



WILDER EXCHANGE

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MAINTENANCE 581-9515

Rumpke 800-828-8171

NORTHERN KY WATER DISTRICT 578-9898

SANITATION DISTRICT 578-7450

CALENDER OF EVENTS

City Council Meetings - 1st & 3rd Monday of Every Month at 7:00 PM

City Council Meetings can be viewed on Spectrum Channell 200, Cincinnati Bell Fiopics channel 806 or www.campbellmedia.org

Wilder Planning & Zoning - 4th Monday (as needed) at 7:00 PM

Wilder Vol.Fire Dept Drill - Every Monday at 7:30 PM

SPECIAL ACTIVITES

June 2020—KidsFest Cancelled

June 1, 2020– July 31, 2020—BEGINS—SEE ATTACED FLYER FOR DETAILS

July 3, 2020—City Building Closed



HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK
THE CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY**

2020 Election for Wilder City Council

City Council has a term of 2 years. The term for the current council seat is up for election this November. The deadline to file the paperwork if you wish to run for city council is **JUNE 2, 2020.**

For information regarding the election and how to file please call the Campbell County Clerk at 859-292-3885 or email jluersen@campbellcountky.org.



Services	Prices
Grass cutting	Grass Cutting: \$25-\$35
Mulching	Other Services: TBD
Yard service	

Contact: Deegan Gearding
(859) 250-9667
Text or call

Social Distancing and John's Hill Road

Now that warmer days are here, many residents are out using a favorite walking/running route here in Wilder; John's Hill Road. While keeping aware of our Governor's guidelines on social distancing during these difficult days, there are some considerations to keep in mind for the wellbeing and safety of each other. As the walkway is narrow we have the opportunity to show respect and patience for each other by willingly stepping aside to allow for another to pass. **DO NOT** use the road as a way to pass others or step off to allow others to pass you, as Johns Hill is heavily traveled daily and would put you in danger. We are aware that if you are a walker or a runner that this is a very important outlet for you, but we also ask that you be mindful of the space of others and be patient as we are all doing our best to get through this nasty pandemic.

CITY BUILDING HOURS DURING COVID19

CURRENTLY THE LOBBY AREA AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.. HOWEVER, WE ARE AVAILABLE VIA PHONE AT (859) 581-8884 MONDAY- FRIDAY 8AM-3PM OR EMAIL. EMAILS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE IN THE CONTACT US SECTION. AT WWW.WILDERKY.GOV

Wilder Recreation Department

The City of Wilder is pleased to announce that during these times of change and getting use to a “new normal” we will still be providing a day camp for students’ 7 to 15 years of age.

During the month of June, we will be **holding virtual sessions** to engage students with songs, read alouds, games, and arts & crafts. It is our hope that by July we will be able to meet in person again.

Camp is set to start on Monday, June 1. However, since things are going to be done a little differently we are still working some logistics out. **Please check the website for details closer to the start date.**



There will be a drive through pick up times for supplies for weekly crafts.



Start Saving:

- Toilet paper & Paper Towel rolls
- 2 liter clear bottle
- 16oz water bottle
- Light Cardboard (ex: cereal boxes)

How to Draw

Lessons



Scavenger HUNT Challenge

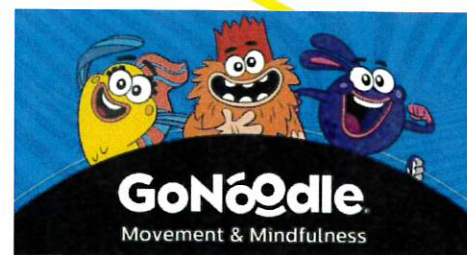


American Sign Language lesson – each day we will learn how to say something new in ASL

Science Experiment



Get Moving with.....



Please make sure that your email is on the permission form – we will use this for communications once your child is registered.

Wilder Recreation Department

Name of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age _____

Address: _____

Parents' / Guardians' Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information: (used if parent is unreachable)

First: _____

Second: _____

Name _____

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Cell or Work _____

Cell or Work _____

Relationship to Child _____

Relationship to Child _____

Are there any medial or physical conditions that we should be aware of? _____

Do you give permission to us to include pictures of your child (taken during recreation activities) on the Wilder Recreation website, along with information about our program and pictures of other children?

Please circle one: YES or NO Parent initial _____

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I, _____, give the Wilder Recreation Department permission to obtain medical treatment for my child, _____, in the event that an emergency arises and I cannot be reached or notified immediately. I understand that the above phone numbers will be called before any emergency treatment is administered.

