



# Top of the Hill News

Information for the Citizens of Fort Wright  
April 2008 Eileen Hastings Editor

## **“PARK DAY” VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT BATTERY HOOPER PARK!**

On **Saturday, April 5, 2008**, join us at Battery Hooper Park on Highland Avenue as we clean up and work on landscaping at Battery Hooper Park, as part of our nation’s annual Park Day held at America’s priceless battlefields, cemeteries and shrines. Volunteers are needed to clean up the park from the winter, prepare landscaping and flower beds, plant shrubs, clean up at the archaeology site and more. Help is needed between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. for an hour or two or all day! Refreshments will be provided, and lunch for those who stay all day. Volunteers will also receive a free T-shirt from the Civil War Preservation Trust at the completion of their Volunteer time. Please call (859) 344-1145 or the City building at (859) 331-1700 and leave your name and contact information if you will be able to help, or just come out any time on Saturday April 5th between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. **Scout and other organized groups, and students needing to complete community service requirements, are especially welcome and encouraged to participate.**

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## **“FORT WRIGHT NIGHT” AT NOBLE ROMAN’S APRIL 7/8 TO BENEFIT BATTERY HOOPER PARK!**

Make your lunch or dinner plans for Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> at Noble Roman’s at Shoppes of Highland Pike on Highland Pike (next to Wal-Mart) in Fort Wright! A percentage of the sales that evening will benefit landscaping and other beautification projects at Battery Hooper Park! When ordering your food by phone or in person, be sure to mention the Battery Hooper Park Beautification Project! They offer, dine-in, carry-out, or delivery. **Call 426-7600** to order where they promise “out the door in 10 minutes or less!” for your pizza, Tuscano Italian style subs, baked pastas and subs, buffalo wings and more!

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## **TASTE OF CULTURE: 1865 STYLE**

The City of Fort Wright invites you to a "Taste of Civil War Culture" at the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum on Saturday/Sunday **April 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>**. The event will be held from Noon until 5:00 P.M. on both days. Activities include a Civil War period women's fashion show; Civil War period games and contests for children; archeology interpretations of Battery Hooper; and various other activities. Come join your neighbors and step back 140 years to experience the cultural aspect of civilian life during the Civil War.

## **SPRING “EGGS”-TRAVAGANZA EVENT ON APRIL 5!**

The City of Fort Wright will welcome Spring with an “Eggs”-Travaganza event at Totter Otterville at Johnny’s Toys on Howard Litzler Drive, on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Adults showing Fort Wright residency with photo identification may bring up to four children into Totter’s Otterville for free (*additional children are \$4/each*). Adults accompanying children may enter for free. Totter Otterville features a ball pit; tubes and tunnels indoor playground; face painting; infant play area; wooden trains; play house kitchen and grocery store; and much more! During the afternoon, two puppet shows will take place and a nursery rhyme themed craft will be available all afternoon, as well as chalkboards and other craft items. An outdoor children’s train ride will be available from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. (*weather permitting*). The train will stop at a platform where a very special long-eared guest will hand out an egg to each child while supplies last. The first 200 guests will also receive a coupon for a free ice cream cup. In the event of rain, our special guest will be indoors with no train ride. Totter Otterville also operates a café where attendees may purchase drinks, food and snacks.

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## **LET’S SIGN UP FORT WRIGHT!**

The City of Fort Wright has initiated a new opportunity by which residents can receive general news and information electronically. Go to the home page of the City’s website at [www.fortwright.com](http://www.fortwright.com) to receive news and information about the City; including City Council meeting agendas, press releases, snow emergency notification, and other important information! The name, address, and telephone number of residents is requested and once you have signed up an acknowledgment will be emailed back to you! **To date about 150 residents have signed up!**

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## **4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BATTERY HOOPER DAYS COMING IN AUGUST!**

Mark your calendar now for the City’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Battery Hooper Days coming on the weekend of August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>! Last year more than 1,300 people attended this two day event and enjoyed live bluegrass music, a petting zoo, archaeological excavations, children’s games, and more! If you would like to be a tax-deductible business or individual sponsor of any part of this event, contact City Administrator Larry Klein at 331-1700 for more information.

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## **ATTENTION ALL EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATES!**

Any Eagle Scout candidate in the area who is looking for an Eagle Scout project, or other Scouts looking for a “good turn” project, there are many opportunities around the City at our Nature Center or Battery Hooper Park! Recent Scout projects have included blazing trails at Battery Hooper Park; building timber shelters and tree plantings at the Nature Center; construction of a timber bridge, one at Battery Hooper Park and one at the Nature Center; construction and installation of bird houses; reconstruction of stone walls; and many more! For more information if you are interested, please contact City Administrator Larry Klein at [lklein@fortwright.com](mailto:lklein@fortwright.com)

## **KYLES AND HENRY CLAY INTERSECTION UPDATE**

By April 1<sup>st</sup> there should be activity on this project as a gas main and water main are relocated to precede the realignment of this intersection. Bray-Arnspenger Company was awarded the project with the low bid of \$306,432. As work is performed on East Henry Clay Avenue, ingress and egress there will be completely restricted for about three weeks, during which time traffic from Highland Avenue in Covington will be diverted at the bottom of East Henry Clay, to Kyles Lane and the traffic light there. This will help to reduce any increased traffic away from East Crittenden and Cumberland Avenues during construction. Afterwards, the West Henry Clay side of Kyles Lane will be closed during that part of the project. Once the realignment is completed, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will install the traffic signal.



