

LAKESIDE PARK PERIODICAL NEWSLETTER

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Council Spotlight

We would like to welcome our newest member, Mr. George Best to the city council effective December 22, 2025.



Mayor Report Happy New Year!

From all of us at the City of Lakeside Park, we look forward to a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year for all.

I am happy to announce that the City has hired Tracy Hart as our Recreation Director to plan and coordinate recreational activities for all residents. Tracy is a resident of our city and is eager to plan activities for all age groups. Please look for recreation announcements on the website, social media, this newsletter and our signboard. If you can lend a helping hand or have event suggestions, please contact Tracy at (859) 341-6670, email her at recreation@lakesideparkky.gov.

We are also pleased to announce that City Council has selected George Best to fill the open seat on council. George is a long-time resident on Marian Drive and has been the city's representative to the Kenton County Joint Code Enforcement Board for many years. I look forward to working with George and the rest of council to proactively govern our city.

During the past year, we worked to insure that our sidewalks are free of trip hazards. I hope to do the same for the sidewalks adjoining Dixie Highway, Buttermilk Pike and Turkeyfoot Road during the upcoming year. We also kept our tax rate at the same level, and are paying for half of your trash and recycling costs. The City is updating our road construction 5 year plan with the expectation to do major work on Bellemonte Avenue in the near future. The city also updated its Ethics Code, particularly related to social media and electronic communications.

The city's contract for fire and EMS services with the City of Fort Mitchell will expire this year and we will be working towards a new agreement for their services. The Fort Mitchell Fire Department has served our city well over the years, leading to very favorable insurance ratings for homeowner insurance. Personally, my family is very grateful for their professional EMS services during the past year.

I would also like to congratulate Greg Pohlgeers who was selected to be Fort Mitchell's mayor. We look forward to continuing our close relationship with Greg and the city.

Lakeside Park's Code of Ordinances and Zoning Code are available on our website. The zoning on-line presence is designed to be user-friendly with visible depictions of many situations, as well as the actual code. Please be aware that many home improvement projects require advance permits. PDS will be happy to review your proposal. Please call (859) 331-8980 prior to beginning your project.

Again, thank you for your support and cooperation, making our City the best place in Northern Kentucky to call home.



Mayor, Paul Markgraf

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dave Wolfer



Mary Ann Thaman



Brian Waite



Tom Bernheimer



Dennis Landwehr



George Best



Lakeside Park Crestview Hills Police Department

From Vision to Action: LPCHPD's Expanded Expertise

Effective leadership begins with a clear and consistent vision. Over the past 20 years, the men and women of LPCHPD have shared a common goal: to develop a capable, self-sufficient police department equipped to meet the evolving needs of our community.

In earlier years, the department regularly relied on outside agencies for specialized services such as crime scene processing, accident reconstruction, and computer forensics. Through a sustained commitment to training and professional development, LPCHPD has significantly expanded its internal capabilities.

Today, our LPCHPD team has built an organization of diverse skill sets that provide a range of specialized services that were once unavailable in-house. Highlighted below are several of the specialized skills and areas of expertise represented within your police department.

Accident Reconstructionist – investigates motor vehicle crashes to determine how and why they occurred by analyzing the scene, vehicles, and physical evidence using scientific principles such as physics and engineering. This analysis provides a clear, fact-based understanding of the collision for investigative and legal purposes.

Computer Forensic Investigator – examines digital devices and electronic data to identify, preserve, and analyze digital evidence relevant to an investigation. Using specialized tools and scientific methods, they recover and interpret evidence to help establish facts and support criminal cases.

Drug Recognition Expert – evaluates individuals suspected of drug impairment. Using a standardized, scientifically based evaluation process, the DRE identifies signs of impairment and determines whether drugs may be affecting a person's ability to operate a vehicle safely.

Emergency Medical Technician – provides immediate medical care in emergency situations. EMTs assess patients, administer basic life-saving treatment, and stabilize individuals until they can be safely transported to or transferred to advanced medical care.

Crime Scene Processor – assists with crime scene investigations. This includes recognizing, documenting, collecting, and preserving physical evidence, as well as photographing scenes and maintaining proper chain of custody. These skills allow the officer to support thorough professional investigations and help ensure evidence is handled accurately and responsibly.

Drone Team – The department's drone team enhances public safety by using our unmanned aircraft for tasks such as search and rescue, scene documentation, and situational awareness. Currently, the department has five FAA-certified drone pilots, each of whom has completed specialized training that includes flight operations, safety procedures, and FAA regulations, with ongoing proficiency requirements to ensure safe and effective use of the technology.

Peer Support – We currently have 3 peer support team members who provide assistance to officers around the state following traumatic or high-stress events, such as officer-involved incidents or serious accidents. Their role includes offering emotional support, facilitating access to counseling resources, and helping ensure the mental health and well-being of officers as they process and recover from critical incidents.

