

Top of the Hill News

March 2006 Information for
The Citizens of Fort Wright
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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 a citation to any vehicle parked on a City street during this time. The City has only declared a few Snow Emergencies in the past fourteen 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 residence and place of business in the City.

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BRICK PAVERS FOR VETERANS' MEMORIAL

The City of Fort Wright's Veterans' Memorial honors all Veterans of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. Any resident of Fort Wright, past or present, who is a Veteran of any of these branches of service, is honored with a memorial brick paver around the base of the Veterans' Memorial. If you know of any past or present resident of Fort Wright who does not yet have their memorial brick paver, please contact Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson at 331-1700 with the Veteran's information including name, rank, branch of service, and dates of service if known. Each year the City installs additional brick pavers for our City's Veterans at no cost to them, in time for our annual Memorial Day service. Please have the information in by May 1, 2006, so they may be completed in time for Memorial Day.

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 19 AND 20

Save the weekend of August 19th and 20th! The Fort Wright Parks and Recreation Board and the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum Board are sponsoring a very special event for these two days at the Battery Hooper Park on Highland Avenue.

More information will follow in future issues of the Top of the Hill newsletter.

VISION COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR YEAR 5

The Fort Wright Vision Committee met for the first time in February to begin their fifth year of Long Range Planning for the City. Chaired by Mr. Tom Jacober, and including Members Ann Flood, Eileen Hastings, Tom Litzler, Joe Michels, Roger Schroder, and Council Member Matt Barker, the Vision Committee convenes each year to review last year's Long Range Plan and progress, and to develop a Long Range Plan for the coming year to recommend to City Council. Past projects include; establishment of a Parks and Recreation Board; development of a KY 17/Old KY 17 Land Use and Economic Development Plan; a "signature" City park; and others.

CIVIL WAR MUSEUM UPDATE

The James A. Ramage Civil War Museum reopened on February 3. The Museum Board has prepared new and improved exhibits, displays, and artifacts about the Civil War and the history of Fort Wright.

A Committee of the Museum Board led by Board Member Margaret Weaver, working with a very talented Fort Wright resident, Ginny Ruberg, owner and operator of Ruberg Design, has developed an outstanding brochure to inform prospective visitors, schools, and groups, of what the Museum has to offer! A brochure will accompany an issue of the Top of the Hill newsletter in the near future so Fort Wright residents are the first to have one!

The Museum Board also held a Museum Volunteer Orientation and Professional Development Day on Saturday, January 28th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Several new Volunteers attended as well as current Volunteers and Board Members. They were also treated to a talk by Mr. Jack P. Simon, author of "The Civil War Military Hospitals of Covington, Kentucky".

Museum Volunteers led several group visits in the past few weeks, including the Fort Mitchell Ladies Society; Saint Agnes Cub Pack 831; and the Saint Agnes Bear Den. Museum Volunteers also made presentations at Holmes High School and Mary Queen of Heaven School. If you would like to become a Museum Volunteer, please contact the City at 331-1700. Training, orientation, and instructional materials are provided.

JAMES 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.

For information on Group Tours or How to Become a Museum Volunteer, call 331-1700.

CITY APPROVES HIGHLAND AVENUE SIDEWALK GRANT APPLICATION

At their regular meeting on February 1, City Council approved a Resolution supporting an ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act) application to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to fund a sidewalk on Highland Avenue. The approximate 3000' sidewalk would extend the current sidewalk from Kyles Lane to the Bluegrass Swim Club, Wright's Point Apartments, and Battery Hooper Park and the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum. This public improvement would greatly increase safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, runners, residents of the Wright's Point community, and visitors to the Park and Museum. It would also allow pedestrian access to the Community of Faith Presbyterian Church on Highland Avenue through Battery Hooper Park.

Currently there is insufficient shoulder on the side of Highland Avenue for safe pedestrian use and with two blind curves on this road, pedestrian use is not advisable. The \$160,000 project application will be submitted to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in late February for consideration. The City will be notified by the end of June 2006, if the project has been awarded funding. This is a great opportunity to provide safe pedestrian access for children and adults to the Bluegrass Swim Club; connect residents of Wright's Point to the rest of the City; and provide a pedestrian connection to the Museum, Park, and Community of Faith Church. In 2000, the City received an approximate \$100,000 ISTEA award to fund an extension of the City's sidewalk system from Werner Drive to the sidewalk system near Highland Pike and Valley Plaza Parkway.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NAMED

The Fort Wright Fire Department has named Mr. Mark Nutter, an 8 year member of the Department as the 2005 "Outstanding Member of the Year" at its 49th annual appreciation party, which was held Saturday, February 11th.

Other awards went to Drew Averdick for Most Training Hours and for Most Fire & EMS Calls in 2005.

Length of service awards went to Matt Bloemer, Joe Schrand and Therese Todtenbier with 5 years, Julie Harris with 10 years, and Larry Schrand with 15 years. Congratulations to all of you!

