



**The City of Hurstbourne Acres  
Post  
February, 2021**

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All newsletters, ordinances, treasurer's reports, and warrants are published online at the city's website:  
[www.hurstbourneacres.org](http://www.hurstbourneacres.org)

Next City Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Teleconference @ 6:30 p.m.

E-mail Mayor Terry at  
[mayorterry@hurstbourneacres.org](mailto:mayorterry@hurstbourneacres.org) for a link to  
the on-line meeting.

*From Mayor Terry*

Spring has finally arrived and that means it is time for spring cleaning. If you know of any area of the City that needs attention, please make Commissioner Bohnenkamp or me aware of it.



Please send your request to join the next virtual City meeting to

[mayorterry@hurstbourneacres.org](mailto:mayorterry@hurstbourneacres.org)

STAY SAFE.

## City of Hurstbourne Acres Police Info

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## Parks and Recreation

Troy Eskridge

**Easter Egg “Hop Around”** is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some of us are also planning on leaving eggs out for those that could not make it on Saturday on Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday). If you need pre-stuffed eggs, please let me know by texting (502) 690-1592. Please leave requests for eggs before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

An Easter Egg coloring sheet is included with this newsletter. Please color it and display it in your window or on your door so families will know you are participating in the Hop Around.

**City wide yard sale** is scheduled for the last weekend in May (Memorial Day weekend). There will be more information in the next newsletter as well as tips/recommendations for keeping yard sales covid safe.



**“Is feeding the geese in the park a good idea?”** I had a resident ask me (as a Biologist, not as a commissioner) this in an email. I ended up sharing an article with her about some of the problems with feeding wild waterfowl. She asked me to share it with you, so I have included a summary of that article in the newsletter.

## Ten Reasons Why Feeding

**Waterfowl Is Harmful** People have always enjoyed feeding gulls, geese, ducks or swans at beaches and parks. Indeed, they feel they are doing the birds a big favor, helping them out. What they might not realize is that feeding these birds is detrimental to them and the environment in many ways. Please read on to learn more about the harmful effects of hand feeding waterfowl.

## Birds Have Amazing Survival

**Skills** Waterfowl have an incredible ability to survive and avoid harsh weather conditions. They migrate hundreds of miles south to a warmer climate for the winter where food is abundant, or simply endure the harsh winter weather in northern areas. Many species of migratory and resident waterfowl spend the winter in Colorado. For all waterfowl, the abundance of naturally occurring food and the quality of their diet are the main driving forces behind the bird’s ability to survive.

**Food Quality Is Critical** Waterfowl require proper nutrition to survive Colorado winters. The diet of a young bird during its first year of life must be high in essential fats, proteins, and nutrients to ensure proper development. Adults need a nutrient rich diet to replace feathers and recondition their bodies after migration and during breeding cycles. People unknowingly harm waterfowl by hand feeding food that is low in nutritional value.

In fields, the Canada goose diet consists of fallen grain. In marshes, they feed on wild rice, sedges, other aquatic plants, insects, larvae, crustaceans, and small mollusks. Their feeding habits are very regular, and they are known to return day after day to the same location if they are not disturbed. Canada geese will feed on newly sprouted lawns and established grass in urban areas.

## **A Diet of White Bread Can Actually Be Fatal to Waterfowl**

When birds feed on bread, they may neglect eating natural food sources which are more nutritious. The birds may become malnourished and there have been cases of birds choking on wads of bread. High nutrition foods include: Insects, Grasses, and Submerged Aquatic Plants. Low Nutrition foods include: Bread, Crackers, Popcorn, and Pastries.

### **Problems Associated With Feeding Waterfowl**

- Malnutrition
- Dependency
- Disease
- Water pollution
- Environmental degradation
- Increased hybridization
- Delayed migration
- Cumulative effects
- Costly management efforts
- Devaluation of the species

Source material-

<http://hardeybordercollies.com/id91.html>

## **Golden Watch**

**Teresa Renninger**

It is just as important to keep your mind and memory healthy as it is to keep your body healthy. Here are just a few simple methods you can try to maintain your healthy mind and body.

Reading is a great way to exercise your mind. If you were to join a book club, reading the book and interacting with others to discuss the book can stimulate your mind. It is both fun and it challenges your memory.

Puzzles of all types can keep your mind and memory nimble. By working crossword puzzles and Sudoku, they can help fulfill that need for competitiveness. Computer games also help keep the mind active.

Group activities such as bowling, bridge, or other card games keep your mind and memory active. The interaction with others is also good for your mind.

We must be aware that we should exercise our body and mind for us to be in good health overall. It does not really take very much to keep your body healthy and your mind sharp. If you spend some time to care for yourself, you can expect to live a long, happy, and healthy life. These easy ideas will help you work out your mind, keep your body fit, and give you the life you deserve.

Remember . . .

