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Information for The Citizens of Fort Wright
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MEMORIAL DAY 2007

More than 125 people attended the City's 2007 Memorial Day commemoration on May 28th held this year at Battery Hooper Park, and braved drizzling rain halfway through the ceremony, in the same foot steps where Union troops and militia stood 145 years ago. Mayor Gene Weaver introduced this year's keynote speaker, Commander Edward T. Schneider, United States Navy (Ret.). Commander Schneider inspired those present with his message about the meaning of Memorial Day, to remember those who gave their lives in defense of our nation, and the origin of this national holiday in the Civil War. Commander Schneider, a former F-18 and NASA test pilot, has flown 84 different types of aircraft in his career, and was inducted into the Aerospace Walk of Honor in Lancaster, California in

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2005, only the 19th pilot to receive this recognition. He is a graduate of Covington Latin School and Thomas More College, and is currently a Museum Volunteer at the City's James A. Ramage Civil War Museum. A very special note of appreciation goes to Mr. Floyd Hastings as well, our Parks and Recreation Board Chair, who delivered an inspiring invocation, in addition to his singing performance of patriotic tunes with fellow Caution Quartet Members, Bob Weigott, Brett Eldridge, and Ellis Martin. In addition, ten year old David Carruthers led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance while Museum Board President Bob Clements, and Jim Bowen, and Museum Volunteers Scott Hiltibrand and Larry Gollohan, dressed in Union Army attire, formed a detail to raise and lower the flag to half mast as those present sang our national anthem. Many thanks to all who attended and endured some light rain for this very worthwhile event. A special note of thanks to our Public Works Department led by Director Tim Maloney, and Nick Zumduck and Jeff Bethell, who perform all the "behind the scenes" work of setting up the stage, sound system, and other equipment for this great event!

PAST MEMORIAL DAY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

2007	Commander Edward T. Schneider, US Navy (Ret.)	2002	Mr. Ray Lape, US Navy (Retired Kenton Circuit Court Judge)
2006	Major McKinley Cunningham, US Army	2001	Mr. Allen White, US Navy
2005	Colonel Charles Pangburn III, US Marine Corps	2000	Colonel Barbara Rounds-Kugler, US Army (Ret.)
2004	Specialist Joseph C. Bowman, US Army		
2003	Mr. Bert Wall, US Army		

HISTORY OF CITY ILLUSTRATED AT FORT WRIGHT ELEMENTARY!

At an outdoor assembly of all students at Fort Wright Elementary on May 25th, a painted mural in the parking lot was unveiled that tells the story of Fort Wright during the Siege of Cincinnati in the Civil War. Students and teachers worked for several months on this project, along with individual lessons about the City's name-sake, General Horatio Wright; General Lew Wallace; the Black Brigade of Cincinnati; the pontoon bridge over the Ohio River; and other lessons about Kentucky History. The mural was developed and painted by the 5th grade class and teachers. In her address to students, Principal Margaret Hoffman stated that our "...community not forget the heritage of Fort Wright,...(it is) a teaching wall...". The mural is a definite "must see" for anyone who wants to know Fort Wright's history and the talent of these local students!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...

Police Officer
Timothy Pangallo
July 1st



Sergeant
Randy Newsom
July 12th



Fire/EMS Chief
Steve Schewe
July 20th

BOAT AND RV PARKING

With warm weather and summer time activities here, please remember that City zoning ordinances require boats, campers, trailers, etc. to be parked **behind the rear corner** of the property owner's house, and must also be parked **on a paved surface**. Please contact the City at 331-1700 if there are any questions about these regulations.

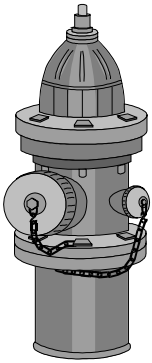
YARD OF THE MONTH

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

Jeff and Joy Craig
3471 Reeves Drive
Congratulations, Jeff and Joy!

