

The Year in Review 2016

The highlight of this year has been the filming of a movie on the streets of Horse Cave by a professional film company. This created a lot of excitement, use of local talent and the economic impact it created not only for Horse Cave but adjoining cities and counties as well with over \$500,000.00 spent locally. This in turn caused the county to create a film commission for not only Hart County but South Central Kentucky. Hopefully this is a start for movies to be shot in this local area and they plan to return in the spring of 2017 for more filming projects. Ann Matera, city clerk will be retiring at the end of the year. Ann started working in city hall February 14, 1983 and has completed almost thirty-four years of service. For many years, Ann ran the complete operation by herself and was the face of the city when citizens would visit/call city hall for information concerning anything regarding services provided by the city. Wishing Ann a happy and healthy retirement.

- **Public Works**
- **Bad weather again this year made the beginning of the year eventful. Public works employees did an outstanding job keeping city streets and doing their normal duties going at the same time. We had budgeted for a new tractor and purchased it this year. This will allow us another vehicle for grading and snow removal if we have another winter like the past two winters.**
- **Judge Terry Martin contacted us in July about Horse Cave doing animal control (dogs only) for the entire county. We have a temporary agreement with Hart County Fiscal Court to do intake and transfer to a certified animal facility and Fiscal Court paying for expenses. This has worked well and Horse Cave has had animal control for several years.**
- **Buzzard problem continues to exist and numerous complaints from residents about the roost and the potential health problem they can create. Horse Cave does have a permit from the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to remove and disperse these birds as necessary to prevent health hazards.**

- **Police**
 - **Department continues to work with the public to protect and serve the needs of the citizens. Complaints from various issues are addressed to make the community safe. Working with the local school district to educate our students about drugs and other things that can help them be better students and be responsible for their actions and conduct.**
 - **“Cram the Crusier Campaign” to collect school supplies at the beginning of the school year.**
 - **Work with Caverna Family Resource Center to assist as needed**
 - **“Shop with a Cop” that has been very successful for the last few years**
 - **Grant from USDA-RD for \$50,000.00 to purchase four new police vehicles**
- **Fire Department**
 - **Paid off new brush truck in less than five years**
 - **Continue to serve the largest fire district in the county. Medical runs continue to be the largest number of calls on a regular basis**
 - **Received another great ISO audit that keeps insurance rates low for the citizens/businesses of Horse Cave and for all within a five-mile radius of our fire stations**
- **General**
 - **Addressing city boundaries that needed to be updated to reflect what is establish on the Secretary of State website map. This is being done with the expertise of the Kentucky League of Cities legal department**
 - **Grant of \$8,994.00 from Kentucky Heritage Council for architectural survey of the local historical district**
 - **Homeland Security grant for \$12,000.00 to replace outside fire siren that had been in place since the 40’s.**

- **Accepted \$300,000.00 grant from ARC/USDA-RD for American Cave Museum project. The city will be the fiscal agent for this upgrade to the cave**
- **Billy Andrews donated a baby grand piano to the city that was placed in the Thomas House**
- **Continuing work to fill empty store fronts in the downtown area. Potential new business to open early next year. Encouraging building owners to be receptive to work with new businesses to venture to our area**

Horse Cave has been blessed with industries that continue to expand and hire new employees. Looking for another great year in 2017. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year!