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2021



CITY OF

VINE GROVE

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KENTUCKY

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**Police and Fire  
Emergency**  
9-1-1

**Water/Sewer  
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(270) 351-4477

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(270) 877-2252

**Fire Department**  
(270) 877-5202

**Code  
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**City Hall**  
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**Planning/Zoning**  
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(270) 272-2800

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## CITY SEES FIRST WINTER STORM IN TWO YEARS

The month of February was full of challenges with snow, sleet and ice falling in abundance! We are thankful that most of us were able to remain in our homes, with heat, water and power.

Our Public Works Department has worked very hard to clear the roads. However, their efforts were not without problems. Unfortunately, the area was hit with an ice storm. Crews went out as early as possible and began spreading salt, but the temperatures fought against them. Salt loses its effectiveness to melt ice when temperatures fall below 15 degrees. Snow followed, and although our crews plowed the snow away, the ice beneath it remained. Some vehicles traveled over a number of roads, which packed the snow, making it difficult for the plows to get under it. Our crews never gave up, and they worked very hard to remove as much snow and ice as possible.

We thank our Public Works Team for all of their efforts, and to their dedication to our citizens.

### CITY OFFERS IDEAS FOR FAMILY FUN

Thank to Covid-19 and bad weather, this past year has seen a lot of challenges for our families, and children in particular have borne a heavy load. Being isolated from their friends, and restricted from participating in group sports and other activities has not been easy for them, or their parents. To help combat the loneliness, boredom, and frustration, we offer a few ideas to help.

1. Try a new cookie or cake recipe. Bonus idea: Set up a camera or smart phone and film a cooking show!
2. Go camping in the living room.
3. Play board games.
4. Design and go on an indoor treasure hunt.
5. Dress up in your best clothes and have a fancy dinner.
6. Make friendship bracelets.
7. Teach your pet a new trick.
8. Have an indoor picnic.
9. Create a family tree.
10. Make a maze on the floor with painter's tape.
11. Play indoor volleyball or soccer with balloons.
12. Make paper airplanes and see whose plane flies the farthest.
13. Play "I Spy" inside or out the window.
14. Clean out your closets.
15. Facetime or Skype with family or friends.
16. Have breakfast in bed.
17. Play "The Floor is Lava."
18. Snuggle on the couch and read your favorite books.
19. Build a giant fort out of blankets, chairs and pillows.
20. Make a scrapbook.
21. Do a puzzle.
22. Create a new dessert.
23. Decorate a T-shirt.
24. Make a time capsule! One day your kids can use it to tell their kids all about this craziness.

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### 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.

### 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.



## CHICKEN CUTLETS WITH SUN-DRIED TOMATO CREAM SAUCE

### Ingredients

#### Ingredient Checklist

1 pound chicken cutlets	¼ teaspoon salt, divided
¼ teaspoon ground pepper, divided	½ cup finely chopped shallots
½ cup dry white wine	½ cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley	
½ cup slivered oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, plus 1 tablespoon oil from the jar	

### Directions

#### Instructions Checklist

##### Step 1

Sprinkle chicken with 1/8 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Heat sun-dried tomato oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken and cook, turning once, until browned and an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 165 degrees F, about 6 minutes total. Transfer to a plate.

##### Step 2

Add sun-dried tomatoes and shallots to the pan. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Increase heat to high and add wine. Cook, scraping up any browned bits, until the liquid has mostly evaporated, about 2 minutes. Reduce heat to medium and stir in cream, any accumulated juices from the chicken and the remaining 1/8 teaspoon each salt and pepper; simmer for 2 minutes. Return the chicken to the pan and turn to coat with the sauce. Serve the chicken topped with the sauce and parsley.

For more information, and for more recipes, go to: [Quick & Easy Healthy Recipes | EatingWell](#)

### DO-IT-YOURSELF CLASSES OFFERED

Councilwoman Selena Hudson has announced that there are to be a series Do-it-yourself Home Improvement classes held at Vine Grove City Hall. Registration is now live! Register now! There are only 10 slots available for each class due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Class will be held every first Saturday of each month through the end of the year. The first class is How to Lay Tile flooring on March 6, 2021 at 10 a.m. All class registrations are open! The additional months, as the topics are confirmed will be updated in the details section of the event invite.

To sign up for classes, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../lowes-home-improvement-do...>

Or, you may call Councilwoman Hudson at (270) 319-1796.

### 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 from noon until 2 p.m. The food pantry is an agent for Feeding America.

### YESTERDAY'S YOUTH SENIOR GROUP TO RESUME MEETINGS

The Vine Grove Senior group, commonly referred to as Yesterday's Youth plans to meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at the Vine Grove City Hall Community Center. Those who attend will be asked to wear masks and practice social distancing.

The group will socialize and share lunch.

For more information, or if you would be willing to assist, please contact Miss Yvonne High at (270) 352-3186.

### 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.

### MASONIC LODGE TO HOST CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Vine Grove Masonic Lodge # 603 will host a canned food drive at the Cash Saver Grocery Store in Vine Grove on March 20, 2021 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The canned food is to be donated to the school Backpack program before school breaks for Easter.

Many underprivileged children in Hardin County may be able to eat breakfast and lunch at school, but they don't always know where their evening meal is coming from. These children are provided food and snacks to take home in their backpacks, so they can be assured of having something to eat at night.

For more information about the can drive, please contact the Master of the Masonic Lodge #603, Robert Bouher at (270) 219-9432.