



# Top of the Hill News

Information for The Citizens of Fort Wright  
October 2006 Eileen Hastings Editor

## WE ANSWER THE CALL TO REMEMBER SEPT.11TH

The City of Fort Wright commemorated the fifth anniversary of the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, with a display of the US flag at the curb line in front of every house in the City that day. On Friday, September 8, in addition to City employees, several residents volunteered to help place a US flag in the yard of every resident who wanted one as a remembrance of September 11th, 2001: Allen and Betty White of West Henry Clay; Andrea Metz of Fort Henry Drive; Beverly Henn of Olivia Lane; Chris and Melissa Becker of Augusta Avenue; Clarence Lassetter of Pieck Drive; Adam Feinauer of Pickett Drive; Dave Hatter of General Drive; Jill Lueke of Morris Road; Joan Bowman of Saint Agnes Circle; Joan Pille of Parkside; Joe Nienaber Jr. of Kentucky Drive; Julie Hurst of West Crittenden Avenue; Lisa Fulmer and family of Kyles Lane; Lori Sims and family of Pickett Drive; Mike Sweeney of

Kluemper Court; Millie Woolwine of Goebel Court; Nicole Newsom and family of Mount Vernon Drive; and Rita King of Morris Road. Thank you ALL for helping to remember Patriot Day, September 11, 2001!

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## HALLOWEEN HOURS

Halloween for 2006 will be observed once again on Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please be careful whether you are driving or walking. Additional police patrols will be out that night for the safety of all trick or treaters!

## GUS FRITZ DAY IN FORT WRIGHT SEPTEMBER 13TH!

Covington Catholic Senior Gus Fritz was recognized by Mayor Weaver at the September 6th City Council meeting, receiving a Mayor's Proclamation, declaring September 13th as "Gus Fritz Day" in Fort Wright! The Mayor's Proclamation is in recognition of the many hours of community service that Gus gave to the City over his summer break, working at the Civil War Museum and Battery Hooper Park. Many positive comments were heard from Museum Volunteers about Gus's work ethic and conscientious attitude. He is the son of Ed and Brenda Fritz of West Crittenden Avenue. Thank you, Gus, for giving back to your community and best wishes for a bright and happy future!

## KENTON COUNTY FALL CLEAN-UP

October 6th, 7th, 8th - 8 AM to 6 PM - Sponsored by: Kenton County Fiscal Court

### Drop Off Locations:

Kenton County Public Works—420 Independence Station Road  
DRT Construction—1991 Walton-Nicholson Pike  
Piner Fire Department—Bracht-Piner Road  
Ryland City Building—10145 DeCoursey Pike

Appliances and tires will be accepted *at the Public Works Location ONLY*

Four (4) tires per vehicle will be strictly enforced

*No Paint or Liquids Accepted*

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATES IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION**

More than 50 adults and children participated in an archaeological excavation on Sunday, September 10th and Saturday, September 16th at Battery Hooper! Museum Board President and Battery Hooper Archaeology Project Manager Jeannine Kreinbrink and Volunteers from COVAS, an organization of archaeological professionals and enthusiasts, led and instructed participants in looking for Civil War era artifacts at Battery Hooper. This is the fifth time since September 2004 that the public has been invited to participate in an archaeological excavation of an historic site right here in Fort Wright and additional opportunities in the future are planned!

## **BATTERY HOOPER DAYS 2006 A GREAT SUCCESS**

Battery Hooper Days 2006 on August 19th and 20th was a huge success! More than 1200 visitors from Fort Wright and Greater Cincinnati attended and many, many positive comments were heard about what a unique, beautiful and interesting park and Museum that Fort Wright has! Adults and children alike enjoyed listening to Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, and General John Hunt Morgan, and talking with them in between performances, as they never left their characters! Everyone also enjoyed the great musical entertainment from Fort Wright's own Hills of Kentucky Dulcimers, Sons of Dixie Barbershop Chorus, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Foster, and the Dixie Heights High School—School of Drama DoLottas! Children enjoyed coloring contests, face painting, and other games, and everyone enjoyed the Museum tours including a room dedicated to the history of the City of Fort Wright. Civil War reenactors rounded out the activities with an encampment for the weekend and were very entertaining and informative for visitors. The food, drinks, and home made ice cream from the Community of Faith Presbyterian Church made the day complete!

Many thanks go to our Museum Board and Volunteers and the Community of Faith Church, and Parks and Recreation Board Chair Floyd Hastings who volunteered countless hours of planning and work for this very successful event! A big thanks also to our Public Works Department and Administration Department for all their assistance preparing for the event, and Police Sergeant Dean Russell for photographing all these great activities!

Thanks once again to our corporate sponsors including **Republic Bank**, **Northern Kentucky Water District**, and **TANK!** If you are interested in being an Official Sponsor of Battery Hooper Days 2007 please contact the City at 331-1700.

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## **THANK YOU GARDEN CLUB!**

If you have noticed how much more beautiful the gardens are in front of the City building on Kyles Lane, we have the Dirty Hands Garden Club, and certain members in particular to thank! Clarence Lassetter removed 20 very prickly rose bushes for us, which our Public Works Department then disposed of for us. After their removal, Mary Lee Scheper planted all new "Knockout" roses in their place. She also planted mums and Liriope in the fountain garden and in the Pocket Park at Kyles and Dixie Highway. Over the summer they have worked on hand and knee, and during some very warm weather, to help beautify the City. The Garden Club paid for all of the plant material used, which is there for all to enjoy.