### **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS!**

Thanks to the following people who donated in the past month to our City's adopted military unit, C Troop of the 3/73 Cavalry Unit, stationed near Baghdad, Iraq:

Mark Teipel of Lorup Avenue

Saint Agnes Parish

Joan Arnold of Beaumont Court

A very special thanks to Fort Wright resident Mike O'Brien who organized a "Bowl for the Troops" on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Super Bowl in Newport! Mr. O'Brien organized this event; provided prizes for the bowlers; and made flyers with a list of suggested items to donate for our troops! A great success for our troops that resulted in several boxes of items to ship to our adopted military unit in Iraq! Please keep those contributions coming! They are greatly appreciated by our men and women serving in Iraq!

### **SUPPORT FOR TROOPS IS APPRECIATED!**

The following is an excerpt recently received at the City's website regarding the "We Support Our Troops" sign in front of the City building:

"To whom it may concern,

I don't have any questions nor do I have a problem with your city, I just have a comment. I just wanted to say Thank You, that is your city for keeping the sign up in front of your city building about Supporting our Troops. I have been in a lot of cities and not one has had any kind of sign supporting the young men and women who are in Iraq or any other place where there is fighting. My nephew is over there for the third time. And we all worry about him and the rest of the young people over there. Not only do we worry about them getting shot or killed, but we worry about how they will be emotionally and mentally when they get back. Anyhow, again I want to thank you for the sign. It makes me feel good as his Aunt to know there are people out there who care even if they don't have anyone over there."

Thanks "T. B."

## **PET OWNERS PLEASE BE KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBORS**

A resident has asked the Top of the Hill newsletter to remind pet owners of dogs and cats and any other animals, to please keep them on your own property, or under control by leash or other device when walking them. City Ordinance 581-99 prohibits pet owners' pets from "Running at Large" or being a "Public Nuisance". Please visit the City's website at [www.fortwright.com](http://www.fortwright.com)

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## **MILLS AND DURKIN APPOINTED TO VISION COMMITTEE!**

At the City Council meeting of March 5, 2008, Ms. Juanita Mills of Beaumont Court and Mr. John Durkin of East Henry Clay Avenue were appointed as the newest Members to the Fort Wright Vision Committee by Executive Orders 3-08 and 4-08 respectively. They join other Vision Committee Members, Tom Jacober (chair), Adam Feinauer (City Council liaison); Ann Flood, Eileen Hastings, Tom Litzler, Chuck McHale, Joe Michels, Roger Schroder, and Margie Witt. The Vision Committee was established in 2002 and each year recommends an updated Long Range Plan to City Council for consideration addressing items such as parks and recreation, streets and other infrastructure, traffic, and sharing emergency services with other cities. For more information about the City's Long Range Plan, see our website at [www.fortwright.com](http://www.fortwright.com). Thank you Vision Committee Members for serving your community and our future!

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## **LINDA HORNSBY APPOINTED TO MUSEUM BOARD**

Congratulations to Linda Hornsby who was recently appointed to the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum Board! By Executive Order 5-08 at the regular meeting of City Council on March 5<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Hornsby was appointed and will join other Members: Alvin Bartlett; J.D. Carruthers; Bob Clements; Mary DeSalvo; Chad Kinsella; Jeannine Kreinbrink; Richard McCormick, Kathleen Romero; Larry Schell; Arden Steffen; and Margaret Weaver. Ms. Hornsby has been a very dedicated Museum Volunteer since its opening in June 2005 and at special events. She also sponsored the children's Petting Zoo at last year's Battery Hooper Days, through her business **Home Alone Pet Care Service!**

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## **FORT WRIGHT STUDENT WINS AWARD!**

Congratulations to Fort Wright resident and UK student Danny Ruberg who recently captured a first place design award in a national contest by the American Institute of Architecture Students! Mr. Ruberg is a senior architecture major in UK's College of Design, and was honored in a competition that challenged entrants to design a pediatric outpatient rehabilitation center and family support facility, using architectural aluminum building products and systems. His design was described by the competition jury as an "articulate, elegant solution to the design challenge." Ruberg won \$2,500 for his first place design, which will be displayed in the AIAS Student Lounge and Gallery at the 2008 American Institute of Architects National Convention and Design Exposition May 15-17 in Boston. His design will also be published in the spring 2008 issue of Journal of the AIAS. Danny is the son of Mike and Ginny Ruberg of Mount Vernon Drive. Job well done!

## **Hydrant Testing Notice**

Rusty Collinsworth, the Field Service Supervisor with the Northern Kentucky Water District has contacted the City with the hydrant testing program schedule for 2008. They have requested our assistance in providing the schedule to residents in advance of the testing dates.

The City of Fort Wright's hydrants will be tested during the following weeks for 2008:

April 21<sup>st</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

August 25<sup>th</sup> – August 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

April 8th

Public Works Jeff Bethell

April 14th

Public Works Director Tim Maloney

April 10th

Part Time Firefighter/EMT Chuck Rice

April 20th

City Administrator Larry Klein

**THE FORT WRIGHT POLICE DEPARTMENT  
KENTON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE and  
KENTUCKY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

## **PRESENTS**

### **THE 2008 SENIOR CRIME COLLEGE**

**The Senior Crime College is a program offered by**

**The Kentucky Attorney General's Office**

**In conjunction with local law enforcement agencies**

**To help senior citizens better protect themselves**

**From physical and financial crimes**

**SOUTH HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER**

**1 Bluegrass Avenue—Fort Wright**

**Tuesday April 8, 2008**

**10:00 AM — 11:30 AM**

**For more information or to RSVP contact the  
Fort Wright Police Department at (859) 331—2191**