

Wilder Exchange



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September/October
2020

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

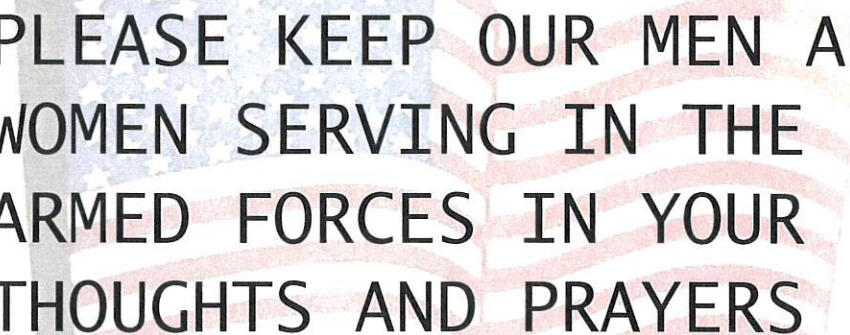
- ◆ City Council Meetings - 1st & 3rd Monday of Every Month at 7:00 PM
- ◆ City Council Meetings can be viewed on Spectrum channel 200, Cincinnati Bell Fioptics channel 806 or www.campbellmedia.org
- ◆ Wilder Planning & Zoning - 4th Monday (as needed) at 7:00 PM
- ◆ Wilder Vol.Fire Dept Drill - Every Monday at 7:30 PM

SPECIAL DATES

September 7, 2020—City Building Closed
September 13, 2020 — Annual Flag Raising 2pm
October 31, 2020—Halloween 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
November 26 & 27, 2020—City Building Closed

CITY SERVICE REFERENCE NUMBERS

CITY BUILDING	581-8884
POLICE DEPT.	581-8863
FIRE DEPT.	431-5884
MAINTENANCE	581-9515
Rumpke	800-828-8171
NORTHERN KY WATER DISTRICT	578-9898
SANITATION DISTRICT	578-7460



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

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WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, given by Governor Beshar, decisions on the Wilder Fire Department Annual Turkey Raffle and Dinner are still being discussed at this time. However, we will still be holding the raffle and our firefighters will be delivering raffle tickets the beginning of October. The drawings will be Friday, November 20, 2020. Should we not be able to hold a live raffle, winners will be contacted by phone.

PLEASE LOOK FOR UPDATES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND
IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.



Wilder Fire Department

Reminder on Sunday November 1st to set your clocks back, also as a good ritual, remember to change your batteries in your smoke detectors every time you change your clock in spring and fall.



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.



RUMPKE TRASH COLLECTION

Please note Rumpke uses an automated pick-up arm for trash collection. The City of Wilder has unlimited trash pick up. If you noticed something left behind that didn't fit in your container, Rumpke will come back to pick up later that day. As always you must call Rumpke first for larger items, ie: Mattresses, dressers etc. Feel free to call the city building should you have any questions or concerns at

859-581-8884



Friday, October 16
Saturday, October 17
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

CAMPBELL COUNTY CLEAN-UP EVENT FALL 2020

WWW.CAMPBELLCOUNTYKY.GOV

DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES, ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO UNLOAD THEIR OWN VEHICLE WITH NO COUNTY ASSISTANCE.

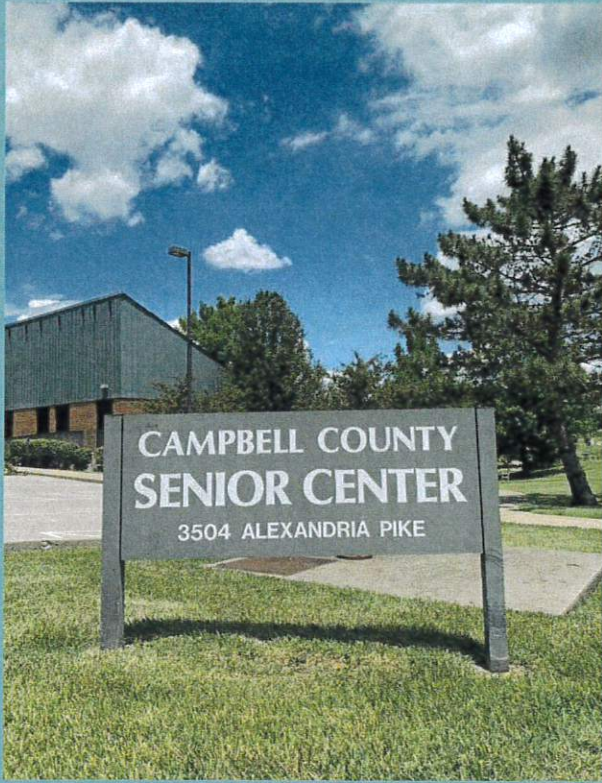
NOT ACCEPTED: Paint, Liquids, Hazardous Waste, Dirt/Concrete/Rocks, Gas Cylinders With Valve Intact, Propane Tanks That Are Not 20 lbs.

