

WILDER EXCHANGE

WILDER EXCHANGE
July/August
2020
ISSUE

City Hall Contacts
Mayor
Robert A. Arnold
ramold@wilderky.gov

City Administrator
Terry Vance
tvance@wilderky.gov

Asst. City Administrator
Chuck Norris
cnorris@wilderky.gov

City Clerk
Juanita Schultz
jschultz@wilderky.gov

City Web Page
www.wilderky.gov

CITY SERVICE REFERENCE NUMBERS

CITY BUILDING	581-8884
POLICE DEPT.	581-8863
FIRE DEPT.	431-1440 431-5884
Rumpke	800-828-8171
NORTHERN KY WATER DISTRICT	578-9898
SANITATION DISTRICT	578-7450

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ City Council Meetings - 1st & 3rd Monday of Every Month at 7:00 PM
- ◆ City Council Meetings can be viewed on Spectrum channel 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 DATES

July 3, 2020—City Building Closed
September 7, 2020—City Building Closed
September 13, 2020—Fifty-Fifth Annual Flag Raising Ceremony



PLEASE KEEP OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN
THE ARMED FORCES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND
PRAYERS

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW TO RECEIVE
IMPORTANT NEWS AND
E-NEWSLETTERS IN THE FUTURE.

WWW.WILDERKY.GOV



TRASH TALK TUESDAY

Warmer weather has definitely arrived and summer is here. Many people take advantage of the sidewalks that the city has to offer. This may come in the form of running, walking, biking, strollers etc. Please be mindful on trash day to place your bins closer to the curb as to leave a path for your neighbors to safely pass.

In accordance to Ordinance No. 92-1201 Section Two, Subsection (1) Containers must not be set out prior to dusk on the day preceding collection and must be removed as soon as possible within the same day as collection.

Any questions please call 859-581-8884.

Please be mindful of your neighbors this 4th of July weekend. While it may seem harmless, your elderly neighbors, families with young children and those with household pets are being significantly impacted. Also be sure to clean up firework debris.



The City is transitioning to an electronic newsletter and email updates. This will allow us to share more timely information and give us the opportunity to connect with more people such as homeowners, renters and businesses. It will also help save money on production and printing costs.

If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter and begin to receive important updates delivered straight to your email inbox, visit our web page at www.wilderky.gov to sign up.

Any questions please call us at 859-581-8884.

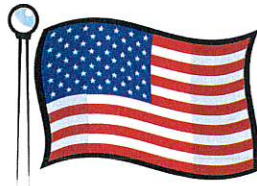


**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

2:00 P.M.

Steinhauer-Schardt V.F.W. Post 8020 Flagpole
520 Licking Pike
Wilder, Kentucky



We look forward to seeing you at
Wilder's Fifty-Fifth Annual Flag Raising Ceremony and Community Picnic

The Flag Raising Ceremony will be held at the
Steinhauer-Schardt V.F.W. Post Flagpole located at Veterans Memorial Park
The Annual Community Picnic will be held at the Wilder City Building immediately following the
ceremony.

Please call the city building office at 581-8884 by September 8th if you plan to attend this event
so food and beverages may be ordered accordingly.



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

: Follow the below safety tips while you are enjoying your 4th of July celebration:

- NEVER make your own fireworks. Only purchase fireworks from reliable, licensed dealers.
- Use consumer fireworks responsibly. Follow instructions and only use fireworks as intended. Never point them at others or use them as a weapon.
- Do not use fireworks under the influence of alcohol.
- Obey all local and State laws.
- Only use fireworks outdoors. Use them in a clear area, away from buildings and vehicles.
- Only set fireworks off from the ground. Never set them off from your hand or from glass bottles or metal containers.
- Light one firework at a time and move away after it has been lit. Never stand over a firework when lighting it.
- Never try to relight a “dud” firework. Leave it for 15 minutes and then soak it in water before disposing of it.
- Keep a source of extinguishment nearby.

