

# GREENSBURG Matters

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## City of Greensburg Launches Energy Savings Project

The City of Greensburg has partnered with Harshaw Trane to make capital improvements to city-owned buildings. These improvements will be structural improvements that will not only increase the overall value, but extend the life of each facility. City Hall, Housing Authority/Police/911, Waste Water Treatment center, the Maintenance Garage, new Fire Department, new Senior and Community Arts Center and the Micro Park will all see improvements to assist in making each more energy efficient for the City to operate.

Overall the major benefits of the project include:

- HVAC and lighting in each facility operating efficiently while maintaining efficiency
- Increase the marketability of the micro-park for economic development opportunities
- Increase accuracy and efficiency of water utility operations through automatic meter reading (AMR) technologies
- 85% of total project cost paid through revenue gained from savings and increased efficiency. The investment from the City will be about \$16,000 a year for the next 15 years
- Guaranteed facility and system improvements for 15 years

However, the most noticeable improvements that will affect the

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## Harshaw Trane

general public will be the city-wide improvement to water meters. The facts are:

- Greensburg has approximately 1,272 active water meters
- Approximately 90% of existing meters are older than 10 years
- Approximately 300 meters are on what is considered very old meter setters
- When tested, existing meters showed an inaccuracy ranging between 3.5% and 25.4% when reading consumption
- Existing meters are read manually; absorbing valuable man-hours and cost
- With current meters, the city is losing out on valuable revenue
- Current technology does not provide proactive customer service or value-added data

This performance contract will include replacing all 1,272 existing water meters with new Automated Meter Reading (AMR) technology and will replace 300 aged meter setters with new. The facilities outlined in the scope of work will receive a number of improvements including lighting upgrades, motion sensors for offices and restrooms and web-based controls for HVAC systems.

The City of Greensburg is guaranteed performance, savings, cost of the scope of work and the performance contract follows guidelines set forth by KRS 45A.352, which outlines guaranteed energy savings contracts involving local public agencies. The total cost of the

project will be \$1.3mil with \$1.4mil being financed to cover bond fees and interest. The total revenue from energy savings and meter replacement is estimated at \$1.56mil for an overall cost of \$1.8mil. Capital Cost from the City is \$242,133, averaging about \$16,000 a year over the next 15 years.

### Community Events:

- **July 17th:** Monthly Chamber Luncheon. Guest Speaker: ECTC Workforce Development. Location is TDB.
- **July 22nd:** City Council Meeting 5 pm.
- **July 27th:** Recycling day at the Old Clark Casual Building 8 am - Noon.
- **July 27th:** Jammin' on the Square. 6 to 9 pm. E. Court St.

• **Questions? Call City Hall!**



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## July is National Fireworks Safety Month

With warm weather and family events, the Fourth of July can be a fun time with great memories. But before your family celebrates, make sure everyone knows about fireworks safety.

If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burn and eye injuries in kids and adults. In recent years, six deaths were linked to fireworks and hospital emergency departments treated 9,300 fireworks injuries.

The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home — period.

- Attend public fireworks displays, and leave the lighting to the professionals.
- Lighting fireworks at home isn't even legal in many areas, so if you still want to use them, be sure to check with your local police department first. If they're legal where you live, keep these safety tips in mind:
  - Kids should never play with fireworks. Things like firecrackers, rockets, and sparklers are just too dangerous. If you give kids sparklers, make sure they keep them outside and away from the face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800° Fahrenheit (982° Celsius) — hot enough to melt gold.
  - Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or quarterpounder. These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many fireworks injuries.
  - Never try to make your own fireworks.
  - Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents.
  - Steer clear of others — fireworks have



been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.

- Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection, and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket — the friction could set them off.
- Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances. Local fire departments respond to more 50,000 fires caused by fireworks each year.
- Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers), and never relight a dud.
- Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.

- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.
- Think about your pet or nearby animals. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.
- If a child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don't allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don't flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention — your child's eyesight may depend on it. If it's a burn, remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn (do not use ice). Call your doctor immediately.

Fireworks are meant to be enjoyed, but you'll enjoy them much more knowing your family is safe. Take extra precautions this Fourth of July and your holiday will be a blast! This information is a Public Service Announcement provided by Kentucky Emergency Management.

## TJ Health Partners Open For Business!



The TJ Health Partners - Greensburg Clinic, 603 Columbia Highway, is open for business and accepting new patients!

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