CITIZEN CORPS, CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS AND FIRE CORPS

This is a workshop on preparedness and Community involvement, brought to you by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

A free Public Awareness workshop on:

Hazards in Kentucky

The Benefits of Being Prepared

How to develop, practice, and maintain emergency plans

What should be done before, during and after a disaster to protect you, your family and property

Fire Corps - what is it and how to get involved.

Who should attend? Anyone interested in emergency preparation and becoming involved in their community through work with local fire departments.

This will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, from 6:00 - 10:00 PM at the Campbell County Fire Training Center. To register, contact Lisa Cooper or Paul Archual at the NKADD at (859) 283-1885, or lisa.cooper@nkadd.org. Registration is free and open to the public, but space is limited and reservations are required.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
March 7th
Jennifer Lipson
Assistant City Clerk

March 29th
Julie Bosley
Assistant City Clerk

HEALTHY EMPLOYEES!

We are very happy and proud to report that employees of the City of Fort wright made use of only 1.67% of the sick time available to them during 2005! This means healthy and happy employees and higher productivity!

HARRY GEIMEIER APPOINTED

Mr. Harry Geimeier of General Drive has been appointed by the Mayor and City Council to a four year term on the Fort Wright Board of Adjustments. Executive Order 3-06 was approved unanimously by City Council at their regular meeting on February 1. The term of office begins on February 1, 2006 and ends on December 31st, 2009. He joins other Board Members Donna Bloemer of Amsterdam Road, Tom Litzler of Beaumont Court, Carl Stamm of Beacon Hill Drive, and Gene Weber of Beaumont Court. The Board of Adjustments adjudicates requests for dimensional variances, conditional use permit requests, and appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions. Thank you, Mr. Geimeier and other Members for your service to Fort Wright!

Fort Wright Fire Department Annual Mulch Sale

It's time again to place your order for your mulch! The price for Mulch will be \$3.50 per 2 cubic foot bag of Premium Hardwood Mulch. The scheduled delivery date for the mulch will be Saturday, April 8th. Therefore, we must have all orders in by no later than Wednesday, March 15, 2006. Please use the order form below to place your order; then return to us by either stopping by the office or mailing to Fort Wright Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc., ATTN: Mulch Sale, 409 Kyles Lane, Fort Wright, KY 41011.

Thank you in-advance for your support.



Mulch Sale Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Nighttime Phone _____

Qty. Bags (2 Cubic Feet) @ \$3.50 each \$ _____

Total

Delivery Address, if different from above _____

Reminder: All orders must be pre-paid no later than March 15. Checks should be made payable to the Fort Wright Fire Department Incorporated. Please return to the Fire Department at 409 Kyles Lane, Ft. Wright, KY 41011 by mail or in person. Please do not send cash through the mail.

Coming Events



DIRTY HANDS GARDEN CLUB

Come join us at our next meeting:

Tuesday, March 21 7:30 PM

South Hills Civic Club

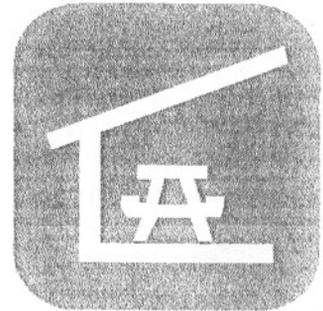
Program: Designing a Twilight Garden

Learn how you can have a garden to relax in and enjoy at twilight and after dark when you come home from a hard day's work.

Parks and Recreation Board

To Watch For In the Coming Months...

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



** April 9 (Palm Sunday) - Easter egg hunt at Battery Park
3 - 5 PM Egg hunt at 4 PM
Rain date - April 15 (Saturday)

In Appreciation...

... of everyone who has helped to make Fort Wright the wonderful City it is. Our thanks go out to all of our people both paid and volunteer. Thank you!

Mayor

Gene Weaver

Council Members

Matt Barker

Adam Feinauer

David Hatter

Paul Hiltz

Joe Nienaber, Jr.

Jeff Wolnitzek

City Administration

Larry Klein - Chief Administrative
Officer

Joyce Woods - City Clerk

Jennifer Lipson - Asst. City Clerk

Julie Bosley - Asst. City Clerk

City Attorney

Pete Summe

City Engineer

Mark Brueggemann

City Bookkeeper

Brenda Spare

Public Works Department

Tim Maloney - Public Works Director

Jeff Bethell - Maintenance

Nick Zumdick - Senior Maintenance

Board of Adjustments

Donna Bloemer

Harry Geimeier

Tom Litzler

Carl Stamm

Gene Weber

Board of Ethics

San Juan Romero

Donald Russell

Gabrielle Summe

Telecommunications Board

Tom Litzler

Kenton County Planning Commission

Representative

Rick Wolnitzek

Other

Kenton Co. Judge Patricia Summe

Fire Department (Full Time)

