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Information for The Citizens of Fort Wright
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2006 VETERANS' BRICK PAVERS

The following is a list of Veteran's brick pavers installed for this year's Memorial Day Commemoration:

Derek Beach US Army 1979-1985	Lou Brockhoeft US Army 1963-1965	David Cain US Marine Corps 1964-1970	
William A. Catton US Marine Corps 1952-1955	Gerry W. Cunningham US Air Force 1966-1970	Jerald Edgington US Army 1953-1955	
David Forsyth US Army 1973-1976	Mark Habig US Air Force 1977-1981	Frank Horstkamp US Army 1941-1945	
Robert H. Howard US Navy 1947-1952	John A. Kim US Army 1951-1953	John A. Kim Jr. US Army 1985-1990	Jack McCay US Army 1943-1946
Franklin McComas US Army 1960-1963	John Moore US Army 1952-1954	Terry L. Nader US Army 1963-1966	Donald Norris US Navy 1950-1954
Charles H. Pangburn III US Marine Corps 1978-Present	Joseph A. Rozali US Marine Corps 1945-1947	Mark S. Seligman US Navy 1980-1983	Mark W. Seligman US Navy 1941-1946
Richard John Stall US Army 1915-1945	Jacob C. Wartman US Air Force 1961-1965	Howard N. Tibbs US Army 1943-1945	Frank G. Desalvo US Air Force 1954-1958
Ralph Vocke US Air Force 1964-1968	Edward Volpenhein US Air Force 1942-1945	Henry Brueggemann US Navy 1946-1947	H. J. Woltenberg US Army 1961-1963
Louis Moeves US Army 1946-1951	Michael E. Hayden US Navy 1995-2001	Dale R. Overmann US Army 1971-1974	William H. Schneider US Army 1946-1947

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THANK YOU VETERANS!

If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor has ever lived in Fort Wright and has *ever* served our country in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marines, the City will install a brick paver for them at the City's Veteran's Memorial at no cost. Please call the City at 331-1700 with the Veteran's name, dates of service, and branch of service.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACADEMY TO BEGIN THIS FALL

This fall, Thomas More College and Sanitation District #1 in Fort Wright will launch an Environmental Academy to accompany Thomas More's new Environmental Science Program. The Academy will immerse students in interactive laboratory and field environments and provide the District with a cost-effective means to address community environmental needs.

Students that participate in the Academy will be presented with a variety of opportunities including involvement in research projects that will enable them to create a healthy and diverse aquatic ecosystem at the District's on-site retention basin and wetland. Students will also have the opportunity to assist the District in monitoring best management practices, such as the vegetated roof and porous pavement located at the district's Public Service Park. This partnership offers an excellent opportunity to share community resources and engage college students in practical applications outside of the classroom.

COVINGTON CATHOLIC H.S. SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The following graduates and students at Covington Catholic High School were recently awarded a broad range of scholarships, awards, and honors:

Michael Gallenstein—University of Dayton—President's Grant, and Soccer Memorial Scholarship.

KEES (Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship) **Scholarships**

Kyle Benzinger	Matthew Brueggemann	Michael Cummings
Tyler Erpenbeck	Eric Fangman	Michael Gallenstein
Mickell Hamwey	Mitchell Heidrich	Brandon Stetter
Timothy Tierney	Joseph Westling	

Department Awards: Timothy Tierney—Business; Kyle Benzinger—Foreign Language—German; Kyle Benzinger, Matthew Brueggemann, and Michael Gallenstein—Conduct Recognition.

Fourth Quarter Honor Roll:

First Honors;

Kristofer Schroder	Alan Flood	Wesley Horton
Nicholas Kunkel	Mark Summe	Brian Wood
Timothy Tierney	Samuel Nutter	Andrew Arnold
Mark Kramer		

Second Honors:

Thomas Hebbeler	Joseph Portwood	Bret Vulhop
Jonathan Metzger	Daniel Whitehouse	Aaron Fritz
David Moser	Justin Tirone	Gregory Mullen
Christopher Schneider	Brandon Stetter	

Great job, students and families, and best wishes for a bright and happy future! If your student has recently been awarded academic or other honors from his or her school, please let us know so the Top of the Hill newsletter can give them the recognition they have earned!

VISION COMMITTEE SURVEY

The final results of the 2006 Vision Committee Survey have not been fully tabulated by the date of this publication, but some questions and concerns submitted by residents deserve to be addressed.

