

WILDER EXCHANGE

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RUMPKE	800-828-8171
NORTHERN KY WATER DISTRICT	859-578-9898
SANITATION DISTRICT	859-578-7450

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, Altafiber 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

February 24th—March 31st – Fish Fry 4PM-7PM on Friday

March 3rd—FIRST FRIDAY SHOP LOCAL

April 7th– City Building Closed– Spring Holiday

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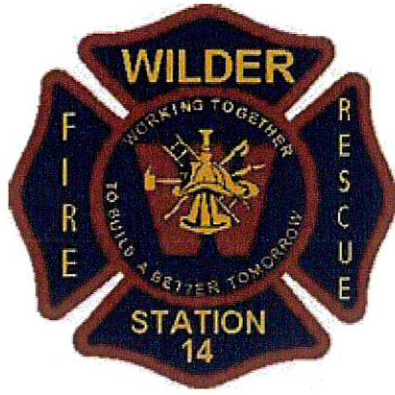
April 8th— Easter Egg Hunt 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

April 29th– Family Fun Day 3 PM –6 PM



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

www.wilderky.gov



WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL



HELD AT THE WILDER CITY BUILDING
520 LICKING PIKE
DINE-IN / CARRY OUT ONLY

FEBRUARY 24th thru MARCH 31st
(Every Friday)
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM



First Friday

SHOP LOCAL

The City of Wilder is unique in that there are many hidden businesses among its landscape and it is continuing to grow. Shopping locally has many benefits for both the consumer and the business.

Reasons to shop local.

- * It's better for the environment by helping to REDUCE your CARBON FOOTPRINT
 - * It's convenient
 - * You help support local businesses
 - * Keeps MONEY in your community
 - * It helps create demand for local jobs

Mayor Jones would like to introduce the First Friday Shop Local to the Wilder community. Shopping locally is a great way to give to your community. It also brings residents together once a month and explores what Wilder has to offer. Starting in March, residents are encouraged to make that conscience move the first Friday of every month. Help us drive more foot traffic to our stores. Economic development starts at home.

Here are some services you may want to shop:

- *Restaurants *Gas Stations *Liquor Stores
 - *Clothing *Furniture *Eye Care *Dairy
 - *Iron Designs *Auto Repair *HVAC *Medical Equipment
 - *Window Cleaning *Auto Parts *Plumbing/Electrical Supplies
 - *Insurance Companies *Movie Theater *Hotel Services
 - *Granite *Landscape Business *Fitness *Hair Designer
 - *Health *Lawn Care *Water Damage Restoration/ Carpet Cleaning
- AND MUCH MUCH MORE!**

Stay tuned, there's more to come!

