



Top of the Hill News

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

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Amsterdam Road Repair Project:

All piers have been installed. Paving will begin the week of July 21, 2008. Guardrail will be installed in the week to follow. Construction is proceeding ahead of schedule. Road will reopen prior to the August 20th deadline.

St. Agnes and Vidot Street Project:

The Project Design is near completion. Duke energy has begun installing new gas mains and service laterals. The schedule calls for bidding the project in three phases; the first phase will include all storm and sanitary sewer replacement, the second phase will be for the water main and service laterals to be replaced and the third will be for complete street replacement. Construction on the Sewer pipes will begin in September of this year and continue through the remainder of this season and will finish next spring. Prior to the completion of the sewer work, the water main work will be bid and awarded in order to keep construction fluid. The street portion of the project will follow in the same manner in late spring to mid summer with all work to be completed by the end of the 2009 building season.

Hooper Park Improvements:

The project has been awarded to Jeffery Allen Corporation. The plans call for two shelters and a play ground area. Construction began in July. Clearing of the playground area has been completed and the project is progressing according to schedule. The completion date for the project is October 9, 2008.

Park / Church Entrance Drive Relocation

The contract for the new access drive has been awarded to Dudley Construction and work has begun. The Project has a completion Date of August 15, 2008.

Kyles Lane Henry Clay Avenue Intersection Realignment Project

The project is nearing completion. Final pavement will be placed in a combined project with Kyles Lane being resurfaced at the same time. Installation of the signals should be complete by the first week of August. The contract has a completion date of August 22, 2008.

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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 week of:

August 25th – August 29th from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

First Aid for Basic Summer Injuries:

With the dog days of summer upon us the threat of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke are increased. Although extreme heat and humidity are risk factors; additional factors can lead to these heat emergencies. Overdressing, illnesses contributing to poor circulation, certain types of medications, and extended periods of time outside in hot humid weather are some examples.

Persons suffering from Heat Exhaustion may have cool, clammy skin. They may complain of extreme thirst, headache, muscle pain or cramps, nausea or vomiting, while the body temperature may be normal or slightly elevated. The individual will be actively sweating.

The signs and symptoms of Heat Stroke can occur suddenly with little warning. The person suffering from Heat Stroke may become confused, have a rapid pulse, convulsions, and very high body temperature. The skin presents hot and red, with no sweating.

If someone begins to exhibit signs or symptoms of a heat related emergency move them to a cool, shady area. Loosen clothing and provide fluids for drinking such as sports drinks and provide salty foods.

If you suspect Heat Stroke, **Call 911**, move the person to a cool, shady area as above. The person may begin to experience symptoms of shock (low perfusion, blood pressure and weak pulse). Lay the person down and elevate the feet, if unconscious place the person on their left side in the case that they may vomit. Sponge the person with wet towels or cover with a cool, wet sheet. Do not attempt to give the unconscious patient fluids, food, or medications by mouth.

Contributed by: Lieutenant C. Ford, Fort Wright Fire Department

IT'S "YARD OF THE MONTH" TIME AGAIN!

And the winners are...

For June

Bernard & Joyce Kramer
1844 Ft. Henry Drive

For July

Gary & Jeanne Lenhof
1844 Mt. Vernon Drive

Congratulations to you and keep up the good work!

The Dirty Hands Garden Club awards these at its own discretion during the summer growing season. The awards are based on overall appearance of the front of the home (Curb Appeal, if you will), not just flowers.

The City of Fort Wright and Hoxworth are Teaming Up to Help Save Lives

The City of Fort Wright will be hosting a blood drive for residents and employees in the area to donate blood. The Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2008 from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM; at the Fort Wright City Building.

About Hoxworth:

Hoxworth Blood Center, University of Cincinnati Academic Health Center, is celebrating 70 years of saving lives. At least 350 volunteer blood donors and 40 volunteer platelet donors are essential each day to keep up with the demands of tri-state hospitals and their patients. Founded in 1938, we serve 29 hospitals in 17 counties in Southwestern Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana. Annually, Hoxworth collects over 90,000 units of blood from local donors.

To schedule an appointment please visit: Or call 513/558-1616

Ask about donating double reds!

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN, YELLOW BUS TIME!!!

Sergeant Marc Schworer

Before you know it school will begin and those yellow buses will be out and about transporting our children back and forth to school. Did you know that the school bus is the safest form of ground transportation? It is nearly eight times safer than a passenger vehicle. Each year in the United States, approximately 450,000 public school buses travel 4.3 billion miles transporting over 23 million children. In 2007, Kentucky had 1,244 collisions that involved a school bus of these collisions 410 had injuries and sadly 3 fatalities.



