

Trick or Treat  
Hours in  
Fort Wright  
will be on  
October 31st  
from 6 - 8 PM

# Top of the Hill News

Information for the Citizens of Fort Wright

## Happy Birthday!

### *September*

September 9 - EMT Eileen Malone

### *October*

October 12 - Police Detective Travis Brown

October 14 - Asst. Fire Chief Ron Becker

October 18 - Fire Lieutenant Jeff Hatter

October 28 - Police Specialist Danny Martin

### *November*

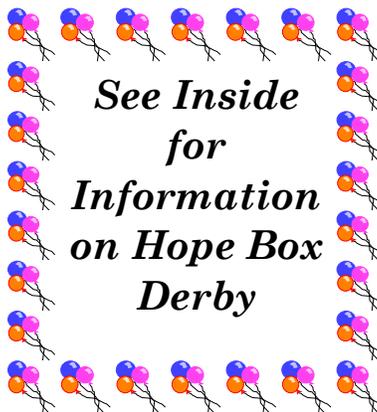
November 2 - Police Chief Daniel Kreinest

November 30 - Senior Maintenance Nick Zumdick

### *December*

December 21 - Police Officer Mark Spanyer

## Fall 2009



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## City Offices Closed

City Offices will be closed on the following dates for the  
Holidays:

*Monday, September 7*

*Thursday, November 26*

*Friday, November 27*

*Thursday, December 24*

*Friday December 25*

## Fort Wright Parks & Recreation

### ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON AT SOUTH HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

To RSVP for the Annual Senior Luncheon on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 – 2:00 P.M. please contact the City at 331-1700 with your name and address and number in attendance! Come and enjoy a great meal, visit with friends and make some new ones! Reservations are required and should be made by **November 5, 2009**, by calling the City offices.

## CPR Classes

The Fort Wright Fire Department offers CPR Classes quarterly. The next class will be on Saturday, October 10, 2009 beginning at 9:00 AM, depending on class size, the class will take between 4 and 5 hours. The next class after that will be on Saturday, January 9, 2010, also at 9:00 AM. If you would like to sign up for either class, please call the Fire Department at (859) 331-2600.

If you are a business and have employees who need to be certified, please call Assistant Chief Ron Becker to set up a class at (859) 331-2600, Monday – Thursday.

## **CALLING 911 FROM A CELL PHONE**

Please be aware that when making an emergency call from your cell phone, you may not reach the correct dispatch center. Please listen to the dispatcher when they answer your call. In the Fort Wright area, you should hear, "Erlanger Dispatch, what is your emergency?" If you are outside of Fort Wright, you may need to make sure by asking if this is correct dispatch center for the area. For example, if you are at Florence Mall, you should reach Boone County Dispatch, but if you are unsure, you could just simply ask, "Is this the correct dispatch for Florence, Kentucky?" If it is not, the dispatch center should be able to re-route you to the correct center.

It may also be helpful for you to program the non-emergency dispatch number for Fort Wright into your cell phone, in case there is an error in transferring your call. Rather than call 911 again, you could simply call the non-emergency number, inform the person answering that you have an emergency and that your phone directed to wrong center.

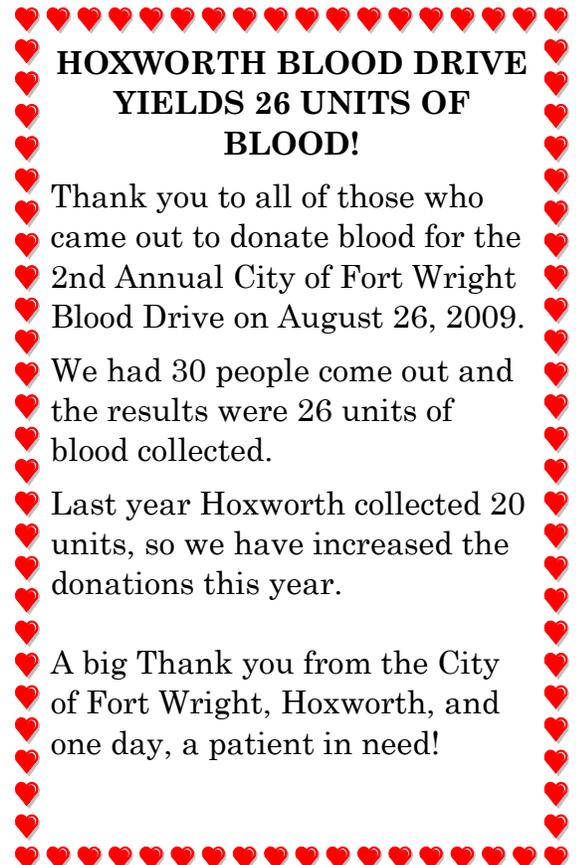
The non-emergency number for Erlanger dispatch is 727-2424.

