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CITY OF

VINE GROVE

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KENTUCKY

## 2021 CITY OF VINE GROVE EVENTS

### 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**

**Lonnie Dennis**

**Selena Hudson**

**Kristofor King**

**Kathy Sisco**

**Donna  
Spangenberg**

**Vine Grove City Hall**  
300 West Main Street  
Vine Grove, KY 40175  
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**@VineGroveCityHall**  
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**City of Vine Grove**

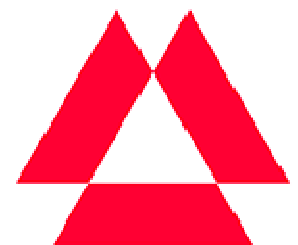
### SAFE ROOM AVAILABLE TO ALL CITIZENS

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, 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.

### CODERED EMERGENCY SYSTEM

CodeRED is an emergency notification service that notifies residents and businesses by phone about emergency situations. The service is used for any emergency notification such as severe weather, utility outage, evacuation notices, missing or lost persons, fires, floods, etc. You can easily sign up for this free service by visiting: [www.vinegrove.org/codered](http://www.vinegrove.org/codered).



**CodeRED®**

Vine Grove is anticipating a busy event year for 2021. During the month of May, we will display flags throughout our downtown honoring our fallen military. Family members or friends can purchase a flag honoring their military members. More details available soon on the Vine Grove City Hall Facebook page.

There will also be an Artisan Market held Saturday May 8th and 22nd, and June 5th and 19th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. that will take place in Optimist Park. We welcome all vendors: craftsmen, boutique businesses, farm-to-table food, and food trucks. There is no charge for vendors to set-up. Therefore, vendor spots are a first come, first serve basis.

The City of Vine Grove along with downtown businesses will host a First Friday Fourth of July event. This will take place on July 2nd. More details of the event will be available closer to the date.

Other events will be held later in the year are the Halloween Parade, Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony, Christmas for the Kids Auction and free chili supper, and Santa Tour 2021.

The City has a busy year planned and hopes to bring all of our community together for these events!



## APRIL IS CLEANUP MONTH

April is "Clean-up Month". The City encourages citizens to clean up their yards, and spruce up their homes. Please remember Border's Disposal will be happy to pick up some items, but there are guidelines: 1.) Customer's accounts must be in good standing to receive pick-up services. 2.) Tree limbs and shrub trimmings must be bound together in four-foot sections 3.) Grass clippings and leaves must be bagged.

If you live in the City limits of Vine Grove, it is mandatory to have trash pick-up through Border's Disposal only. All items must be bagged before setting it out to the curb. For large items, please call Border's Disposal, 270-360-1700, for specific instructions. You can also pay your trash bill online at [www.bordersdisposal.com](http://www.bordersdisposal.com).





# BLUE RIBBONS ALONG MAIN STREET

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the Heartland trains community volunteers to advocate for the abused and neglected children through our Hardin County Family Courts. April is Child Abuse and Prevention Month and unfortunately Kentucky again ranks #1 for child abuse and neglect.

In observance of Child Abuse and Prevention Month, CASA is going to plant 543 pinwheels in the front lawn of their building (245 West Dixie, E-town) and place blue ribbons in downtown Vine Grove in honor of all the children their program has served to date.

While CASA does everything that they can to prevent abuse and neglect, if this tragedy occurs, CASA will always be there as their voice.

As you observe the blue ribbons along Main Street in Vine Grove, know there is a child who needs your support in Hardin County right now! To inquire how you can make a difference in a child's life, please contact us at [casastaff@casaheartland.org](mailto:casastaff@casaheartland.org) or call 270-982-2274.

## DO-IT-YOURSELF CLASSES OFFERED

Councilwoman Hudson has announced the subject of the next free DIY class is "Home and Garden" which will take place on April 3rd at 10 a.m. at City Hall.. There are only 10 slots available for each class due to Covid-19 restrictions.

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.

## YESTERDAY'S YOUTH SENIOR GROUP TO MEET MONTHLY

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, April 21, 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## MEET A VINE GROVE EMPLOYEE

Michelle Landes  
Revenue/Accounting Clerk  
City of Vine Grove, Kentucky

Michelle is a career Accountant with more than 15 years of experience. Most of her employment has been in the private sector. Her position with the City of Vine Grove represents the first time she has worked in Governmental Accounting, but in this role Michelle has found a passion in supporting the financial needs of local municipalities and their citizens.

Michelle graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Business Management from Park University. Michelle has also been a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) since 2017. In the 3 years she has been with the City of Vine Grove, Michelle has created the first-ever Capital Budget which aids the Mayor and City Council in making informed decisions about how City Funds can be spent to provide better services to citizens. She has also created many beneficial financial reports for the Mayor and Council, and cross-trained in multiple areas to fill staffing gaps wherever needed. Michelle's hope is to one day enable Vine Gove to achieve the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from GFOA, an award that only 1,600 municipalities achieve annually, but that will take more time and a concentrated team effort.

Michelle has always enjoyed working with numbers, and in her free time plays puzzle books such as Sudoku and Kakuro. She is also a Bingo enthusiast. Michelle is happily married to her husband of 19 years, Justin, who is also a civil servant with the U.S. Army. Unfortunately Michelle and Justin do not have any children, but they love to spoil nieces, nephews, and family pets whenever possible.

Michelle is hard-working and trustworthy, and above all else she is always honest in everything she says and does. Michelle can be reached through email at [revenueclerk@vinegrove.org](mailto:revenueclerk@vinegrove.org) or by calling Vine Grove City Hall at 270-877-2422.

