

# WILDER EXCHANGE

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2021

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NORTHERN KY  
WATER DISTRICT 578-9898

SANITATION  
DISTRICT 578-7460

## 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 Vol. Fire Dept Drill - Every Monday of the month at 7:30 PM- 10 PM

## SPECIAL DATES

February 15, 2021-City Building Closed-Presidents day

February 19, 2021 -Due to COVID Fish Fry details will be announced closer to the event

April 2, 2021-City Building Closed -Spring Holiday

**\*\*CITY WEBSITE\*\***

**[www.wilderky.gov](http://www.wilderky.gov)**



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



CONGRATULATIONS

*1st place— 488 Stevens Hill*

CHRISTMAS

*2nd place- 730 Johns Hill*

DECORATION

*3rd place- 6 Hillside Drive*

WINNERS

*1st place Condo- 120 Creekwood  
Drive Unit #1*



### SCAVENGER HUNT

The City Of Wilder would like to thank everyone who participated in the 1st annual Snowman Scavenger Hunt.

It was a huge success. We look forward to next years hunt. Participants who turned in their forms were put in a drawing to win a gift certificate. Listed below are the 5 names who were drawn.

***NOAH MEYERS***

***ALLISON SMITH***

***BRANDON YOUNG***

***JODIE MEISER***

***KIMBER SCOTT***

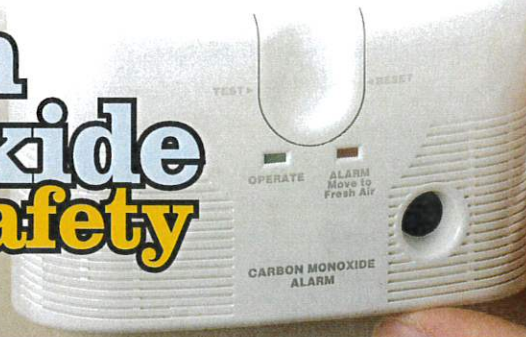
# WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL



Due to COVID-19 we are working on ideas to meet  
the safety needs of our  
community. If you have a suggestion please feel  
free to email Chief Neyman at  
[dneyman@wilderky.gov](mailto:dneyman@wilderky.gov)



# Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

## HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

## FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Your Logo



# 10 Tips

## Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. *(Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)*



Wilder Fire Department



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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

859-760-6504





Put a

# FREEZE

## on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



Heating equipment is involved in **1 in every 7** home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths.



Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators **outside, away from windows, and as far away** from your home as possible.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms **at least once a month**.



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year**.



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.



FEMA

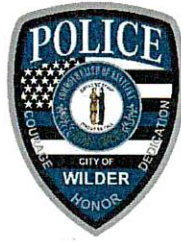


U.S. Fire Administration



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).





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## Tax Season = Scam Season

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Members of our community are still losing money to scammers. The scams are getting more creative and more threatening in nature. Usually these calls originate from other countries to prevent investigations or prosecution in the United States, leaving the victims with no chance to recover their loss. It's shocking how much personal information is available on the internet. Business marketing companies will sell lists that can include your name, address, date of birth, mortgage company, purchase price of your home, vehicle financing, and lines of credit you currently have open. This information is used to convince someone that the caller is a legitimate company. Below are some tips you can use to identify a potential scam.

- The IRS will never call you unexpectedly and demand payment for a tax bill.
- If a collection company is threatening to send the police to arrest you for an outstanding debt, it is 100% a scam.
- If a family member calls to tell you they are in jail in another country and need you to wire money for their release, I'm going to say it's 99% a scam. With spring breakers, you always need to leave in the one percent, but call them or other family members before doing anything!
- If an online store has a product that is 50% cheaper than every other store and they only accept wire transfers, it's a scam.
- If you have to pay a customs fee, bank fee, shipper fee, or any other fee before you receive free money or products, it's a scam.

This is only a small list of current scams being used. If you have elderly family members, discuss this with them. They are the primary victims for scammers. If you have any doubt, call us before you provide any personal information and do not send any money.

Chad Martin

Chief of Police

## **From the desk of City Clerk/Treasurer**

### **Home Use Occupations**

Did you know you need to have an occupational license from the city if you operate a business from your home? There are regulations in place within the city zoning ordinance that regulate the use of one's home for business use. Below is the section of the zoning ordinance that regulates home businesses.

### **SECTION 9.9 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING HOME OCCUPATIONS:**

Home occupations shall include the use of a residential structure for services rendered, other than by direct contact with customers, at that location (for example, where the bulk of the business is by telephone - actual work is performed in home and customer is contacted other than at that location). The following requirements shall apply to home occupations, where permitted herein:

- No persons other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such operation.
- The use of the dwelling unit for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes by its occupants. Not more than twenty-five (25) percent of the gross floor area of any one floor of the dwelling unit (including the basement or cellar) shall be used in the conduct of the home occupation.
- There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the structure or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation, that will indicate from the exterior that the structure is being utilized, in part, for any purpose other than that of dwelling unit, except that a name plate, as regulated by Article XIV of this ordinance, shall be permitted.
- No home occupation shall be conducted in any accessory structure, nor shall there be any exterior storage of any materials on the premises.
- There shall be no commodity sold upon the premises in connection with such home occupation.
- No traffic shall be generated by such home occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in the vicinity where such home occupation is located.
- No equipment or process which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference, detectable to the normal senses off the lot, shall be used in such home occupation. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receivers off the premises, or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises, shall be used.

For more information on running a business or to report a business being ran out of a home please contact the city building.