Let's talk about loading and unloading children from the bus, by law you must stop when the red lights are flashing and remain stopped until all the children are clear and the bus turns off the red lights. A stop is not required when approaching a stopped bus from the opposite direction upon a highway of four or more lanes. A stop is required when following a bus that is stopped on a two-lane road or you are going in the opposite direction of the bus on a highway that has less than four lanes. A good rule is if you see a school bus with its red lights flashing you should stop, better to be safe than sorry.

So remember where there are school buses, there are usually children around so be prepared for anything. Children like to play and roughhouse while waiting for the bus and could possibly run or fall into the street, so go slow and keep that head on a swivel.

One more thing, I was on a call the other day and a citizen asked me if Ohio had a ban on cell phones while driving. Personally, I am a big Hang Up and Drive kind of guy, but I also agree cell phones are helpful in many situations. To clear up the confusion, the State of California bans cell phone use in vehicles not Ohio. This fictitious law was copied from California's DMV website and the word Ohio was substituted for California each time. There are five States that ban use of handheld cell phones while driving so far, California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Washington. With the exception of Washington State, these laws are all primary enforcement laws, which means a Police Officer can stop you just for talking on the phone. The only cell phone ban Kentucky has is if you are driving a school bus, it is a primary enforcement law. Every day I see vehicles weaving like the driver is intoxicated, upon further investigation I see the driver just talking or texting on the cell phone. Just remember if the driving is too bad, we can stop you and cite you for careless driving so be careful and pay attention to your driving.

As always buckle up, and drive safely, if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to call me at the Fort Wright Police Department, 859 331-2191 or email: mschworer@fortwright.com

KENTUCKY STATE POLICE



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The Fort Wright Police Department checks the Kentucky State Police Sexual Offender web site so we can let the citizens know if there is an offender in the area and they can take appropriate steps to protect themselves and their family. Recently a new Sexual Offender moved into Fort Wright, see the information below on Robert A. McDonald II and two other Sexual Offenders who live in the City.

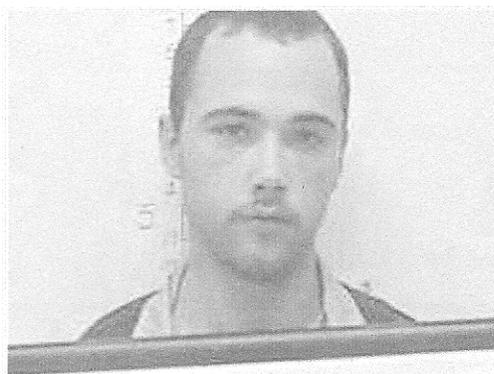
There are a number of web sites that citizens can check for Sexual Offender information, the two listed below are sites the Police Department uses:

<http://kspsor.state.ky.us/>

<http://www.familywatchdog.us/>

The only persons we put in the Top of the Hill are those living in Fort Wright, there are several areas of Fort Wright that border other cities you may want to check those cities as well to see if Sexual Offenders are living near you and your family.

Reg ID:	1779		
Name:	MCDONALD, ROBERT A II		
Birth Date:	02/28/1981	Sex:	MALE
Race:	WHITE		
Height:	5 FT 08 IN	Weight:	180 LBS
Hair Color:	BROWN	Eye Color:	BLUE
Aliases			
MCDONALD, ROBERT ANTHONY II	MCDONALD, ROBERT ANTHONY		
MCDONALD, ROBERT	MCDONALD, ANTHONY		
MCDONALD, ROBERT A	MCDONALD, RBERT		
MCDONALD, BOBBY II			



Robert McDonald

Registered:	01/19/2000
Reg Type:	LIFETIME
Reg Status:	COMPLIANT

**** ON SUPERVISED RELEASE: UNKNOWN ****

Home: 1731 AMSTERDAM RD FT WRIGHT KY 41011

Offenses: - CRIMES FROM OTHER STATES/TERRITORIES/COUNTRIES

Age of Victim: 15

Remarks: MOVE IN OFFENDER FROM OHIO -- ORIGINAL CONVICTION FOR CORRUPTION OF A MINOR

Name: WEBSTER, DAVID ALLEN	
Birth Date: 08/21/1975	Sex: MALE
Race: WHITE	
Height: 5 FT 08 IN	Weight: 150 LBS
Hair Color: BROWN	Eye Color: BROWN
Aliases	
WEBSTER, DAVID	WEBSTER, DAVID A

Home: 130 MORRIS ROAD FORT WRIGHT KY 41011

Offense: 510.110 - SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST DEGREE