Parent Signature

Date Signed

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On behalf of _____, we the parents/guardians, by signing do hereby agree to assume sole responsibility as to any and all possible injuries that may arise, as a result of said child engaging in the various athletic and recreational activities conducted by the City of Wilder's Recreation Department. We also give the recreation staff permission to transport our child in the City of Wilder's bus and /or in their personal vehicles.

We, the undersigned, agree to hold the City of Wilder, its Recreation Department and staff, free from any liability, as a result of any injuries that may be sustained by our child, arising from the activities mentioned above.

Signature of Legal Parent/Guardian

Date



WILDER FIRE/RESCUE

1426 GLORIA TERRELL DRIVE • WILDER, KENTUCKY 41076
402 LICKING PIKE • WILDER, KENTUCKY 41071



SOUTH STATION
859-431-5884
FAX 859-431-7035

FIRE CHIEF DOUG NEYMAN

NORTH STATION
859-431-1440
FAX 859-431-7035

A letter to the Citizens of Wilder

During this time of uncertainty, confusion and apprehension regarding the coronavirus (covid-19) We would like to assure you that your Fire Department is working very hard to continue to provide the highest level of service to you our citizens.

While this is a very challenging time, thankfully it's also temporary. We are entirely committed to do all that we can in order to return our residence to their normal day to day activities as soon as possible but we need your help.

We'd like to remind you that, with summer approaching quickly, that social distancing is still a mandate to avoid spreading the virus around your family or your neighbors. Please be smart when having cookouts and bonfires to maintain that 6 feet of distance. We'd also like to remind you that fire safety does not take a break during a pandemic. Please keep this in mind when you hosting get togethers with bonfires and having grill outs. Make sure your grill is at least 10 feet away from your residence and to have a water supply (garden hose) when having outdoor fires.

On behalf of your Fire Chief and the members of the Fire Department please allow us to express our appreciation of the support and understanding that our public continues to extend to us. I am confident that as we stand united, not only as citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, but also Citizens of Wilder that we will get through this together and have a stronger and better City for the future.

Sincerely

Doug Neyman

Fire Chief



General Grill Safety:

- Do not place an operating grill next to your house.
- Place grills where they will not tip over or ignite objects above them.
- Keep grills away from open windows and doors.
- Do not use grills under awnings or carports.
- Do not place within 15 feet of combustible material.
- Dorm residents **MUST** use designated picnic areas.

Charcoal Grill Safety:

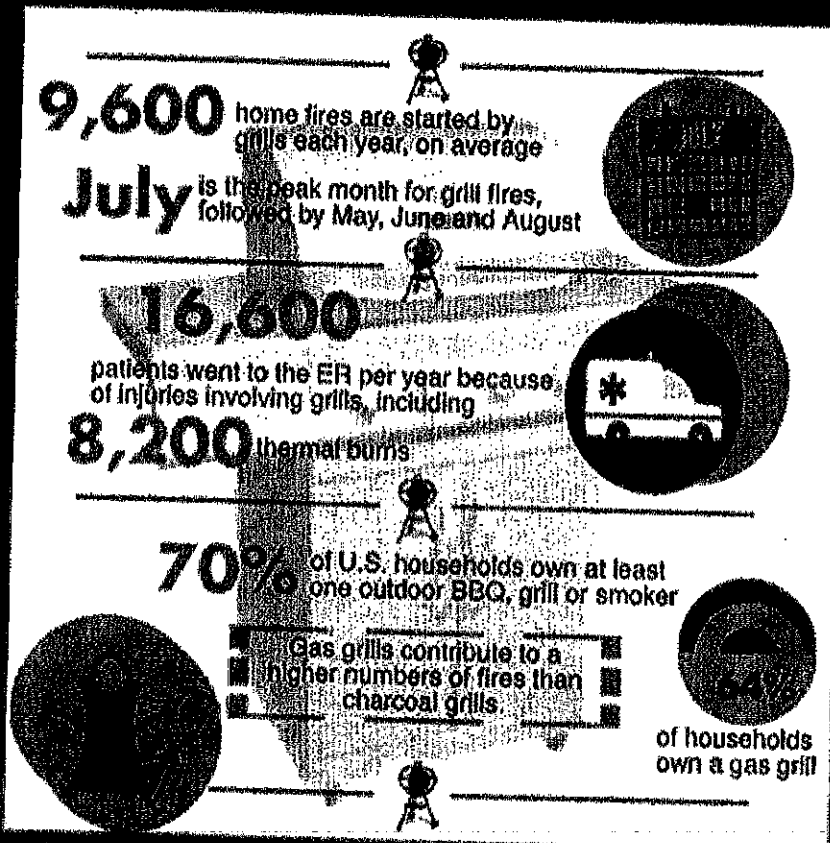
- Only apply lighter fluid on coals before fire is ignited.
- **NEVER** use gasoline to start a fire.
- Always soak coals in grill with water after cooking.
- Store unused charcoal coals in dry, well-ventilated area.

