

GREENSBURG Matters

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Annual Leaf Pick Up: *To Begin December 2nd*

There will be two pickups in each area. All leaves must be at the curb. Listen to K-Country, Q 104, or The Big D汪 radio stations, also check out Greensburg Matters Facebook page for any changes. Currently the dates (weather permitting) set for each area is as follows...

December 2nd & December 9th

E Goose Creek, N & S Water St., Depot St., E Columbia, Pendleton Court, Hodges, Riverview, Texas, McCullum, Coakley, Henry, Wilson, Durham St., Durham Ct., E Hodgenville

December 3rd & December 10th

Depot, Shreve, Lowe, Cook, Cemetery Road, Nancy, Scottsville, N Coakley, Belmont, Arlington Circle, Long Meadow, Autumn, Valley Dr, Woodson Dr, Carlisle Ave

December 4th & December 11th

W Locust St., Legion Park, Taylor Ave., Russell Ave., Elm St., Penick Ave., Cedar St., E. Locust St., Brummal Ave.,

December 5th & December 12th

1st St., 2nd St., W Court St., W Hodgenville Ave., W Columbia Ave., Academy St., Lewis Court, Graham Court, Hidden

Valley, Moore Avenue, Bluebird Lane, Sparrow Drive, N 61, Hillview Acres, W Goose Creek

December 8th & December 15th

61 S, Shady Lane, Meadow Lane, Industrial Drive, Park Avenue, McKinney Street, Milby Street, Circle Drive, Oaklawn Drive, Avery Drive, Quail Valley Drive, Cardinal Drive, Quail Hollow, Hill Street



**December Recycling
Saturday, Dec. 27th:
8a - Noon**

Greensburg/Green County E-911 System Receives Over \$97,000 in Grant Funds

Greensburg Mayor Lisle Cheatham along with Green County Judge-Executive Misty Edwards announced today that the Greensburg/Green County E-911 System was awarded \$97,906 by the Kentucky State CMRS Board towards the continued replacement and upgrades of the local E-911 Dispatch system.

According to E-911 Director Ron Jones, these funds will go towards the replacement of the original radio system purchased 18 years ago when the Greensburg/Green County E-911 system was first formed. This new system builds on the foundation laid with last year's grant funding of over \$70,000 to move the local system into an internet based system with over 15 other communities across the state including Taylor County, Marion County and Fayette Counties.

"We are still waiting on AT&T and South Central Rural Telephone to complete their system transfers. Once that is complete, among the other improvements if a person calls into the E-911 service using a smart phone we will be able to pinpoint that caller to within a few hundred feet," stated Beverly Fitzgerald the E-911 Service's Head Dispatcher.

According to Mayor Cheatham, the



new radio system will allow dispatchers to simultaneously page all emergency services and personnel. It will also allow dispatchers the ability to communicate with both the caller and the first responders at the same time. "Our response times are better than the state and national averages now, but this should help speed them up that much more and help ensure a more coordinated response whether a person is calling for an ambulance, fire or police," said Mayor Cheatham.

Judge-Executive Misty Edwards went on to say, "The first order of business

for any local government is to provide for the best possible emergency response services. And with our local E-911 Center averaging more than 10,000 calls per year you never know when it will be you that needs help. I want to personally thank the State CRMS Board, Commissioner Joe Barrows and especially Governor Steve Beshear for their understanding and continued commitment to the people of Green County."

"Bridging the Past and the Future."

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Greensburg, three other cities and the Kentucky League of Cities Win Telecommunications Tax Lawsuit in the Kentucky Court of Appeals

On Friday, November 7, the Kentucky Court of Appeals issued an opinion in the long-running legal battle over the validity of a 2005 state law that replaced local franchise fees and public service company property taxes on cable and telephone companies with a uniform state tax system. The law ultimately short-changed cities approximately \$30 million since it went into effect in January 2006 because an insufficient “hold harmless” amount was written into the final version of the law.

The cities of Greensburg, Florence, Winchester, Mayfield along with the Kentucky League of Cities filed lawsuit in Franklin Circuit Court in September 2011 arguing that cities should be permitted to go back to collecting revenue from franchise fees on telecommunication companies for the privilege of using city rights of ways because the law violated the Kentucky Constitution. The Franklin Circuit Court ruled against KLC and the cities, upholding the validity of the law.

The ruling from the Court of Appeals reverses the decision of Franklin Circuit Court and holds that the Kentucky Constitution delegates “to local governments the right to grant utility franchises and necessarily the concomitant right to collect franchise fees.” In its opinion, the appellate court wrote that the “telecommunications tax has effectively frustrated the ability of local governments to collect

franchise taxes, which this Court believes can only be accomplished through constitutional amendment.” As a result, the court held that the telecommunications tax violates “Sections 163 and 164 of the Kentucky Constitution by prohibiting appellants from assessing and collecting franchise fees.”

Cities have been unsuccessful in the legislative arena for the past several years in getting the 2005 law changed to make up for the approximate \$7.5 million annual short fall for local governments. As an alternative to the legislation, this legal victory in the Court of Appeals puts local governments back on the path to be able collect their traditional revenues from franchise fees. However, a motion for appeal is likely from either the state or the cable companies or both to have the Kentucky Supreme Court consider the issue.

According to Mayor Cheatham, Since 2006, Greensburg has lost

over \$85,000 in revenue.

View the Green County Center for Seniors
December Activities & Lunch Menu at
www.greensburgonline.com/GCSeniorCenter

City Boards & Committees:

Are you outgoing and have a sense of pride for Greensburg with a willingness to weigh in, share your opinion and volunteer? We're looking for you! The City has several openings on various boards and committees that will be coming up for appointment in the new year. The following boards and committees have openings:

- Historic District Board
- Code Enforcement Board
- Planning & Zoning Board
- Board of Adjustments
- Main Street Committee
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Trail Town Committee
- Work Ready Community Committee
- Ethics Board

Contact Greensburg City Hall for additional information on what each board or committee is responsible for 270-932-4298.

OUR PEOPLE

Green County projected population¹

