

City of Douglass Hills

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE...

Happiest of Holidays to all of you!

Congratulations to our newly elected council. And thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your mayor again. We have a lot left to do, but each of us is committed to serving our city in the best way possible. I must say this Council is one of the most professional and dedicated ones I have ever had the opportunity to work with. I along with the whole city appreciate their willingness to serve.

As we enter the winter season, be aware of your surroundings and check on your neighbors. If snow is anticipated, it is imperative that ALL vehicles are removed from the streets. Vehicles not removed will be subject to fines and towing. In difficult circumstances, especially in small courts, it's impossible to maneuver snowplows and garbage trucks. If you do clean your driveway, take a moment to clear it in front of your mailbox so that mail can continue to be delivered uninterrupted.

Thanks to all of you who continue to bring food and drinks to our Police Officer's rest area. I continue to receive thanks from LMPD for providing such a comfortable and safe place for them to go. No one would have ever thought that this small gesture would become such a great way for us to show our appreciation.

If you are going to be doing any home projects that require a dumpster, you must contact city hall for a permit. This is per DH Ordinance -. Chapter 70.

CIVICS FOR CITIZENS

City Officials are elected to serve the public interest. Municipal officers are not empowered merely for the purpose of generating revenue for the city as a corporation but instead "to supply such municipal needs, conveniences, and comforts as will advance the prosperity of the whole community." Public office signifies a position of trust. Individuals occupy municipal offices to efficiently allocate the city's resources.

In Kentucky there are more than 2,600 elected city officials. In Jefferson County alone, there are 30 new Mayors. These officials have prescribed responsibilities that must be strictly observed. The Kentucky Supreme Court held that municipal officers "have implied authority to perform those acts necessary to carry out their prescribed duties." City officials are therefore afforded the necessary flexibility to most effectively serve the public need.



MARK YOUR *Calendars*

- DEC 24** Christmas Eve
- DEC 25** Christmas Day
- DEC 31** New Year's Eve
- JAN 1** New Year's Day
- JAN 5** Safety Meeting 5:30pm
City Council Meeting 7:00pm

Sales Tax Not Applied to Utilities on Primary Residence

Representative Jason Nemes December 9, 2022

Over the past few days I have been asked about changes made to how the tax on utilities is applied to some consumer accounts. Since there seems to be some confusion about the issue, I thought I might take this week's update and clarify who will be affected and share a little background.

First, let me be clear: the utility bill for your primary residence is not taxed by the state. It has historically been exempt and will continue to be.

What is really happening? Well, in addition to creating a framework to eliminate the state's individual income tax, the tax reform package we passed during the 2022 Regular Session also fixed several loopholes. One loophole in particular allowed folks with multiple homes to take advantage of the primary residence exemption from the utility tax. As a result of HB 8, those with multiple residential properties, or properties misidentified in the past, will no longer be exempt because we closed the loophole.

This sounds pretty straightforward and it is. However, the Department of Revenue is requiring that consumers fill out paperwork to remain exempt. This was not part of HB 8, but instead is a policy established by the department. Because of this, many are seeing a request to fill out a "Declaration of Domicile," on your utility bill, while others have received the form in a separate mailing. If you have not received anything like this, the best thing to do is reach out to the electric company and ask. It can also be downloaded directly from the department's website at revenue.ky.gov/Forms/51A380%20%281-23%29.pdf. I want to stress that you still need to have a conversation with your utility company because they may have a different process.

So, why make the change? Well, closing this loophole is part of our work to become more competitive by broadening the sales tax base and lowering tax rates. Also, while taxes are a necessary part of government, they must be fairly applied. Outdated tax laws only lead to some people paying more than their fair share while others pay less than theirs. Ultimately, our goal is to move away from taxing productivity, so HB 8 also includes a plan to eliminate the individual income tax, gradually while ensuring each cut is sustainable. This change will help grow our economy and get workers back to work. As of January, the state's individual income tax rate will decrease to 4.5%, leaving as much as \$650 million in the paychecks of working Kentuckians across the state. We will continue to lower the rate as the state meets budget and economic conditions until it is eliminated entirely.

I appreciate the opportunity to clear up the confusion about the utility tax and share about our work. I hope you will reach out if I can provide additional information about this or any other issue.

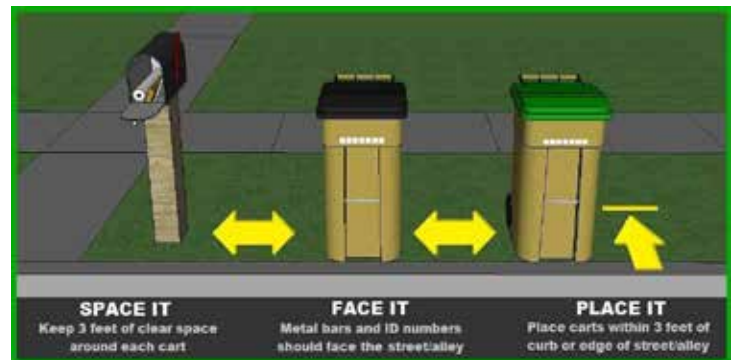
TAX BILL REMINDER

The Douglass Hills 2022 tax bills will be mailed by October 15, 2022. The tax bills are due by December 31, 2022. If you plan to return the tax bill by mail, you have been provided with a return envelope. If you would rather drop them by City Hall, there is a secured lock box located in the outside door of the council room. If it is during office hours, just drop off your bill in the tax box in the lobby at City Hall.



