



Top of the Hill News

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

KYLES LANE & HENRY CLAY TRAFFIC LIGHT ON ITS WAY!

Thanks to Senator Jack Westwood, the final funding of \$200,000 has been obtained from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to make the realignment and signalization of Kyles Lane and East and West Henry Clay Avenues a reality! In early December Senator Westwood notified Mayor Gene Weaver that the additional \$200,000 in funds for this project had finally been secured! This project will provide safer ingress and egress for 1,100 Fort Wright residents in the neighborhoods abutting Kyles Lane and provide “breaks” in traffic for neighborhoods not directly connected to East or West Henry Clay for safer passage. The entire project cost of \$650,000 has been funded through \$550,000 in funds from the state and \$100,000 from a 2002 lawsuit settlement agreement with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. The project will be put out to bid in January and construction should begin in April of 2008! *See picture page 2*

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NOTICE OF OPEN CITY COUNCIL POSITION

The City of Fort Wright, Kentucky is accepting letters of interest and/or resumes from interested residents for an open City Council position to complete a term of office that expires at midnight on December 31st, 2008. Letters of interest and/or resumes must be received at the following address no later than Thursday, January 10th, 2008 at 5:00 PM and addressed to:

City of Fort Wright
ATTN: Larry Klein, CAO
409 Kyles Lane
Fort Wright, Kentucky 41011

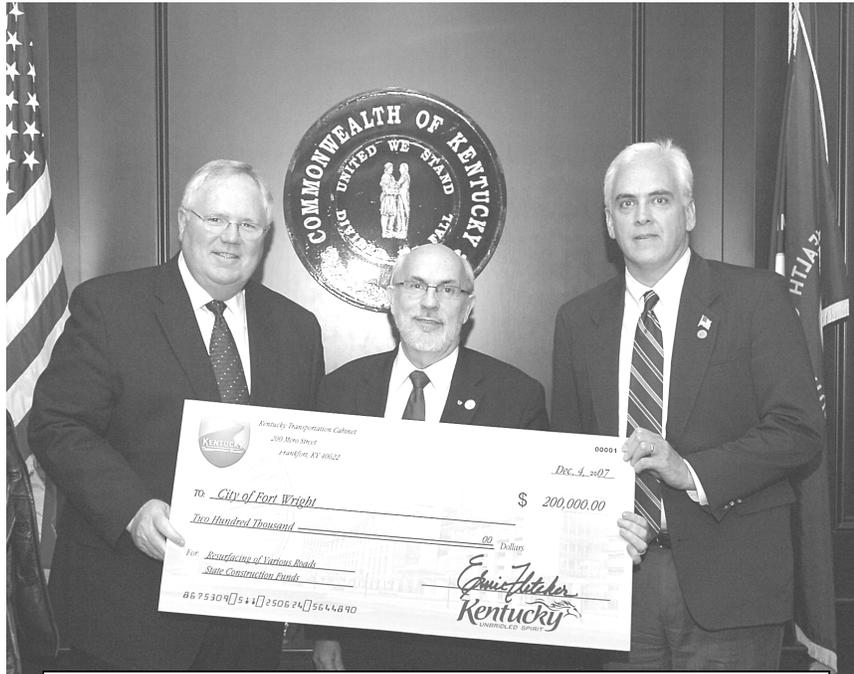
Or by email to:

lklein@fortwright.com

Two (2) special City Council meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday, January 14th and 15th respectively at 6:00 PM for City Council to interview all applicants. All applicants will be notified of the date and time of their interview in advance by regular US mail. For any further information regarding this matter, please contact City Administrator Larry Klein at (859) 331-1700 or via email at lklein@fortwright.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—FORT WRIGHT PARKS & RECREATION

Fort Wright Night at Town and Country in Wilder on January 5th from 6:00 PM to close. Come and enjoy the evening with your neighbors at the indoor pool, rock climbing wall, basketball, free weights and more!



Mayor Gene Weaver and City Administrator Larry Klein accept a check for \$200,000 from Senator Jack Westwood.

CITY RECEIVES \$63,000 GRANT FOR NEW TURNOUT GEAR

The City's Fire/EMS Department was awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$63,141.00 to replace all of the Firefighters' turn out gear or PPE (personal protective equipment). The equipment is being replaced due to age and not being compliant with current NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standards. The funds will provide for a full set of turn out gear for all 32 Firefighters, most of whom are Volunteers. The new equipment will meet current standards and provide optimal protection for the safety of our emergency first responders. The grant was made possible through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency and with the assistance of Congressman Geoff Davis and Senator Jim Bunning.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees will be mulched on January 16th, please drop off trees by January 15th. 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.

THE HILLTOPPERS SENIOR GROUP

The Hilltoppers Senior Group is welcoming new members. They get together at the Fort Wright Civic Club on Kennedy Road on the third Wednesday of each month for a free lunch and cards. For more information please call Barbara Hellmann at 240-5673 or 344-1101.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Firefighter/EMT Greg Aylor
January 8th

Firefighter/EMT Mike Gorman
January 11th

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

City Offices will be closed on Tuesday January 1st in observance of the New Year's Holiday. We will be open on Monday, December 31st from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

THIRD ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AND CARRIAGE RIDES 1860'S STYLE!