Sunday, March 12, 2023



Remember to change your batteries in your smoke detectors



EASTER EGG HUNT

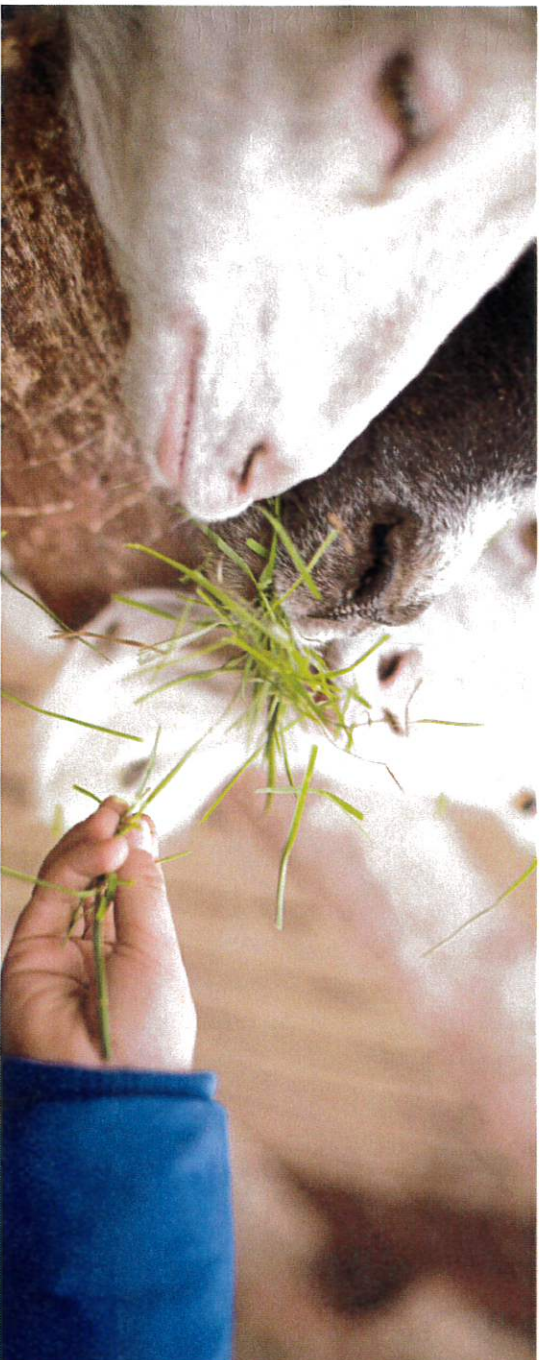
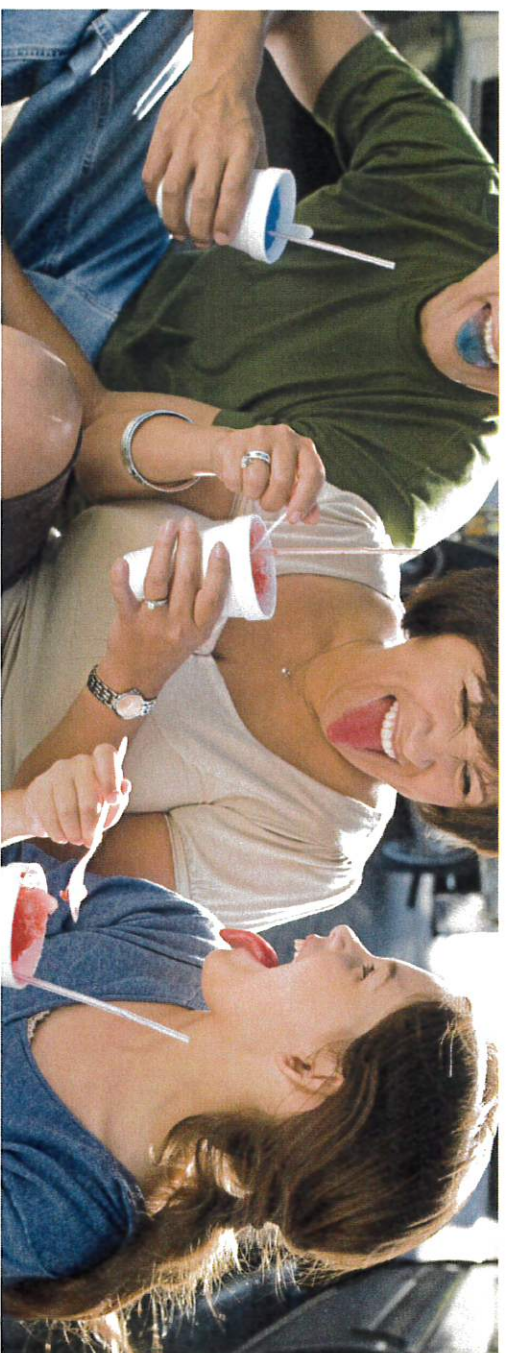
***City Center Park
Saturday, April 8th
12:30PM – 1:30PM***