Age of Victims: 04, 06

2 COUNTS



Registered:	12/16/2005
Reg Type:	LIFETIME
Reg Status:	COMPLIANT

**** ON SUPERVISED RELEASE: UNKNOWN ****

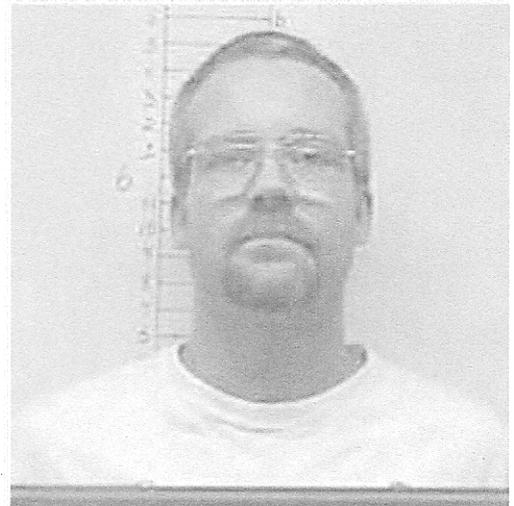
Reg ID: 6837	
Name: KNIGHT, PATRICK THOMAS	
Birth Date: 04/24/1962	Sex: MALE
Race: WHITE	
Height: 6 FT 03 IN	Weight: 225 LBS
Hair Color: GRAY OR PARTIALLY GRAY	Eye Color: BROWN

Home: 1631 MARCELLA AVE FT WRIGHT KY 41011

Offense: ***** - CRIMES FROM OTHER STATES

Age of Victim: 40

MOVE IN OFFENDER FROM OHIO-ORIGINAL CONVICTION FOR: SEXUAL BATTERY



Registered:	06/11/1999
Reg Type:	LIFETIME
Reg Status:	COMPLIANT

**** ON SUPERVISED RELEASE: NO ****

THE KENTUCKY STATE POLICE DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER KRS 525.070 & 525.080, USE OF INFORMATION FROM THIS WEBSITE TO HARASS A SEX OFFENDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY UP TO 90 DAYS IN THE COUNTY JAIL. MORE SEVERE CRIMINAL PENALTIES APPLY FOR MORE SEVERE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST A SEX OFFENDER.

Thefts From Vehicles

Daniel J. Kreinest
Police Chief

We have been experiencing thefts from vehicles, typically purses and wallets left in cars. The thefts are occurring at churches, grocery stores, bars and restaurants. Do not leave valuables in the car in public parking areas. If you are going to put a purse or other valuables in your trunk do so at home or a location you are leaving from not arriving. Thieves commonly sit in or around public parking lots and watch people, putting items in the trunk or under the front seat. They wait for the people to go inside a business establishment and they break into the vehicle. We have had vehicles parked on the streets or in apartment parking lots entered usually late at night and items stolen, most vehicles were unlocked. Be smart and protect yourself by not leaving valuables in your cars if at all possible.

Another theft problem occurring through out Northern Kentucky is catalytic converter thefts mostly from public parking areas. A catalytic converter is part of a vehicle's exhaust system and is a pollution control device that contains precious metals. Thieves have discovered this and they are sawing off the converters and taking them to metal scrap recycling businesses, where they can get about one hundred dollars for each converter. The cost to replace a stolen converter can easily be over a thousand dollars. These thefts have been from office building, restaurant, and store parking lots such as Wal-Mart. We have actually had witnesses who observed people crawling under the cars and not report this suspicious activity until some time went by and the thieves left the area. The thieves like SUVs because they are easier to get under and Toyotas seem to be a particular favorite. Please call the Police immediately if you see suspicious activity.

Pet Owners - Please review the following!

Every year we get numerous complaints from all areas of Fort Wright. A neighbor calls because another neighbor is walking their dog or letting their dog or cat run free and thus allowing the pets to do their business on someone else's lawn. There is no reason that you cannot have and love your pets, however you have chosen to have the pet while your neighbors may choose not to have one for their own reason, therefore they find it irritating and "repulsive" when they go out to enjoy their yard and are greeted with a package left by a neighbor's pet (possibly your pet). A lot of dog walkers do clean up after their pets, and that is greatly appreciated, not only by the City officials, but more so by your neighbors, please keep up the good work. For those that do not follow the laws, here is a brief overview of Fort Wright Ordinances:

First, Fort Wright does have a leash law - if your pet is caught roaming the neighborhood and picked up by Animal Control, you will have to pay a fine to get your animal back. To prevent this, make sure you have the pets on your property, on a leash or in an enclosed area on your property. When walking pets, they are required to be in your control and on a leash.

Other Ordinances include not permitting your animal to defecate on another person's property. If your animal should do so, it is your responsibility to carry appropriate materials to clean up and dispose of the feces upon your return home. This is also a courtesy to your fellow neighbors. No owner or person having control or possession of any dog or cat shall permit such dog or cat to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by reason of their howling, barking, whining, or their disturbing of people in the reasonable use and enjoyment of property.

You can view the ordinances on the City's website at www.fortwright.com.