Visitors to the City's third annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carriage Rides at Battery Hooper Park on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8th and 9th enjoyed a horse drawn ride through South Hills; Christmas caroling; hot chocolate and cookies; and there was a special visit from Santa Claus! With the soft glow of luminaries lighting the path, the Park and Museum were decorated as it would have been during an 1860's style Christmas, and the weather made the campfires even more enjoyable! On Saturday evening the City's Christmas tree was officially lit to the tune of local Girl Scout Junior Troop 150 from Fort Wright Elementary, Turkeyfoot and Woodland Middle Schools, led by Jennifer Beach, Judy Nienaber and Jennifer Paganetto! On Sunday evening more Christmas carols



were sung by the Saint Agnes School Choir comprised of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students led by Director Donna Hamilton, with Santa and Mrs. Claus smiling approval! Children enjoyed making holiday crafts and ornaments for the City's Christmas tree, and trying some homemade

“hardtack” that was a staple for soldiers during the Civil War! A special thanks to Roger Schroder, owner of Foreign Auto Salvage, who made sure that every child who visited with Santa went away not only with a smile on their face, but with a bag of candy. A huge note of appreciation to the Museum Board and Volunteers and the Parks and Recreation Board who made the holidays brighter in Fort Wright! See you next year!

LET'S SIGN UP FORT WRIGHT!

The City of Fort Wright is initiating a new opportunity by which residents can receive general news and information electronically. Beginning in January 2008, please visit the City's website at www.fortwright.com to sign up. The name, address, and telephone number of residents is requested. The City's Top of the Hill newsletter, snow emergencies, street repair, and other information are just a few examples of the types of information that can be circulated very quickly and directly to each resident.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS!

Thanks to the following people who donated in the past month to our City's adopted military unit, C Troop of the 3/73 Cavalry Unit, stationed near Baghdad, Iraq: Steve and Katie Wolnitzek of Beacon Hill; Larry and Mary Schrand of Highland Place; Mark Teipel of Lorup Avenue; Clarence Lassetter of Pieck Drive had pens donated from Staples Manager Brad Helms; Ann Scheve of Kluemper Court; Jennifer and Doug Vonderhaar of Ashlawn Place; Jack and Virginia Schaaf of Mount Vernon Drive; Northern Kentucky Health Department; Residents of Beacon Hill; and our regular monthly contribution from Saint Agnes Parish organized by Mr. Tom Jacober and Mr. Allan White. Please keep the following items coming for our troops: **DVD's; beef jerky; calling cards; Little Debbie Snacks; poker chips; powdered Gatorade; and Time and US Weekly magazines. School and medical supplies such as: pens, pencils, notebooks, paper; also, band-aids and bandages; Tylenol/Advil/aspirin; anti-infection creams such as Neosporin** are also welcomed for our troops to distribute to Iraqi children and families. Thank you Fort Wright for supporting our troops! Let's keep it up!

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. 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. 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.

MUSEUM BOARD APPOINTMENTS

At the City Council meeting of December 5, 2007, Mr. Larry Schell, Ms. Kathleen Romero, and Ms. Jeannine Kreinbrink were reappointed to the City's Museum Board for three year terms in a unanimous vote. In addition, Museum Volunteer Richard L. McCormick was appointed as a Member of the Museum Board. They join other Members Alvin Bartlett, J. D. Carruthers, Bob Clements, Mary DeSalvo, Chad Kinsella, Dr. Jim Ramage, Arden Steffen, Bethany Sterling, and Margaret Weaver. Thank you Larry, Kathleen, Jeannine, and Richard and the rest of the Museum Board for your service to our community and the outstanding job you all have done with the Museum in its first two years of operation with over 10,000 visitors, and all the many enjoyable events during the year that highlight the history of Fort Wright and our area!

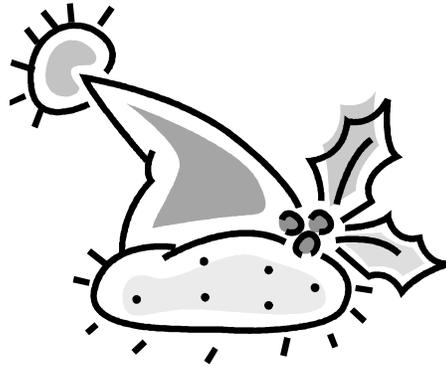


DIRTY HANDS NEWS

Thanks once again to the City's Dirty Hands Garden Club for decorating stop signs all around town with holiday greens and ribbon in December! Thanks to Club Members Ginny Bolte, Nick Brake, Jack Brueggemann, Floyd & Eileen Hastings, Norma Rolf, Harry Schwabe, and Mary Lee Scheper who made the décor, and to Derek Beach and Floyd Hastings for putting up all 125 of them! Each year Club Members add holiday spirit all over Fort Wright with this reminder of the season!

LIGHTS WINNERS NAMED!

Congratulations to
Robert Benson and Kathleen Palmer
1612 St. Anthony
for their award winning display of holiday decorations!
Drive by and see their work!



MORE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Also reappointed at the December 5th City Council meeting was Mr. Donald Russell of Stony Point Drive to another three year term on the Board of Ethics, and Ms. Donna Bloemer of Amsterdam Road to another four-year term on the Board of Adjustments. Congratulations to both of them and a great note of appreciation for this service to your community! Mr. Russell joins San Juan Romero and Gabrielle Summe on the Board of Ethics, and Ms. Bloemer joins Harry Geimeier, Tom Litzler, Carl Stamm, and Gene Weber on the Board of Adjustments. Thank you all for serving your community!

**JAMES A. RAMAGE CIVIL WAR MUSEUM
CLOSED FOR THE WINTER BEGINNING DECEMBER 17 AND
REOPENS ON FEBRUARY 1.**