Bring your child and get pictures with the Easter Bunny

***Three Age Groups
0-4 years, 5-8 years, and 9-11 years***



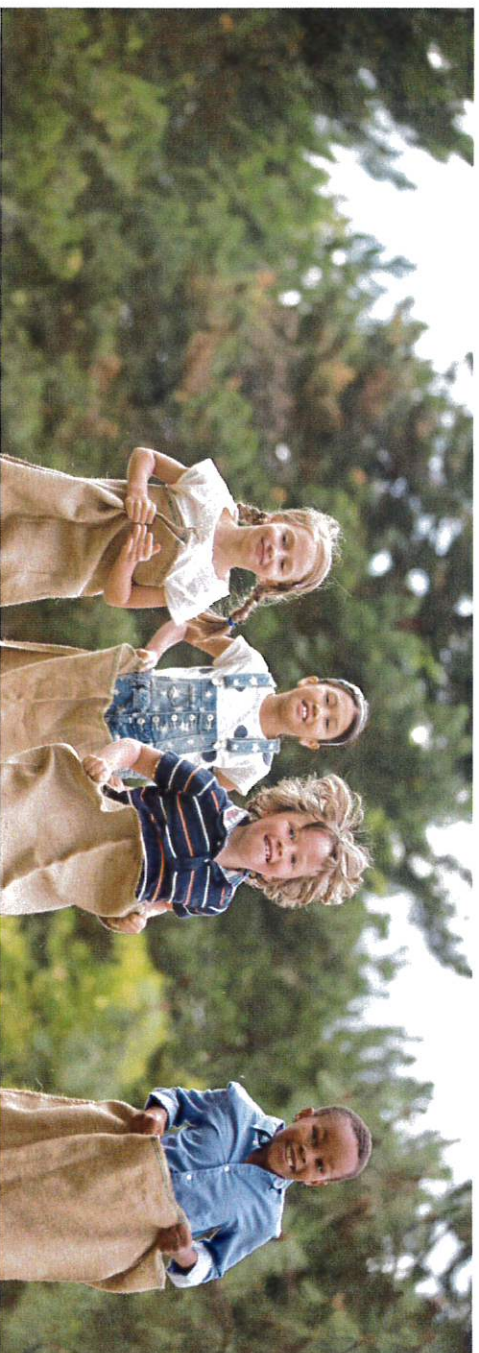
FAMILY FUN DAY



PETTING ZOO,
GAMES,
SNOWIE ICE, AND
FOOD

WILDER'S
CITY CENTER PARK
4/29/2023
3 PM TO 6 PM

LOCATED BEHIND
THE CITY BUILDING



WILDER'S BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT

Town & Contry Sports and Health Club first opened it's doors in 1997 in Wilder, Kentucky. From day one, T&C's mission has been a committment to putting its members first and serving as a pillar in the community as a resource for people to come together and accomplish their fitness goals, all while evolving their services to best reflect the times.

T&C offers health and wellness services through its Health Club, Group Fitness Classes, Personal Training, Youth Sports Performance & Adult Functional Group Training, Year-Round Adult Recreational & Youth Recreational Sports Leagues.

T&C is located at 1018 Town Drive Wilder, KY 41076.

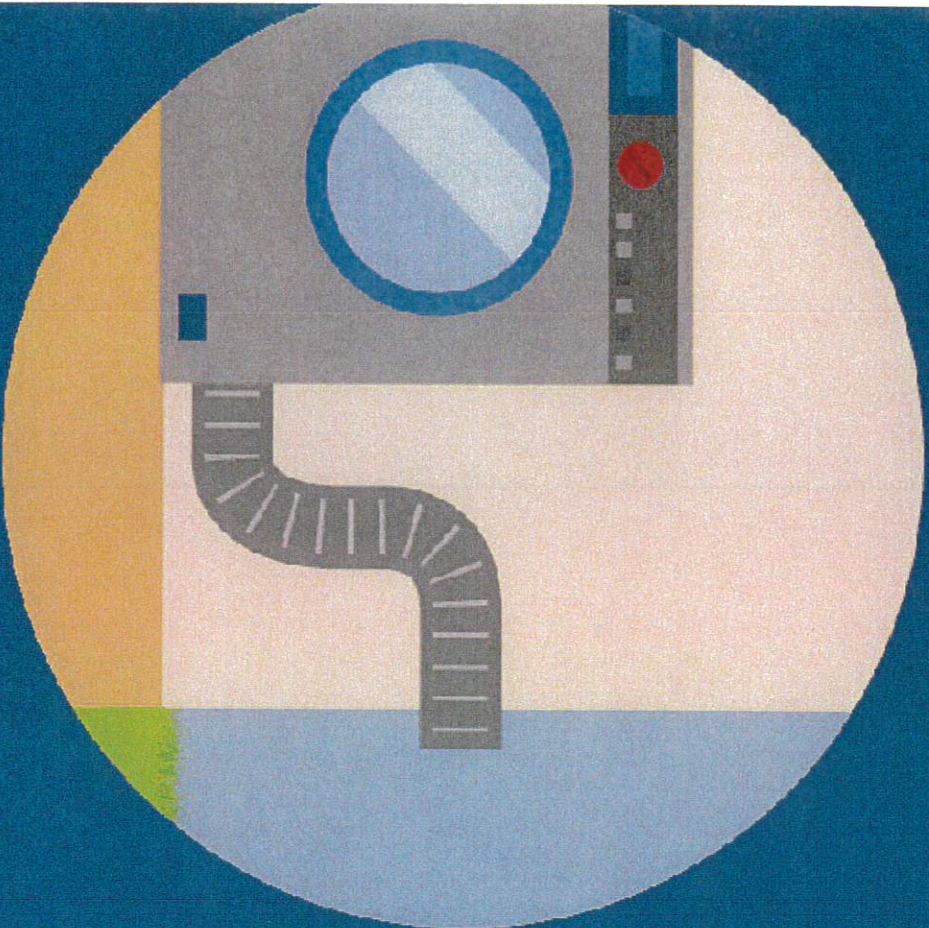
For more information go to www.towncountrysports.com or call at 859-442-5800



**Town & Country
Sports & Health
Club**

FUN TIDBIT ABOUT T&C SPORTS AND HEALTH CLUB

Town & Country is the largest sports and health club complex in the tri-state area and the home to NKYVC, a local youth volleyball club!