Location	Address	Accepted Items
Campbell Co Police Department Frederick's Landing Pendery Park	8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria KY 9-AA Hwy, Wilder 4051 Mary Ingles Hwy, Melbourne	Furniture & Mattresses Trash & Debris Yard Waste
Campbell County Transportation Center	1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	Appliances (Freon OK) Batteries Electronics (Limit 1 TV) Furniture & Mattresses Propane Tanks (20 lbs only) Scrap Metal Tires (Limit 8; Rims OK) Trash & Debris Yard Waste

CAMPBELL COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY: NO BUSINESSES OR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS

**For more information please email SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov
or call 859-547-1873 ahead of event date.**





**2020
Campbell County Senior
Citizens' Drive-Thru Picnic**

Wednesday, September 23

11AM - 1pm

Campbell County Senior Center
3504 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights

Register by **September 9th**

Online www.campbellcountyky.gov

By phone at 859-572-4300, or

Using the registration slip below

***Participants must be a Campbell County
resident age 60 or older***

FREE Entry With RSVP Includes: Chicken Dinner - Door Prizes - Goodie Bag

Campbell County Senior Citizens' Picnic Registration Slip

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ZIP: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail or Deliver (place in mailbox by side entrance) to:

Campbell County Senior Center

3504 Alexandria Pike

Highland Heights, KY 41076



Dear Citizens of Wilder,

For the past six years, it has been my honor to represent you on Wilder City Council. Working as your Councilwoman for three terms has given me great insight into the needs of our vibrant community and how to best serve you. I am proud to share some of the meaningful accomplishments achieved this past term in fulfilling my council responsibilities.

- ✓ Voted to maintain the current tax rate without forfeiting critical city projects or risking the financial viability of the city. During these unprecedented times, Wilder residents can feel confident knowing council is being fiscally responsible with their valued tax dollars.
- ✓ Passed a responsible and balanced budget.
- ✓ Adopted the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.
- ✓ Responded quickly and effectively to multiple citizens' requests for help.
- ✓ Launched a Public Servant Facebook page created to keep Wilder citizens informed. Follow me at: <https://www.facebook.com/Valerie-Jones-Councilwoman-Wilder-KY>
- ✓ Participated in the Construction Manager bidders' conference and assisted in the final selection of the most qualified firm to manage the Wilder Fire Station project from start-to-finish.
- ✓ Engaged on the Parks & Recreation committee in the development of Wilder's state-of-the-art outdoor recreation playground areas.
- ✓ Represented the city at official ceremonies to welcome new businesses to our community, such as the opening of The Hampton Inn, and to celebrate the reopening of others.

I continue to serve as the Wilder Fire Department liaison. In this advocacy role, I've worked tirelessly to support our first responders' needs and interests. Although much has been accomplished, there is more to do.

Additionally, I'm proud of my position and on-going support roles on the following committees:

- **New Wilder Fire Station** – Chairperson of the New Fire Station Committee. I worked diligently with the Wilder's consultant, the city administration and the fire department to complete the needs analysis and ultimately, finalize the Fire Station design. Played a key role in determining which Construction Manager to hire on the project.
- **Budget Committee** – Appointed member of the budget committee. In concert with Mayor Arnold and the late Councilman Rob Honaker, I examined budget estimates by department and evaluated beneficial modifications. Our committee's mission was to set aggregate levels of departmental revenue and spending expected for the upcoming fiscal year.
- **Comprehensive City Plan** – Active in the execution of this long-range guide for growth and economic prosperity of Wilder, such as land development and capital improvements. This is our map for the future. Without a map, how do we know where we are going or if we made it?

