



WILDER EXCHANGE



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November/December
2021

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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 Fire Dept Drill - Every Monday 7:30-10:00 PM

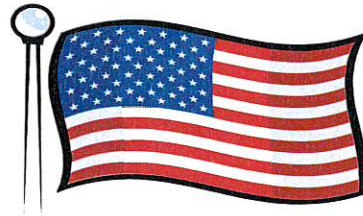
SPECIAL DATES

November 19th— Virtual Turkey Raffle
November 25th & 26th—City Building Closed
December 6th at 7:15 p.m.-Tree Lighting Ceremony (Details to be announced)
December 19th—Santa Is Coming Via Fire Truck
December 23rd & 24th –City Building Closed
December 31st—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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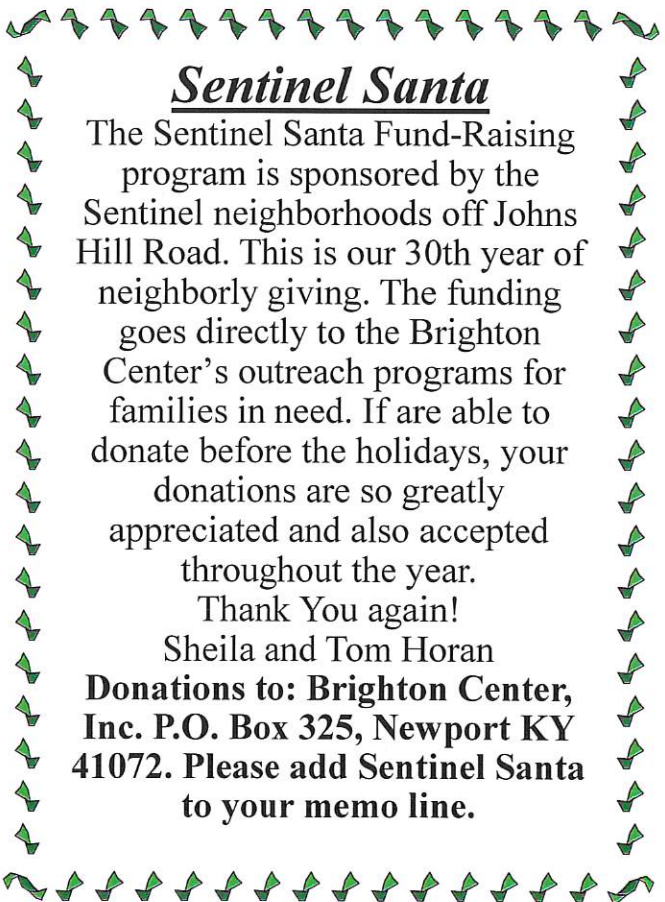


TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The 13th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 6th immediately following the 7:00p.m. Council Meeting.

Details regarding this event will be posted on our website as we near the date.

Please feel free to call the city building with any questions
859-581-8884



Sentinel Santa

The Sentinel Santa Fund-Raising program is sponsored by the Sentinel neighborhoods off Johns Hill Road. This is our 30th 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 19th
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 PM



For More Information Call 431-5884

If it should Snow, Rain or Sleet, please bring your child to the Wilder Firehouse between 1:00pm & 3:00pm 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 13th to the 17th. 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.

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday November 7th. It is also recommended to change the batteries in your smoke alarm as well.



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



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.



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 remained safe and healthy as we all progress through this pandemic. The Wilder Fire Department, just as in years past, has not wavered in its dedication and protection of our citizens.

In the spring of this year, we decided to try something new with drive thru fish fries. Your overwhelming support made it one of our best ones we ever had. We are hoping to be back to in person dining next year and we are also keeping drive thru as an option.

COVID-19 virus and its Delta Variant have altered our daily lives in ways that many of us have never seen. Many businesses, schools and residents have made tough choices and changed the way they operate including us. Many events have been rescheduled, had altered attendance policies or have been cancelled all together in order to keep everyone safe. With that in mind we have decided to forego our annual in person Turkey Raffle for 2021.

We know that many of you, including our staff, will be disappointed in this news. Due to the economic slow down and continued financial strain many businesses are still facing they are not able to provide door prizes for us to raffle off. The cancellation of this major fundraiser again has put a financial strain on us as well, spending unbudgeted money and funds on items we wouldn't have purchased in the past such as Personal Protective equipment in order to keep providing the high level of care to you, our citizens.

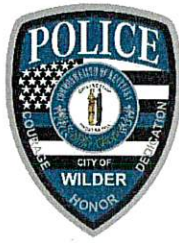
Just like last year, we have decided to host a virtual raffle. Our members will be around during the end of October and beginning of November to deliver raffle tickets just like we've done in the past. Each residence will receive 10 tickets at \$1 apiece. The drawing this year will be held on **NOVEMBER 19, 2021**. If you do not wish to purchase these tickets you can return them to the fire station at 522 Licking Pike or you can contact the station at 859-431-5884 and someone will be able to pick them up for you.

We like to thank you again for your continued support and we wish everyone a safe and healthy remaining 2021.