Traffic Light at Kyles Lane and Henry Clay. The realignment of the intersection of Kyles Lane with East and West Henry Clay Avenues has been funded in part by a \$350,000 direct grant from the state due to the efforts of State Senator Jack Westwood, and a \$100,000 contribution that the City received toward road improvements as a result of the Wal-Mart lawsuit settlement in 2002. Once the streets are realigned, a traffic signal will be installed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that will allow for safe ingress and egress every day for several hundred Fort Wright residents to their neighborhoods. The design for the intersection has been approved by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (since Kyles Lane is a state road), and the City is currently negotiating the acquisition of additional right of way from abutting property owners that is needed to realign East and West Henry Clay Avenues into a single four-way intersection. Hopefully the project can begin in late 2006 or early 2007 depending on the pace of right-of-way acquisition.

Amsterdam Road Improvements. The improvement of Amsterdam Road from Sleepy Hollow Road to Morris Road was begun in 2000 by then-Kenton County Judge-Executive Richard L. Murgatroyd. The improvements included new curb, gutter, sidewalks, new pavement, and first ever storm water control structures. Phases I and II were completed, from Sleepy Hollow Road to Redwood Road by Judge Murgatroyd. When Judge-Executive Murgatroyd was appointed Deputy Transportation Secretary in 2004 by Governor Fletcher, Ralph Drees was then appointed by the Governor as Kenton County Judge-Executive. Judge Drees determined that Kenton County could no longer afford to maintain County roads inside the incorporated limits of cities, and thus Phase III of the Amsterdam Road improvements from Redwood Drive to Morris Road, was halted. The City of Fort Wright has since applied for funding from the state to complete Phase III at an estimated cost of \$400,000, but has not yet heard of the disposition of that request. The Phase III improvements also include curb, gutter, storm water controls, new pavement, and sidewalks.

Street Improvements. Several comments were related to street improvements. The City is currently making, or has planned, improvements to Kennedy and Lake Streets, and Saint Anthony and Marcella Drive. The completion of these streets in FYE 2006/2007 is the conclusion of the City's current five-year street program. Another five-year street program will be developed in 2006 as a recommendation to City Council for streets to be improved for the next five years. The five-year street program is developed by our City Engineer based on several criteria about the condition of streets in the City.

SANITATION DISTRICT #1 SPECIAL METER REFUNDS

A special meter can be used on your property to measure the amount of water NOT discharging into the sanitary sewer system, which includes water used for lawn sprinkler systems or outside hose connections. Special meters are optional and must be purchased and permanently installed at the discretion and expense of the homeowner. Once a year, the District will provide a refund for water measured through the special meter.

In order to qualify for a special meter refund, customers must complete and submit a special meter application form, which can be picked up at the district's administrative office at 1045 Eaton Drive in Fort Wright, or downloaded from our website. To learn more about special meter refunds, visit our website at www.sd1.org.

YARD OF THE MONTH

It's Spring and time for Yard of the Month awards again this year. The "Dirty Hands" Garden Club of Fort Wright awards these through the spring, summer and autumn months to whomever we believe has a good looking yard. We look at neatness, design, and care as well as color (all colorful flowers is not a requirement!)

The first winners this year are:

Rudy & Margaret Eismann

322 Hazelwood Drive

Congratulations, Rudy and Margaret!

J. A. RAMAGE CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

1402 Highland Avenue

344-1145

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

Closed Holidays

For more information on the Museum, visit the City's website at www.fortwright.com

Information on Group Tours or

How to Become a Volunteer, call 331-1700

AUGUST 19/20 AT BATTERY PARK

Be sure to save the dates of Saturday and Sunday August 19th and 20th to attend Battery Hooper Park! There will be music, food, entertainment and more! There will be award-winning live history character actors portraying Abraham Lincoln, General John Hunt Morgan and Harriet Tubman, who will interact with visitors. There will be choral groups including Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Foster, and the Hills of Kentucky Dulcimers! Several children's activities are also planned that include face painting, games, and coloring contests. The Community of Faith Church will be providing food and drinks including their famous and delicious homemade ice cream! There will also be a living history Civil War encampment and Union and Confederate soldiers; live cannon firings; and marching lessons for anyone young, old or in between! (These events are brought to you by the Fort Wright Parks and Recreation Board; James A. Ramage Civil War Museum Board and the Community of Faith Presbyterian Church).

