



# Top of the Hill News

Information for The Citizens of Fort Wright  
September 2007 Eileen Hastings Editor

Remember  
School Has  
Started  
Please be  
Watchful  
For our  
children!

## COME TO 9/11 DONATION DRIVE & PHOTO FOR OUR MILITARY UNIT!

Please join your neighbors and friends for a group photograph of citizens on **Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 PM** on the front lawn of the City Building around our "We Support Our Troops" banner! The photograph will be sent to our adopted military unit, C Troop of the 3/73 Cavalry, stationed about 100 miles south of Baghdad, to show them how residents of Fort Wright Support our Troops! We will assemble at 6:00 PM on the front lawn and take the photograph at 6:15 PM from an aerial location. Please car pool or, if you live within

walking distance, walk to conserve our limited parking spaces. Additional parking is available across the street, accessible from Highland Place. Also, please bring one of the following items to send to our troops that they have specifically requested, not just for themselves, but also for the Iraqi civilians they have contact with. **For the troops: DVD's; beef jerky; calling cards; Little Debbie Snacks; poker chips; powdered Gatorade; and Time and US Weekly magazines. For the Iraqi civilians: school supplies and medical supplies such as: pens, pencils, notebooks, paper; also, band-aids and bandages, Tylenol/ Advil/aspirin, anti-infection creams such as Neosporin.** This is a great opportunity to show your support for our troops and the Iraqi citizens!

## RAIN DATE SEPT. 12TH!

### START YOUR LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT BLUEGRASS SWIM CLUB!

The Fort Wright Parks and Recreation Board is sponsoring "Fort Wright Night" at Blue Grass Swim Club off Highland Avenue on Friday, August 31st! All Fort Wright residents are invited to start their Labor Day weekend at the Swim Club. Admission is \$5 per person with a maximum of \$15 per family for those showing a Fort Wright residence ID. Entry includes access to the baby pool, large pool, basketball court, wiffle ball area, and championship diving boards into Northern Kentucky's largest diving well.

### CALLING ALL FORMER SOUTH HILLS CIVIC CLUB MEMBERS!

As many residents are aware, the City is renovating the exterior of the former South Hills Civic Club building off East Henry Clay Avenue. That work will improve the outward appearance of the building and make it blend in more with the residential area around it. It also includes landscaping and a resurfacing of the parking lot. Work has already begun and is expected to be completed by November 1st. The building is still available for use but only on Friday evenings after 6, and on Saturdays and Sundays.

The City would like to recognize and commemorate any former Members of the South Hills Civic Club who so generously donated this building and grounds to the City in the mid-1990's when the Civic Club dissolved. The South Hills Civic Club is used more than 200 times a year by residents for events ranging from bridal and baby showers to birthday parties, surprise parties, and meetings of various groups around the City. If you were ever a Member of the South Hills Civic Club, or have a neighbor, parent, other relative or friend who was a Member, please contact the City at 331-1700 with the name and address of that person so that we may have a complete record for future recognition of these residents whose generosity has resulted in so much enjoyment by residents!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...**



EMT Eileen Malone  
September 9th

**City Offices will be  
Closed  
Monday, September 3rd**

### **UPDATE FROM OUR ADOPTED MILITARY UNIT IN IRAQ!**

“The packages arrived! Imagine my surprise when I walked into my office and 14 boxes were piled high...”, stated Lieutenant Davis O. in a recent email! “The soldiers were pretty jealous until I told them that all the contents were for everyone. Thanks so much for getting those together and sent so quickly. I think we will definitely be set on soap for a while! All of C Troop’s soldiers dug through the boxes for 3 or 4 days and we then were able to take some leftover items to the Chapel to share with the rest of the Squadron. I can’t say it enough - Thank You! Please pass on our thanks to the People of Fort Wright.

Sincerely, 1st Lieutenant Davis O.”

