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Information for the Citizens of Fort Wright

Fall 2011

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City Offices Closed

City Offices will be closed on the following dates for the Holidays:

Monday, September 5

Thursday, November 24

Friday, November 25

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Hope Box Derby

Tax Bills

Museum

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Rumpke

Ludlow Wine Tasting



HALLOWEEN

TRICK OR TREAT

October 31, 2011

Hours: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Remember Our Heroes

September 11, 2011 marks the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. Remember to Thank your local Fire, EMS & Police personnel for their service

Fort Wright Fire Department Open House Fire Prevention/ Safety Day

Pig Roast

The Fort Wright Fire Department will be hosting a Pig Roast on October 7th from 5 P.M. until 8 P.M. This evening will be filled with information on fire prevention including the educational fire safety house. There will also be a bounce house as well as tours of the fire trucks and ambulances. Fire Truck rides will be from 6pm until 7:30pm. Meals will begin being served around 5:30 and will include a choice of a pork sandwich, hot dog, or hamburger, served with baked beans, and potato salad. Meals will be sold for \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under the age of 10. Sno-cones and popcorn will also be available. Homemade desserts will be available for 50 cents, and soda for 75 cents. All money raised will go to benefit The Fort Wright Volunteer Fire Department Inc. Please bring your family, friends, and your appetite!

HealthPoint Hopebox Derby!

Saturday September 17, 2011

The 3rd annual HealthPoint Hopebox Derby 'A Race to Help the Homeless' will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 on Wright's Summit Parkway in Fort Wright, KY (near the corner of Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway).

The event begins at 12:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm.

Festivities include soapbox car races, car show, children's activities & games, tethered hot air balloon rides, Food and drinks and more!

There will also be a chance to win airplane tickets to Chicago or New York City!

The event is free to attend.

All proceeds benefit HealthPoint's Pike Street Clinic for the Homeless in Covington, the only clinic in Northern Kentucky that provides medical care and prescription drugs at no cost to homeless people. In 2009, homeless patients made 2,800 visits to the walk-in clinic.

If you have questions or would like to sponsor the event, please call 859-655-6157.

2011 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Tax bills will be sent out around the first week of October. If you have not received your tax bill by October 15, and are responsible to pay it, please contact the City Office. If you do receive the property tax bill, but have an escrow account from which the property tax is paid, please be reminded that it is the property owner's responsibility to forward the bill to the mortgage company. With the holiday schedule for this year, the City Office will not be open on December 31st, therefore, walk-in payments must be in by Friday, December 30, 2011. The property tax payments MUST be postmarked by no later than December 31st. If they are later than that date, penalty and interest fees will be added to the property tax bill. If you drop your bill in the mail on December 31st, it most likely will not be postmarked until January 3rd, making it delinquent, so if you will be mailing your payment, we recommend that you put it in the mail by no later than December 30, to ensure proper postmark.

Please note the following with regard to the holidays and City office hours. Regular City office hours are from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. City Offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, 2011. City Administration Office will be open on Friday, December 30th from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 PM, for acceptance of tax payments. Walk-in payments for 2011 property tax bills must be made by Friday, December 30th at the close of business at 5:00 PM. There is also a mail slot in the front door of the City Building for you to place your property tax bill payments before or after City office hours, prior to December 31st. For any additional questions, please call (859) 331-1700.

'Click It or Ticket' cites over 21,000 unrestrained motorists

Aggressive two-week enforcement campaign encourages seat belt usage

FRANKFORT, Ky. – This year's Click It or Ticket enforcement effort, coordinated by the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS), resulted in citations to 21,348 motorists for not buckling up.

The annual campaign, supported by more than 240 state and local law enforcement agencies, was held May 23 – June 5.

The campaign's main objective was to encourage seat belt usage through enforcement of Kentucky's seat belt law. In the process, officers at 825 traffic safety checkpoints throughout the commonwealth also made 1,347 drunken driving arrests, 1,381 felony arrests, and 1,156 drug arrests. They recovered 80 stolen vehicles and apprehended 2,003 fugitives. They also cited 10,995 drivers for speeding, 579 for reckless driving and 6,859 people for having no proof of automobile insurance.

"The goal of the Click It or Ticket campaign is not to write tickets, but to save lives," said Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock. "We want to educate the public on the importance of wearing a seat belt and to reduce deaths and injuries along our roadways. It's an extra benefit when traffic enforcement leads to criminal enforcement."

