

Top of the Hill News

Information for the Citizens of Fort Wright
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The City and Fort Wright Civic Club To Have First Spring Fix-Up Day

The City in conjunction with the Fort Wright Civic Club will hold a Spring Fix-Up Day on Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., at the Fort Wright Civic Club. Local vendors have been invited, such as hardware stores, landscaping experts, plumbing, painters, etc, to help residents get a start on all the outside jobs which need to be done now that warm weather is approaching. Food and beverages will be available. For more information, call the City at 331-1700.

Spring Clean Up Time

With warmer weather on the way, it is time to start working outside on all those spring projects. While most of us get out and clean up our homes and yards around this time of the year in anticipation of the new growth and to repair any damage from the winter storms it may be helpful to know the following information.

The City of Fort Wright has adopted several ordinances and a property maintenance code that require property owners to maintain their property at a reasonable standard. This standard insures that all properties are well kept and that values of everyone's property remains at the highest it can be. Occasionally; when a property falls below this standard the City will provide the owner of the property a written notice of the deficiency and require them to fix the problem within so many days. Some of the most common notices include mowing overgrown grass, painting, cleaning up cluttered property, trimming overgrown vegetation, illegal storage of boats, trailers or inoperable vehicles and repair to deterioration of structures.

We all benefit from well maintained properties and we all suffer from poorly maintained ones. So please be proactive in maintaining your property for your good and the good of all of Fort Wright.

TOP OF THE HILL NEWS IS GOING QUARTERLY

In an effort to save money, in this economic time the Top of the Hill Newsletter will be sent out quarterly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

7th - Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson
29th - Assistant City Clerk/Police Clerk Julie Bosley

April

8th - Public Works/Maintenance Jeff Bethell
10th - Firefighter/EMT Chuck Rice
14th - Public Works Director Tim Maloney

May

9th - Fire Lieutenant Greg Vogel
14th - Police Specialist Dean Russell
21st - Firefighter/EMT Steve Vickers
28th - Police Sergeant Michael Knight



UPCOMING EVENTS AT LOOKOUT HEIGHTS CIVIC CLUB

April 4th Easter Egg Hunt 2 - 4 PM Ages 0 - 10 Years

Co-Ed Volleyball League begins April 26th. Entry fee is \$34 per person or \$204 per team. Deadline to register is April 20. Games every Sunday except Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, and 4th of July weekend.

May 2nd Derby Party 4 PM

May 16th Garage Sale \$10 per table

Happy Hour the last Friday of every month 6—10 PM
\$1.00 beers. Appetizers Corn Hole, etc.

Contact Lookout Heights Civic Club for more information on items listed.
(859) 331-4278.

LET'S KEEP FORT WRIGHT CLEAN!

We have had complaints in the City about garbage and paper blowing around on garbage day before it is picked up. **Please** be sure to secure your garbage in cans with secure lids, or in bags which are closed. Also, plastic such as water bottles and newspapers in recycle bins can blow around and make a mess. Please be sure the bins are not filled above the top where things can blow out, and papers should be in either paper or plastic bags. Thank you. Let's continue to be proud of our city.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE JAMES A. RAMAGE CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

MARCH 28-29 CIVIL WAR CULTURE AND LITERATURE DAYS

Join us at the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum in Battery Hooper Park on March 28 and 29 for our Culture and Books of the Civil War event. The event will include speakers each day discussing their books (see below) on the Civil War and local history, talking about how to get involved in Living History and Civil War reenacting, and other interesting cultural and historical topics. We will have exhibits on heritage quilts (if you have a heritage quilt or old quilt we can display please call the museum), 19th century ceramics and culture, and of course our continuing emphasis on Abraham Lincoln.

We will also feature a **Used Book Sale** to benefit the Museum's need to buy new exhibit cases. This sale will include a donated private collection with hundreds of books on Civil War and historical topics. Fiction and other used books will also be sold. The Gift Shop will also be open with new books and other items. Cash or check only, please!

Please come out both days to hear great presentations and learn about local history, culture, and the Civil War! Please call 859 344-1145 and leave a message for more information and we will call you right back. Go to www.fortwright.com for details and a schedule of events.

HIGHLIGHT SPEAKERS: On Saturday, Lester Horwitz will discuss his book "The Longest Raid" about John Hunt Morgan. On Sunday, Dr. James A. Ramage (museum namesake) will discuss several of his books on the Civil War. Don't miss this fun and informative event!