Prevent clothes dryer fires.

Clean lint filters every time
you use the dryer. Clean your
dryer vent ductwork every
year.

U.S. Fire
Administration



FEMA



SPRING

Along with spring cleaning, let's take the time to make sure our homes and family are safe from the threat of fire.

Here is a check list you should go over with your family:

⇒ *Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half*

- ❑ Ensure smoke alarms are installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement
- ❑ Test them at least once a month by pushing the test button
- ❑ Replace the batteries in all smoke alarms. Best way to remember is when you change your clocks, change your batteries.

⇒ *The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.*

- ❑ Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- ❑ Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.

⇒ *Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.*

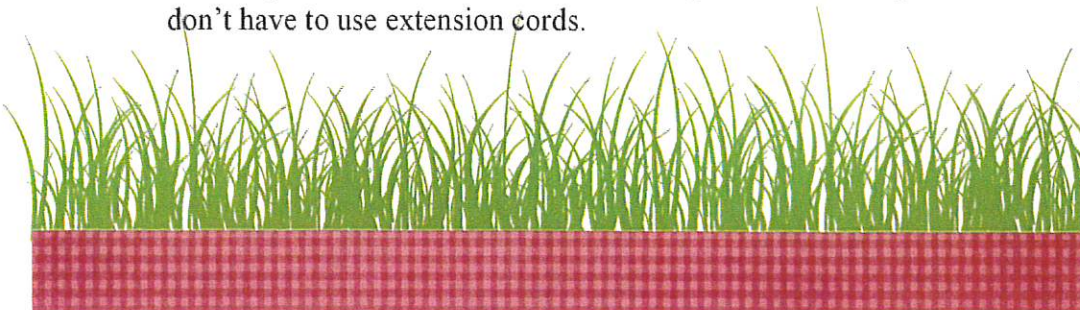
- ❑ Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- ❑ Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop.

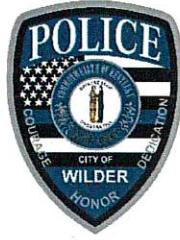
⇒ *Extension cord fires outnumbered fires beginning with permanent or detachable power cords by two-to-one.*

- ❑ Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use.
- ❑ Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.



Did you
do your
safety





Wilder Police Officer Spotlight

During our first staff meeting with Mayor Jones she suggested spotlighting officers in our bi-monthly newsletter so the community could learn more about who makes up Wilder Police. I felt this was a great idea and conducted a highly-scientific method to determine who would be the first officer featured. After selecting Officer Carl Harris's name from a hat he provided a summary for the community to get to know him better.

Officer Carl Harris -Badge # 1208

Officer Harris was born in Northern Kentucky, graduated from Bellevue High School and earned an Associate's Degree from Bluegrass Community and Technical College. Officer Harris worked for the Campbell County Police Department and Fort Thomas Police Department prior to joining the Wilder Police Department. Some of the awards and accolades have been the Governor's impaired driving enforcement awards in 2017 and 2018. In 2018 Campbell County Rotary Officer of the year as well as the Campbell County Police Department Officer of the year. Officer Harris's additional duties have included Field Training Officer, Crisis Intervention Team, Crisis Assistance Response Effort, Campbell County Police Explorer Advisor and Property Room Manager.

Giving back to the community is a priority to me. In my spare time, I coach youth sports, remodel homes and volunteer within the community. Currently I coach AAU Basketball at the High School level and hold a USA Youth Basketball Gold Coaching License as well as a USSF "E" Coaching License for USA Youth Soccer. A few other organizations that I take an active role in are; Santa House Chair, Community Care Day, Cops and Kids, Touch-A-Truck, Prom to Dawn Corporate Donation Chair, Crossroads Church Food Pantry and Adopt-A-Family Events.

Officer Harris is a valuable asset to the Wilder Police Department. He has utilized his prior experience to remodel the police station and evidence room saving the city thousands in contractor fees. We appreciate his dedication to the department and community.

