIMIST PARK

Free outdoor yoga classes with Maria are available in Optimist Park Soccer Fields on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.. All are welcome from first timers to seasoned practitioners!

Bring your mat (or a beach towel), some water and take an hour to do something for your mind and body in our beautiful park. Yoga is a great way to relieve stress and anxiety, increase muscle strength and tone, flexibility and overall health.

More information and announcements may be found on the Fort Knox Yoga Community Page on Facebook.

Participants are encouraged to wear a mask until you get in your spot and they practice spacing 8 to 10 feet apart.

Maria is a certified Yoga Instructor with teaching positions with both Fort Knox MWR and the Department of Veterans Affairs teaching yoga on Fort Knox to Soldiers, Spouses and the Veteran community.

### EXPANSION TANKS ARE SUGGESTED

Over the last several months the City of Vine Grove has been upgrading the water meter system. The federal Clean Water Act states that one of the rules of compliance is a back-flow prevention program.

The newer setters that hold the water meters have double check valves in them to prevent water from flowing back into the distribution system, older services have had re-setters installed that have double check valves in them.

What this mean for the older homes in the City is, if you have had a new water heater installed, it should have an expansion tank installed with it. If not, you are on borrowed time before problems develop.

Depending on the age of your system, leaks may develop. When water is heated, it expands, causing additional pressure on the system. Pressure relief valves that are on hot water heaters may start to discharge water.

The City recommends that you inspect your water system, and make sure all parts of your system are up to date. It's a small act that could save money, and prevent future problems.