FUTURE MUSEUM EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 4. This is National Civil War Preservation Trust Park Day. Join us at the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum in Battery Hooper Park for our second year of participation in this National event. Volunteers all over the US join together to support their local Civil War sites. Come out to help us get Battery Hooper Park and the Museum ready for spring and summer. We will work on landscaping around the museum, get the archaeological dig ready for the spring (May 2-3) Public Archaeology Digs, and clean up the park. Bring your work gloves and willing spirit and we will provide the tools and snacks! Please call 859 344-1145 and leave a message for more information and we will call you right back. Check www.fortwright.com for times and details.

Upcoming Events - see the website for more information:

Civil War Culture and Literature - March 28, 29

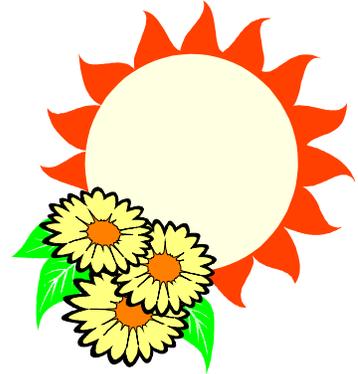
National Civil War Preservation Trust Park Day - April 5

May 2-3 Public Archaeology Days.— Check www.fortwright.com for registration details.

Same weekend—Civil War Toy and Doll workshops, also check for details.

Memorial Day—Check for planned events and times details.

Plant Swap & Sale



Dirty Hands
The Garden Club of Ft. Wright
Brings you the...
2009 Plant Swap & Sale.

On **Saturday, May 2**
we will have perennial plants available
beginning at 10 AM and ending at Noon.

HOW IT WORKS!

If you have plants to swap, bring them to the City building
either on Friday, May 1 from 5 - 8 PM or on
Saturday Morning from 9 - 10 AM.

We will give you “dirty bucks” in the value of the plants,
which you can use as money when the Swap/Sale begins at
10 AM Saturday.

If you do not have plants to bring in, you may purchase
whatever you wish for cash, or add cash to your “dirty
bucks” if they do not completely cover your purchase.

*Master Gardeners
will be on hand to
answer your
gardening
questions*

*Swap plants have
grown well
in Ft. Wright
since they come
from your
Neighbors' gardens.*

Fort Wright Volunteer Fire Department Annual Mulch Sale

It's that time of year to place your order for mulch! Proceeds support the Fort Wright Volunteer Fire Dept Inc. We are selling top quality, twice shredded hardwood mulch, very dark brown color, in convenient 2 cubic foot bags. Price is the same as last year, \$3.50 per bag, which includes delivery! Your mulch will be delivered Saturday, April 11. Deadline for orders is Monday, March 23th. Please use the order form below, and return by either stopping by the Fort Wright city building 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	
 <p><i>"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"</i></p>	Name _____
	Address _____
	Daytime Phone _____ Nighttime Phone _____
	Quantity _____ Bags (2 cubic feet) @ \$3.50 each \$ _____ Total
	Delivery Address (If Different From Above) _____
<small>Reminder: All orders must be pre-paid no later than Monday March 23. Checks should be payable to the Fort Wright Fire Dept., Inc. Please return to the Fire Dept. at 409 Kyles Lane, Ft. Wright, KY 41011 by mail or in person. Please do not send cash through the mail.</small>	

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The suspect below was arrested by the Park Hills Police Department with the assistance of Fort Wright and Ludlow Police Departments breaking into a home on Jackson Road. The first call came in about 03:17 hours and the officers could not locate anyone. A second call came in about 04:33 hours on Jackson Road next door to the first house the Park Hills Officer, Ludlow Officer and Fort Wright Officer Mark Spanyer responded and made the arrest while he was breaking into the home. Park Hills Police charged the suspect with Burglary Second Degree and Possession of Burglary Tools. The suspect is Aaron J. Vaughn, 5' 11", 195 lbs., 34 years old.

The suspect was wearing Reebok tennis shoes similar to those the suspect was wearing on February 1st when Fort Mitchell had a burglary and several police agencies chased a suspect through out the Fort Henry area. If anyone has seen this suspect, particularly if you saw a vehicle the suspect was driving in the Fort Wright area in the last several months please contact Detective Travis Brown, 859 331-2191.



Also a reminder that spring and warmer weather is soon to arrive and everyone will want to open their windows and doors to let in some fresh air. Please close your windows when you leave or retire for the evening as it is very easy and soundless to cut a screen and access your home. Every year in the spring Police Agencies across Northern Kentucky take burglary reports where a screen is cut usually on a first floor window possibly in a kitchen, great room or dining area and purses, wallets and/or credit cards are stolen. Please secure your first floor windows or other areas that provide easy access to homes and families. Be safe and have a great spring season.

Chief Daniel Kreinest