I'm delighted to be running for re-election and would be grateful for your vote on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Let's keep the momentum going.

Respectfully,

Valerie A. Jones

Wilder City Councilwoman

Hello Everyone,

August 2020

I'm Bob Blankenship and it has been my pleasure to be your Councilman for the past 18 years. Wilder is a great place to live. My wife, Joan, and I raised our children here. They are college graduates and now have families of their own. We have been blessed with 5 grandchildren (ages 6 - 17).

I have a degree from NKU in Information Systems and have managed two different companies' large-scale data center operations. In 2007, I took early retirement from Convergys. This has allowed me to



dedicate more time to our great City. I rarely miss Council meetings and participate in many of the City's activities. In the past, I have been the liaison for the Fire Department and Maintenance Department. I am currently serving the Police Department as their liaison.

The City is now making property and service improvements that will benefit its citizens. The new Fire Department is the most evident as it nears completion. Also new will be: a splash park, a multi-use facility, and a concession area that will also include restrooms. A future plan that is already partially funded will be an amphitheater at Frederick's Landing. The baseball field that used to be behind the city building will be relocated near the Frederick's Landing entrance. The bike trail is on hold as these other recreational plans come to fruition. While many of these plans/improvements are not readily seen, they are in progress behind the scenes. All of these initiatives will improve the quality of service we can provide to our residents. I am proud to be associated with these projects as either a participant and/or Council member to vote for the City's progress.

We are also working on developing a Wilder City Center. This is still in the developmental stages. The recent COVID-19 has slowed this project. I am very pleased to be on the economic development committee that will have input as to how this plan will shape up.

The City has also acquired more land for future development opportunities. We are continuing to reach out to other businesses to locate within our boundaries.

Please allow me to continue working with our City, improving its services, and serving you.

I would appreciate your vote on November 3,

Thank you,
Bob

Dear Wilder Citizens:

I have once again decided to run for Wilder City Council. My goal for the upcoming term is to continue to keep our tax rate as low as possible while keeping our city safe for our residents and businesses. I have been very active on Council the past few years. I was honored to serve on the city's Comprehensive Study Committee as well as being a committee member for the new fire house construction. With the sale of the North and South fire stations the net cost was kept very low. Our firefighters will now be able to work, train, and sleep in one location that is a safe environment and provides better training opportunities.

I am very happy to see the new splash park coming soon for our children and grandchildren. I am also excited about the planned new developments coming that will help our economy to remain strong. I look forward to helping our city grow and prosper in the future.

I have lived in our great city my entire life. I have been with the Wilder Fire Department for fifty years, serving thirty years as Fire Chief. I am a lifetime member of the Wilder and Southgate Volunteer Fire Departments and served as President of the Campbell County Fire Chiefs Association for two years. I served in the US Army Reserve for six years and left as a Staff Sergeant (E-6) with an honorable discharge to start my career with the City of Wilder. I attended Northern Kentucky University where I completed many classes in the Fire Science Program until the program was cancelled. I am married to my beautiful wife Trish and we have four children, thirteen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Feel free to contact me anytime concerning our city or concerns that you may have. I look forward to serving you for another term and thank you for your vote.

Jim Profit



Hello, my name is Kelly Meiser and I am running for a second term on City Council. I've lived in Wilder for the last 12 years along with my husband. We have three kids, two dogs and recently built a new house. Wilder is such a special place to live & I would like to continue having that small town charm. Here's what I plan to bring to the city if I'm re-elected:

- Do everything we can to maintain our low taxes. I am currently on a small group discussing the economic development of Wilder, which can make this concept even more of a reality. As mentioned in a previous council meeting, there are several places we are discussing development and I would like to make sure it supports our small town feel.
- Continue supporting community activities. As we progress with our new playground and splash pad, I would like to discuss hosting additional events such as movie night and concerts at the amphitheater.
- Help keep our community safe by equipping our police & fire departments with needed resources.
- Make sure that we stay connected with our residents as our newsletter transitions to become electronic.

