

October  
2020



CITY OF

VINE GROVE

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KENTUCKY

**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**

## CITY PLANS VETERANS DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

The City of Vine Grove is proud to host the 23rd annual Hardin County Veterans Day Celebration, Saturday, November 7, 2020.

The celebration begins at 10 a.m. with a parade honoring our military on Main Street. Public parking will be available at Vine Grove City Hall, and limited parking downtown. The parade is best viewed between St. Brigid Church on Main Street, and Optimist Park.

A short ceremony honoring our veterans will follow the parade at approximately 11 a.m. in Optimist Park. Due to the COVID Pandemic, we ask those who attend to practice social distancing. Also due to the Pandemic, the City regrets that we will not be able to serve a meal following the event. Join us as we honor our veterans past and present.



### PUBLIC WORKS TO EXERCISE FIRE HYDRANTS

Beginning in late October, Public works staff will be exercising fire hydrants (flush lines) throughout the city.

Citizens should expect to experience a lowering in water pressure while hydrants are exercised in your neighborhood. You also may experience discolored water. If that happens, once your water pressure is restored, you may want to run **cold** water to clear your lines of the discoloration.

It is recommended to use the bathtub to flush the lines, as the water tends to run stronger, and the tub faucet is less likely to have a filter, which could become clogged. If, after flushing your lines, you continue to have problems with discoloration, please call (270) 877-2422 to report it.

This is a procedure which must be done on a regular basis to ensure that the hydrants are in proper working order, should they be needed. We regret any inconvenience this may cause, and we appreciate your patience as we complete this necessary task.

### CUT-OFF FOR NON PAYMENT OF WATER BILLS TO BEGIN

On October, 19, 2020, Governor Beshear issued a new Executive Order allowing utilities to begin cutting off service for non-payment, beginning in November.

All utility companies will also be allowed to return to charging late fees after December 31, 2020. Citizens who are up-to-date with their water and sewer payments won't have to do anything different.

Those citizens who are delinquent in paying their bills will receive a letter in November, which outlines a default payment plan. The term of the payment plan shall be no less than six months. Customers are always welcome to pay the balance in full. If you need assistance with your bill, information will be provided in your letter.

Payment will need to be submitted by November 19, 2020 in order to prevent services from being cut off beginning on November 20, 2020.

The money generated by water and sewer bills pays for the water the City of Vine Grove purchases from Hardin County Water District # 1. Without that revenue, we cannot pay our bills. It also pays for many of the services provided by our Public Works Department.

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**@VineGroveCityHall**  
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### PUBLIC WORKS ASKS CITIZENS TO BE CAREFUL WHEN FLUSHING

Citizens are asked to be careful about the type of items you flush down the toilet.

Items that are advertised as "flushable" do not always degrade easily, and can cause sewer lines to back up into your homes.

Items to avoid flushing are as follows:

Baby wipes, diapers, rags, feminine products, hair, cotton balls, dental floss, needles, grease, oil, fat, medication, paper towels, cat litter, cigarette butts, coffee grinds and goldfish.

Items that are safe to flush

Include human waste and toilet paper.

We appreciate your cooperation.



## 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.

## CITIZENS ARE REMINDED ABOUT LEGAL BURNING

Citizens are reminded that only leaves and brush may only be burned between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. (midnight).

It is prohibited to burn garbage and other debris. Those items must be disposed of through garbage pick-up. It is also important to note that during dry periods, or excessive winds, burning may be suspended. This is to prevent wildfires from starting.

It is also important to note that if you plan to burn yard waste, please be sure to call Burn Control at (270) 737-4217. Let them know what and when you plan to burn. They will let you know if conditions are right, and they will note the location of the burn. This prevents needless fire runs to your home. We thank you for 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.

## 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.*



## FOOD PANTRY SERVES COMMUNITY

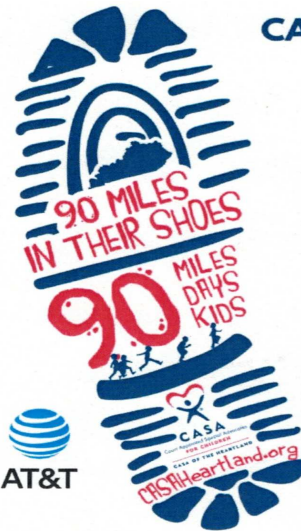
The Heartland Christian Center, located 124 Ditto Lane in Vine Grove will be open on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The food pantry is an agent for Feeding America.

## NEW THREE WAY STOPS ON BROWN STREET

Motorists should be aware that new stop signs have been added on Brown Street.

Due to frequent confusion regarding who has the right-of-way, Mayor Ogden has directed Public Works to install additional stop signs at the corners of Brown and College Street, and Brown and Taylor Blvd., thus making both of these intersections a three-way stop.

In addition to correcting the confusion, this also will help to protect parents and their children as they move between the parking lot at City Hall, and the Vine Grove Family Center, (formerly known as the Brown Street Education Center). The Vine Grove Family Center operates a preschool program at this location.



CASA of the Heartland is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving abused and neglected children in the Hardin County Family Court system.

## CASA OF THE HEARTLAND PRESENTS

### 90 MILES IN THEIR SHOES VIRTUAL RUN/WALK CHALLENGE

Run/Walk 90 Miles in 90 Days in Honor of the 90 Kids on CASA's Waitlist.

**\$90 PER ENTRY**

Registration

Opens: Nov. 1, 2020 Closes: Jan. 1, 2021

#### REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Event Long Sleeve Shirt
- Finisher's Medal
- Digital and Collector's Bib
- CASA Drawstring Bag
- CASA Water Bottle
- CASA Lip Balm
- CASA Bracelet
- CASA Face Mask

REGISTER NOW: [WWW.CASAHEARTLAND.ORG](http://WWW.CASAHEARTLAND.ORG)

#90milesintheirshoes [www.casaheartland.org](http://www.casaheartland.org)

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF PEOPLE WHO WORKED HARD FOR THE CITY

Former Mayor  
Richard Brandenburg



Morris Coffey



Portia Petties



Terri Drake

