



Top of the Hill News

Information for The Citizens of Fort Wright
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MATTHEW CLEVES AND DANIEL KIDWELL DAYS IN FT. WRIGHT

At the Fort Wright Council meeting of December 6, Eagle Scout candidates Matthew Cleves and Daniel Kidwell were presented Proclamations by Mayor Gene Weaver for their respective projects in the Fort Wright Nature Center. Monday December 11 was proclaimed as "Matthew Cleves Day" in Fort Wright in recognition of his project in the Nature Center which included removal of non-native plants, installation of erosion control around a foot bridge, and construction of a 30' mulched path with a bench for rest and relaxation. Matt is a senior at Covington Latin School, and lives with his parents Joe and Mary Jo Cleves in Villa Hills. Monday December 18 was proclaimed as "Daniel Kidwell Day" in Fort Wright in recognition of his project which included construction of a set of rock steps to the timber shelter in the Nature Center, and installation of trailhead signage for the benefit of visitors. Daniel is a junior at Simon Kenton High School and lives with his parents John and Tracey Kidwell in Independence. Both Eagle Scout candidates belong to Troop 717 of the Lakeside Christian Church in Lakeside Park. The Mayor's Proclamations for both young men praised them for improving the quality of life in Fort Wright and bringing "...great honor and dignity..." to themselves, their families, Troop 717, and the tradition of Boy Scouts!

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THANKS DONORS TO 2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM!

A great note of appreciation to the following businesses and individuals who donated goods for the City's 2nd Annual Christmas event at the Civil War Museum, celebrated 1860's style! Jackson Florist donated 90' of pine roping and a beautiful wreath; the Sub Station II on Dixie Highway discounted a large sub sandwich for Museum Volunteers; Wal-Mart store manager Ken Varda donated \$50 worth of cookies and other food for visitors; Remke's and Kroger's in Fort Mitchell both donated \$25 worth of cookies and other food for visitors. Museum Volunteers James Rader and Nancy Caudill donated a large box of delicious apples for visitors and 75' of pine roping and an assortment of Christmas ornaments and other decorations; and Fort Wright resident and Museum Volunteer San Juan Romero turned the tables on Santa Claus this year, giving him an early Christmas present—a brand new red and white Santa suit! Please patronize and appreciate these businesses and individuals who support our community!

JAMES A. RAMAGE CIVIL WAR MUSEUM
1402 Highland Avenue

CLOSED FOR THE WINTER STARTING DEC. 18 and REOPENING FEB. 17

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

For more information on the Museum, visit the City's website at www.fortwright.com
For information on Group Tours or How to Become a Museum Volunteer, call 331-1700

PAUL HILTZ A FORT WRIGHT GENERAL!

At the regular meeting of Fort Wright City Council on November 1, 2006, Council Member Paul Hiltz was presented with a Fort Wright Generalship by the Mayor and City Council! Mr. Hiltz has served the City of Fort Wright long and well since 1992. He has been on City Council from December 1, 1992, to December 31, 2006. He also served as Mayor from June 23, 1998 to December 31, 1998. Mr. Hiltz did not run for reelection to City Council due to time and job constraints. He is the new President of Mercy Hospital in Cincinnati. Thank you Mr. Hiltz for many years of outstanding and dedicated public service to the citizens of Fort Wright! A note of appreciation from Mr. Hiltz is printed below.

To The Citizens of Fort Wright:

Due to increased time demands in both my family and professional life, I decided not to run for re-election to City Council this year. As I step down I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to serve for the last 13 years. It has been my great privilege to work for you during a very exciting time in the City's history. I was lucky enough to work with some of the very best City employees including Police, Fire, Public Works, and City Administration. We in Fort Wright have a lot to be proud of. Thanks again for your trust and please call on me if I can be of help in the future! Sincerely, Paul Hiltz.

WELCOME POLICE OFFICER TIMOTHY M. PANGALLO!

At the December 6th, 2006, City Council meeting, the newest Fort Wright Police Officer was announced. Timothy M. Pangallo comes from the Taylor Mill Police Department where he served as an Officer for the past 3 years, and prior to that served with the Newport Police Department. He is a graduate of Newport Catholic High School and also a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps having served for four years in the Infantry and Military Police. Officer Pangallo 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.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN TO OFFICE

At the December 6th meeting of Fort Wright City Council, the Honorable Patricia M. Summe, Kenton County Circuit Judge, and Fort Wright resident, administered the oath of office for the new term of the Mayor and City Council Members which begins on January 1, 2007. In addition to Mayor Gene Weaver, Council Members Joe Averdick, Adam Feinauer, Dave Hatter, Joe Nienaber, Jr. Scott Wall, and Jeff Wolnitzek were sworn in to office. By state law, the Mayor serves a term of four years and Council Members serve a term of two years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Firefighter/EMT

Greg Aylor

January 8th

Firefighter/EMT

Mike Gorman

January 11th

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

**Please note that the holidays fall
on the weekend,
therefore City offices will be closed on
Monday, January 1st**

For the New Year's Holiday.

**We will reopen on
Tuesday January 2nd.
Happy New Year to all!**

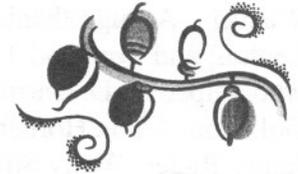
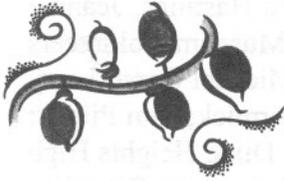
CHRISTMAS TREES ARE GREEN FRIENDLY IF RECYCLED

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.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS WINNER!