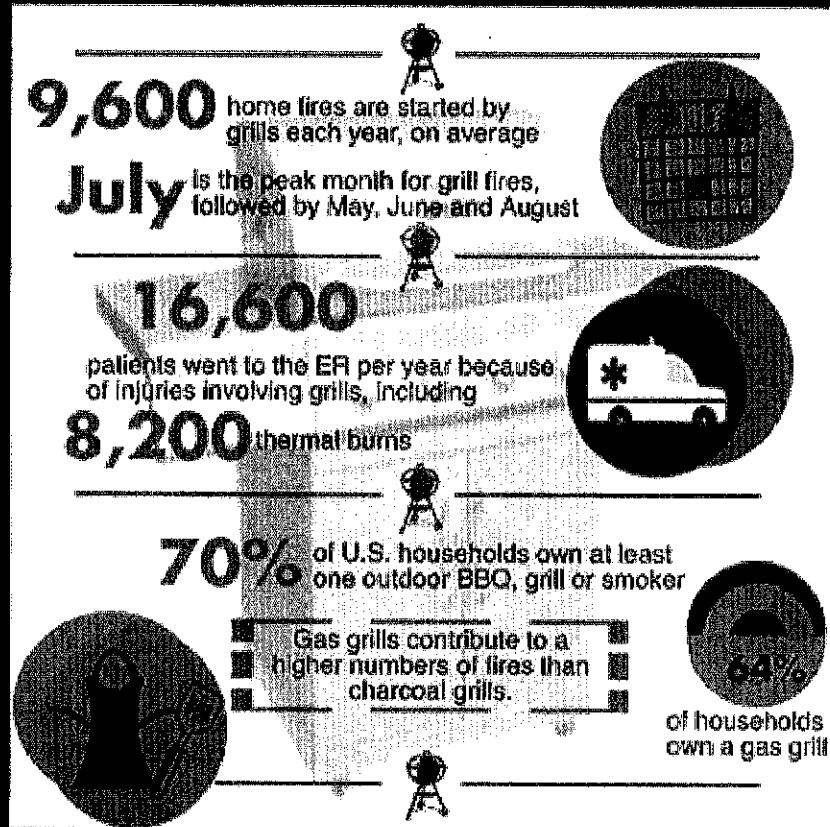
Ideally small children should not handle fireworks, and NEVER without adult supervision. Even sparklers can be dangerous as they burn at over 1000 degrees

Douglas Neyman

Fire Chief

Wilder Fire Department

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

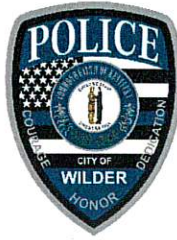


Source:
BBQAA's "State of the Barbecue Industry" consumer survey
APR 6 2014 Research 1 21 54:01

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



THANK YOU!

The Wilder Police Department would like to say thank you to the citizens of our city. When the conduct of a few police officers brings disgrace to the profession, you understand it is not a reflection on the other estimated 891,000. Every morning these brave men and women say goodbye to their families and prepare to face evil, in hopes you will not. They also change tires for stranded motorists, rescue lost animals for heart-broken owners, provide emergency medical aid for those struggling with addiction, and mediate family disputes. These are just a few of the calls your officers handled recently.

While some communities are requesting their police departments be dissolved due to dreams of living in a police free environment, Wilder has continued to encourage and support the police. The officers have been overwhelmed by the number of families that have taken time to stop by and voice their support for the department. There have been countless deliveries of food and baked goods for the officers with handwritten cards. Officers have requested their bill while eating at restaurants only to find out an anonymous person had already paid for them. During difficult times these acts of kindness remind officers why they do what they do.

Wilder Police will continue to strive for excellence and evaluate innovative policing concepts in our efforts to ensure the highest quality of service to our citizens. We thank you for your continued support and welcome your prayers.

Sincerely,

Chad Martin
Wilder Chief of Police

From the desk of City Clerk/Treasurer

Happy Fourth of July! I hope each of you are having a wonderful and safe summer.

If you ever have any suggestions or comments regarding our city, please contact me at 859-581-8884 or at jschultz@wilderky.gov

I would love to hear from you.

Thank you.

