

# Top of the Hill News

Information for the Citizens of Fort Wright

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## Spring 2011

Dear Neighbors,

Recently I had the opportunity to celebrate my 40th birthday. As with all of life's milestones it provided an opportunity to reflect on the path that I have travelled, opportunities capitalized upon and opportunities missed. I thought of those who have held significance in my life, my successes and failures. In the end, I celebrated all of the above, because each experience be it positive or negative has in its own way shaped who I am as a person.

Why do I share this with you? Recently it was brought to my attention that we are entering into our 70th year as a City. What better time to celebrate and reflect on our successes and failures as a community. I have spent a great deal of time over the past few weeks recalling people, events and organizations that have shaped this City that we so proudly call home.

I could write volumes about the many people who have over the years been involved in the city, fire department, civic clubs, neighborhoods, churches, schools and countless other organizations that have contributed to the uniqueness of the city of Fort Wright. Somehow that doesn't seem appropriate at this time. Fort Wright has never and will never be identified by one face, personality, or organization. For those of us who have the privilege to serve or have served, it is an honor. The reality, is that what we do is important, but who we are is not. Others have come before us and others will come after.

What is important, is the sense of community which is the cornerstone upon which this great city has grown. Each street, neighborhood and organization and individual plays a special role in our success. Early on, individuals came together to solve problems such as fire and life squad needs. They volunteered and offered up their personal resources for the betterment and advancement of the City. The civic clubs offered opportunities to socialize and grow as families and as a community. Neighbors kept a watchful eye on each other's property, as well as the young and the elderly. Everyone took the pride of ownership in this City. Everyone felt a part.

Somewhere along the line life became busy. Families and neighbors became less engaged. The "City" became an entity of its own that provides for, or holds accountable those who live within its boundaries. At times we have striven to be like other cities.

We may have even become a little complacent as a community.

Fear not. Every individual throughout the course of their lives experiences these types of highs and lows and moments of complacency. It is natural that we as a young city will experience these cycles as well. We are the city. The city is not separate entity that functions independent of its residents. The city lives and thrives through each of its residents. Without the efforts and contributions of our residents the city does not exist.

And so as we celebrate our 70th year, I offer you my sincere and heartfelt appreciation for your individual contributions. My wish is that you stay engaged and aware of the needs and the opportunities within our community. Be proud of who we are, and from where we come and where we are going. It is my understanding that "Seventy is the new Twenty." We have plenty of living to do as a city.

Happy 70th!

Respectfully,

Joe Nienaber, Jr.  
Mayor

## **City Offices Closed**

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

Monday, May 30

Monday, July 4



## **Ft. Wright Garden Club Plant Swap NEW DATE: Saturday, April 30th**

Bring your extra perennials (labeled and planted in pots is preferred) to the City Building on Kyles Lane on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00PM or Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 10:00AM and receive “Dirty Bucks” that can be used at the swap on Saturday morning.

If you don't have perennials to share, you can still purchase perennials at the swap on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00 noon.

We will also be selling hanging baskets which will make excellent Mother's Day gifts!

All proceeds benefit the Ft. Wright Garden Club. The Garden Club is responsible for maintaining several gardens around the city as well as other beautification efforts.

Drop Off Dates      Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00PM  
                                 OR Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 10:00AM  
Plant Swap and Sale:      Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM – 12:00 noon  
Location:                      City Building at 409 Kyles Lane, Ft. Wright



## **Fort Wright Garden Club Invitation to New Members**

The members of the Ft. Wright Garden Club would like to invite anyone interested in becoming a member - or just interested in learning more about what the garden club does – to our March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:00PM at the South Hills Civic Club.

The Garden Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and we have a scheduled work day in the city gardens on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month (weather permitting). Annual dues are just \$10.

Here's a list of a few scheduled programs for this summer:

Trip to a plant farm for a tour and tea  
Meet with city officials to discuss beautification efforts  
A speaker from the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden on new plant trials



If you have any questions, but can't make the March meeting, please call Margie Witt at 859-331-3191.

## 4th of July Festival

- Name: Sisters of Notre Dame 89<sup>th</sup> Fourth of July Social  
Date/Time: Monday, July 4, 2011 - 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Location: St. Joseph Heights/1601 Dixie Highway/Park Hills/KY/41011  
Features: Proceeds benefit the Notre Dame Urban Education Center in Covington, and the mission in Uganda, East Africa  
3 Major Cash Awards including \$2500 Grand Prize (tickets still only \$1.00)  
Silent Auction, BINGO, Magician, Raffles  
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### Happy Birthday!

#### March

March 7 - Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson

March 29 - Assistant City Clerk Julie Bosley

#### April

April 8 - Public Works Jeff Bethell

April 10 - Firefighter Chuck Rice

April 14 - Public Works Director Tim Maloney

#### May

May 9 - Fire Lieutenant Greg Vogel

May 14 - Police Specialist Dean Russell

May 21 - Firefighter Steve Vickers

May 28 - Police Sergeant Michael Knight

### Yard Waste Recycling

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