



# WILDER EXCHANGE

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**November/December**  
**2020**

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City Web Page

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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](http://www.campbellmedia.org)  
Wilder Planning & Zoning - 4th Monday (as needed) at 7:00 PM  
Wilder Fire Dept Drill - Every Monday 7:30-10:00 PM

SPECIAL DATES

November 20th— Virtual Turkey Raffle  
November 26th & 27th—City Building Closed  
December 7th at 7:15 p.m.-Tree Lighting Ceremony (Details to be announced)  
December 20th—Santa Is Coming Via Fire Truck  
December 24th & 25th –City Building Closed  
January 1st—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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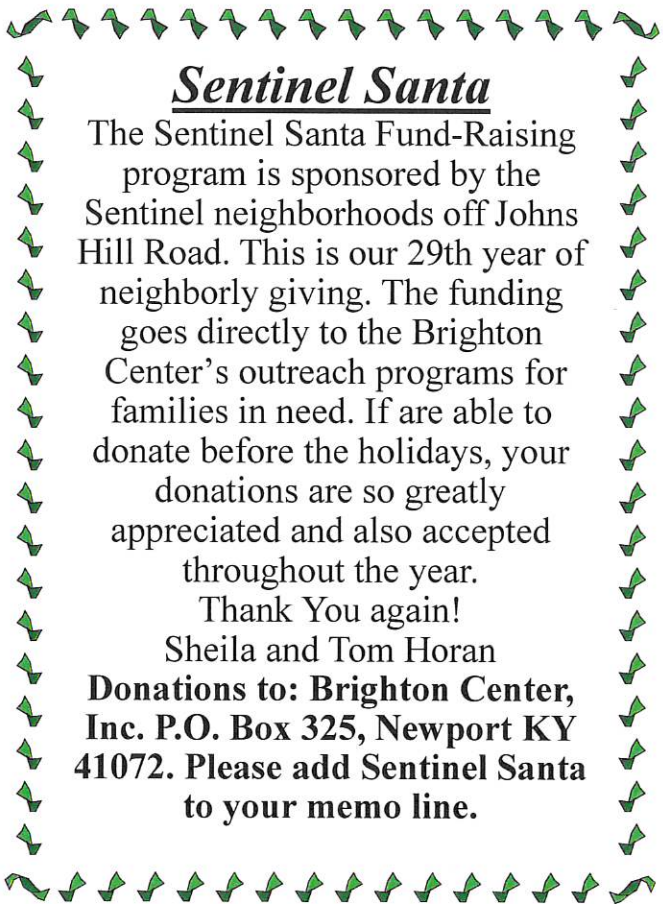
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## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The 12th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 7th immediately following the 7:00p.m. Council Meeting.

However due to the uncertainty of COVID guidelines in the upcoming weeks, details regarding this event will be posted on our website as we near the date.



### Sentinel Santa

The Sentinel Santa Fund-Raising program is sponsored by the Sentinel neighborhoods off Johns Hill Road. This is our 29th year of neighborly giving. The funding goes directly to the Brighton Center's outreach programs for families in need. If are able to donate before the holidays, your donations are so greatly appreciated and also accepted throughout the year.

Thank You again!

Sheila and Tom Horan

**Donations to: Brighton Center, Inc. P.O. Box 325, Newport KY 41072. Please add Sentinel Santa to your memo line.**

## Santa Is Coming

To Wilder  
Via Fire Truck  
Throughout the City  
Sunday, December 20th  
Time: 1:00 to 5:00 PM



For More Information Call 431-5884

If weather is bad, (Snow, Rain/Sleet) please bring your child to the city building between 1:00 & 5:00 to pick up the children's candy and visit with Santa.

Sponsored by: Wilder Fire Department

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Once again, the City of Wilder will sponsor a Home/Condominium decorating contest. The city has selected a panel of judges who will be viewing the homes in the city the week of December 14th to the 18th. Prizes are as follows:

### Single Family Homes



1st place—\$75 gift card

2nd place—\$50 gift card

3rd place—\$25 gift card

### Condominium

1st place—\$75 gift card

If you wish to nominate your home, please have your home lit up and/or decorated during the above dates and submit or call the city building with the nomination. The winners will be notified and asked which restaurant they prefer their gift card to be from in Wilder.

