



Top of the Hill News

Information for The Citizens of Fort Wright
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CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS & TREE LIGHTING & CARRIAGE RIDES

On Saturday December 9th from 1 PM to 5 PM and on Sunday December 10th from 1 PM to 7 PM, there will be a special celebration of Christmas as celebrated 1860's style, at Battery Hooper Park and James A. Ramage Civil War Museum. Both days will include special activities for families and children. On Saturday Santa will be at the event from 1 - 3 PM and the Dixie Heights High School Drama DoLottas musical ensemble will perform from 3 - 5. On Sunday, Santa will arrive at 5 PM, and horse drawn carriage rides will take place from 5 - 7 PM commencing at the Community of Faith Church parking lot. Everyone will enjoy this ride through the park and the South Hills neighborhood. The City's annual tree lighting will take place there at 6 PM and Girl Scouts will be on hand with some holiday caroling! Cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be served under the big tent! Join your neighbors for some fun and holiday cheer!

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SNOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Although it occurs very seldom and is used only as a last resort, there are several things you need to know when a "Snow Emergency" is declared. Only the Mayor or City Administrator has the authority to declare a Snow Emergency. Once the Emergency has been declared, citizens have three hours to remove their vehicles from the streets. Police officers are authorized to tow or affix a citation to any vehicle parked on a City street during this time. The City has only declared three Snow Emergencies in the past fifteen years. The City has exercised restraint in declaring these emergencies. Please cooperate when a Snow Emergency is declared, in the interest of public safety, so that police, fire and ambulance vehicles and equipment can safely and quickly access each residence and place of business in the City.

TRAILER FOR SALE

A utility trailer no longer needed by the City has been declared as surplus City property by City Council. The utility trailer is described as follows: 4' X 8' steel and aluminum construction with a 4' X 3' drop gate/ramp. It requires a 1 7/8" ball hitch and has 13" turf tires. If you are interested in submitting a sealed bid on purchasing the trailer, please include name, address, telephone number, and bid price and send to:

City of Fort Wright
ATTN: City Clerk—Sealed Bid - Trailer
409 Kyles Lane
Fort Wright, KY 41011

The trailer is available for inspection at the City building in front of the Public Works building. All sealed bids must be received by the City no later than Wednesday, December 13th at 4:00 PM. All sealed bids will be opened at 4:00 PM and available for public inspection. The highest and best bid will be awarded the opportunity to purchase the trailer.

CLEMENTS AND DESALVO APPOINTED TO MUSEUM BOARD

At the City Council meeting of November 1, 2006, Mr. Bob Clements and Ms Mary DeSalvo were reappointed to three year terms on the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum Board by Executive Orders 8-06 and 9-06 respectively. They join other Members Alvin Bartlett, Sharon Blank, Dan Diorio, Jeannine Kreinbrink, Dr. Jim Ramage, Kathleen Romero, Lawrence Schell, Arden Steffen, Bethany Sterling, and Margaret Weaver. Thank you, Bob and Mary, and the rest of the Museum Board for the outstanding job you all have done with the Museum in its first year of operation and all the many enjoyable and successful events held during the year especially Battery Hooper Days 2006 this past August!

MCHALE, WITT, & COUNCIL MEMBER FEINAUER APPOINTED TO VISION COMMITTEE

At the City Council meeting of November 1, 2006, Mr. Chuck McHale and Ms Margie Witt were appointed as the newest Members to the Fort Wright Vision Committee by Executive Orders 10-06 and 11-06 respectively. They join other Vision Committee Members Tom Jacober (chair), Ann Flood, Eileen Hastings, Tom Litzler, Joe Michels, and Roger Schroder. In addition, Council Member Adam Feinauer was appointed as the City Council liaison to the Vision Committee, replacing Mr. Matt Barker, who did not run for reelection. 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.

KENT MARCUM APPOINTED TO KENTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Kent Marcum, a resident of Mount Vernon Drive, was appointed as the City's representative to the Kenton County Planning Commission at the City Council meeting of November 1, 2006. Mayor Weaver nominated Mr. Marcum and City Council unanimously approved Municipal Order 10-06 making the appointment official. Mr. Marcum is retired from the federal government and is a licensed attorney. He now operates a private consulting business. He has lived in the City for more than 25 years. He will complete the term of Mr. Rick Wolnitzek who resigned due to time and business constraints with his architectural design firm. The City is very appreciative of the outstanding public service rendered by Mr. Wolnitzek and look forward to Mr. Marcum's contribution of time and talent for the benefit of Fort Wright and Kenton County!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Police Officer
George Kreutzjans
December 15

Police Officer
Mark Spanyer
December 21



CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Please note that the holidays fall
on the weekends,
therefore City offices will be closed on
Monday December 25th,
and Tuesday December 26th
for the Christmas Holiday
And on
Monday, January 1st
For the New Year's Holiday.
We will reopen on
Tuesday January 2nd.
Happy and Safe Holidays to all!