I would love to hear your ideas on what you think we need to do to make this city even more special. Feel free to call me at 513.332.7502 or email me (kelly.meiser@yahoo.com) with your ideas!

I look forward to hearing from you and I would really appreciate your vote.

Thanks,

Kelly Meiser

To all the fair citizens of Wilder, I hope all is well with everyone!

Since I have come to this city in 2017 and ran for city council in 2018, I have met some awesome people! A few I've known for many years. I have enjoyed being on council and seeing our fair town grow and prosper. So much is happening from our well needed firehouse, to the waterpark, the butterfly garden, and future amphitheater.

After being in service to the county for the last 25 or so years and being retired from the Alexandria Fire Department, and other agencies in the county, I love continuing my service by being on city council. I am now asking for your support and vote for re-election on November 3rd for 2021-2022 term.

Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Sandy Ruschman-Decker

Dear Wilder Residents,

It has been a year since retiring but the sense of service to our wonderful community has remained. Given the perfect opportunity, at the present time, I have decided to run for Wilder city council and would appreciate your votes.

A little background about me, I was born and raised here in Wilder and fortunate enough to build our home here with my beautiful wife, Kim. I am a graduate of Campbell County High School and Northern Kentucky University in Criminal Justice and began a law enforcement career with the Wilder Police Department in 1992. I left for a short while, working with the Southgate and Cold Spring Police Departments before returning to Wilder in 1998. My career advanced through the years working as Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and became Chief of Police in 2012. I served as the past president of both the Northern Kentucky Police Chief's Association and the Campbell County Police Chief's Association during that time.

I am truly proud of the department we built during my tenure but as I said prior, my sense of service to our community will never wane. So, when this opportunity was presented, I could not think of a better way to keep attempting to serve our beautiful community.

The changes and growth we have seen under Mayor Arnold and the current council are exciting and I hope to be a part of our city's advancement in the foreseeable future.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

R. Andrew Williams, Candidate for Wilder City Council

From the desk of Fire Chief:



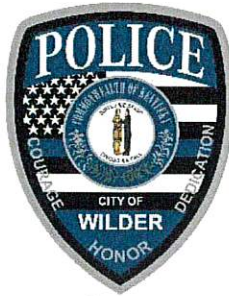
That time of year again!

As a yearly reminder for your safety and that of your family, be sure to change the battery in your smoke detector and run a test. It has been proven through many research studies that working smoke detectors with proper placements have saved countless lives.

If you are unsure about your current smoke detectors placement or workings please contact us for information.

Wilder Fire Department
402 Licking Pike
859-431-1440

From the desk of Police Chief:



WILDER WELCOMES TWO NEW OFFICERS!

In case you haven't heard, Wilder has added two new officers in August. Bill Allen, who is a familiar face around Wilder as one of our part-time officers has decided to become a full-time officer. We have also hired Cameron Holland, with ten years of experience from Arlington, Virginia Police and the U.S. Department of Justice. I asked both officers to share some information about themselves so the community could get to know them.

I have over 24 years of public service and joined the Wilder Police Department in 2009 as a part-time officer. I have held multiple positions and assignments over my career including, Police/Fire dispatcher, bike patrol officer, and Field Training Officer. I have a vast background in fire investigation and have served on the Kenton, Boone and Campbell County Fire Investigation Teams. I have received multiple awards and accommodations over my career including the 2007 Northern Kentucky Police Chief's Officer of the Year award. I enjoy fishing, golfing, and spending time with my family in my off time.

– Bill Allen

I would like to express my immense honor and appreciation to serve as a law enforcement professional for the city of Wilder. After spending the majority of my adult life in the Washington D.C. area, I have settled down for a quieter and less trafficked region. I love the great outdoors, traveling the world, staying active and...chocolate chip cookies!!! I look forward to working with all who view Wilder as their community to live, work, and enjoy recreationally!

*With thankfulness,
Cameron Holland*

If you see them out, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the Wilder Community!

