



Top of the Hill News

February 2006 Information for
The Citizens of Fort Wright
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STREET REPAIRS AND NEW WATER LINES COMING!

In 2006 the City will let a bid for the reconstruction of four (4) City streets: Kennedy Road, Lake Street, Saint Anthony and Marcella Drives. The reconstruction will include new curb, gutter and pavement, and replacement of existing sidewalks. Reconstruction of these streets actually comprise the City's street repair budget for the current year, and the budget year that begins on July 1, 2006. By combining all four streets into one project, since they are in the same vicinity, the City expects to receive more competitive bids. At the same time, the Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) will replace the water main lines on Saint Anthony and Marcella Drives in conjunction with the City's street repair project. This was done at the City's request since NKWD has higher than average breaks on water mains on those streets. This is done at absolutely no cost whatsoever to Fort Wright taxpayers. This joint project benefits residents of those streets, City taxpayers and NKWD ratepayers. There is reduced disruption to water service due to breaks and subsequent repairs; unnecessary and unsightly cuts to newly-reconstructed streets to repair aged lines is eliminated; water discoloration from old water lines is eliminated; and water flow pressure is improved.

At least one year in advance, the City sends notices to all utility companies (water, sewer, gas and electric) making them aware of any anticipated street repairs to occur in the following year, so that the utility companies have an opportunity to examine the condition of their infrastructure and participate in a coordinated repair project. In 2005 Barbara Circle was reconstructed by the City at a cost of \$200,000. Additionally, NKWD paid \$100,000 to replace the old water line with a new and larger one, as the existing water main had frequent breaks, water discoloration, and low pressure. The City commends NKWD for its cooperative efforts and its efficient use of their ratepayer dollars!

WELCOME POLICE OFFICER JOHN A. MAIROSE, JR.!

At the January 11th, 2006 City Council meeting, the newest Fort Wright Police Officer was introduced and sworn in during the meeting. John A. Mairose, Jr. comes from the Edgewood Police Department where he was an Officer for the past 5 years and prior to that served for one year with the Kenton County Sheriff's Department. He is filling a vacancy on the Police Department that resulted from the retirement of Officer Jamie Puthoff in 2005. Officer Mairose will undergo six weeks of Field Training in the City of Fort Wright by Police Specialist Marc Schworer, to accustom him to the streets and businesses in Fort Wright and our Department's Rules and Regulations.

SEX OFFENDER LINK ON CITY WEBSITE

There is a link on the City of Fort wright's website, www.fortwright.com, to the Kentucky State Police Sex/Criminal Offender Registry website if residents want to inquire as to the identity and location of registered sex offenders. At the City's website, go to "Police", then to "Links". The Kentucky State Police website is searchable by last name, city, county, and zip code.

For information on current sex offenders residing in Fort Wright see Page 4.

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CIVIL WAR MUSEUM NEWS

The James A. Ramage Civil War Museum will reopen on Friday, February 3rd, 2006, after being closed since December 22nd for new displays, exhibits, and general maintenance. The Museum Board has been working hard during and after the Christmas and New Year holidays. Please take time to visit and see what's new! A very special thanks is due to Marge Muth Cummings who donated two large original books printed in 1885, titled "The Soldier in Our Civil War", Volumes I and II. These books are in excellent condition and are a very descriptive account of the Civil War, written from a perspective only 20 years after the end of that War! The books have been in the Elmer Muth family since 1885. A copy of the original books has been made and is available for visitors to peruse. Thank you, Mrs. Muth-Cummings for this generous and valuable contribution!

Also, be sure to visit the City History Room. Did you know there was once an oil refinery in Fort Wright for over 50 years, originally owned by Sohio Oil? The 37 acre tract is now owned by BP Oil and is located on Howard Litzler Drive.