Boyd Sigler, director of KOHS Division of Highway Safety Programs, said law enforcement agencies are an invaluable resource in reducing deaths and injuries on Kentucky roadways. "We believe our educational efforts are strengthened by working closely with law enforcement throughout the year to promote our highway safety messages," said Sigler.

The campaign placed extra emphasis on nighttime enforcement, since that is when passenger vehicle occupants are least likely to buckle up and most likely to die in crashes.

There were 760 highway fatalities in Kentucky in 2010, with 598 people killed in motor vehicles. Of those 598 fatalities, 162 occurred between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., and three-fourths of those killed were unrestrained.

"We're pleased with the results of this year's Click It or Ticket campaign," said Sigler. "The partnership between all the agencies involved was tremendous. If one life was saved, it was well worth the effort because traffic safety IS public safety."

Despite Kentucky's primary seat belt law, Kentucky remains below the 84 percent national seat belt usage rate at 80 percent. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, seat belts, when worn correctly, are proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat occupants by 45 percent – and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and minivans.

Happy Birthday!

October

October 12 - Police Detective Travis Brown

October 14 - Assistant Fire Chief Ron Becker

October 18 - Fire Lieutenant Jeff Hatter

October 28 - Police Specialist Daniel Martin

November

November 2 - Police Chief Daniel Kreinest

November 30 - Public Works Nick Zumnick

December

December 15 - Police Officer George Kreutzjans

December 21 - Police Specialist Mark Spanyer

Upcoming Museum Events

September 10 & 11: Public Archaeology Dig

150th Anniversary of Battery Hooper

Additional information for each event will be on the City's website at www.fortwright.com under Civil War Museum menu.

December 6, 2011: Civil War Christmas

Holiday Trash Collection:

(This has been copied straight from Rumpke's website.)

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 24, 2011

There will be NO DELAYS, trash will be picked up on regular days, including Thanksgiving Day.

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25, 2011

There will be NO DELAYS, as the holiday falls on a Sunday.

New Year's Day 2012: Sunday, January 1, 2012

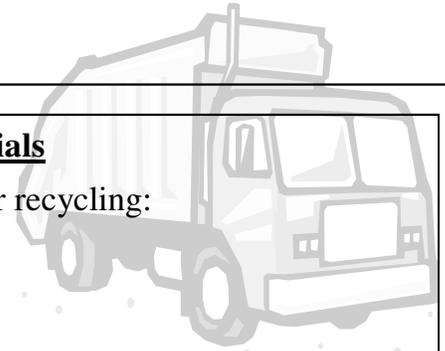
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Rumpke - Acceptable Recycling Materials

The following is the most recent list of items accepted by Rumpke for recycling:

- Newspaper
- All plastic bottles #1-7
- Steel food cans
- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Residential mixed paper, including: envelopes with and without windows, cereal boxes, construction paper, school papers, office paper, brown paper grocery bags.
- Clean pizza boxes, free of food or grease
- Cardboard boxes (broken down into 3 feet by 3 feet sections)
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All items should be placed in red recycling bins and placed at curb for pickup on your regular trash pickup day. If you do not have a bin, you can pick one up at the City Building, Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 5:00 pm.



Young Grandmothers Club

As we grow older most of us have lost some of our dear friends and neighbors. A great way to meet new ones, whether you are an older Grandmother or a younger one is to join the Young Grandmothers Club. We meet at the Fort Wright Civic Club on Kennedy Avenue on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:45 A.M. A great lunch is catered by Chef Barone at 11:30 A.M. After a short business meeting there may be a guest presentation. This is a Social Club, but also a Charitable Club. We make several monetary contributions to needy organizations, send non-perishable food and turkeys to the Knights of Columbus at Thanksgiving, and members donate Toys for children at Christmas. To fund this we have a split the pot, we have raffles, and play fifteen games of Bingo. Some of the ladies also like to play cards before lunch. Birthdays are recognized each month and plants are given for Mother's Day. Please consider joining our group for a nice social day out once a month. Good time, good food and good friends. The membership fee is \$6.00 a year and the cost of lunch is \$8.00, which also covers the club rental. For further information, please call

Jean Niehaus at (859) 331-4600 or Marge Kohne at (859) 341-2434



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