The issue with cell phones, is that your phone locates the closest tower. Depending on where you are, that tower may be in Fort Wright, it may be in another city or county, you are directed to the dispatch associated with the location of the tower, not your location.

## **NEW PENALTIES FOR NON-MOVING VIOLATIONS**

Please be aware that Fort Wright City Council adopted Ordinance 13-09 on August 5, 2009, fixing the Penalty for Non-Moving Violations. Effective immediately, the fees for Parking Violations will be as follows:

1) Handicapped Parking Violation	\$100.00
2) Failure to Display Handicapped Placard (Parking in Designated Handicapped Parking Area or Space)	\$ 25.00
3) Fire Lane Violation	\$ 50.00
4) Expired Registration Plate	\$ 35.00
5) Snow Emergency Violation	\$ 30.00
6) Improper Parking	\$ 25.00
7) Parking in or within 30' of an Intersection	\$ 25.00
8) For Sale Vehicle parked on City Street	\$ 25.00
9) Blocking Driveway, street, or parking in a circle / cul-de-sac	\$ 25.00
10) Parking Violation on Unpaved Surface	\$ 25.00
11) Parking Recreational Vehicle/Trailer on Street	\$ 25.00
12) Parking within 15' of Fire Hydrant	\$ 25.00
13) Large Truck parked in Residential Area	\$ 25.00
14) Parking on Sidewalk	\$ 25.00
15) Any other City Ordinance Violation not listed above	\$ 25.00

  
**HOXWORTH BLOOD DRIVE  
YIELDS 26 UNITS OF  
BLOOD!**  
Thank you to all of those who came out to donate blood for the 2nd Annual City of Fort Wright Blood Drive on August 26, 2009. We had 30 people come out and the results were 26 units of blood collected. Last year Hoxworth collected 20 units, so we have increased the donations this year. A big Thank you from the City of Fort Wright, Hoxworth, and one day, a patient in need!

## *MUSEUM NEWS*

### Antiques Appraisal Fair

Saturday, October 3, 2009 - Time: 1:00 until 4:00 PM - at James A. Ramage Civil War Museum and Battery Hooper Park, 1402 Highland Avenue, Fort Wright, KY.

The public is invited to bring two items, neither larger than a child's wagon, to be verbally appraised. A \$5.00 donation to the museum is requested. Please call the Museum at 859-344-1145 or Kathleen Romero at 859-331-2499 for any questions.

### Veterans' Day Observation

Sunday, November 8, 2009 - Time: 2:00 PM - at Highland Cemetery, 2167 Dixie Highway, Fort Mitchell, KY

The public is invited to join the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum for its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Veterans' Day Observation. See the website for more information.

### Civil War Christmas

Sunday, December 13, 2009 - Time: 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM - at James A Ramage Civil War Museum, 1402 Highland Avenue, Fort Wright, KY

Join us as we go back in time to celebrate Christmas. The museum will be decorated as homes would have been during the 1860s. Children will be able to help decorate the tree by making an ornament. We'll have a special visitor too! Santa Claus will be able to take time out of his busy schedule to visit with us.

### Museum Winter Break

The Museum will close after the Civil War Christmas event on December 13, 2009 for its winter break. The Museum will reopen to the public on Friday, February 12, 2010 just in time to celebrate President Abraham Lincoln's birthday.



**Holiday Trash Collection:** (This has been copied straight from Rumpke's website.)

**Thanksgiving Week - There will be NO delay in trash or recycle pickup - they DO pick up on Thanksgiving Day, but may be earlier than normal - please prepare appropriately.**

**Christmas Day: Friday, December 25, 2009 (Week of December 20-26)**

Waste and recycling service will not occur on Friday, December 25. It will be delayed to Saturday, December 26. Rumpke will return to its regular collection schedule on January 4, 2010.