JUNIOR CURATOR PROGRAM

Behringer-Crawford Museum is having a Junior Curator Camp week days for two weeks from July 17 through July 28. Camp will include an actual archaeology dig at Battery Hooper, a field trip, exhibit design and more. Camp is open to children ages 11—15 years. Fee for the camp is \$275 to Behringer-Crawford members and \$300 for non members. For information or to register please call

Behringer-Crawford Museum 491-4003

SUMMER BASEBALL DAY CAMP

Presented by At the Tard Baseball Training Center. Come learn the fundamentals of baseball taught by former Major League Players Brandon Berger and Chris Hook.

Ages: 5 and up

Time: 8:30—11:30 AM

Date: Wed. July 26

Location: St. Agnes Ballfield

Cost: \$10

Please bring glove, hat, and bat if available. Get ready to have fun learning baseball.

MEMORIAL DAY 2006

More than 125 people attended the City's 2006 Memorial Day commemoration on May 29th at the Fort Wright Veterans' Memorial on the front lawn of the City building. Mayor Gene Weaver introduced this year's keynote speaker, United States Army Major McKinley Cunningham. He is currently the Company Commander of the US Army Recruiting Station in Cincinnati, Ohio. Major Cunningham delivered a spirited address and reminded everyone to keep our soldiers and their families in our thoughts during these trying times. Major Cunningham enlisted in the United States Army in 1988 as a 27M, Multiple Launch Rocket System Repairer. In 1996, he received his commission through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Major Cunningham holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Maryland and his military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Captains' Career Course, and the Combined Arms and Service Staff School.

Reverend Donald H. Smith, Jr. of the Community of Faith Presbyterian Church delivered an inspiring invocation and the Holy Cross Church Choir provided patriotic music, and led all those in attendance with the Star Spangled Banner and closing song, America the Beautiful. The flag was raised and lowered to half mast by Boy Scout Pack 733 of Fort Wright Elementary School with Scout Master Mark Habig. A wreath was laid at the base of the Veterans' Memorial by US Army Sergeants First Class Rex Ramsey and James Henderson, and PFC Scott Lefebvre. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance and led by US Army Staff Sergeant Brian Hucik. The Fort Wright Police Department also provided a 21-gun salute. The City of Fort Wright extends its gratitude to all those who attended; all those who helped with the Memorial Day event, especially our Public Works Department, but most importantly to those for whom Memorial Day was intended, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation.

PAST MEMORIAL DAY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

2005	Colonel Charles H. Pangburn III, US Marine Corps
2004	Specialist Joseph C. Bowman, US Army
2003	Mr. Bert Wall, US Army
2002	Mr. Ray Lape, US Navy (Retired Kenton Circuit Court Judge)
2001	Mr. Allan White, US Navy
2000	Colonel Barbara Rounds-Kugler, US Army (Ret.)



PUBLIC SERVICE PARK CONTINUES TO GAIN ATTENTION

Field Trips

Since the opening of Public Service Park in 2004, the outdoor environmental education center at Sanitation District No. 1 has continued to gain attention. Last year, more than 3,000 4th and 5th grade students from both public and parochial schools in Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties participated in the District's award-winning field trip—Journey of a Drop of Water. The spring 2006 field trip season brought with it an additional 1,800 students to tour the Park. To date, there has been a 17% increase in test results from the pre and post tests that students take to measure the educational impact of the field trip.

Environmental Art in Education

Students that participated in field trips during the 2005-2006 school year were the first to experience the three newest additions to Public Service Park. As an innovative way to incorporate art into its educational outreach efforts, the District unveiled three limestone relief carvings sculpted by local artists Karen Heyl and Allan Nairn. Each sculpture has an accompanying lesson in the Field Notebook that the students carry with them as part of the structured field trip to the site, making each sculpture a unique interactive feature that encompasses art as an educational medium. The District received overwhelming support from the community on this initiative, making it possible for all three sculptures to be funded 100% by private dollars.

Waterlife

The District hosted its 6th annual Waterlife event at Public Service Park on May 11 and 12. Waterlife is an educational science program for local 6th grade students that offers hands-on activities designed to heighten awareness of current environmental issues. There were 12 partner organizations that participated in this year's event, including Boone County Solid Waste Management, the Conservation District, Campbell County Cooperative extension Service, Girl Scout Council of Licking Valley, Inc., Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department, Dinsmore Homestead, Northern Kentucky University—Center for Environmental Education, Northern Kentucky Water District, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), Thomas More College, Newport Aquarium's WAVE Foundation, and Big Bone Lick State Park. This year's event accommodated 500 students from St. Pius School, Tichenor Middle School, Two Rivers Middle School and Woodland Middle School.