Gas Grill Safety:

- Always store outside when gas bottle is connected.
- Ensure no gas leaks. Prior to each use, check hoses and regulators.
- Check igniter switch for operation prior to turning on.
- Use caution when igniting grill.

GRILLING STATISTICS

from **NEPA**



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Barbecue grills, turkey fryers and fire pits must be at least 15 feet away from structures when in use. Never use grills or fire pits under porches or overhangs. They should not be placed near a structure until completely cooled. Allow ashes from grills and firepits to completely burn out and cool prior to discarding them and please never place ashes on your deck or in any combustible type bags.

If you have any questions, please call the Fire Station at 859-431-1440

From the desk of the Chief of Police

I'm sure you've noticed how much the city has changed during the state of emergency. If you have left your home for any reason during the last several weeks you saw a very different Wilder. For younger residents it may look very strange and may take time to adjust. For our seniors it surely brought back memories from their childhood. Will it ever return to the way it was before COVID-19? I sure hope not.

The empty sidewalks are now filled with people! Families are seen walking together, trying their best on the crowded sidewalks to stay six feet apart from other families. Who knew there were so many dogs in this city? Suddenly dog walkers are everywhere! Kids! Where did all these kids come from? It was like someone suddenly pulled the power cord from every game console. While patrolling the neighborhoods I suddenly see bikes, skateboards, and scooters for the first time in years! I don't ever remember seeing Wilder look like this in the last five years. It looks wonderful!

The last several weeks have been scary and very challenging in our country. With all the negativity I challenge you to look for the good. The families that are finally sitting down together at the dinner table, the health care workers are singing and celebrating every time a patient wins, and countless people are stepping up to help others in need.

If you look back at history, the American people always unite when the country comes under attack. Unfortunately, with time, things slowly return to normal and we go back to the way things were. As we move forward, and the country begins to return to normal, I challenge you to keep this version of Wilder. Come outside, take Fido for a walk, encourage the kids to ride their bikes, and get to know your neighbors. I enjoy seeing community in action instead of hustle and bustle.

*Sincerely,
Chad Martin
Wilder Chief of Police*

From the desk of the City Clerk

Please Note!

BUSINESS TAX FILING/PAYMENT DUE DATE EXTENDED UNTIL 7/15/2020 In an effort to assist the business community and our tax preparers, The City of Wilder has agreed to extend both the filing and payment due date for Gross Receipts Business Returns/Occupational License Renewal that were originally due on April 15, 2020. The filing and payment of these returns may now be delayed until July 15, 2020 without penalty or interest. This extension is automatic and no additional paperwork is necessary. Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 859-581-8884

*Thank you,
Juanita Schultz
City Clerk/Treasurer*

From the desk of City Administrator

CITY ADMINISTRATOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Hope everyone is doing well, staying healthy and continuing to maintain social distancing during these unprecedented times.

Following are just a few updates on projects we are working on in the midst of this pandemic.

- ***Monarch Butterfly Garden:***

The city received a \$1,000 grant from the Campbell County Extension Office to provide a small sanctuary for migrating Monarch Butterflies in an effort to maintain the life cycle and species. The garden will be located at the north end of the city building. Look for more information on the city's Facebook page as well as the city web page: www.wilderky.gov.

- ***Future sale of the north and south fire stations:***

With the upcoming completion of the new fire station next to the city building, both of the existing fire stations are for sale. The city is looking to get the highest and best possible use for each of these properties. For more information on the sale of these buildings please contact Terry Vance, City Administrator at tvance@wilderky.gov.

- ***New ballfield at the entrance to Frederick's Landing:***

With the construction of the new fire station, the city plans to relocate the ballfield that was behind city building. The new location will be at the entrance to Fredericks Landing. The city received a grant from the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund and is looking for other partners to help make the new field a class A attraction. More to come as plans are unveiled in the upcoming months.