**As always if you See Something Say Something.**

## **Police**

**Chief Steve Griffin**

With the arrival of Spring and warmer temperatures there will be an increase in people outside enjoying the weather. Please be mindful when driving through the neighborhood and be on the lookout for walkers, bike riders, and children playing on or near the roadway. As a reminder, the speed limit of all streets in Hurstbourne Acres is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. All stop signs require a full and complete stop before proceeding. JCPS is also back to in-person instruction so be especially careful during hours children will be travelling to and from school. It is always important to remind

ourselves that a single moment of carelessness or inattention can have devastating results.

*If you see something, say something.*

## Streets and Lights

**Donna Nichols**

Approximately three years ago, Louisville Metro made the decision our City was responsible for maintaining Bunsen Way. Our City bore the cost of repaving it at this time. A resident complained regarding litter along sidewalk and median. I went down Bunsen Way and noticed broken glass on a portion of median. I was made aware of one company that may do cleanup work. I spoke with the manager and she told me that they did not do this type of work. The Mayor hired a resident who was not insured to hang Christmas flags, which is more dangerous than picking up trash! I suggest that we look toward this option to clean up the entire City.

I was made aware some residents were feeding the geese. Please to not do this, as it only adds to their presence for making messes in our streets! Friday, I encountered three geese lying in the street close to the intersection of Haviland and Woodfield. I honked my horn, which did not scare them in the least! We certainly do not need dead or injured geese in our streets!

We have not received February financial statements yet.

## Sanitation

**Christine Bohnenkamp**

Please see the Recycling Info sheet at the end of this newsletter for helpful hints.

### ***Regular Trash Collection Schedule***

Yard Waste & Recycling	Monday
Trash	Tuesday

## **CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES**

March 11, 2021

Minutes

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The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on March 11, 2021 via video conferencing, joined by the following persons:

- Terry McAllister, Mayor
- Christine Bohnenkamp, Commissioner
- Troy Eskridge, Commissioner
- Donna Nichols, Commissioner
- Teresa Renninger, Commissioner
- Steve Griffin, Police Chief
- Tammy R Baker, Attorney
- Amy Underwood, Treasurer
- Michael Bolten, Clerk
- Kim Bloomer, Newsletter Editor
- Lenny and Marilyn Miles, Residents
- Bob Swoboda, Resident
- Paul Schneider, Resident

### **February 11 Minutes**

Commissioner Nichols made a motion to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Renninger and carried unopposed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Due to the late arrival of Treasurer Underwood to the meeting, Mayor McAllister decided to postpone the review of the Treasurer's Report for February until next month.

### **Warrants**

Due to the late arrival of Treasurer Underwood to the meeting, Mayor McAllister decided to postpone the review of the February warrants until next month.

## **Police Report**

Police Chief Griffin reported the following for February:

- Offense reports 4
- Accident reports 1
- Arrests 1
- Traffic stops 2
- Citations issued 2
- Warnings issued 0
- Contacts with other agencies 1
- House watches 4
- Courtesy notices 1
- Directed patrols 0
- Calls for service 30
- License plates confiscated 2
- Motorists assists 2
- Funeral watches 0

### February Highlights

- Department continues to utilize revised operating procedures during the COVID-19 situation.
- All officers completed KLC recommended monthly training.
- Officer Phelps resigned from the agency.
- The four offense reports were for two shopliftings at Shoe Carnival, a stolen vehicle at Kansai Restaurant and a theft of identity at East Chase Apartments.
- All Golden Watch residents checked on weekly.
- All businesses in the Shopping Centers checked on daily.
- Explorer is in good working order. Taurus is in the shop for repairs.

## **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Baker reported that the 'hearing' regarding the proposed sidewalk along Blowing Tree Road is now scheduled for June 30, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

In other news, she received a letter from an attorney's office on behalf of Seven Counties Services regarding the property on Taylorsville Road. In the letter, the property is described as a

'supportive housing home'. If three disabled individuals reside in the home, Attorney Baker advised that it would be protected under the Fair Housing Act. It was her opinion that taking any legal action concerning the use of the property would be unsuccessful. If the pool issue, previously discussed, becomes a problem, the City could cite the property owner under the nuisance ordinance. Following the discussion, Mayor McAllister decided to drop any further action at this time.

Attorney Baker completed the first reading of Ordinance #1, Series 2021. This ordinance requires owners of rental property in the City to register it as such by completing a form, paying a fee, and include information about the renters and how it is being used. During the discussion, particularly about the \$150 fee, there was a consensus that the ordinance and the associated fee are a good idea. Mayor McAllister asked all the commissioners to review the ordinance and provide feedback prior to the second reading.

Concerning the condition of the fence along Blowing Tree Road, Commissioner Nichols recommended contacting the owners legally, i.e., have Attorney Baker send them a letter. The fence condition, based on the City's fence ordinance, would require the removal of the fence altogether. Mayor McAllister authorized the attorney to contact the attorneys representing the owners of the Meadows Apartments.