The City of Douglass Hills will offer a dumpster to resident to dispose of any Holiday waste such as cardboard, paper or wrapping materials. The dumpster will be at the pool parking lot 501 Gatehouse Lane. Please do not abuse this gift with illegal dumping. A fine will be imposed on anyone performing an illegal dump. Thank you for your cooperation!

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and the things which are,
and the things which shall be hereafter.*

Revelation 1:18a,19

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YEAH, IT'S COLD, BUT YOU CAN STILL STAY WARM, COMFY AND ENERGY EFFICIENT



It's cold. And it's only going to get colder in the days and weeks to come. This time of year, the trick is to stay warm and comfortable while at the same time keeping your energy usage (and your bill) under control. Here are a few suggestions.

- Consider setting your thermostat at 68 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter months to keep your heating unit from running as much. Even lowering it by one degree can make a difference.
- Use caulk and weather stripping to help keep cold air from getting in (and warm air from getting out).
- Check and/or replace your furnace filter per manufacturer's instructions.
- Make sure your warm air registers are not blocked by drapes or furniture.

And finally, a simple warm soup can hit the spot on those cold, gray days. And using a slow cooker saves on energy use, too. Check out this easy recipe.

SLOW COOKER BEAN SOUP

Ingredients:

- 1 carrot, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 lb. bag dry pinto beans, rinsed
- 1 ham hock
- 8 cups water
- 1.5 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper



Directions:

Place chopped carrot and onion in slow cooker. Add remaining ingredients. Cook on high 8–10 hours.

BE READY FOR WINTER STORMS THAT COULD LEAVE YOU IN THE DARK



For the next few months, winter storms are a real possibility. Occasionally, a severe storm – with heavy doses of ice, wind and/or snow – could lead to a power outage. Just know LG&E crews will work hard to restore power as quickly and as safely as possible

if your service is interrupted. Download our mobile app to easily report and receive updates on power outages. (Use the QR code in this newsletter.) You can also text us at 4LGEKU (454358) to report an outage. Text STATUS to get outage updates. Check to be sure the mobile phone number in your My Account is up to date before severe weather hits.

Now is the time to prepare in the event a storm does leave you without power.

- Assemble an emergency kit. Include a flashlight, a battery-operated radio, extra batteries and a first-aid kit at the minimum. Also, having a portable charger for your cellphone would be wise. (Make sure it's charged.)
- Gather a supply of nonperishable food (canned goods, bagged snacks, granola bars, etc.). Also, keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to protect your perishable food.
- Grab some candles or lanterns. (Don't forget the matches.) Be sure to keep them away from any flammable materials, such as drapes or curtains. And never leave them unattended while burning.
- Have plenty of dry firewood if you have a fireplace or wood stove.

Please remember to stay away from any downed power lines. You should always assume they are live. If you see any downed lines, call us to report them at **502-589-1444 (800-331-7370** outside Louisville) and press 1-1-2.

HERE COMES 2023!

It's hard to believe we're about to close the books on 2022, but the new year is just around the corner. We wish you and all your loved ones a healthy and happy 2023!



USING SPACE HEATERS PROPERLY WILL KEEP YOU WARM... AND SAFE

Cold will be the order of the day (and night) as winter settles in. You may be like a lot of people who supplement their home's heating system by using space heaters to help battle the chill, but it's crucial to be very careful when using them.



- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can catch fire, such as drapes, bed linens and furniture.
- Make sure your space heater meets the latest safety standards and carries the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) label.
- If you buy a new space heater, purchase one with a tip-over safety switch, which automatically shuts the unit off if it gets knocked over.
- Never leave a space heater unattended. Always turn it off and unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

- Do NOT use a space heater to warm or dry towels, bed linens or clothing.
- Do NOT use a space heater near water or anywhere else it could get wet.
- Do NOT use an extension cord. Always plug space heaters directly into an outlet.
- Stop using your space heater if the cord or plug gets hot. Space heaters draw quite a bit of electricity during use, meaning cords or plugs may feel warm to the touch, but they should never feel hot.

We also recommend limiting the amount of time you use your space heater. It can significantly increase your energy usage if it's used for a long period of time.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates there are more than 20,000 residential fires every year associated with the use of space heaters. So, remember: safety first when using space heaters.

Visit [lge-ku.com/safety/electric](https://www.lge-ku.com/safety/electric) for more tips to follow when using electricity.

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, DON'T TAKE CHANCES WITH YOUR NATURAL GAS PIPING

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Is corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) installed in your home or business? If the structure was built after 1990, it's likely the answer to that question is yes. CSST is a flexible pipe used to supply natural gas to a home.

If you have CSST, it's vital for you to know if it was properly installed, bonded and grounded. Otherwise, you risk the possibility of a natural gas leak, a fire or even an explosion. For example, a lightning strike could travel through the gas piping and cause a leak – or something worse.

We recommend hiring a licensed electrician to inspect your home or business for CSST and to make sure it is properly grounded and bonded.

In addition, you should never hang clothes on natural gas piping. And do not let children play around the pipes.

Visit [csstsafty.com](https://www.csstsafty.com) for more helpful information.



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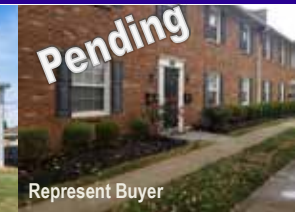
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