Specialized Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) – The NKY S.W.A.T. team consists of specially trained officers who respond to high-risk situations such as armed standoffs or critical incidents. LPCHPD currently has two officers assigned to this team in addition to their patrol duties of serving the citizens of Lakeside Park. One of our officers is a tactical operator for the team, trained to conduct team entries, contain the scene, and resolve high risk situations. Our other officer is a crisis negotiator, skilled in communication and de-escalation. These specialized capabilities strengthen the department's ability to resolve dangerous situations safely and professionally. Additionally, the skills gained are often utilized in our regular patrol functions, using the same de-escalation techniques which reduce conflict and create a safer environment for all parties involved.

Active Threat Training – LPCHPD offers this training to help protect schools, businesses, and public spaces during high-risk emergencies, preparing them to quickly identify threats, coordinate with staff and first responders, and take decisive action to reduce harm and save lives. Beyond emergency response, our officers also work proactively with schools and businesses to assess safety plans, provide guidance, and build preparedness, helping to create safer environments for everyone.

Leadership – Along with specialized services, LPCHPD is committed to developing strong, professional leadership at every level of the organization. This commitment has been demonstrated through our ongoing investment in advanced training and executive education. Currently, our department has two graduates from the FBI National Academy, one graduate from the Southern Police Institute, four graduates from the Academy of Police Supervision, and three graduates from the Criminal Justice Executive Development (CJED) program. These programs help ensure that LPCHPD personnel are well prepared to guide the department with professionalism, accountability, and a forward-looking approach to public service.

Collectively, these specialized skills and training initiatives reflect LPCHPD's continued commitment to strengthening both our emergency response capabilities and our proactive approach to public safety. By investing in our personnel and working closely with the community, we strive to better prepare our citizens for emergencies, reduce risk before incidents occur, and create a safer environment throughout the cities we serve.

Captain, Mike Paolucci



City of Fort Mitchell KY

A Great Place to Live and Work



WINTER TIPS

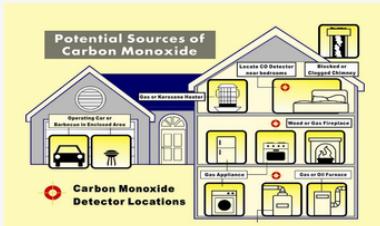
Carbon Monoxide Awareness: Keeping You Safe This Winter

Keeping the citizens in our communities safe is our highest priority. The cold months of winter bring unique challenges to that priority. The hustle and bustle of the Holidays and weather that is typically harsh brings driving issues. This weather also comes



with blazing fires in fireplaces and hard-working furnaces to keep us warm, that brings an invisible danger we must all be aware of: carbon monoxide (CO). I would like to talk about CO for a little bit.

What Is Carbon Monoxide?



Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced when fuels like natural gas, wood, propane, or oil burn. Because it can't be seen

or smelled, CO is often called the **"silent killer."** Exposure can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea, confusion, and in severe cases, can be fatal.

Why Winter Is Riskier

- Modern homes are sealed tight against the cold, potentially trapping pollutants inside.
- We rely more on fireplaces, furnaces, and space heaters.
- Power outages may lead to unsafe generator use.

All these factors increase the risk of CO buildup indoors.

Stay warm, stay safe, and know that your fire department is always here for you.

Safety Tips for Every Household

- Install CO detectors on every level of your home and near sleeping areas.
- Check natural gas and propane appliances annually – especially furnaces, water heaters and dryers. Also, some ovens and cooktops need special attention.
- Vent properly – keep chimneys and vents clear of snow and debris.
- Use generators outdoors only – at least 20 feet from doors and windows.
- Never idle cars in garages – even with the door open.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We at the Fort Mitchell Fire Department respond to emergencies, but prevention is our greatest tool. We encourage every family to test their CO detectors this season. If you don't have one, please make it a priority – this small device can save lives. Carbon monoxide incidents spike in winter, but with awareness and preparation, we can keep our town safe. Let's work together to ensure every home is protected.

Assistant Fire Chief, Jeff Hampton

City & Community Contact Information

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00AM - 4:30PM

Closed for Lunch
12:30PM - 1:30PM

Contact Us:

859-341-6670

www.lakesideparkky.gov



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lakesideparkky.gov

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COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Second Monday each month at 7:00PM. Televised meetings can be seen live on TBNK's Facebook, TBNK ROKU channel or visit the link: <https://www.tbnk.org/togo3>.

In addition, recorded meetings can be viewed on Spectrum channel 200 & altafiber Channel 817.