Juanita Schultz

From the desk of City Administrator

Licking Pike Road Closure

Unfortunately it was a year ago when I was writing about this very same issue. As many of you may know, there was another road closure on Licking Pike due to a mudslide. Licking Pike at Bobby Mackey's was once again closed due to a landslide issue brought on by recent heavy rains. Although the road is now reopened I would like to give readers a little background on the issue.

Licking Pike is a state route maintained by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The hillside on the opposite side of Bobby Mackey's is actually in Newport and on private property. From time to time mud from the very steep and unstable hillside slides down blocking the road. The most recent slide was a little farther south and once again was severe enough to close the road. There is still a good amount of overburden subject to slide in the event of more heavy rains. Hopefully a more permanent solution will be investigated. It is frustrating with all of the money spent to continue KY 9 with four lanes from the interstate into Newport that this keeps happening. We can only hope the state comes up with a more permanent solution to keep further slides from taking place. We will do our best to continue to work with the state to find a better longer lasting solution. In the meantime, please check both the city and state highway departments' social media outlets for possible future road closures. If the road is closed find alternative routes and pay attention to detours.

Dredging at Fredericks Landing

Anyone who has ever put a boat in at Fredericks Landing knows that this time of year mud at the bottom of the ramp can be an issue. The boat launch gets silted up after all of the year to date flooding. The city actually has to dredge the area out every year. We have a contract to perform the dredging operation but the city's water quality permit only permits the dredging to occur after June 30. We also have to wait for the river to reach normal pool stage to achieve the maximum depth of water at the dock. The dredging has been scheduled for this year and hopefully will begin as soon as permitted. The city will be selling passes starting July 1 for the 2020 boating season. Thank you for being patient and please use the boat ramp at your own risk due to shallow water.

*From the Desk of
Mayor Robert A. Arnold*

FISCAL BUDGET



The fiscal year for city governments in the state of Ky runs from July 1 to June 30. Accordingly, we have been busy in the City of Wilder preparing our budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Since we are in that process and given the issues created by the pandemic, I want to share with you information about the budget process.

The Kentucky Constitution and Chapter 91 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes provide the guiding legal principles for Cities to develop and adopt a budget. In general, it is the Executive Branch (Mayor of the City) that proposes a budget to and at the direction from the Legislative Branch (The City Council). Along with the proposed budget, the Executive Branch is required to submit a Memorandum to the Legislative Branch that must identify important features and activities anticipated in the budget as well as explain differences from the prior-year appropriation levels.

The budget for a City, like any budget, consists of revenue and expenditures. For most government entities, since governments don't make and sell products or services, the revenue comes in the form of tax collections. In some instances, there are other sources of revenues, such as grants, that would be considered revenue. While most of us don't like the idea of paying taxes, those tax revenues go toward safety and personal protection, maintenance of city property, and, for some governmental agencies, the funding of schools and other services.

In the City of Wilder, our revenues come primarily from payroll taxes from businesses and property taxes from businesses and homeowners. Our expenditures are related to Police, Fire, Maintenance, Recreation, and Administration.

This year, because of the global pandemic and the downturn in the economy, for all governments, the budgeting process has been filled with uncertainty. It is very difficult to predict what payroll tax revenues will be not knowing how our businesses have been or will be affected by the current economic situation. Also, you may have heard that the steel plant, Wilder's biggest employer, has suspended all of its activities until further notice. The loss of tax revenue from the steel plant is certainly a budgetary concern. Also, the City pays into the Kentucky State Retirement System and the rate required of Cities keeps increasing to pay for the State's mismanagement and underfunding of that program for so many years. All of that has led to a difficult budgeting process this year.

The good news is that we are still projecting solid revenue numbers and have controlled expenses. Some of our businesses keep showing excellent growth. Our homeowners pay their property tax on time. We were able to save on our health care expense without cutting any coverage. Our Administration, Police, and Fire Departments have managed their expenses well. Given that, I am happy to report that again this year we will not be increasing the real estate property tax rate. I hope this gives you some sense of the budgeting process for the City.

Bob Arnold,
Mayor