Dirty Hands Garden Club is pleased to announce that the winner of the Holiday Lights Award for 2006 is...

Ms. Donna McComas
1938 Mt. Vernon Drive
Congratulations to you!



JOINT SESSION CITY COUNCIL & VISION COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 27

There will be a public meeting on Saturday, January 27, 2007, at the Fort Wright City Building from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM with the Mayor and City Council Members, and the Fort Wright Vision Committee present. As there are new members on both the City Council and on the Vision Committee, it was determined to have a meeting between the two bodies to familiarize everyone with one another and to help brainstorm for a promising and successful future for our community! Each year for the past five years the Vision Committee has developed a Long Range Plan for City Council to review, consider and adopt as a guide for the coming year.

UTILITY TRAILER TO HIGHEST BIDDER

The surplus City property advertised in the December Top of the Hill newsletter, a small utility trailer, was awarded to the highest bidder when sealed bids were opened on December 13th! A total of six bids were received, with bids ranging from a low of \$66.00 to the successful bid of \$210.00 by Mr. Tom Flesch of Mount Vernon Drive. The utility trailer was declared as surplus City property by City Council in late 2006. Thanks to everyone who submitted a bid!

A NOT SO SILENT NIGHT: A BLAST FROM THE PAST—70'S STYLE

You are cordially invited to the 6th annual "A Not So Silent Night", an adult evening sponsored by the Saint Agnes Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), on Saturday, February 3, 2007, from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM, at the Gardens of Park Hills on Dixie Highway in Park Hills. This year we are cruising back in time to the 1970's. Come join us for music, food and drink. Some of the events include a Live and Silent Auction; a Jewelry Raffle; a Liquor Raffle; and a Grand Cash Raffle. All proceeds benefit Saint Agnes School. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$60 per couple. You can make your reservation by calling Stephanie Fieler at 859-331-4620. For Corporate sponsorship activities call Ann Holstein at 859-578-8696 for details.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AROUND THE CITY

We wish to give a big "Thank You" to the Dirty Hands Garden Club for making and hanging the sprays of greenery and red bows which you can find hanging on virtually every stop sign within the City of Fort Wright. The Club Members assembled them from cut up Christmas trees and commercial bows purchased by the Club and they were hung by Mr. Derek Beach and Mr. Floyd Hastings, both of Mt. Vernon Drive! Again—Thank you for the lovely seasonal decorations where everyone can enjoy them!



SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM 1860'S STYLE!

The second annual Christmas at the Museum on Saturday and Sunday December 9th and 10th was a great success, with over 400 visitors who enjoyed not only the Museum decorated as it would be during the 1860's, but also a mild winter weekend with horse and carriage rides, musical entertainment, hot chocolate and cookies, and a special visit from Santa Claus! Thanks to all our Museum Board Members who helped plan and host the weekend's events: Alvin Bartlett, Bob Clements, Dan Diorio, Mary DeSalvo, Jeannine Kreinbrink, Kathy Romero, Lawrence Schell, Arden Steffen, Bethany Sterling, and Margaret Weaver. A huge thanks is also due to our Parks and Recreation Board: Chair Floyd Hastings, Jeannie Lenhof, and Tom and Tammy Eckerle. Also a great note of appreciation to our many Museum Volunteers who helped: J. D. Carruthers, Nancy Caudill, Kittie and Bill Dupps, David Eickhoff; Michael Gerst; Larry Gollahon; Linda Hornsby; Chad Kinsella; Patrick Logan; Patti Maryan; Richard McCormick; Tim Pieper; James Rader; Wally Smith; Alan Weiss; and Cindy Weisenberger. Thanks also to the Dixie Heights High School Drama DoLottas led by conductor Priscilla Roberts for their musical entertainment on Saturday, and to the great singing voices of some local Girl Scouts for the tree lighting on Sunday evening. And last but not least, a huge thanks to Santa Claus (aka Rick Hill and Jay Heilman) for taking time out from his (their) busy season to listen to all the children's Christmas wishes who visited!

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 as 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 resident and place of business in the City.

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 and/or visiting 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.

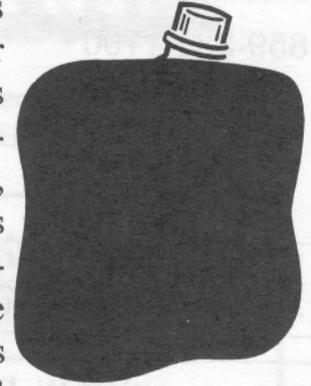


This subject has lived in the City of Fort Wright for several years at 1610 East Henry Clay Avenue, and he continues to frequent the residence.

Reg. ID:	8971	Registered:	10/03/2006
Name:	Myers, James Howard	Reg. Type:	Lifetime
Birth Date:	02/16/1964	Reg. Status:	Non-Resident
Sex:	Male		
Race:	White	Crimes from other states	
Height:	5 Feet 07 Inches	Original conviction for importuning, unlawful sexual contact with a minor	
Weight:	160 Lbs	Possessing criminal tools	
Hair Color:	Brown		
Eye Color:	Hazel		

A GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

We all remember being teen age kids and some of the thoughtless things we did. We have been reminded to ask our children and grandchildren not to be as thoughtless as we sometimes were. Some areas of the City citizens are having to pick up pop cans, water bottles, and candy wrappers nearly every day as kids thoughtlessly toss them in yards when they are finished with them. Please remind your children to carry such things home with them to dispose of them either in the trash or to recycle the cans as appropriate. Let's keep Fort Wright looking like the great City it is! Thank you.



Charles Barsotti