



# Top of the Hill News

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

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Please note the holiday schedule for the Fort Wright City offices, we will be closed on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, for the Christmas Holiday, and on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year's Holiday, **we will be open** on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> to accept tax payments.

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**The Civil War Museum  
will close December 15th  
and re-open on February 6th.**

## *PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT STATUS UPDATE*

### **St. Agnes and Vidot Street Project:**

Lonkard Construction has completed all investigation work on sewer laterals. Contractors have completed the digging to verify depth and locations of some of the laterals. Work has started beginning at Park Road and St. Agnes Circle. Work will continue along St. Agnes Circle and then progress over to Vidot Court installing the sanitary portion of the sewer project. Work will begin after that to install the storm portion of the project. Portions of the street will be closed at times and there may be delays. Homeowners will be contacted prior to being restricted from using their driveways. The contract deadline for the storm and sanitary work is April 10, 2009. Contracts for the water main and street replacement will follow in the next few months.

### **Hooper Park Improvements:**

Play equipment has been installed. Drainage work and play surface will follow in the next few days. One shelter is complete and the other is near completion. Final details and restoration is scheduled to be complete by month's end.

### **Christmas Tree Mulching**

The Kenton County Public Works Department will again provide mulching of the Christmas trees. A designated area will be located at the Fort Wright City building to drop off your trees anytime after December 29<sup>th</sup>. Again, we ask that you remove all ornaments, twine, garland and wire from the trees. Due to high demand and a large surplus of mulch from the wind storm the **Deadline for drop off will be January 6, 2009.**

### **Christmas Tree Lighting and Civil War Christmas**

A Civil War Christmas at Museum December 6 & 7, 2008, at James A. Ramage Civil War Museum  
from Noon - 5:00 PM each day

Christmas Tree Lighting at Fort Wright City Building, December 6 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Police Officer George Kreutzjans  
December 15

Police Officer Mark Spanyer  
December 21

### Rumpke Holiday Pickup Schedules

The following is the holiday schedule for trash and recycle pickup.

Thanksgiving and the Friday following – Normal pickup

Christmas Eve – Normal Pickup

Christmas Day – One day delay (Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> pickup will take place on Friday; and Friday's normal pickup day being picked up on Saturday.)

New Year's Eve – Normal Pickup

New Year's Day - One day delay (Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> pickup will take place on Friday; and Friday's normal pickup day being picked up on Saturday.)

### **Recycling Items**

Just as a reminder, for all recyclable items – for any types of food containers, bottles and cans should be rinsed first. Some boxes such as pizza boxes or takeout containers, cannot be recycled because they have food particles in them which cannot be rinsed. Below is a listing of acceptable items to place in your Recycle container for pickup:

- Aluminum cans: beverage and food cans.
- Steel cans: soup, food and aerosol cans.
- Plastic bottles number 1 (PETE): soda, water, shampoo and other small mouth bottles.
- Plastic bottles number 2 (HDPE): milk, detergent and other small-mouth bottles.
- Glass bottles and jars: clear, brown, blue and green. Please rinse and remove lids.
- **White ledger paper:** computer, copy machine and typewriter paper; white ledger pads, adding machine tape
- **News Quality Papers:** newspaper, phonebooks, wide-lined news print
- **Folders:** manila, colored and coated folders
- **Mail:** letters, brochures, advertisements, magazines
- **Correspondence:** legal pad paper, colored paper and message sheets, self adhesive notes, index cards, fax paper
- **Envelopes:** with or without windows, with labels, colored and coated
- **Computer paper**
- **Brown Papers:** brown envelopes, brown grocery bags, cereal boxes, beverage cartons, grey cartons and clean pizza boxes (without grease)
- **Cardboard Boxes:** broken down into 3 feet by 3 feet sections

## SNOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Although it occurs very seldom and 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 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.

These notifications are sent to the local media, but you may also sign up to receive an email, through Fort Wright's email notification system, by going to the website at . On the home page you will see a heading of Let's Sign Up Fort Wright. Just after a small paragraph is a Click Here to sign up, which you click on to enter your information for future notifications. This is perhaps the quickest and most reliable notification of any snow emergencies that may be declared.

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### **BUSINESS SPOT**

#### PRISM TITLE & CLOSING SERVICES EXPANDS INTO NEW OFFICE SPACE



PRISM Title & Closing Services, Ltd. ([www.prismclosings.com](http://www.prismclosings.com)) is the anchor tenant for the newest Wright's Summit building in Fort Wright, Kentucky.

"It is exciting that we have made a name for ourselves in Northern Kentucky over the past three years, and more specifically that we have made a name for ourselves in Fort Wright by being one of the largest companies in the community," says Kim Jehn, Client Relations Manager of PRISM Title & Closing Services, Ltd.

PRISM is a real estate title and closing company performing escrow closings in five Midwest states: Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan and Minnesota and roundtable closings locally. PRISM was established in November 2005 and put down roots in Covington, then moved to Fort Wright in July 2006. As a result of their growth and success, PRISM has moved into a new building in October 2008 bearing its name in which they occupy a floor and a half of office space.

"The story of PRISM is special," comments Jane Schulte, COO of PRISM, "and its energy can be felt as you walk through the office." An artist and an author, Jane Schulte spearheaded PRISM and taken the company from 8 employees to its current count of 60.

{To have your business placed as a Business Spot of the Month, please contact the City Office at 331-1700. Your business is responsible for providing a couple of paragraphs of content and any picture you would like included. The City reserves the right to edit the content}

## **POLICE NEWS**

### **911 CALLS**

A reminder if you are using a mobile (cellular) phone and call **911**, the call will go to the dispatch center that is closest to the tower that the mobile phone signal hits. This means in Fort Wright you can dial **911** and get Covington dispatch, Campbell or Kenton County dispatch or possibly Hamilton County dispatch. This is not a problem the calls are usually easily transferred by the dispatch center to Erlanger dispatch which dispatches calls to Fort Wright Police Officers and most cities in Kenton County. When you call **911**, listen and if you get the wrong dispatch center ask them to transfer you to Erlanger dispatch or make it clear you are in Fort Wright, they should send your calls for service to the correct dispatch center.

If you have any questions please give the Police Department a call at:  
Police Administrative Office - 859 331-2191, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday

To call for an officer for a report or other routine call for service please call the  
24-Hour Erlanger Dispatch Center **859 727-2424**

## **RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE TRAINING Coming to Fort Wright**

The Rape Aggression Defense System or R.A.D. is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hand-on defense training. R.A.D. is not a martial arts program. The program covers prone defense strategies, multiple subject encounters and even low and diffused light simulation exercises. This program is designed for the average woman with no previous experience or background in physical skills training.

Fort Wright Police Department is putting together a R.A.D. class in 2009 it will be a 12-hour class broken down into four sessions each three hours in length. The program ends with a simulated assault where participants have the opportunity to utilize their newly taught skills in a safe training environment.

You can find an application on the City of Fort Wright web site or stop by the office. If you have any questions you can call Sergeant Schworer or Officer Vonderhaar at 859-331-2191.

To learn more about the R.A.D. program, please visit the main website at  
[www.rad-systems.com](http://www.rad-systems.com)

The R.A.D. Class should begin in January 2009, dates will be announced soon.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM FORT WRIGHT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. UNTIL DECEMBER 15.  
COST IS ONLY \$20.00 PER BOOK! GET YOURS WHILE THEY LAST**