Steve Schewe - Fire/EMS Chief

Ron Becker - Fire Officer

Training/Community Education

Mike Harris - Firefighter/EMT

Steve Bramlage - Firefighter/EMT

Fire Department (Part Time)

Greg Aylor - Firefighter/EMT

Justin Brinkman - Firefighter/EMT

Steven Corry - Firefighter/EMT

Tim Deye - Firefighter/EMT Training
Specialist

Joshua Gilbert - Firefighter/EMT

Mike Gorman - Firefighter/EMT

Chuck Rice - Firefighter/EMT

Steve Vickers - Firefighter/EMT

Fire/EMS Volunteers

Doug Becker - Assistant Chief

Larry Schrand - Captain

Darin Ditommaso - Lieutenant

Tony Ketteler - Lieutenant

Deanne Aselage - EMT

Drew Averdick - Firefighter/EMT

Erica Blank - EMT

Matthew Bloemer - Firefighter/EMT

Jason Brooks - Firefighter/EMT

Jennifer Brooks - Firefighter/EMT

Christina Coyle - Firefighter/EMT

Julie Harris - EMT

Emalee Herzog - EMT

Bob Hug - Firefighter

Doug Lankheit - Firefighter

Sharon Lankheit - First Responder

Meghan Manley - Firefighter/EMT

Leah Martin

Chris Murphy - Firefighter/EMT

Michael Nicholas - Firefighter/EMT

Mark Nutter - EMT

William Overmann - Firefighter

Dave Roberts - Firefighter

Dean Russell - Fire Investigator

Therese Todtenbier - EMT

Dave Topmiller - Firefighter

John Wiseman - Firefighter

Robert Zion - Firefighter

In Appreciation - Continued

Retired Fire Department

Lawrence Becker	Bob Becker, Jr.
Marc Bernhard	James Dirkes
John Donnelly	Gary Hebbeler
Robert Hebbeler	Mac Heidrich
Bob Hug	John Martin
Kim Martin	Donald Martin
John Matz	John Nicholas
Joseph Nienaber	Todd Nienaber
Gary Pelgen	Lawrence Schuler
Daryl Tepe	Blanche Tepe
Bert Wall	Bob Wiechman, Sr.
Bob Wiechman, Jr.	

Parks & Recreation Board

Tom Eckerle	Tammy Eckerle
Floyd Hastings - Chair	
Jeanne Lenhof	Julie Moynihan

Vision Committee

Matt Barker	Ann Flood
Eileen Hastings	Tom Jacober - Chair
Larry Klein	Tom Litzler
Joe Michels	Roger Schroder

Nature Center Planning Board

Matt Bauer	Tom Hampel
Nancy Hampel	Esther Lenahan
Carolyn Traud	Eric Wilking

KY 17/Old KY 17 Steering Committee

Andrew Aiello	Gina Douthaut
Frank Henn	Paul Hiltz
Tom Jacober	Larry Klein
Rudy Kreutzjans	Joe Michels
Roger Schroder	Gene Weaver
Jeff Wolnitzek	Rick Wolnitzek

Dirty Hands Garden Club

Jack Brueggemann	Carrie Brueggemann
Terri Freytag	Betty Goetz
Floyd Hastings	Ann Hicks
Clarence Lassiter	Dick Michalack
Phil Rolf	Mary Lee Scheper

Battery Hooper Park Steering Committee

Mark Brueggemann	Eileen Hastings
Floyd Hastings	Larry Klein
Dan Kreinest	Tim Maloney
Chris Manning	Kerry Neff
Jim Ramage	Kathy Romero
Janet Scanlon	Steve Schewe
Gary Wolnitzek	

Museum Board

Alan Bartlett III	Sharon Blank
Bob Clements	Mary DeSalvo
Dan DiOrio	Jeannine Kreinbrink
James Ramage	Kathy Romero
Lawrence Schell	Arden Steffen
Bethany Sterling	Margaret Weaver

Museum Volunteers

Gordon Blich	Bob Clements
Mary DeSalvo	Dan DiOrio
Joyce Edmondson	David Eickhoff
Mike Gerst	Larry Gollahon
Scott Hiltibrand	Linda Hornsby

Dan Houston	J. Scott Jackson
John Johannemann	Julie Langenderfer
Robert Long	Patti S. Maryan
Richard Raabe	James Rader
Kathy Romero	San Juan Romero

John Salyers	Lawrence Schell
Carole Simon	Lou Simon
Arden Steffen	Roger Von Strohe
Stephanie Vines	Margaret Weaver
Cindy Weisenberger	Don Will
Bud Zeeks	

Elaine Cetrulo	Jane Fangman
Eileen Hastings - President	
Bob Kress	Joy Kress
Gail Michalack	Norma Rolf
Harry Schwabe	Bill Thoeny