FIRE HYDRANTS LOOKING BETTER

Nearly one-third of the City's inventory of more than 400 fire hydrants have been given a fresh coat of paint in the last few weeks, with the assistance of a Volunteer from the Kenton County Detention Center. Thanks to **Kenton County Jailer Terry Carl**, the Class D non-violent felon program benefits our City and other agencies in Kenton County, whereby inmates are released to perform community service. Just in case you were wondering what the different color combinations mean on those fire hydrants, they allow the City's firefighters to quickly determine how many Gallons Per Minute (GPM) can be expected from a given hydrant, since different fires, based on fire size and load require different GPM for adequate water supply to suppress the fire. For example, a dumpster fire may only need 75 GPM but a fire in a basement or garage may need 600 GPM. Fire hydrants that are completely red in color have extremely high pressure. For all other hydrants the color of the "cap" on top indicates the amount of GPM. For example, a blue cap denotes 1500 GPM; a green cap denotes 1000 - 1499 GPM; a yellow cap denotes 500-999 GPM; and a red cap denotes less than 500 GPM.



FORT WRIGHT ELEMENTARY 2ND GRADER WINS STATE AWARD!

Congratulations to Fort Wright Elementary School 2nd grader Nicholas Smith who recently won a state award in an essay contest for his entry "My Favorite Place", about a waterfall and lake that he and his family visit each summer at Natural Bridge State Park! Nick and his family were honored at a ceremony in May in Frankfort. Nick's essay is now being judged at the national level! He is the son of Tina and Darrell Smith and grandson of Anita Smith and great-grandson of Olena Ramey.

THANKS FORT WRIGHT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION!

A \$200 contribution was recently received from the Fort Wright Business Association (FWBA) toward the purchase of a large screen television in the Fire/EMS Department Recreation Room for use by Volunteers. The old large screen television expired last winter and a replacement was purchased at Wal-Mart, who generously discounted the cost by \$1,000. Thanks to the FWBA and Wal-Mart for their contributions!

LOOKING AHEAD -

The Parks and Recreation Board is planning a City-wide fun fall event for October. And, do you have an opinion on the date for the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt for next year? Easter is on March 23, 2008. Would you prefer a traditional Easter egg hunt in mid-March or a Spring Fling event including a chick egg hunt in early April? Let the Board know at julia_hurst@yahoo.com. Thank you for your input.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - FORT WRIGHT RECREATION!

The Fort Wright Parks and Recreation Board is planning some enjoyable activities open to all residents during the next calendar year,. The City hopes this calendar can help you take advantage of the fun!

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
June 24	Gardens of Fort Wright Tour	Begin at 1808 Mt. Vernon or 508 Bunker 1 - 5 PM
July 24	Fort Wright Night at Florence Freedom	7950 Freedom Way - Florence
August 18 - 19	3rd Annual Battery Hooper Days & Ice Cream Social	Battery Hooper Park & Community Of Faith Church
August 31	Fort Wright Day at Bluegrass Swim Club	Bluegrass Avenue
October 27	Fort Wright Fall Fling!	TBA - See Page 5

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL - AT A FRIENDLY PRICE!

The Florence Freedom is an independent professional baseball team playing in Florence, Kentucky. The Parks and Recreation Board has scheduled "Fort Wright Night" to begin at 7:05 PM on Tuesday, July 24, 2007. Group rate tickets can be purchased at the City building for just \$8 each. You avoid ticket lines at the field and no seat is more than 15 rows from the field! The first 100 residents to purchase tickets at the City building also get a free Florence Freedom baseball cap with each ticket!

ENJOY AN OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Community of Faith Church will have hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. available at low prices along with *Home Made Ice Cream* in three flavors (vanilla, chocolate, strawberry), and cookies to help celebrate the Battery Hooper Civil War Days. Times food is available are: Saturday 11 AM to 7 PM, and Sunday 1 PM to 6 PM. Booths of handmade goods also available. Come and enjoy along with the Civil War re-enactors.

START YOUR LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT BLUEGRASS SWIM CLUB!

The Parks and Recreation Board and the Bluegrass Swim Club Board of Directors welcome all Fort Wright residents to start Labor Day weekend at the Swim Club. Admission is \$5 per person with a maximum of \$15 per family for those showing a Fort Wright residence ID. Entry includes access to the baby pool, large pool, basketball court, waffle ball area, and championship diving boards into Northern Kentucky's largest diving well.

RIVERFEST FIREWORKS!

Did you know that the fireworks of Riverfest are visible from the Patio at Community of Faith Church? The church welcomes all who wish to come and enjoy them together. A great family activity with *no alcohol permitted*. Hot dogs, pop, and Home Made Ice Cream and cookies will be available at a small price.

A children's climbing tower is available also. Aside from any food you may wish to purchase there is no charge for the evening! Bring blankets or chairs for seating and there is limited parking for the handicapped with no steps to negotiate.

