



Top of the Hill News

Information for The Citizens of Fort Wright
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Remember
School Starts
This month!
Please be
Watchful
For our
children!

BATTERY HOOPER DAYS AUGUST 18 & 19!

Be sure to visit Battery Hooper Park on Highland Avenue on August 18th and 19th for our third annual Battery Hooper Days! This two-day family fun outdoor event will include Blue Grass music, the Gallatin County Youth Band, Civil War re-enactors, a free petting zoo, the Hills of Kentucky Dulcimers, and other musical entertainment! Other events include archaeological interpretations, face painting for children and more! There will also be food and drinks, homemade ice cream, and games for children!

See Schedule of Events flyer inside for more information!

SEPTEMBER 11TH REMEMBRANCE

The City of Fort Wright will commemorate the sixth anniversary of the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, with a display of the US flag at the curb line in front of every house in the City that day. Volunteers will place a US flag in the yard of every resident who wants one as a remembrance of September 11th, 2001. If you would like to **Volunteer to place the flags on your street or any street in the City**, please call the City at 331-1700 to sign up. If you prefer not to have a flag placed in front of your home, please contact the City at 331-1700 before September 7th, so that none will be placed. In addition, once the flags become too worn for a respectful display, please remove and dispose of them properly.

2007 MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS ON CITY WEBSITE

“To most Americans Memorial Day, which was first celebrated in 1868, is closely linked to happy times and events - the opening of the community pool, a picnic on a three day weekend, graduations, or the start of summer. I submit to you that the reality of this day is one of great sadness and thanksgiving, as we remember the sacrifices of the men and women of our armed forces, who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.” Visit the City’s website at www.fortwright.com to read the rest of U. S. Navy Commander (Ret.) Edward T. Schneider’s Memorial Day address delivered at Battery Hooper in Fort Wright on May 28, 2007, site of a Civil War defensive fortification manned by Union troops and militia 145 years ago.

WAL-MART DONATES \$2500 FOR BENCHES

Thanks to a \$2,500 contribution by Wal-Mart, bus patrons and other pedestrians now have a comfortable and attractive bench to use for rest and relaxation, or while waiting for a bus! Last month, Wal-Mart made the contribution for three very attractive bus stop benches along Valley Plaza Parkway for the comfort and convenience of shoppers and pedestrians in the Valley Plaza shopping area. Thank you Wal-Mart for supporting our community!

YARD OF THE MONTH

This month the Yard of the Month
Award from the Dirty Hands Garden
Club
goes to...

Don and Karen Buecker
44 Park Road

Congratulations, Don and Karen!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...



**Firefighter/EMT
Justin Brinkman
August 5th**

**Officer
John Mairose
August 19th**

CONGRATULATIONS SERGEANT MARC SCHWORER!

Congratulations to Police Specialist Marc Schworer on his promotion to Sergeant on July 1, 2007! After competitive promotional testing, including a written examination administered by the University of Cincinnati, oral interviews, and peer evaluation, Marc was selected to be a Sergeant when the Mayor and City Council approved the addition of an additional Sergeant's position for the Police Department. He joins Sergeant Randy Newsom and Sergeant Michael Knight.

Marc began his law enforcement career approximately seventeen years ago in the City of Park Hills, and later moved to the Villa Hills Police Department. He started with the Fort Wright Police Department on January 3, 1996 and was promoted to Police Specialist on July 1, 2003. Marc has been a key person in several vital and important projects for the Police Department over his career. Sergeant Schworer has been a Firearms Instructor for ten years and a Traffic Accident Reconstructionist for seven years. He has also been an instructor for the Kenton County Citizens Police Academy and a Kentucky Governor's D.U.I. Award Winner. Marc is also a regular contributor to the "Top of the Hill News", writing on traffic safety issues.

Marc has also written and managed the Kentucky Governor's Highway and Traffic Safety Grant program for the City for the last three years that resulted in \$40,000.00 for traffic enforcement and equipment. This grant provides enforcement funds that allow the Police Department to have officers on directed traffic patrol that are in addition to officers scheduled for that shift. The grant pays the wages and benefits for the additional officer's time. You may have already noticed the "Buckle Up" State Law" traffic signs posted in the City that were also paid for by this grant.

One of the Police Department's premier accomplishments occurred in May 2000 when it was designated an "Accredited Law Enforcement Agency" by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, after rigorous preparation and examination by outside law enforcement professionals. Sergeant Schworer was the Accreditation Manager throughout that process which lasted several months. He was responsible for writing and editing a complete Police Policies Manual, and then documenting that the Department was meeting those policies and standards. The achievement of the "Accreditation Law Enforcement Agency" designation took the Police Department to a new level of professionalism and accountability.