**One last friendly reminder that this is the final paper version of the Wilder Exchange Newsletter. The city is transitioning into an electronic newsletter via email starting January 2021. Please go to our webpage and sign up for upcoming news and the Wilder Exchange Newsletter.**

Sign up at [www.wilderky.gov](http://www.wilderky.gov)

Any questions call us at 859-581-8884



# SD1

Managing Northern Kentucky's  
Wastewater and Storm Water



## ***Keep storm drains clean from debris this fall***

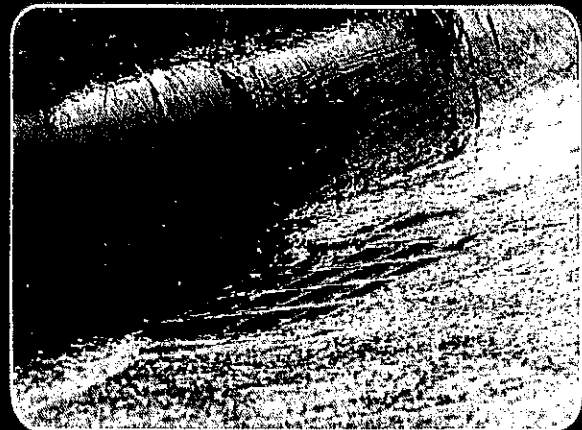
Catch basins, or storm drains, on the side of the road carry rainwater to Northern Kentucky's creeks and rivers. Pollutants and debris that wash into these basins when it rains are not usually carried to one of SD1's treatment plants for cleaning, but instead are conveyed to a nearby waterway. Once in our creeks and rivers, chemicals, yard debris, litter and dirt can degrade the quality of the water we rely on for drinking water and recreation. Autumn leaves and other debris can also clog storm drains, making these structures less effective at limiting erosion and flooding. These issues create safety hazards and costly property damage.

You can help prevent these issues and keep our waterways clean by following the tips on the back.



## ***Remember these tips to help protect public health, property and the environment:***

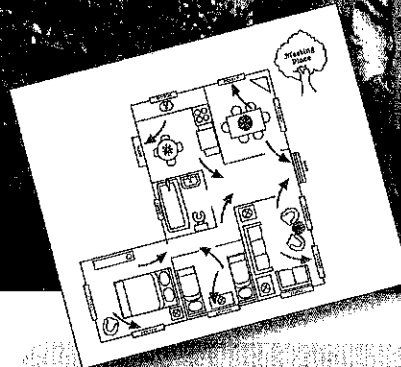
- ▶ Don't sweep your grass clippings, leaves and other debris in the street.
- ▶ Dispose of all waste properly in trash receptacles or recycling bins.
- ▶ Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly on your yard and landscaping.
- ▶ Never dump, pour or wash oil, chemicals, paint, yard debris, trash or other substances down a storm drain.
- ▶ During the winter months, shovel ice and snow on your property away from storm drains to help maintain a clear opening.



For more helpful tips and information about  
how to prepare for heavy rainfall, visit  
[sd1.org/rainevents](http://sd1.org/rainevents)

# Escape Planning

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.



## SAFETY TIPS

- »» MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- »» KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- »» HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- »» PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- »» PRACTICE using different ways out.
- »» TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- »» CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

## IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- »» If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- »» If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- »» CALL the fire department from outside your home.

## FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ❗ According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ❗ While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- ❗ **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

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## **ENDORSED BY:**

- Fire Chiefs
- Sheriff's Departments
- 911 Dispatch Center
- Emergency Medical Services



## WILDER FIRE/RESCUE

522 LICKING PIKE • WILDER, KENTUCKY 41071

PHONE 859-431-5884 • FAX 859-581-0823



FIRE CHIEF DOUG NEYMAN

To our supporters and citizens of Wilder we hope that you and your family have had a safe and healthy year. 2020 has been a trying time for everyone. The Wilder Fire Department has not wavered in its dedication and protection to you our citizens.