**From the desk of City Clerk/Treasurer Cont:**

*Happy New Year!*

*Property Taxes were due November 30, 2020*

- *Thank you to everyone who paid their property taxes*
- *Delinquent notices will be going out soon*

*Occupational Licenses*

- *Please be advised if you own rental property within the city, you must obtain an Occupational Licenses*

If you have any questions, please contact me at  
859-581-8884

Thank You  
Juanita Schultz

**Public Works Department**

*Did you know that when snow plow drivers are plowing snow down your street that there is sometimes nowhere to put the snow due to vehicles parked on the streets? Please allow our Public Works crew to do the best snow removal job they can. Here are some reminders that will allow for the fastest, safest and most efficient job for our community.*

**REMINDERS:**

**PARK CARS 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, Moock 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 (859)341-2700.*

**From the desk of City Administrator**

**City and County Property Taxes**

Property taxes can be burdensome and complicated. It can be especially troublesome and stressful if you cannot pay your taxes on time. While this does not apply to everyone, during these troubling times some may be experiencing financial difficulty and faced with having to pay an annual property tax bill just adds to the pressure.

By now, property owners in Wilder should have received both the city property tax bill and the county property tax bill. City tax bills are mailed out early October. They are due by November 30th. After December 1st penalty and interest are added monthly. County tax bills are slightly different as they are mailed out the beginning of November and are paid at the Campbell County Sheriff's Office. Collection begins November 1st. County taxes have a discount period November 1st through November 30th. December 1st through December 31st taxpayers pay the base amount. After December 31st penalties and interest begin to accrue on both city and county bills. Both county and city tax bills become delinquent after April 15th.

**Very Important**

If the tax bill is not paid by April 15th, it is turned over to the County Clerk and becomes a Certificate of Delinquency which is recorded as a lien on the property. If your Certificate of Delinquency remains unpaid for 90 days, "third-party purchasers" can then purchase your Certificate of Delinquency by paying the amount due. The first offering of Certificate of Delinquency's for sale each year is typically done at what is known as a Tax Bill Sale which is usually held in August each year. Third party purchasers can charge much higher interest and substantial administrative costs and penalties making it much more difficult to repay the delinquent tax bill.

**Payment Plans**

If you are unable to pay a Certificate of Delinquency (overdue tax bill) in full, you may qualify for a payment plan with the Campbell County Attorney's Office. If the Certificate of Delinquency has been sold to a third-party purchaser, you will not be eligible, but you may want to contact the third-party purchaser who may be willing to enter a payment plan.

You can read more about the county tax bill collection process, payment plans and third party purchasers on the Campbell County Attorney web page at: [Delinquent Tax Collection —Campbell County \(campbellcountyattorney.com\)](http://www.campbellcountyattorney.com)



*From the desk of*

## Mayor Robert A. Arnold

### Happy New Year

I hope all Wilder residents had a safe and happy holiday season and I wish everyone a very prosperous 2021.

While we will start off the new year still facing the same issues that we confronted in 2020, I am optimistic that we can get back to a life that allows us to gather together as a community. In the meantime, stay safe and please try to be patient and courteous to others as we fight through this pandemic together.



### 2020 Accomplishments

It is the time of the year that, as Mayor, I reflect on what the City accomplished in 2020 and consider where we are headed in 2021. Here are a few of the highlights of 2020 for which the City can be proud and will provide value to the residents and businesses.

- ◆ We started the year by bringing together the business community. There was a great turnout and excellent discussion as to how we could all work together to benefit the businesses and residents within the City.
- ◆ We announced a plan to redevelop the City Center which includes the Fredricks Landing area. We had some initial discussions with developers but in light of the pandemic, as you might expect, discussions have slowed, but the opportunities are very encouraging.
- ◆ We added two veteran police officers. While this only helped us maintain the status quo in the size of our police department, it gave us more experience to better serve our residents.
- ◆ Construction was completed on the new fire station and we were able to transition from the old buildings into the new fire station. This creates a better and safer working environment for our first responders and provides economic development opportunities with the old buildings.
- ◆ Likewise, we completed the new City Center park which will be ready for use this Spring.
- ◆ We moved this newsletter to an electronic format so as to minimize the cost of production and distribution. We will still make paper copies available to those who prefer it.
- ◆ Significant repair work was finally completed on John's Hill Road and the State has budgeted money for the KY Department of Transportation to determine a remedy for the I275 interchange.
- ◆ We have entered into an agreement with the Sanitation District to allow them to build an equalization tank near the Licking River which will improve environmental conditions by reducing sanitary sewer overflows.

## Going forward in 2021 we will be working on the following:



Ⓜ The effort on the redevelopment of the City Center area including Fredricks Landing will continue. Stay tuned for announcements about changes coming to that area.

Ⓜ We will invite the public to a formal dedication and open house at the new fire station at a time that is safe to do so. It is important for our residents to see this new asset in our community. As part of the open house, we will make this a fun and educational experience for all who can attend.

Ⓜ With the completion of the City Center park, as with the new fire station, we will have a formal dedication and grand opening of the new splash park which will be an exciting event for all who can attend.

Ⓜ Along with the opening of the City Center park, we will expand our recreational opportunities and our summer program.

Ⓜ Once we are clear of the pandemic, we will plan for a large community event that includes food, drinks, and music that will be fun for all.

Ⓜ We will begin a City beautification project that will brighten up the entryways to the City.

Ⓜ As we continue to expand programs and ideas for improving the City, I am hopeful that we can start a volunteer program that will allow our residents to become more involved in what makes Wilder one of the best places to live and work in northern KY.

If you have ideas on how to improve our City, please email me at [rarnold@wilderky.gov](mailto:rarnold@wilderky.gov) or go to the City website, [wilderky.gov](http://wilderky.gov), scroll down to the "Contact Us" area of the home page and send me a note.

Cheers,

# Bob Arnold,

Mayor