Did you know that travelers from all over the South came to visit the mineral springs in Fort Wright at the Latonia Springs Hotel, behind the present day location of the United Dairy Farmers store on Highland Pike? The Hotel was in existence under various names from the 1830's to the late 1920's when it was finally destroyed by fire. We also have a set of four original drink glasses from the Lookout House night club on Dixie Highway, where the Corporex Lookout building now stands. The Lookout House was destroyed by fire in 1973. For many years it had stood as a favorite night spot in Northern Kentucky. These were graciously donated by Tom and Jeanne Dressman, residents of Mount Vernon Drive. Thank you, Tom and Jeanne for this generous contribution reflecting a very colorful chapter of the City's past! All this and more will available come February 3rd!

JAMES A. RAMAGE CIVIL WAR MUSEUM
(Reopens on Friday, February 3rd with New Exhibits and Displays)
Friday through Mondays 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Closed Holidays

For more information on the Museum, visit the City's website at www.fortwright.com.
To Volunteer or Schedule Group Visits, call the City at 331-1700.

"DO NOT CALL" LIST FOR CELL PHONES

Recent changes in federal law allow telemarketers to call your cellular telephone. If you do not want these unsolicited calls, please call **1-888-382-1222** to place your cellular telephone number on the "Do Not Call" registry. This service is provided by the Federal Trade Commission. In addition, you **MUST** call **FROM** the cellular telephone number which you want placed on the registry. Charities, pollsters, politicians, and businesses with which you have recently conducted business, are however, exempt. Others can be fined up to \$11,000 if they call people who have signed up for the "Do Not Call" registry. Placing your cellular telephone number on this "Do Not Call" list lasts for five years. If you change your telephone number, you **MUST** re-register the new number on the "Do Not Call" list.

WELCOME RICK WOLNITZEK TO KENTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION!

At the City Council meeting on January 11th, 2006, Mayor Weaver nominated, and City Council approved, the appointment of Mr. Rick Wolnitzek as the City's representative to the Kenton County Planning Commission. The appointment is for a four year term which ends on December 31st, 2009. Mr. Wolnitzek replaces Mr. Bernie Wessels who had served since 1999. Mr. Wolnitzek is an architect doing business in Covington, Kentucky. He is also the son of long time former Mayor Fred Wolnitzek, Mayor from 1962 to 1977. The City welcomes Mr. Wolnitzek and thanks Mr. Wessels for his years of service!

CITY ADOPTS SECOND MILITARY UNIT!

The City of Fort Wright has officially "adopted" a second military unit, the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) from Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Also known as the Iron Rakkasans, this storied combat infantry unit of approximately 210 troops is currently deployed in Iraq. Prior to their deployment to Iraq, this unit was assigned to Afghanistan. The list of needed items below for our troops is suggested by America Supporting Americans, the non-profit organization that facilitates the adoption of these troops by cities across the United States.

Personal Care

Gold Bond Powder
(or Zeasorb Powder)
Chapstick/Sunscreen
Eye drops (Natural tears)
Shaving items
Hand lotion
Toothpaste
Shampoo/body wash
Breath mints (Altoids)
Baby wipes/Handy wipes
Sewing kits
Cotton swabs

Other Personal Items

Writing tablets and journals
Pens, pencils
Crossword puzzles
Playing cards
Poker chips/Dice
Sports section of newspaper
Travel size board games
Comic books/Magazines
Paperback books
Disposable cameras
CD's and CD cases
Current movies on DVD
Sunglasses/Swim goggles
Cotton socks
Small footballs
Softballs
International calling cards

Food

Candy bars
Lifesavers & hard candies
Gum
Prepackaged snacks
Powdered drink mixes
Instant coffee/Tea bags
Tabasco/Hot pepper sauce
Sunflower seeds/Trail mix
Dried fruits and nuts
Beef jerky

Miscellaneous

Seasonal items
Personal notes

A special thanks to our most recent contributors Paul and Carol Allen of Lorup Avenue who generously donated two (2) boxes of fine cigars for our troops. Also, the Straus Tobacconist, in Florence, Kentucky, and managed by Mr. Tim Steffen, also donated one (1) box of fine cigars, along with cutters and matches.