The corona virus pandemic has changed the way we operate, both internally and responding to emergencies and we care about the safety of our citizens. Beginning in March, when the pandemic began infecting people worldwide, we decided to cancel our annual fish fry's out of the abundance of caution for our supporters. This was not an easy decision for us due to it being one of our major fund raisers throughout the year.

As COVID-19 continues to spread throughout communities all over the country and the world we are left with another tough decision. We have decided to cancel our annual Turkey Raffle we host in November. The cancellation of both of our major fund raisers has put a financial strain on purchasing much needed personal protective equipment for our members to keep them healthy to continue to operate at a high level of protection to you our citizens.

In lieu of hosting the in person Turkey Raffle we have decided to host a virtual raffle. Our members will be out in the city delivering raffle tickets just like we have done in the past. Each residence will receive 10 tickets at \$1 apiece. The drawing will be on November 20, 2020. If you wish to not purchase the tickets we understand completely and you can return them to the new fire station located next to the city building at 522 Licking Pike or you can call at 859-431-5884

We like to thank you for your continued support and we wish you and your family a happy, safe and healthy remainder of 2020.

*Douglas Neyman*



## Holiday Season Safety Tips!

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, we have to remember not everyone is thinking about turkey dinners and family gatherings. Sadly, the holiday season is a busy time for criminals as well. Here are a few reminders to keep your family safe:

- **Phone calls pressuring you to pay back taxes, outstanding tickets, arrest warrant fees, or anything else with gift cards (Apple, ITUNES, Wal-mart, Amazon) are always scams.** There have been several incidents recently, where our residents have lost thousands of dollars to scams. These individuals operate outside the United States, using computer software to generate local phone numbers that show up on your caller ID, and request gift card numbers over the phone. Prosecution, or recovery of funds, is nearly impossible in these incidents. If you receive a call requesting any type of funds, which seems out of the norm, call the police department BEFORE doing anything. We can help you determine if the caller is a scam. Our senior citizens are routinely targeted, make sure you remind them to be cautious with these type of calls.
- **KEEP YOUR CAR DOORS LOCKED.** This is the time of year people tend to have gifts or large sums of cash with them for shopping. Locked doors deter most thieves, as long as you don't have purses, firearms, computers, or other high value items left out in plain sight.
- **Don't advertise on trash day.** Make sure you destroy or break down boxes for high value items. Don't leave large boxes at the curb, showing passing motorist what new electronics you purchased.

These tips can help keep you safe from criminals, but we also need to keep ourselves safe from Mother Nature. Bread and milk season is upon us. Now is the time to check your vehicles. Do you need new tires or wipers before the snow and ice arrives? Is your battery ready for the sub-zero wind chills? Do you have an emergency kit in case you get stranded? Blankets, lighter, jumper cables, windshield scrapers, flashlights, and a bag of kitty litter or absorbent material to help with traction, are just a few items that can come in handy in an emergency. As always, if you have any safety questions, just give us a call, (859) 581-8863 for non-emergency issues.

Sincerely,

Chad Martin  
Wilder Chief of Police



### *From the Desk of City Clerk*

Property and Tangible Taxes were mailed out the week of September 16th. If you have any questions, or did not receive your tax bill please call the city building.

Anyone doing business in the City of Wilder needs an occupational license. Please find the form on our website - [www.wilderky.gov](http://www.wilderky.gov) or call the city building with any questions.

Juanita Schultz  
City Clerk  
859-581-8884

# SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

## REMINDERS:

### **PARK VEHICLE IN DRIVEWAY DURING AND/OR AT SNOW AND ICE STORM ADVISORY.**

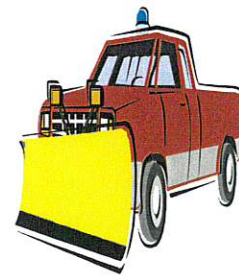
This allows streets to be completely cleared and also helps keep the plow from piling snow around parked cars.