Sincerely,
Chad Martin
Wilder Chief of Police

From the desk of City Clerk:

Summer has wrapped up and now we are gearing up for Tax season. 2020 Taxes will be going out the beginning of October. Also as a reminder, bills are mailed to the home owner. If you have an escrow account you can forward your bill to the escrow company once you receive it. It is the homeowners responsibility to make sure their property tax is paid. 2020 Property tax is due by November 30, 2020, anything after that is considered late and will accrue penalty and interest accordingly. Any questions please feel free to call the city building at 859-581-8884

From the desk of City Administer:

Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe and healthy during these troublesome times. Just wanted to provide a quick update on the progress in the city especially around the city building.

As you may have noticed, the new fire station is almost complete. Final touches are being made on the inside and it is really taking shape. Landscaping and final outside work will be complete by early October. We have been delayed a little but we are pleased overall with the project which appears to be coming in on budget. The City Center Park is also coming along nicely. The new play structures and rubberized play surface will be installed mid to late September along with the two new shelters which will be finished around the same time. The park also has sand volleyball, basketball, a pitching wall and many other features to enjoy. The new Splash Park is also just about finished. Unfortunately it will not be ready for use this season. It will open late spring 2021 and be ready for use when the weather warms up. New street lights have been installed around the parking lot and along South Street. Future plans are to use similar lighting along Licking Pike in the City Center development.

Regarding future projects. The city is working on plans to relocate the baseball field at the entrance to Fredericks Landing. This work will involve excavation of dirt around the entrance to the park and filling in to expand the playing area while creating and economic development opportunity for a future business venture overlooking the park and future amphitheater. In conjunction with this project, design is starting up on the amphitheater that will be located at the south end of Fredericks Landing. The city received a \$250,000 grant for the amphitheater which will be part of a major renovation of Fredericks Landing. Fredericks Landing is one of the premier river parks with boat launch access to the Licking River. Plans are to make the park even better and promote multiple uses of the facility.

The Wilder City Center project is still in the planning stages. Request for proposals will be going out soon to interested developers. We have the vision for the City Center, the city will be looking to select the right developer to work with the city on a major development plan for city owned properties along Licking Pike near the city building and firehouse. More information on the City Center development will be presented once the details are worked out.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, suggestions or ideas. You can contact me at the city building by phone, 859-581-8884 or email tvance@wilderky.gov.

From the desk of
Mayor Robert. A. Arnold



FALL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

I wanted to update everyone on the status of the fall activities within the City.

1. Flag raising ceremony. It has been the tradition for many years in the City of Wilder that there is a flag raising ceremony on the second Sunday in September commemorating the service to our country by those who were and are members of the military and first responders. We will continue this tradition but the ceremony will be modified given the Covid 19 restrictions in place as well as the construction of the fire station. This year's ceremony will be held at Fredrick's Landing at 2:00pm, being very short and with only the City staff participating. There will be no community picnic this year after the ceremony. If members of the public want to view the ceremony, there is plenty of room to social distance at the Landing.

2. Halloween. There has been much discussion between and among the Mayors in Campbell County about how Halloween should be conducted this year. The Governor has not set forth any guidelines as yet. It will likely be the view of the City of Wilder that Halloween will occur during the normal scheduled time, that is, on Halloween from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. It will be up to each resident as to whether you want to participate or not. If you choose to do so, please do so with all necessary precautions to keep safe you, your family, and everyone who chooses to participate. Please refer to the City website as we get closer to October 31 for more details.

3. Election. Governor Andy Beshear and Secretary of State Michael Adams have announced a plan for Kentucky's 2020 General Election on November 3. There will be three options for voting: Absentee ballot by mail, Early in-person voting, and Election Day in-person voting. County election officials will decide election sites that will be open for Election Day. Every county will have at least one voting super-center, where everyone from the county can go to vote, regardless of his or her precinct. Monday, October 5 is the deadline to register to vote in Kentucky. For information on voting refer to - <https://campbellcountyclerkky.com/>

COUNCIL MEETING

Please be advised that the first council meeting in September will be held on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00am because of the Labor holiday on Monday.

Bob Arnold,

Mayor