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Kenneth Heidrich

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KY Transportation Cabinet

KYTC District 6
859-341-2700

Dog Warden

Kenton County Animal Control
859-356-3191

Waste/Recycling Collection:

Best Way Disposal
859-372-4900

Enforcement Boards

Steve Greer,
Code Enforcement Officer

Board of Adjustments

David Wigger (Chairman),
Dave Burridge, Bill Blewett,
Barry Brake, Frank Edelen

Board of Adjustments

Bob Wilson, Clair Horner &
Janet Fedders

Lakeside Park-Crestview Hills

Police Authority

Police Office 859-331-5368

Police Chief Brad Degenhardt

Police Clerk Heather Markus

Emergency Calls:

911

Non-Emergency Dispatch:

859-356-3191

Fort Mitchell Fire Department

Fire/EMS Protection

Firehouse 859-331-1267

Poison Control Center

800-222-1222

Sanitation District No. 1

859-578-7450

Northern KY Water District

Main Ofc No. 859-578-9898

Duke-Energy

Report Gas Problem

800-634-4300

Report Electric Problem

800-543-5599

PUBLIC WORKS

WHAT'S NEW IN 2026

Project Updates & Infrastructure

You can find monthly project reports on the city's website under:

- Government tab,
- Public Works,
- Project Updates

Proposed City Projects for 2026:

- Completion of Joint Crack Seal Program from 2025

Speed Limit Sign

We have had more complaints this year about speeders in our communities. Our department purchased a movable radar sign and placed it for periods of time on multiple streets in an effort to slow drivers down. It appeared to have helped on many streets, but not on some. Several complaints recently came from residents on West Lakeside. We are posting additional speed signage on that street. Our Lakeside Park Crestview Hills Police Department is aware of the speeding issues and will be increasing monitoring of speeds. As you know, our community has a lot of individuals that like to walk. We want to keep our pedestrians safe so, please abide by the speed limits posted.

Electric Bikes & Scooters

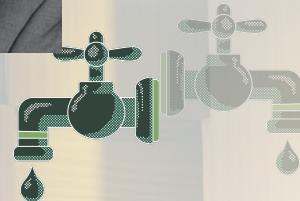
Another concern that has come up in the past year is electric bikes & scooters.

So here is a guide for riding those:

- follow regular traffic laws
- obey traffic signals
- use the same hand signals as a bicycle rider
- wear helmet
- use bike lanes or recommended less congested roadways
- avoid sidewalks that are for pedestrians walking
- ensure visibility by wearing reflective or bright clothing



Public Works Director,
Steve Greer



It may interest you to know

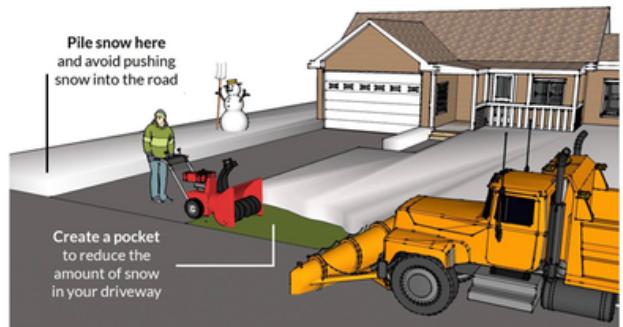
The dog fountain and sprinkler system on Turkeyfoot road have water meters that are shut off seasonally to avoid breakage of the lines when it is cold weather, but this is also done to save costs for renting those meters. The meters are typically shut off between November to around April or May, depending on the weather conditions.



Winter Shoveling Tips

How Can I Keep Snow Out of my Driveway?

Before your street has been plowed, we recommend the following:



Using this method to clear snow will reduce the amount of snow that accumulates at the end of your driveway!

PUBLIC WORKS

www.lakesideparkky.gov

Recreation Activities

MEET OUR NEW RECREATION DIRECTOR

Tracy Hart, is a resident of our community. She is a teacher and has a background in event planning and social networking. Please welcome her when you see her in the community as she will have boots on the ground.



Her ultimate goal is to do a more structured networking with the community and providing more events monthly for all ages.

AS THE NEW DIRECTOR, SHE IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.

We invite you to visit www.lakesideparkky.gov and tell us what activities you'd like to see in Lakeside Park. The link on our website is for activity suggestions. All feedback should be respectful and appropriate.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to be a “**CHAIR PERSON**” for your street, please let Tracy know. She is looking for individuals that are willing to share upcoming activities and events with the neighbors on your street. Her email is recreation@lakesideparkky.gov

RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 2026

Thursday, January 15th - Garden Club @ 7:00PM at Lakeside Park Office, 9 Buttermilk Pike

Sunday, February 1st - PERFECT NORTH SLOPES (PNS) SNOW TUBING
from 2pm to 4pm, we have 40 tickets currently available, cost is \$15 for residents and \$29 for non-residents. You must complete the PNS waiver and pay for the non-refundable tickets by Thursday, January 29th. In the event the PNS closes then refunds will be issued.



Thursday, February 26th at 6:00PM. Meet and Greet with Tracy Hart, the new Recreation Director.

Bring your family and neighbors to a night of crafts, activities, food and fun for all ages. This will be an opportunity to suggest activities you would like to see our city host.

Wednesday, April 29th - 11:30AM, Senior Luncheon at Barleycorn's 2642 Dixie Hwy, Lakeside Park

Look for additional events on our social media's, website or you can email recreation@lakesideparkky.gov