THANK YOU VETERANS!

If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor, who has ever lived in Fort Wright, and has ever served his/her country in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marines, the City will install a brick paver in your honor at the City's Veterans' Memorial at no cost to the Veteran. Please call the City at 331-1700 with the Veteran's name, dates of service, and branch of service.

2007 VETERANS' BRICK PAVERS

The following is a list of Veterans' brick pavers installed for this year's Memorial Day Commemoration:

NAME	BRANCH	RANK	YEARS
Robert C. Benson	US Navy	HM - 2	1967-1971
Joseph R. Boitman	US Army	Corporal	1958-1961
Milton Burchett	US Air Force	Captain	1953-1960
William J. Carroll	Merchant Marine	Tech Sergeant	1943-1946
Charles Collett	US Army	Spec - 4	1961-1963
Russell W. Durstock	US Air Force	Buck Sergeant	1963-1967
Christopher T. Fedor	US Navy	Lieutenant	1997-2007
Robert F. Ferguson Jr.	US Army	Spec - 4	1966-1968
Adrienne Fuller	US Air Force		1986-1994
Frank Grzebyk	US Army	SP - 3	1954-1957
Oscar Haverkamp	US Navy		1943-1946
R. Warren Heist	US Navy	E - 5	1961-1965
Harry J. Kenkel	US Navy	Signal Man 2nd Cl	1943-1946
Jerome Kern	US Army	Special Agent	1957-1960
Harry King	US Navy	Petty Officer 3rd Cl	1948-1952
Harry King	US Air Force	Airman 1st Class	1956-1960
Steve Klems	US Army	Spec - 4	1981-1985
George S. Lyon, Jr.	US Coast Guard	Lieutenant Jr. Grd.	1951-1953
Robert T. Machowski	US Army	Sergeant	1955-1963
John H. Patterson	US Navy	HM - 2	1963-1967
Joseph C. Perny	US Air Force	Tech Sergeant	1967-1970
Rudolf Pohlabein	US Army	PFC	1956-1958
Thomas Resing	US Air Force	Staff Sergeant	1955-1963
David L. Reusch	US Navy	Petty Officer 2nd Cl	1969-1973
James F. Siles	US Army	1st Lieutenant	1946-1961
William L. Terlau	US Army	PFC	1943-1946
Patricia Thompson	US Air Force		1974-Present
Dick Unkraut	US Navy		1951-1955
Thomas (Tom) Wissel	US Navy	SK - 3	1951-1955

FIVE YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT ADOPTED

At their regular meeting on June 6th, City Council approved a Resolution adopting the following list of City streets to be improved, in priority order, for the next five years. Those streets are: Vidot Court; Saint Agnes Circle; Morris Place; Glazier Road; Ashlawn Place; Monticello Drive; Normandy Court; East Crittenden Avenue; Basswood Avenue; Cumberland Avenue; Edna Lane; and Mount Vernon Drive. Nearly all City streets, except relatively new streets or newly improved streets, were evaluated by the City engineer last year based on a number of criteria, and those streets in the worst condition are ranked highest for improvement. By adopting this list of streets in advance, the City can then notify utility companies: Duke Energy; Northern Kentucky Water District; Sanitation District #1; Cincinnati Bell; and others, of the City's schedule of improvements so that they can coordinate their respective repair schedules with City street improvements. By doing this, potential damage to newly-improved streets is avoided so that all repair work can be performed simultaneously. This saves City taxpayers and ratepayers dollars!

WILLIAMS' CREEK CONDOS OPENING IN FORT WRIGHT!

Luxury Condominiums at Williams Creek will be opening in July of 2007 on Old KY 17! Currently, they have decorated model homes open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., and a Grand Opening event is planned for July!

Ranch style condos begin in the \$240's and include standard features commonly found in luxury homes such as: a 10' x 28' covered deck; a 2 car attached garage; granite and natural marble counter tops; hardwood and ceramic floors; oversized custom wood work; luxurious master suite with adjoining bath and 10' tray ceiling with rope lighting; 2 and 3 bedroom units; walkout basements; and other amenities such as a pond, walking trails, 28 acres of green space, and a future pool and pool house. Jack/Son Homes began construction of Williams Creek in late 2006. The decorated models include 3 bedrooms and 3 baths: a finished lower level with recreation room, wet bar, restaurant style booth, full bath, bedroom and the ultimate media room! Call Jack at 859-371-8696 for additional information.