

Top of the Hill News

Information for the Citizens of Fort Wright

Fort Wright Website
www.fortwright.com

Spring 2012

City Offices Closed

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

Monday, May 28

Wednesday, July 4

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- Lawn Mower Safety
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AARP Mature Driver's Safety Course offered by Fort Wright Fire Department.

The City of Fort Wright & AARP are again sponsoring a one-day, four hour course that helps drivers 50 and older improve their driving skills and prevent traffic accidents. The class is instruction only, no driving is involved and there are no tests. Anyone 50 or older who completes the course is eligible for a discount on their auto insurance by Kentucky Law, call your insurance company to inquire if they offer a discount. Space in class is limited, so call early to register. Class will be held at the Fort Wright City Building on **Monday, May 7th** from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. This is a one day class and you must attend the entire course. There is a \$12 fee if you are an AARP member, \$14 if you are not an AARP member for this class to cover the cost for materials. You must make reservations for the course. To register, call the City Office at 859-331-1700. This is on a first come basis.

Fort Wright Volunteer Fire Department's Mulch Sale

Enclosed is a flyer with an order form for the Fire Department's annual mulch sale. Please have all orders in by no later than

Wednesday, April 11, 2012.





Lawn Mower Safety

The power lawn mower is one of the most dangerous tools around the home. Each year, approximately 68,000 persons with injuries caused by power mowers were treated in emergency departments. More than 9,000 of the people hurt were younger than 18 years. Older children and adolescents were most often hurt while cutting lawns as chores or as a way to earn money.

Lawn mower injuries include deep cuts, loss of fingers and toes, broken and dislocated bones, burns, and eye and other injuries. Some injuries are very serious. Both users of mowers and those who are nearby can be hurt.

To prevent lawn mower injuries to children, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following:

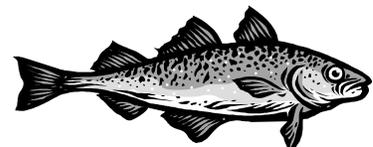
- Try to use a mower with a control that stops the mower from moving forward if the handle is let go.
- Children younger than 16 years should not be allowed to use ride-on mowers. Children younger than 12 years should not use walk-behind mowers.
- Make sure that sturdy shoes (not sandals or sneakers) are worn while mowing.
- Prevent injuries from flying objects, such as stones or toys, by picking up objects from the lawn before mowing begins.
- Use a collection bag for grass clippings or a plate that covers the opening where cut grass is released.
- Have anyone who uses a mower wear hearing and eye protection.
- Make sure that children are indoors or at a safe distance well away from the area that you plan to mow.
- Start and refuel mowers outdoors, not in a garage or shed. Mowers should be refueled with the motor turned off and cool.
- Make sure that blade settings (to set the wheel height or dislodge debris) are done by an adult, with the mower off and the spark plug removed or disconnected.
- Do not pull the mower backward or mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary, and carefully look for children behind you when you mow in reverse.
- Always turn off the mower and wait for the blades to stop completely before removing the grass catcher, unclogging the discharge chute, or crossing gravel paths, roads, or other areas.
- Do not allow children to ride as passengers on ride-on mowers.

It's Fish Fry Season again!

Come to the Fort Wright Civic Club (located at 115 Kennedy Road) and enjoy baked or fried fish, green beans, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, french fries and more. A portion of the proceeds will be shared with each week's co-hosts and a bake sale will be provided for a delicious dessert. Come dine-in with us or carry out. Fish Fries will be held every Friday through Lent from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fort Wright Civic Club Fish Fry Co-Host Schedule:

Mar. 2nd	Cub Scout Pack #773
Mar. 9th	Sparky's Special Ed Fund
Mar. 16th	Cub Scout Pack #831
Mar. 23rd	Notre Dame Urban Education Center
Mar. 30th	Fort Wright Girl Scouts
Apr. 6th	Boy Scout Troop #236





Ft. Wright Garden Club

Plant Swap

Saturday, April 27th

Bring your extra perennials (labeled and planted in pots is preferred) to the City Building on Kyles Lane on Friday, April 27th from 6:00 – 8:00PM or Saturday, April 28th 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 28th 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 27th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM**
 OR Saturday, April 28th from 9:00AM to 10:00AM

Plant Swap & Sale: **Saturday, April 28th from 10:00AM – 12:00 noon**

Location: **City Building at 409 Kyles Lane, Ft. Wright**



Happy Birthday!

March

March 7 - Asst. City Clerk Jennifer Lipson

March 29 - Asst. 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 21 - Firefighter Steve Vickers

May 28 - Sergeant Michael Knight

Museum News

SAVE THE DATE!!!! The 2nd Annual Blue - Gray Benefit Dinner will be held this year on Thursday, April 26th at the Gardens of Park Hills. Ticket prices are \$45.00 for an individual or \$80.00 per couple. We are still finalizing all the details so please check the museum's page on the city's website for more information about making a reservation or learning about what's planned for the evening. We'll also send out updates via the city's email system.

A great way to show your support of the museum is to purchase a Museum Membership through our **Hooper's Heroes Membership Program**. In addition to knowing you're helping the museum in its mission of preserving local history, members will receive discounts in our gift shop and ongoing used book sale, and special members-only previews of upcoming special displays or events. Annual membership is just \$20 for an individual or \$35 for a family. If you can't make it to the museum, but would like a membership, just visit the city's website <http://www.fortwright.com>, click on the Civil War Museum link on the left side, download the membership form and mail your payment to the city.

Volunteer Opportunities – Are you interested in the Civil War or history in general, like to meet new people, help children learn about our area, or just enjoy doing volunteer work? Consider becoming a museum volunteer! Our volunteers staff the museum during operating hours, help conduct group tours, get involved with teaching KERA approved programs to school-aged children, and help staff and plan special events. Put your talents to use by helping us! If you'd like to become a volunteer, stop by the museum and fill out an application or download one from the "Volunteer Opportunities" section on the museum's page on the city's website. If you have any questions about becoming a volunteer or would like more information before making your decision, email us at ramagecivilwarmuseum@gmail.com

2012 Schedule of Events

March 2, 2012 – museum reopens at 10:00 AM

March 17, 2012 – History Day at Northern Kentucky University

April 7, 2012 – Civil War Trust Park Day at the museum

April 26, 2012 – Second Annual Blue-Gray Dinner at McHale's at the Gardens of Park Hills

May 19-20, 2012 – Public archaeology and Civil War author book signing at the museum

June 10 and June 24, 2012 – Second Annual Military Lecture Series at the city building

June 23, 2012 – Roebblingfest 2012 in Covington, KY

July 8 and July 22, 2012 - Second Annual Military Lecture Series at the city building

August 18-19, 2012 – 8th Annual Battery Hooper Days at the museum

September 8-9, 2012 – Public archaeology at the museum

September 29, 2012 - Antique Appraisal Fair in the church parking lot

November 11, 2012 – 6th Annual Veterans Day observances at Highland Cemetery

December 9, 2012 – The 8th Annual Civil War Christmas at the museum

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