Sergeant Schworer is an outstanding Police Officer who works hard every day, and continues to be one of the Department's leading traffic enforcement officers all while taking on additional supervisory and administrative responsibilities. Again, congratulations to Sergeant Marc Schworer!

HUMOR FOR LEXOPHILES (LOVERS OF WORDS)

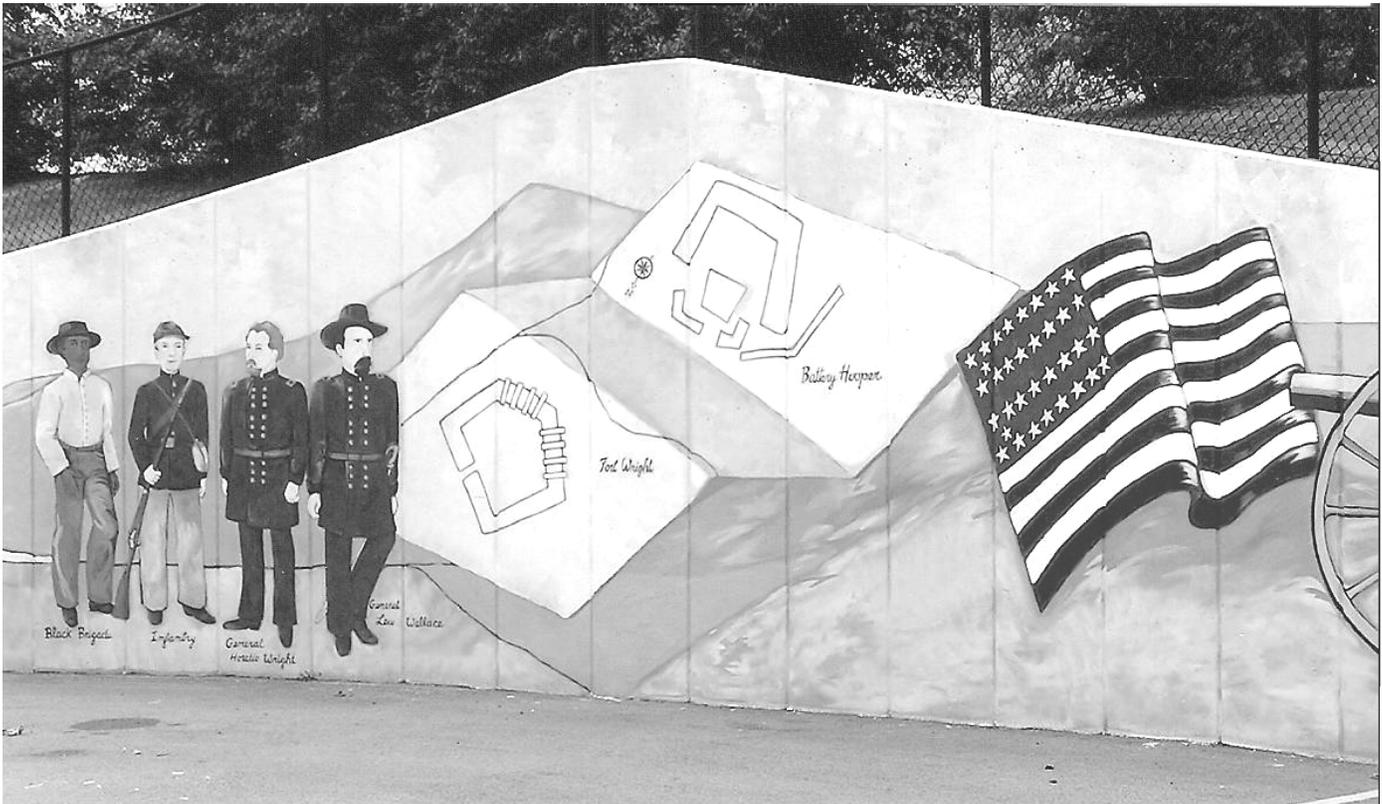
A bicycle can't stand alone: it is two tired.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U. C. L. A.

A will is a dead giveaway.

A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France, resulting in linoleum blown apart.



The mural in the photo above at Fort Wright Elementary School tells the story of the Siege of Cincinnati in 1862 during the Civil War. The mural was painted by Fort Wright resident and artist, Karen Tindall, based on the school's fifth grade class field trip, led by teachers Ms. Lipps and Ms. Lange, to the City's James A. Ramage Civil War Museum. The field trip and mural were part of the classes' "Kentucky Studies" curriculum requirement. One of the most prevalent memories of the students' trip was that of the Black Brigade of Cincinnati, a detachment of 700 free African-Americans who were pressed into service by the Union Army to help construct the fortifications, including Battery Hooper, located at the Museum. Ms. Tindall used the students' impressions and ideas to develop the mural image. She also visited the Museum to learn more of the details that eventually went into the mural above. Ms. Tindall reports that she "...enjoyed every brushstroke of this project, and the occasional visitor who stopped by to encourage me." Thank you, Karen Tindall, for transforming our fifth graders' ideas into such a beautiful mural!