**New Year's Day 2010: Friday, January 1, 2010 (Week of December 27 - January 2)**

Waste and recycling service will not occur on Friday, January 1. It will be delayed to Saturday, January 2. Rumpke will return to its regular collection schedule on January 4, 2010.

## **2009 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS**

Changes - We want to let you know of a change on your tax bill for this year, you may notice your return envelope has a PO Box - the City is now using a Lock Box for Accounting purposes, to track incoming City tax bills. This is the new mailing address for tax bills only. Please send your bill to that address and not to the City Office. Any other correspondence will still need to be sent to the City Building's physical address.

Please note the following with regard to the holidays and City office hours. Regular City office hours are from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. City Offices will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2009. City Administration Office will be open on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 PM, for acceptance of tax payments. Walk-in payments for 2009 property tax bills must be made by Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at the close of business at 5:00 PM. There is also a mail slot in the front door of the City Building for you to place your property tax bill payments before or after City office hours.

Keep in mind that property tax payments MUST be postmarked or dropped off at the City Building by no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>. If they are later than that date, penalty and interest fees will be added to the property tax bill. If you drop your bill in the mail on December 31<sup>st</sup>, there is a chance that it will not be postmarked until January 2nd, making it delinquent, so if mailing, please put it in the mail by no later than December 30, to ensure proper postmark.

By October 15th, all property owners should receive their 2009 property tax bill. If you are responsible for payment rather than your mortgage company, and do not receive your 2009 property tax bill by October 20th, please call the City office and a new one can be sent to you. If you have received the property tax bill, but have an escrow account from which the property tax is paid, please be reminded that it is the property owner's responsibility to forward the bill to the mortgage company.

City Office hours are 7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. For any additional questions, please call (859) 331-1700.

## **Hopebox Derby in Fort Wright**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HealthPoint Hopebox Derby will be held from 10:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturday, September 12, at Wright's Summit, the office park at Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway.

The event, which is free to attend, features corporate teams racing soapbox cars for the 2009 trophy. There also will be an Open Car Show, children's games and activities, food and beer vendors, music by WNKU-FM, and a raffle.

The Hopebox Derby: A Race to Help the Homeless, is a fundraiser for HealthPoint's Pike Street Clinic for the Homeless in Covington.

Last year's First Hopebox Derby was held at Northern Kentucky University. Organizers are pleased with the move to Fort Wright and the support from the City and Businesses.

The City of Fort Wright will have a car in the race. The event has been endorsed by City Council and the Fort Wright Business Association.

For more information, go to [www.hopeboxderby.com](http://www.hopeboxderby.com).

### **Hopebox Derby Race Teams**

Bank of Kentucky

Cincinnati Bell Yellow Pages

EGC Construction

HealthPoint Family Care

John Morrell Meats

Leadership Northern Kentucky Class of 2008

PNC Bank

Ridgewood Condominiums

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City of Fort Wright

Head & Neck Surgery /Display Specialties

Holland Roofing

KLH Engineering

Lexus RiverCenter

Republic Bank

WNKU-FM

## News from Fort Wright Volunteer Fire Department Corporation

- 1) We have Entertainment Books available for Sale again this year for just \$20. There are bonus savings cards with these books, These cards are \$5 off any purchase at each of the following locations: Papa Murphy's Pizza; T.G.I. Friday's; GFS Marketplace; and Lazer Kraze. The nice part on these coupons, they are the size of a credit card, so you can slip them in your wallet and always have them (until you use them), without needing to remember to take your book. These are one-time coupons. Stop by the City Office to pick up yours today! Checks should be made payable to Fort Wright Volunteer Fire Department Inc.
- 2) The Corporation is clearing out furniture from the firehouse to help make room for necessary sleeping quarters. The following items are being offered for sealed bidding. The bids must be turned into the office by no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Please label envelop with "Sealed Bid", Address to Dean Russell, Fort Wright Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., 409 Kyles Lane, Fort Wright, KY 41011. Items are available for viewing, Monday through Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM. The bids will be opened at the Corporation Board meeting on November 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Winning bidders will be contacted that night or the following day (depending on contact information provided).

A) One Computer desk, with hutch - this is a grey and black desk with a hutch and side area (L-shaped), The main portion of the desk measures 66" wide x 24" deep x 56 1/2" tall, with the additional portion measuring 24"x42"

B) One Pool Table, estimated around 70 years old. The pool table measures 53" x 97". This has a brass plate with the following information:

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