“I wanted to thank you and the people of Fort Wright for everything you sent us...”, stated Captain James P. in a recent email. “I had no idea how much you guys were sending our way. It is a huge morale boost. Please pass my thanks on. I think that 117 degrees in the paper is being very modest. Right now this is the hottest place in the world and it’s only about to get hotter this month. We’ll definitely be sending you pictures and C Company newsletters as we push them out. When does everyone go back to school in Fort Wright? We can start a pen pal program with the kids. One of the best books I have in my office is “Dear Soldier”, a compilation of letters from kids back home to Soldiers here and in Afghanistan. My guys would get a kick out of that I’m sure. Thanks again. CPT PK (Captain P.)”

In response to the City’s request for additional items needed for our adopted troops stationed in Iraq, C Troop of the 3/73 Cavalry, Captain P. and Lieutenant O. provided the following list of items specifically mentioned by their troops: **DVD’s, beef jerky, calling cards, Little Debbie Snacks, poker ships, powdered Gatorade, and Time and US Weekly magazines.** In addition to this list, Lieutenant O. stated that during their regular patrols they have had requests from the local nationals for **school supplies and medical supplies such as: pens, pencils, notebooks, paper; also band-aids and bandages, Tylenol/Advil/ aspirin, anti-infection creams such as Neosporin.** Lieutenant O. and Captain P. would appreciate any of these items so that they can distribute them to schools and clinics in need.

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### **THANK YOU ADOPT-A-UNIT SUPPORTERS!**

A very special note of appreciation is due to the following who donated to our adopted military unit stationed near Baghdad, Iraq (where temperatures reached 117 degrees in July, if you think our weather has been warm!) Sandy Curry of Knob Hill Court who donated beautiful handmade cards for our soldiers to use when corresponding with their loved ones; Edwin Vardiman of Mount Vernon Drive; Annie King of Birchwood; Frances McComas of Mount Vernon; Girl Scout Troop #285 from St. Agnes; Terri Brown from Olivia Lane; Dan Kreinest and Yvonne Wagner of Beaumont Court; Gene and Margaret Weaver of Reeves Drive; and Stephen Wolnitzek and Saint Agnes Parish who are regular monthly contributors! A big thanks also to Mr. Tom Jacober and Mr. Allan White who organize the monthly contribution of items for our troops from Saint Agnes!

## TEMPORARY FIX FOR DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Some residents may have already noticed the work performed at the intersection of Amsterdam Road and Redwood Drive to alleviate a water ponding problem. This temporary fix was completed by our Public Works Department. In the colder months, the pooled water freezes and creates a hazard for vehicles and pedestrians. Other times of the year, after heavy rains, there has been standing water that will now be drained away. Phase III of the Amsterdam Road improvements, from Redwood to Morris, includes the addition of a storm water sewer system. That system will take storm water down Amsterdam Road to Morris where it will connect to an existing storm water system. Phases I and II of the Amsterdam Road improvements from Sleepy Hollow to Redwood, were performed in 2000 and 2001 by Kenton County Fiscal Court. In 2005 Kenton County Fiscal Court relinquished ownership and maintenance of Amsterdam Road to the City along with any future responsibility for the Phase III improvements. The City continues to seek funding sources for these improvements.

## RIVERFEST FIREWORKS EVENT

On Sunday evening of Labor Day Weekend (September 2nd) the big fireworks event takes place over the Ohio River. If you would like to enjoy the color and sound, but not the huge crowds, you can see all of the aerial show from the ground of Community of Faith Church. Park in the shared parking lot of the church and Battery Hooper Park and come to the rear of the church. Bring lawn chairs or blankets if you wish.

There will be hot dogs on the grill and homemade ice cream and cookies available at low prices thanks to the church.

**Alcohol is not permitted** so you will not have to contend with anyone who is drunk.

All are welcome to come and enjoy this event.

Church grounds will be open from 6:00 PM on.

There is **playground** equipment for smaller children, a **basketball net** for bigger ones, and **Corn Hole** will also be available.

Come, bring your family and have some good clean fun!