Sincerely

Douglas Neyman

Fire Chief



TECHNOLOGY – FRIEND OR FOE

News media in the recent weeks have reported an increase in thefts from vehicles, stolen cars, and home burglaries. Some of the suspects that have been arrested are from out of state and report similar groups that are travelling the country engaging in criminal activity. The reason cities everywhere are dealing with this problem is that people still leave their cars unlocked with valuables left in plain sight. Please, please, lock your cars. Think about how easy it is to walk a street or parking lot for a multi-family complex and just pull on car doors. Every few cars you will find an unlocked door and be able to help yourself to laptops, money, guns, and other items.

Most of the new cars are now using keyless entry. If you have your key fob near your vehicle, your doors will automatically unlock when you pull on the handle. A surrounding city recently had a surge of stolen vehicles because owners were leaving their key fobs in the car and locking their doors. The criminal simply pulls on the handle, the door opens, and now they have learned to push the start button. When the car starts due to the fob being left inside, they simply drive off with the car. Residents need to lock their doors and take the key fobs with them.

We have also seen incidents where suspects pull the car door, it unlocks because the key fob is inside, and there is the garage door opener. Now instead of a theft from a vehicle it turns into a home burglary. If your family is inside sleeping, this will not prevent them from coming inside. And just think, you can stop all of this by just locking your door and taking your keys with you! Please be safe!

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 or call the city building with any questions.

Juanita Schultz
City Clerk
859-581-8884

From the Desk of City Administrator

UPDATE ON PROJECTS IN THE CITY

Sale of South Firehouse:

First, on behalf of the city I would like to welcome Smith's Towing to the city. Smith's Towing recently purchased the South Fire Station from the City of Wilder and will be making some improvements to the property prior to officially moving in. Smith's is an outstanding business that will bring increased availability to towing service in the city. Specifically with large vehicle accidents. Having the ability to clear large truck accidents is crucial to keeping highways open quickly keeping our first responders safe.

Sanitation District Project:

Introduced in the last newsletter, the Sanitation District No. 1 project along KY 9 with the tank construction is now well underway. The project should be wrapping up in early 2022 with additional sanitary sewer extension projects beginning shortly after. The extension of larger size sanitary sewer lines will continue to be extended up the Mook Road and Three Mile Creek valleys to help eliminate sewer overflows that occur during heavy rains.

Sale of North Firehouse:

The Wilder Planning Commission along with the Mayor and City Council have been working hard continuing plans to develop the Town Center along Licking Pike. Part of this plan involves the sale of the North Firehouse that will include a micro-brewery and test kitchen/tap room. Plans are underway by a very reputable business owner to develop the former firehouse into an entertainment venue that will be discussed in the future once more detailed plans are submitted.

Zoning Map Change Grand Communities/Fischer Homes:

Grand Communities has approval for a stage two development plan to begin construction on the first 21 new condominium units at the end of Bentwood Hills Drive along Three Mile Road. This first phase is part of a 238 unit development that will continue along Three Mile before the newly constructed street turns uphill back toward Mook Road. The development plan calls for additional condominiums to be constructed along the ridge overlooking Mook Road above the current Bentwood Hills development.

Wilder Amphitheater Project:

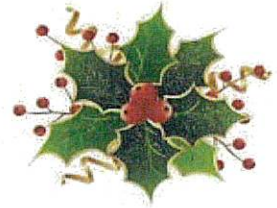
Wilder just received final approval from the federal and state governments to begin work on the amphitheater at Fredericks Landing. Design will begin this fall and we should begin construction in late spring or early summer. The project consists of redesigning and reconstructing the existing parking lot with a new amphitheater at the south end of the park.

As always, if you have any questions concerning these or any other areas of the city please feel free to contact me at tvance@wilderky.gov.

Terry Vance
City Administrator

HOLIDAYS

This is the last Newsletter of 2021, so as we head towards this holiday season, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and very healthy holiday. As we still find ourselves working through the issues caused by the pandemic, I hope you will be able to spend time with family and friends this holiday season. 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.



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

As we reflect back on 2021, even in this time of uncertainty, the city managed some noteworthy accomplishments. I am happy to announce that for the first time in recent memory, the city was able to balance this year's budget without relying on any excess funds from the previous year. This demonstrates the good planning and fiscal stewardship of the city's leadership team. We had a very successful summer with our outdoor events. The splash pad, which is the centerpiece of our new city center park, became the busiest place in the city. We also introduced concerts in the park and movie nights that were enjoyed by the big crowds that attended. The new pickle ball courts were always busy. The new community garden area was a huge success and produced a nice harvest of vegetables and flowers for our local gardeners. It is also important to point out the many letters and emails that the city received from residents expressing gratitude for the efforts of our Police, Fire / EMS, and Public Works employees. These are our frontline personnel doing the hard work everyday to make Wilder a great place to live.



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LOOKING TO 2022

I am very eager to follow up 2021 with more exciting improvements to the city. As we move into the new year, be on the lookout for the following:

- The renovation of the old fire station into a new and vibrant gathering place.
- The groundbreaking for the amphitheater at Fredrick's Landing.
- Speaking of Fredrick's Landing, watch for the transformational activity taking place there.
- In the spring, I hope to introduce coffee / Coke with the Mayor so be on the lookout for that.

Bob Arnold,
Mayor