Come to Fort Wright Elementary School to see it in full color!

FORT WRIGHT ELEMENTARY RECEIVES "WORK ETHIC AWARD"!

Congratulations to Fort Wright Elementary School for receiving the "Outstanding Work Ethic K-8 Award"!

This award was made recently by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Supported by Proctor and Gamble, the "Work Ethic K-8" was begun in 2006 to instill a strong work ethic in students during elementary and middle school. The "Work Ethic K-8" program is currently being implemented in more than 20 schools throughout Northern Kentucky. The Award recognizes an elementary or middle school that has excelled at incorporating work ethic into their school's culture. Congratulations again, Fort Wright Elementary Teachers, Parents, and Students on a job well done!

HYDRANT TESTING NOTICE

Rusty Collinsworth, the Field Service Supervisor with the Northern Kentucky Water District has requested our assistance in providing the testing schedule to residents in advance of the testing dates, which is during the following week: **August 27th - August 31st 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**

CITY'S ADOPTED MILITARY UNIT!

The City of Fort Wright has officially “adopted” another military unit, United States Army C Troop 3-73 Cavalry, a dismounted infantry reconnaissance troop stationed at Fort Bragg that was deployed to Iraq in June. Captain Jim Pilkauskas is the Troop Commander and 1st Lieutenant Davis Ozier is the Executive Officer of C Troop, which completed extensive training at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk in Louisiana in March and then returned to Fort Bragg before deploying in June. They are a paratrooper unit performing recon specific missions, and are stationed about 100 miles south of Baghdad in South Central Iraq, on a supply route from Kuwait to Baghdad. Their mission is to protect the base and secure and protect the local population. Their deployment relieved a National Guard unit from Minnesota that had been in the country for 16 months. Thanks to many donors from around Fort Wright and beyond, 14 large boxes of items were sent by the City in June and should arrive in 3-4 weeks. 1st Lieutenant Ozier mentioned some items in his recent email that they could use: magazines such as Sports Illustrated/ESPN, Field and Stream, Time/Newsweek, Guns & Ammo, and Maxim/FHM. In addition he stated that baby wipes and travel size soap and shampoo are great comfort items they could use. Other items for our “adopted” troop are suggested by America Supporting Americans, the non-profit organization that facilitates the adoption of these troops by cities across the United States.

Personal Care Items

Gold Bond Powder
(or Zeabsorb Powder)
Chap stick
Sunscreen
Shaving items
Eye drops (Natural Tears)
Toothpaste
Sewing kits
Body wash
Breath mints (Altoids)
Hand lotion
Handy wipes
Cotton swabs

Miscellaneous

Cigars
Seasonal items
Personal Notes

Other Personal Items

Writing Tablets and journals
Pens, pencils
Crossword puzzles
Softballs
Poker chips
Dice
Travel size board games
Small footballs
Swim goggles
Cotton socks
International calling cards
Disposable cameras
CD's and CD cases
Current movies on DVD
Sunglasses
Cotton Socks

Food

Candy bars
Lifesavers & hard candies
Gum
Prepackaged snacks
Powdered drink mixes
Instant coffee
Tea bags
Sunflower seeds
Trail mix
Dried fruits & nuts
Tabasco sauce
Hot pepper sauce
Beef jerky

The City is participating in this program which is sponsored by the “America Supporting Americans” (ASA) (www.ASA-USA.org) organization which was begun in 1967 by Ms. Linda Patterson in San Mateo, California when she persuaded her community to “adopt” her brother’s unit in Vietnam as a way to show concern and support for soldiers fighting an unpopular war, especially for those soldiers who received no mail or letters from back home. Her brother, Joe Artavia, was killed in Vietnam three weeks after this “adoption” when he was trying to rescue a fellow soldier.

If you or your family, neighborhood, school, church, civic group, business, or other association, want to donate any items, or bring and notes or letters of support, please bring them to the City building at 409 Kyles Lane. Cash donations are also accepted to help pay for the postage and shipping expenses. This program is a great way for private citizens, schools, businesses, churches, civic groups, and other groups to show their support for our men and women in the armed services with letters of support and needed material items. Please start thinking now about how your family, business, church, school, Scout troop, civic group, neighborhood, can help to show how much Fort Wright cares about America’s finest!

Nature Center Closed for Sewer Repairs

Beginning the Week of July 23, 2007 the Sanitation District will be replacing sewer lines in and around the Fort Wright Nature Center. This project is expected to take approximately two months to complete. Unfortunately the lines are in heavily traveled areas within the park. In the interest of safety; we will be closing the park to all access during this project. If you have additional questions please contact the City offices at 331-1700. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.