



# Top of the Hill News

Information for the Citizens of Fort Wright  
July 2008

## Are You Interested in Learning CPR?

CPR or cardiopulmonary resuscitation is one link in the chain of survival when someone goes into cardiac arrest. The human brain begins to die after 4-6 minutes without oxygen. CPR helps oxygenated blood to circulate within the body, keeping oxygen flowing to the heart and brain.

Currently, only 15% of all cardiac arrest patients in The United States receive bystander CPR. Many times, we find that family members hesitate or even refuse to perform CPR. This is the single most effective way you can help give someone the best chance of survival. CPR standards have changed and no longer require "mouth-to-mouth". This simple class could allow you to help save someone's life--perhaps even that of someone you love.



Early Access      Early CPR      Early Defibrillation      Early Advanced Care

Classes are offered each month at Fort Wright City Building at 409 Kyles Lane. We currently offer certification courses through the American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI). This course is a low-stress opportunity to learn CPR for adults, children, and infants. These are offered on a limited basis. The class registration fee is free to Fort Wright residents and a nominal fee to non-residents. Classes fill up fast so register early. The next scheduled CPR Class is July 12, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. at the Fort Wright City Building. For those who want to register for the class, email [rbecker@fortwright.com](mailto:rbecker@fortwright.com). Contact Stephen Schewe, [sschewe@fortwright.com](mailto:sschewe@fortwright.com) for information on volunteering for our Fire or EMS Department.



**CITY OFFICES WILL BE  
CLOSED  
JULY 4TH  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Timothy Pangallo - Police Officer  
July 1st
- Randy Newsom - Police Sergeant  
July 12th
- Stephen Schewe - Fire/EMS Chief  
July 20th

# **The City of Fort Wright and Hoxworth are Teaming Up to Help Save Lives**

The City of Fort Wright will be hosting a blood drive for residents and employees in the area to donate blood. The Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2008 from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM; at the Fort Wright City Building.

## **About Hoxworth:**

Hoxworth Blood Center, University of Cincinnati Academic Health Center, is celebrating 70 years of saving lives. At least 350 volunteer blood donors and 40 volunteer platelet donors are essential each day to keep up with the demands of tri-state hospitals and their patients. Founded in 1938, we serve 29 hospitals in 17 counties in Southwestern Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana. Annually, Hoxworth collects over 90,000 units of blood from local donors.

To schedule an appointment please visit: [www.hoxworth.com/fortwright](http://www.hoxworth.com/fortwright) Or call 513/558-1616

**\*\*Ask about donating double reds!\*\***

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR FUTURE FUN EVENTS!**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>TIMES</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
Aug 16-17	4th Annual Battery Hooper Days And Ice Cream Social	TBD	Battery Hooper Park & Community of Faith Church
Aug 31	Riverfest Fireworks & Picnic	6:00 - 10:00	Community of Faith Church
Sept 27	Fort Wright Taste of Chocolate	TBD	South Hills Community Center
Oct 11	2nd Annual Antiques Fair	TBD	Battery Hooper Park
Oct 26	Victorian Mother & Daughter Tea	TBD	Battery Hooper Park
Nov 1 (Sat)	Great Fort Wright Pumpkin Party	3:00 - 5:00	City Building/Fire/EMS
Nov (Thurs)	Fort Wright Senior Luncheon	TBD	South Hills Community Center
Nov 9 (Sun)	Veteran's Day Commemoration	TBD	Highland Cemetery
Dec 6	Civil War Christmas & Tree Lighting, Carriage Rides	5:00 - 7:00	Battery Hooper Park
Dec 7	Civil War Christmas	TBD	Battery Hooper Park

## Summer is HERE!



Sergeant Marc Schworer

Hello, I am Fort Wright Police Sergeant Marc Schworer and in the past I have written some articles about forgotten laws, seat belt usage and cell phone usage. I received many positive responses from the citizens of Fort Wright on all of the articles, so I am writing this article to give you more information and laws that may be helpful this summer.

School is out and our children will be out in force, riding their bikes and running in the streets. Kentucky law states that bicyclists should never use the Interstate or Parkway systems and hand signals should be used to communicate their actions. They should obey all traffic laws such as stopping at stop signs and traffic lights. What we as motorists need to be concerned with is learning to share the roadway with bicyclists. When passing a bicycle on the road leave ample room when going around them, if you pass too close or too fast you may cause them to fall over or worse collide with them. Remember, bicycles are not special or privileged they have to follow the same rules as you do on the roadways.

Along with summer come nasty storms with high winds and downed trees, which can take out the power for a time. If you find yourself on the road and the power goes out at an intersection you need to follow some basic rules. If the light is completely out then you travel through it as if there was no light at all using reasonable caution, if the lights are flashing red you must come to a full stop and proceed when the way is clear, a flashing yellow light means you must slow down and watch for others.

Last year I wrote an article about mobile phone usage while driving, I still think mobile phones are dangerous while driving they can help us contact loved ones during an emergency. Try to use your address book on your mobile phone to store the name and number of a person who is to be contacted if you have an emergency. Type the acronym ICE (In Case of Emergency) then the contact person, example ICE-MOM into the address book of your mobile phone. Adopting ICE will help Police and Rescue personnel contact a friend or relative quickly which could be vital in a life or death situation.

All of this information was collected from the Kentucky State Police Driver's Manual and other brochures that can be located in the lobby of the Fort Wright Police Department. As always have a great summer, buckle up, and drive safe. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to call me at the Fort Wright Police Department, 859 331-2191.

Thank you

## ***PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT STATUS UPDATE***

### **Amsterdam Road Repair Project:**

Piers have been placed on about 40% of the project area. Construction is proceeding according to schedule. Road will reopen by the August 20<sup>th</sup> deadline.

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

The Project Design is near completion. Duke energy will begin installing new gas mains in the next week. A public information meeting will be held at the Lookout Heights Civic Club on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to inform all who are interested in how the project will proceed. It will be an extensive repair project including the replacement and reconstruction of storm and sanitary lines, water and gas mains along with the complete reconstruction of the street. The schedule calls for bidding and contract award in Late July or early August with utility construction to begin shortly thereafter. Completion is expected in mid summer 2009.

### **Battery Hooper Park Improvements:**

The project has been awarded to Jeffery Allen Corporation. The plans call for two shelters and a play ground area. Construction will begin in July. In addition bids have been received for the relocation and reconstruction of the Park /Church entrance and the project is expected to be awarded at the July Council Meeting. Both projects are expected to be complete by early fall.

### **Highland Pike Hill-slide at the Nature Center**

#### **No New News to Report:**

The Nature Center is currently closed. The hill-slide has taken with it; a substantial length of the sidewalk and a portion of the Nature Center Parking lot. The Sanitation District is currently by-passing the line that has been affected by the slide area with a temporary pumping system. Both the Kentucky Department of Highways and The Sanitation District No. 1 are currently assessing the situation.

### **Kyles Lane - Henry Clay Avenue Intersection Realignment Project**

The project is nearing completion. Final pavement will be placed in a combined project with Kyles Lane being resurfaced at the same time. Installation of the signals should begin in the next two weeks.

### ***Are you Going out of Town for Vacation?***

The Fort Wright Police Department can watch over your house for you. It is simple to request, just go to the Fort Wright website at [www.fortwright.com](http://www.fortwright.com) - Click on Police on the left side and select Forms from the drop down menu. You can print out the Vacation Check Form from that page and either mail it in or drop it off at the office. The officers will check the house daily while you are gone.

That will give you peace of mind, so you and your family can relax and enjoy your vacation!