The City is participating in this program which is sponsored by the "America Supporting Americans" (ASA) (www.ASA-USA.org) organization which was begun in 1967 by Ms Linda Patterson in San Mateo, California when she persuaded her community to "adopt" her brother's unit in Vietnam as a way to show concern and support for soldiers fighting an unpopular war, especially for those soldiers who received no mail or letters from back home. Her brother, Joe Artavia, was killed in Vietnam three weeks after this "adoption" when he was trying to rescue a fellow soldier.

If you or your family, neighborhood, school, church, civic group, business, or other association, want to donate any items, or bring any notes or letters of support, please bring them to the City building at 409 Kyles Lane. Cash donations are also accepted to help pay for the postage and shipping expenses. This program is a great way for private citizens, schools, businesses, churches, civic and other groups to show their support for our men and women in the armed services with letters of support and needed material items. Please start thinking now about how your family, neighborhood, business, church, school, Scout troop, civic club or other group can help to show how much Fort Wright cares about America's finest!

SEND PERSONAL MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO OUR TROOPS

A great way to help boost the morale of our troops is to visit the Americans Supporting Americans website and post a personal message of support to the troops in general, not to a particular soldier, for obvious security reasons. Go to the www.ASA-USA.org website and the Sound Off! page to write your message.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY NOTIFICATION

The Fort Wright Police Department regularly checks on the Kentucky State Police Web Site for Registered Sex Offenders living in the City of Fort Wright. This notice is to make residents aware of the current sex offenders living in our community so they can take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of their families. The following information was obtained from the Kentucky State Police Sex Offender Registry Web Site (<http://kspsor.state.ky.us/>). Searches for sexual offenders can be run by any of the following: Last Name; City; County; Zip Code.



(Photo above not from Ky State Police Web Site)

Offender Identification

SOR Number: 6805
Name: Webster, David A.
Address: 130 Morris Road
Date of Birth: 08/21/1975
Sex: Male
Aliases: (None)

Physical Description

Height: 5' 8" Weight: 150
Hair Color: Brown Eye Color: Brown
Race: W - Caucasian

Offenses Requiring Registration

Date Registered: 12/16/2005
Offender Type: Compliant
Registration Type: Lifetime
Offenses: 510.110 - Sexual Abuse 1st Degree, Victim less than 12
Remarks: 2 counts
Last Updated: 12/27/2005



Offender Identification

SOR Number: 6373
Name: Bengert, Terry L.
Address: 50 Park Road 2nd floor
Date of Birth: 07/10/1950
Sex: Male
Aliases: (None)

Physical Description

Height: 5' 6" Weight: 140
Hair Color: Gray Eye Color: Hazel
Race: Caucasian

Offenses Requiring Registration

Date Registered: 07/14/2005
Offender Type: Compliant
Registration Type: Lifetime
Offenses: Crimes from Other States: Victim less than 12
Remarks: Move in offender from Ohio, Original Conviction - Rape
Last Updated: 01/04/2006



Offender Identification

SOR Number: 4407
Name: Hicks, Denise T.
Address: 420 General Drive
Date of Birth: 10/01/1968
Sex: Female
Aliases: Gosney, Denise T.

Physical Description

Height: 5' 00" Weight: 175
Hair Color: Brown Eye Color: Blue
Race: Caucasian

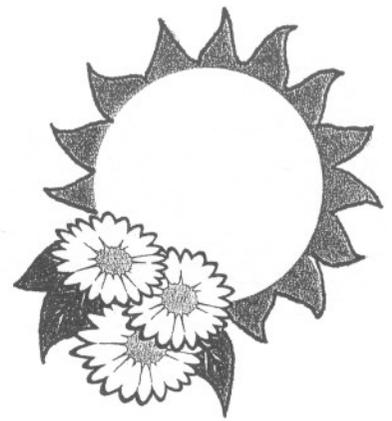
Offenses Requiring Registration

Date Registered: 01/12/2004
Offender Type: Compliant
Registration Type: Ten year
Offenses: 510.060 - Rape 3rd Degree - Victim less than 16
Last Updated: 12/02/2005

Under KRS 525.070 and 525.080, use of information obtained from the Kentucky State Sex Offender Registry Web Site to harass a person identified on the web site is a criminal offense punishable by up to ninety (90) days in the county jail. More severe criminal penalties apply for more severe crimes committed against a person identified on the web site.