**CUL-DE-SAC**— Do not park in the cul-de-sac during inclement weather. The truck with the snowplow cannot make turns when cars are parked in the cul-de-sac. Please conform.

## **PROCEDURE FOR SNOW REMOVAL:**

The hilly areas are the first streets to be cleared. We then proceed to clear the level areas. Please note that Three Mile Road, Mooock Road, Licking Pike, and Johns Hill Road are state roads and are not maintained by the City of Wilder. If you have a problem or questions regarding these roads, please call the Kentucky Department of Transportation at 341-2700.

## *Public Works*



## *From the Desk of City Administrator*

### ON STREET PARKING

Recently the city has been receiving a lot of calls concerning parking on city streets. Below are a few of the rules and regulations regarding City of Wilder Ordinances about on street parking.

- ◆ Parking in excess of 72 hours in one location is prohibited. (Cannot leave vehicle parked in one location for more than three days)
- ◆ No parking in areas marked with yellow paint
- ◆ All vehicles must be registered and operable if parked on city streets. (Valid license/registration required and vehicle must be running and able to move under own power)
- ◆ Parking must be in the same direction of travel. (No parking the opposite way on streets)
- ◆ Obey no parking signs. (Most streets only permit parking on one side of the street. The streets are marked as to which side of the street parking is permitted)
- ◆ Be courteous to your neighbors and the mail carriers. (While this is not in the ordinances it becomes a problem when mailboxes are blocked and people park too close or even block neighbor's driveways. Parking in and around cul-de-sacs can also pose problems for larger vehicles especially school buses and fire trucks/ ambulance)

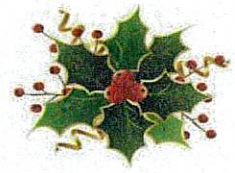
The city is in the process of evaluating all city streets for parking issues including missing signs, parking violations etc. Please let us know if you have any particular parking issues, concerns or complaints. Call the city building at 581-8884 or the Wilder Police Department at 581-8863. Parking problems will be addressed when possible with warnings prior to citations being issued.



*From the desk of*  
Mayor Robert A. Arnold

## HOLIDAYS

This is the last Newsletter of 2020, so as we enter this holiday season, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and very healthy holiday.



As we reflect on 2020, it has been a very difficult year. Living through a global pandemic on top of other issues that we face every day can be and has been overwhelming for so many. It is during turbulent times like these when we have to support each other in our neighborhoods and communities. I am so thankful that the residents of Wilder have shown resilience and compassion for each other. I hope everyone can stay optimistic that 2021 will bring better days and happy times to all in our community.

Finally, in the spirit of the holiday season, please take a moment to share a kind comment or check in on a neighbor, friend, or loved one to brighten their day.

## DEDICATIONS

In this newsletter last November, I was excited to share the news of the groundbreaking for the fire station and the City Center park. At that time, we anticipated a dedication in late summer of this year. However, the global pandemic slowed the process pushing the completion into the fall. We were planning a dedication of both the fire station and the park on October 30<sup>th</sup>. However, given the increase in new Covid cases and directives from the Governor to limit gatherings of large groups of people, I made the decision to cancel the dedications until such time as we can celebrate these accomplishments as a community. It is my hope that we can come together in the spring and have a proper dedication that can be enjoyed by the entire Wilder community.

## CONGRATULATION

I would like to express my congratulations to the elected City Council members, Valerie Jones, Sandy Decker, Kelly Miser, Bob Blankenship, Jim Proffitt, and the new member Andy Williams. Andy will be joining a great group of existing council members who are focused on moving the City forward. Andy is not only the former Police Chief but also the son of Jerry Williams, who was a fantastic Mayor of Wilder in the 1990's. I would also like to extend a warm thank you to Becky Sebastian who graciously filled out the remaining term of her late husband and former councilman, Jerry.



*Bob Arnold,*  
Mayor