- ***Town Center Development.:***

The planning and development review of the proposed Town Center Development is ongoing.

*Thank You,
Terry Vance
City Administrator*

From the Desk of
Robert A. Arnold

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and a heavy heart that I share my thoughts about the loss of Councilman Jerry Sebastian, who passed away on March 8th. I worked closely and got to know Jerry while serving with him on City Council. I came to know just what a true gentleman he was and his commitment to family and community. First and foremost, Jerry was a wonderful husband and family man being married to his wife Becky for 60 year. He was always quick to share a story about his family, especially his great grandkids. He was also a person of great faith being a respected member of his Church. Jerry was an avid golfer and he and I would talk forever about the perils of the game. Jerry was very supportive when I was elected Mayor and was always very willing to give me advice and encouragement. He will be missed by the entire Wilder community.



COVID 19

First, let me thank you for your efforts and patience as we work together through these extraordinary times. As a community, we have collectively shown great resolve in dealing with the hardships that have come along with this pandemic. As I walk or drive through neighborhoods, I witnessed our residence keeping their social distance while still stopping to chat with their neighbor. I've read the comments that the neighborhood kids have written in chalk on the sidewalks. I have seen the green lights and signs of encouragement that families have displayed as a sign of respect for the victims and for our frontline workers. These acts truly represent the meaning of community and is the reason people want to live in or move to Wilder.

We are now heading into the next challenging phase which is the re-opening of our businesses. As this occurs, let me PLEASE urge you to BE PRUDENT. There will be much debate on the two very real concerns that exist – continuing to stay home and be safe versus the need to get back to work and preserve financial security.

We all need to realize and help others understand that it is OK to have a difference of opinion on this. It is a difficult balance that everyone of us will face for the near future, that is, when is safe to get back to “normal”. We all exist with different circumstances. The economic shut down has affected people in very different ways. What will be right for some will not be for others. As always though, we CAN NOT let our differences divide us. We need to work through this together. Most importantly, just be prudent. Don't put yourself or others at risk. Take steps to protect you and your family but know that your situation may be different then your neighbors so please continue to show patience and understanding.

Please know that the City of Wilder Police, Fire, Public Works, Administration, and Elected Officials are working everyday for the physical, mental, and financial safety, health, and security of the residence. It is not easy, but I am proud of the work this group is doing.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

As you may know, the date for the Kentucky primary election was May 23rd. By order of the Governor, it was moved to June 23rd. The election process for this primary will take place by mail. The Secretary of State will mail every registered voter a postcard explaining the process. Each voter will then need to request a ballot. The County Clerk will then send a ballot to the voter. Special arrangements can be made for in-person voting but this will be by appointment only. Please note this is ONLY for the primary in June. There have been no plans to change the general election voting process in November. Should this occur we will keep you informed.

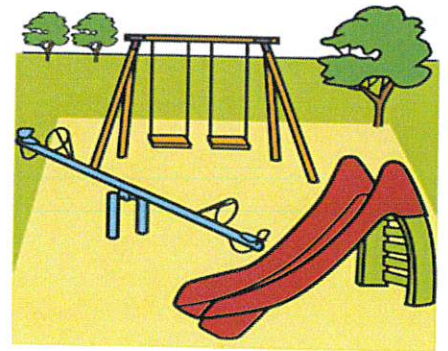


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If you are considering running for Wilder City Council in November, the filing deadline is June 2. You should visit the KY. Secretary of States website or the Campbell County Clerks Office website for more information.

UPDATES

Unfortunately, we had to cancel some important community events in March and April, specifically the Easter Egg Hunt and the Friday Fish Fry. We will work to make those even bigger and better next year. We are also working on a summer ending community event, but this will depend on where the state is in opening back up for larger gatherings.



While we have been able to keep moving forward on the fire station and the park, the current environment has slowed down the progress. We are holding out hope that we can open and use the park sometime by mid-summer. The economic uncertainty has caused me to delay the purchase of some equipment for the park. We will look to add these back in once we have a better picture of what the budget implications are of the economic downturn. However, the splash park will not be affected as the construction on that was already in place before the onset of Covid 19. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Likewise, as many of you have observed and commented to me, the fire station is moving along but is a bit behind the original schedule. We hope to consolidate the two existing fire stations into the new one by late September or early October.

Bob Arnold,

Mayor