Anyone who has any questions please contact the Fort Wright Police Department at 859-331-2191 or email: dkreinst@fortwright.com.
Col. Daniel J. Kreinest, Chief of Police

Do you want...?



...to garden?

...to have pretty flowers in your yard?

...to learn more about caring for your landscaping?

We would like to invite you to become one of us. We are...

Dirty Hands Garden Club

What do we do?

We have monthly meetings which may include:

programs, question & answer sessions, garden visits,
parties, hands on sessions

We beautify your City with plantings at the City building, the Civil War
Museum, Kyles Lane & Dixie Highway

We beautify your City with holiday sprays of evergreens and
red bows

We publish a monthly newsletter with how to's, guides and other information

We have an annual Plant Swap and Sale on the 1st Saturday of May - 10 AM
to Noon at the City building

We have field trips in appropriate seasons

Where? When?

Meetings are 3rd Tuesdays at South Hills Civic Club building, except in the
summer months when we meet in members gardens as announced

7:30 PM

For more information please call: Eileen at 331-7087

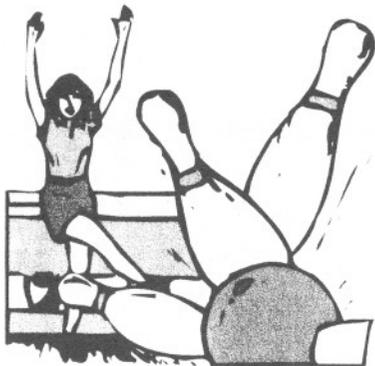
Coming Events

Brought to you by your Parks and Recreation Board

To Watch For In the Coming Months...

February	Bowling
March *	Movie
April**	Easter Egg Hunt
May	Bicycle Rodeo
June	Florence Freedom Game
July	Outdoor Movie
August	Florence Freedom Game
September	To Be Announced
October	Fall Harvest Festival
November	Senior Luncheon

Some of the above are tentatively scheduled



February's Event

Bowling at Lookout Bowl

Date:

Sunday February 19

Time:

2 - 5 PM

Ft. Wright residents \$3.00 per person
including shoes

Snacks will be provided

Buy your drinks at the bowling alley

*March (?) - Movie at the Great Escape Theater

Date to be announced - see March Top of the Hill News or
go to www.fortwright.com

** April 9 (Palm Sunday) - Easter egg hunt at Hooper Battery Park

3 - 5 PM Egg hunt at 4 PM

Rain date - April 15 (Saturday)



CPR & FIRST AID CLASSES

The next CPR Class is the CPR Professional Class - being held on Saturday, February 11, 2006 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The Professional class is somewhat more advanced than the basic class, it includes instructions on use of Bag Valve Mask and Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This class is needed for individuals who are currently in or will be in any type of medical field, including EMT and nursing.

The next First Aid Class is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

The next Basic CPR Class is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2006 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

To sign up for any of these classes, please call 331-1700 with your name, address, phone number, and which class(es) you are signing up for.

What is this ratio?

An igloo's circumference to its diameter? = 1 Esllimo Pi

4 Nickels = 2 paradigms

1,000,000 aches? = 1 megahurtz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 16th
Police Officer Andrew

Vonderhaar

&

Firefighter/EMT

Tim Deye

February 24th

Specialist

Marc Schwarer

CITY OFFICES

CLOSED

Monday, February 20th

in Observance of

Presidents' Day