Chad Martin
Chief of Police

From the desk of City Clerk

Spring is approaching fast and the weather will be changing soon. Don't forget to get your Frederick's Landing passes at the city building. Wilder residents can take advantage of one (1) free pass per household.

There are 3 shelter available for rent within the city. Two at the City Center Park and One at Frederick's Landing. Please call the city building for details at 859-581-8884.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

POT HOLES ROAD MAINTENANCE

Do you ever wonder who is responsible for street/road maintenance and pot hole repair. Depending on what road it is determines what agency (city or state) will make the repairs. In the City of Wilder many of the heavily travelled roads are maintained by the Kentucky State Transportation Cabinet. Below is a list of roads that fall under state maintenance.

- Johns Hill Road State Route 2345
- Three Mile Road State Route 2238
- Mook Road State Route 1632
- Licking Pike State Route 9
- AA Highway State Route 9
- I-275 Including on and off ramps

If you encounter any problems, pot holes, slippage, signage, drainage problems or traffic signal issues, on any of the routes listed above, please report these issues directly to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District Six Offices. The number is listed below:

859-341-2700

For all other street repairs or concerns please contact the city building at 859-581-8884.

DOG ORDINANCES

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE CITY OF WILDER HAS ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ANIMALS, SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWINGS ISSUES:

- Leash Law: Dogs are not permitted to run loose. They must be on a leash if off of owner's property.
- Habitual Barking: No person who owns or is otherwise responsible for a dog may allow that dog via loud, frequent or habitual barking or howling to cause a disturbance to other residents
- Removal of Excrement: Those responsible for pets must take care of cleanup after the pet. The city has installed waste stations along sidewalks and in city parks.

ANYONE WITNESSING VIOLATIONS OF THE ABOVE MAY CONTACT THE WILDER POLICE DEPARTMENT 859-581-8863

From the Office of Mayor

Dear Wilder Residents,

It is my pleasure to be writing you and sharing some exciting updates. When I took office January, 1, 2023, I made it my priority to attend to matters requiring immediate attention as well as some basic "house-keeping". Enumerated below are some of those accomplishments:

- ✓ December, 2022, I received authorization to op-in as Mayor-Elect & on behalf of Wilder, for an **Opioid settlement** Wilder qualified for. Late January, Wilder received the **installment of \$58.7K**.
- ✓ Collaborated with Council using a questionnaire on **goals for the city**.
- ✓ Re-established the **Wilder Ethics Committee** seating new members Craig Curk, Chairperson, Diane Redmond & Greg Castle.
- ✓ Initiated Wilder's request to transfer the Ethics process to the **NKY – AD District Regional Ethics Board, 1/1/2024**
- ✓ Engaged the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) to update **Wilder's Personnel Policy** which dates back to the 90's. Services contract received; resolution on 2/21/23 meeting agenda.
- ✓ Met with Mr. **Greg Fischer** to review his latest thoughts on a larger community. Fischer, again, stated that financial assistance from the city was required in order to proceed. Speaking as Mayor, I formally **rejected this request**. Although he has the right to approach council and garner their endorsement, my position is known.
- ✓ Announced **Program Officials** – Councilmembers who are taking the lead on key city initiatives.
- ✓ **Splash Park** – how to resolve the problems you have asked to be remediated – this is being closely examined. We have engaged assistance from the Northern Kentucky Parks & Recs Aquatics specialist.
- ✓ Streamlined the Council meeting agenda & worked with the staff to publish it earlier for your planning purposes.
- ✓ Invited the **city auditor, Paul Maddox**, his first invitation, to attend a council meeting and present a high-level overview of his findings. He presented on 2/6/23.
- ✓ Announced the **Give a Shout to Wilder.....Shop Local, First Friday program**. More to come.
- ✓ Set-up a **suggestion box** – at the city building & considering one at the city park this spring.
- ✓ Pro-actively notified the residents on **Elm, North, Center and a few on Licking Pike about Barleycorn's intention to expand their parking lot**. This will address the over-flow parking on their streets.
- ✓ Draft of Wilder's **Annual Report** is complete & has been shared with the staff, council & the auditor.
- ✓ Family Fest with petting zoo, Saturday, April 29, 2023.
- ✓ Created a **capital replacement schedule**.

I'll be working with the staff & council on a calendar-of-events, much needed improvements – beautification & facility upgrades, and on economic development ideas under evaluation.

Your mayor & friend,

Valerie A. Jones