Lastly, as directed by the Mayor, Attorney Baker advised what she found during her research of the required benefits for full time police officers. Mayor McAllister asked her to forward that information to all the Commission members for them to review.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Park**

Commissioner Eskridge outlined the plans for the Easter Egg Hop, the City Yard Sale and a City Picnic-like event. In lieu of an Easter Egg Hunt, the City is planning an Easter Egg Hop like last year.

The City Yard Sale is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. More details, including potential plans for the City picnic, will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Routine maintenance is required on the picnic tables (and perhaps the purchase of two more tables) and the gazebo. Also, new mulch is needed for the playground. The cost of the maintenance, mulch and picnic tables is estimated to be between \$4000 & \$5000. He will provide more specific numbers at next month's meeting.

Lastly, Commissioner Nichols asked Commissioner Eskridge to consider putting something in his next newsletter article asking residents to not feed the geese.

### **Sanitation**

Commissioner Bohnenkamp reported that generally, it has been quiet. She did ask residents to call either her or EcoTech if large items need to be picked up as they need to man the trucks accordingly.

### **Streets and Lighting**

Commissioner Nichols talked about the problem with trash on the median and sidewalk area on Bunsen Parkway and asked the Mayor how to handle this. Mayor McAllister suggested we call vendors who do that kind of cleanup. He said he would contact J-Town to see if their street sweeper can help with our City streets. Another suggestion was to simply hire someone not associated with a specific business to do it. Both Commissioner Eskridge and Renninger confirmed the trash problem is all over the City, not just Bunsen Parkway. After a question from Commissioner Bohnenkamp, Commissioner Nichols said that she would contact Metro Representative Marilyn Parker's office for ideas. Commissioner Bohnenkamp then agreed to contact EcoTech with a request from Mayor McAllister.

### **Police**

Commissioner Renninger mentioned former Mayor, Sean Fore, found in his documents a scrapbook about the history of Hurstbourne Acres. She is

currently in possession of it and is giving it to Commissioner Nichols to read. Anyone else interested in reviewing the scrapbook should contact Commissioner Renninger.

Finally, regarding the suggestion about a 'Little Library' for the Park, the husband of newsletter editor, Kim Bloomer, agreed to build it. Kim Bloomer agreed to send pictures to Mayor McAllister to evaluate and determine whether the idea should move forward.

### **Old/New Business**

#### **Fence Permit Application**

After reviewing the fence permit application for the property located at 1909 Hurstbourne Circle, the Commissioner unanimously approved the application. The Clerk was instructed to advise the owner of the decision.

#### **Upcoming Budget Ordinance**

Mayor McAllister discussed the possibility of changing the format of the ordinance. He has learned that some residents struggle with understanding the current budget format in the ordinance. He believes that using a simpler format would solve the issue. The Commission generally was not in favor of the change, but they were willing to review an example of the change. Mayor McAllister said he would forward a copy to each commissioner for their assessment.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Mayor McAllister asked Commissioner Renninger to contact our website manager to correct information regarding the Homestead Exemption on the website. In turn, she asked the Mayor to attend the virtual meeting concerning the property located at 9021 Taylorsville Road. Although not in our City, it is close enough for us to give our opinion about the use of it as a Medical Center. The Mayor agreed to attend. Lastly, Commissioner Eskridge pointed Commissioner Renninger to a grant that would help pay for the digitizing of historical records. She said she would investigate it.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Bolten, City Clerk

Louisville's single-stream recycling program (curbside or drop off locations) accepts these items:

# RECYCLE MORE!

Download the Recycle Coach app for more information and reminders!



[Louisvilleky.gov/Recycling](http://Louisvilleky.gov/Recycling)



## PAPER

- Flattened Cardboard (clean & empty)
- Paper Containers & Cups (clean & empty)
- Milk, Juice Cartons (clean & empty)
- Newspapers/Inserts, Phone Books, Magazines, Junk Mail & Office Paper

**NO TISSUE**



## PLASTIC

- Plastic Bottles, Cups & Containers (clean & empty)

**NO PLASTIC BAGS OR STYROFOAM**



*Rules for these plastic items may differ if your recycling is not collected by Metro Solid Waste. Check with your recycling company.*

## GLASS

- Glass Bottles & Jars (clean & empty; amber, green & clear)

**NO WINDOWS OR CERAMICS**



## METAL

- Steel & Aluminum Bottles/Cans (clean & empty)

**NO PAINT CANS**



*Rules for aluminum pans may differ if your recycling is not collected by Metro Solid Waste. Check with your recycling company.*

### HOW TO PREPARE YOUR RECYCLABLES:



Recyclables should be clean and empty.



Do not use plastic bags; leave recyclables loose.



Recycling should be at the curb by 6am on collection day.

**TIP:** Return grocery bags to participating stores for recycling.