CHRISTMAS TREES ARE GREEN FRIENDLY IF RECYCLED

Christmas trees will be mulched on January 18th, please drop all trees off by January 17th! Trees can be dropped off at the City Building anytime after December 27th. An area will be marked as in years past. Again, we ask that you remove all ornaments, twine, garland, and wire from the trees, and please, no plastic Christmas tree bags.

MUSEUM AND PARK NEWS

MINI-ARBORETUM

Did you know that our Battery Hooper Park includes a Mini-Arboretum? It includes approximately 150 trees, representing about 40 different species: ash, oak, hackberry, cherry, locust, elm and mulberry are some of the more common broadleaf trees; and pine and spruce make up most of the conifers (trees with needles). Also included are a Kentucky Coffee Tree, formerly the state tree of Kentucky; three Chinese chestnuts; a European Beech with oak-like leaves; a Butternut; two Ginkgo trees; two Dawn Redwoods (once thought to be extinct but found in China); two Bald Cypress trees, and a Weeping Willow. The Dawn Redwoods and the Bald Cypress trees are needled (conifer) trees which are not evergreen—they lose their needles every fall like a broadleaf deciduous tree does.

TALL STACKS CONNECTION



Tall Stacks included a contingent of Ramage Museum Board Members and Volunteers stationed at the Newport side of events. Board Members Bob Clements, Mary DeSalvo, Kathleen Romero, and Arden Steffen, and Volunteer Alan Weiss, staffed a booth promoting the City's Civil War Museum to hundreds of visitors, and dozens of school groups there on field trips during the week! As the photo indicates, Arden, Mary and Kathleen were dressed for the occasion! Thank you Board Members and Volunteers for emulating that part of the City's Vision Statement, "Fort Wright is a community that recognizes its history and tradition and works to cultivate and promote it!"

INDIAN HILL HIGH SCHOOL students participated in an archaeological excavation at Battery Hooper on the weekend of October 20/21, led by Museum Board President and Archaeology Project Manager Jeannine Kreinbrink. The reputation and renown of the Museum and Battery Hooper is spreading!

MUSEUM VISITOR COUNT exceeded 5,750 at the end of September 2006 since the Museum's opening on June 10, 2005.

FERN STORER COOKBOOK SALES BENEFIT CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

The late Fern Storer, 60 year Fort Wright resident and Kentucky Post Food Editor for many years, was also the author of a cookbook, Recipes Remembered: a Collection of Modernized Nostalgia, first printed in 1989. This hometown treasure is now available to you just in time as a great Christmas gift Recipes Remembered can be purchased at the City building, or the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum, for \$19.95. Recipes Remembered is 315 pages of great recipes with a Fort Wright flavor! Give this great piece of Fort Wright history and fame as a gift for family and friends. All proceeds from these sales go to benefit exhibits and displays at the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum at Battery Hooper Park.

REMKE'S CARING NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

This special program by Remke's Markets helps to raise funds for the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum. Preferred Customers at Remke's can participate by completing a very short name and phone number application, which are available at the City building. A percentage of all purchases at Remke Markets will be returned to the Museum to help with future exhibits and displays and events at the Museum and Battery Hooper Park. Call 331-1700 for more information or a form that can be mailed to you.

JAMES A RAMAGE CIVIL WAR MUSEUM
1402 Highland Avenue
344-1145

Fridays-Mondays: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed Holidays

CLOSED FOR THE WINTER FROM DECEMBER 19 AND REOPENS FEBRUARY 17

For more information on the Museum, visit the City's website at www.fortwright.com
For information on Group Tours of How to Become a Museum Volunteer, call 3131-1700.

A **DONATION** of \$250 was received from the Scottish Rite Masons in Cincinnati last month for the Museum, as Dr. Jim Ramage directed that his honorarium for a presentation he made to their assembly be directed there for exhibits and displays. Another contribution of \$100 was also received from the Northern Kentucky Heritage League whose members made a recent group tour and were very impressed and pleased with their experience!

THANK YOU WAL-MART!

Thanks to a generous contribution from Wal-Mart, the large screen TV in the Fire/EMS Department Recreation Room, used extensively by our Volunteers, that recently quit working after a long and useful life, was replaced at about half the original cost! Wal-Mart generously reduced the price of the large screen TV by \$1,000! The large screen TV is important recreational equipment in the Fire/EMS Department for our great corps of Volunteers in between making emergency medical and fire runs!



DIRTY HANDS GARDEN CLUB NEWS

We will again be placing evergreen and red bow sprays on the stop signs around the City for the holidays.

We will also be awarding some lucky residents with recognition of their

Holiday decorating in their yards and on their houses.

Want to join us? Call Eileen at 3310 7087 or Mary Lee at 331-6449.