Thank you, Mary Lee and Clarence, the Dirty Hands Garden Club, and Public Works Department for giving back to your community in a way that everyone can enjoy!

## DIXIE FIX FINAL REPORT

The final report of the "Dixie Fix: Envisioning the Future of Dixie Highway" study is available by going to the home page on the OKI (Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments) website, at [www.oki.org](http://www.oki.org). The purpose of this study was to make recommendations on how to improve the safety and flow of traffic on Dixie Highway from Covington to Florence, as well as aesthetic improvements. The next step is for the Boone and Kenton County Planning Commissions to consider adoption of these recommendations as part of any future development or redevelopment that occurs along Dixie Highway.

## I71/75 BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Recently some residents have contacted the City for information about the Brent Spence Bridge Replacement project. If you would like to stay informed about this project, a website has been established by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Ohio Department of Transportation, the state governmental agencies charged with planning for the replacement of this bridge. Please click onto [www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com](http://www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com). It is estimated that construction will not likely begin before 2015 and there are currently five (5) alternative bridge alignments being studied. A decision on which alignment is preferred is expected by 2008.

## ADOPT A MILITARY UNIT DONORS THERE AGAIN!

Thanks again to the following generous and patriotic people for their contributions to the City's Adopted Military Unit (the Iron Rakkasans of the 101st Airborne) currently deployed in Iraq: Bob Wiechman of Lake Street; Fannie Sue Kidd of Lorup Avenue; Bill and Sue Osterhage of Rivard Drive; Mary and Al Appel of Mt. Vernon Drive; Julia and Eric Hurst of West Crittenden Avenue; Bill and Ann Egbers of General Drive; and once again to Saint Agnes Parish, and organizers Tom Jacober and Allen White, for their strong monthly support!

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

It's time for Yard of the Month awards again this month. 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 winner this month is:

Rick and Debbie Kennedy

520 Montpelier

Congratulations, Rick and Debbie!

### Happy Birthday!

Firefighter/EMT Steve Bramlage

October 9th

Police Officer Travis Brown

October 12th

Firefighter/EMT Ron Becker

October 14th

Police Officer Daniel Martin

October 28th

### Entertainment Books

Fort Wright Volunteer

Fire Department, Inc. once again  
has Entertainment Books available.

They are for sale at the City Building.

This year the price of books is only \$20.

Be sure to get yours

before they are gone!

## **DIRTY HANDS GARDEN CLUB**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 17 at 7:30 PM.  
We will meet at the South Hills Civic Building off Henry Clay

The program will be presented by someone  
From the Civic Garden Center and the topic will be  
"Color All Year Round"

If you are interested, please come and see what we are all about -  
Everyone is welcome!

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### **SD1 CLEANING UP OUR ENVIRONMENT**

You may have noticed some construction activity has begun at the end of East Henry Clay Avenue, or near the entrance to the Blue Grass Swim Club at Highland Avenue. The Sanitation District #1, (SD1), our regional agency (39 cities and counties in Northern Kentucky) responsible for collecting and treating our sanitary sewage, has begun a project in Fort Wright that will remove raw sewage from being discharged into the creek that runs along Highland Avenue (near Wright's Point apartment community and Blue Grass Swim Club). During heavy rain events, the combined sewer system (sewage and storm water) in the South Hills neighborhood of Fort Wright, swells with storm water and the raw sewage becomes mixed with storm water that is then discharged into the creek along Highland Avenue. You may have noticed warning signs posted by SD1 near the creek. This combined sanitary and storm sewer system was the standard in the era they were built, but are no longer acceptable by today's building codes or federal EPA regulations. Earlier this year SD1 agreed to a consent decree initiated by the EPA to end the practice of our raw sewage from this combined system from being discharged into creeks and other public waterways that eventually make their way to the Licking and Ohio Rivers, and then down stream to other communities' drinking water intake points. The total cost of the consent decree, in terms of repairs to our combined sewer systems and other improvements across our 39 cities and counties in Northern Kentucky, is estimated at \$880 million. The South Hills project to separate the raw sewage from storm water is estimated at \$2-\$3 million and involves boring an underground shaft approximately 18" in diameter from the end of Bluegrass Avenue at Highland Avenue, under Battery Hooper Park and the Community of Faith Presbyterian Church, to connect to the sanitary sewer line at the end of East Henry Clay Avenue near Highland Avenue. This process allows gravity to be used to get the sewage from the South Hills neighborhood to the treatment plant and is less expensive and much safer than digging very deep trenches along roadways in order to connect to a sanitary line. The boring takes place approximately 90' (Feet) beneath the Battery Hooper Park and the Community of Faith Church, and because of its depth, poses no danger to buildings, historical locations, or other utilities or facilities.

### **ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON**

**Presented by Parks and Recreation Board**

**When? Thursday, November 9**

**Time? 12:30—2:00 PM**

**Place? South Hills Civic Club**

**Come, join your friends and neighbors for  
lunch, fellowship, fun and games.**

**For reservations please call the City offices  
at**

**331-1700 by November 1st**

### **Fort Wright Weekend at Benton Farms**

The first 150 people (total for the weekend) to show their Fort Wright address will get Free Admission, Hay Ride, Corn Maze and Barnyard Animals (a \$7 value) - (Pumpkins additional)

**When:**

Saturday or Sunday Oct 14 and 15th  
Open from Noon - 5 PM

**Where:**

Benton Farms, 11946 Old Lexington Pike,  
Walton, KY 41094 - Right off the Richwood Exit  
**859-485-3777**