



WILDER EXCHANGE



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November/December
2023
ISSUE

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council Meetings - 1st Monday of Every Month at 6:30 PM
City Council Meetings can be viewed on Spectrum channel 200, Cincinnati
Bell Fiopics 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

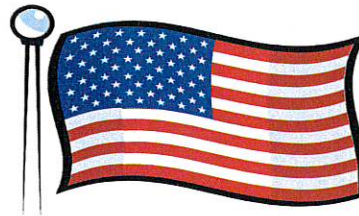
SPECIAL DATES

November 3rd—First Friday Shop Local
November 17th— Turkey Raffle at 6 PM
November 23th & 24th—City Building Closed
December 1st—First Friday Shop Local
December 4th at 6:45 p.m.-Tree Lighting Ceremony (Details to be announced)
December 9th—Breakfast with Santa 10 AM - 12 PM
December 20th— Hoxworth Blood Drive 12PM - 6PM
December 25th & 26th —City Building Closed
January 1st—City Building Closed

CITY SERVICE REFERENCE NUMBERS

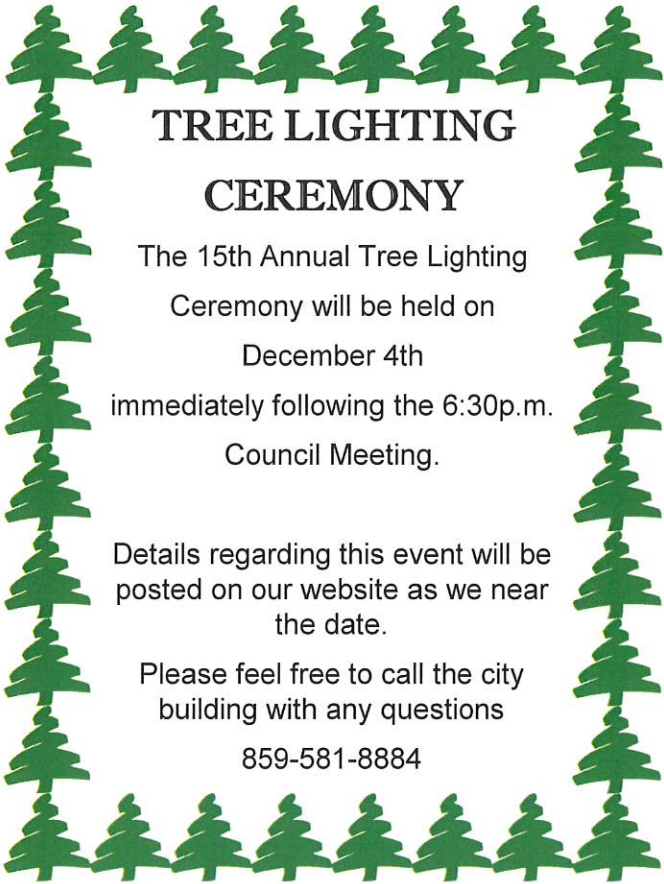


CITY BUILDING 581-8884
POLICE DEPT. 581-8863
FIRE DEPT. 431-5884
MAINTENANCE 581-8884
RUMPKE 800-828-8171
NORTHERN KY WATER DISTRICT 578-9898
SANITATION DISTRICT 578-7460



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

City Web Page
www.wilderky.gov



TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The 15th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 4th immediately following the 6:30p.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 33rd 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.

Breakfast with Santa



Saturday, December 9th

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Wilder Fire House

R.S.V.P. the number of children by texting 859-750-4542

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 18th to the 22nd. 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 via mail.

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 5th. 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, 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.



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)

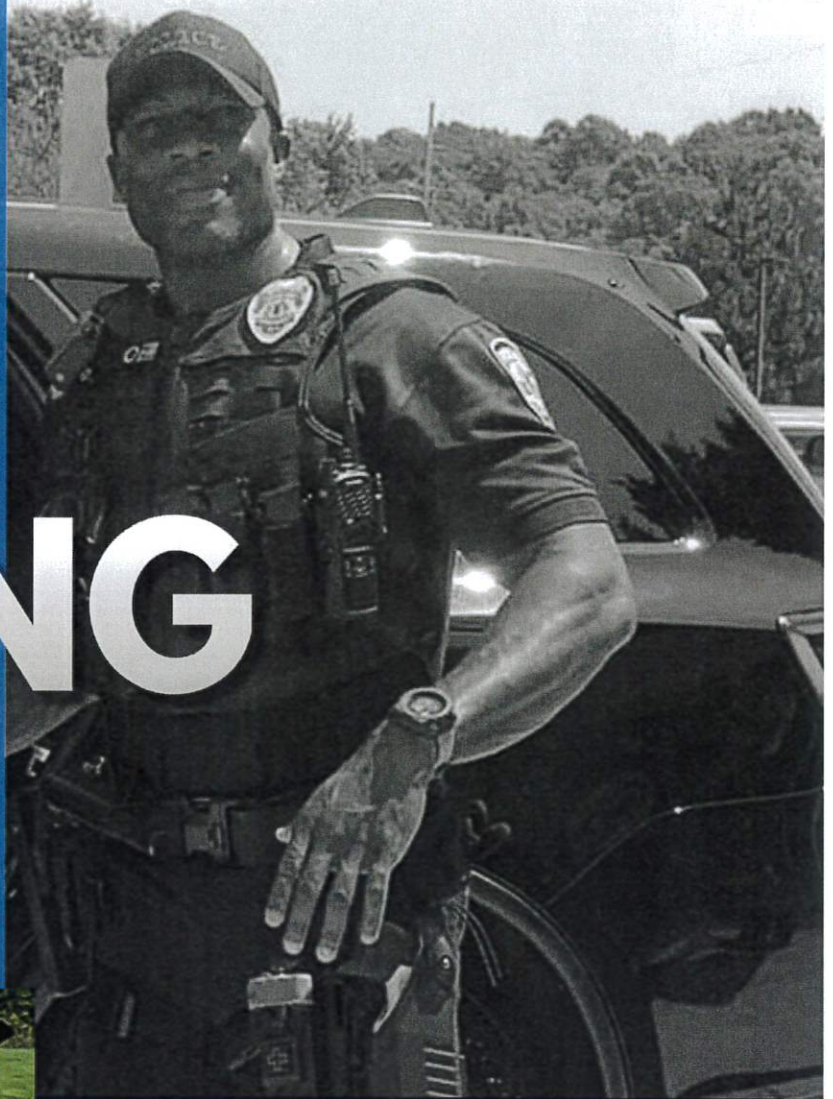
The city is in the process of evaluating all city streets for parking issues including missing signs, parking violations etc. Please let us know if you have any particular parking issues, concerns or complaints. Call the city building at 859-581-8884.



**Wilder
Police Department**

**IS NOW
HIRING**

**POLICE
RECRUITS**



**DEPARTMENT
FOCUS ON:**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS
INNOVATION
FAMILY**

- * 3 day work week/4 days off
- * Take home vehicle
- * All uniforms & equipment issued
- * 100% paid healthcare premiums (medical/vision/dental)
- * HSA \$3,000 single/\$6,000 family
- * Supportive Community

MORE INFO: (859) 581-8863

Apply online at:

WWW.WILDERKY.GOV

City of Wilder Gas Stations

SPOTLIGHT

United Dairy Farmers holds 2 locations in the city. You can find one at the corner of Mook Road and Licking Pike. The other location sits at the south end of town at 1135 Steffen Lane. Besides gas, UDF offers Ice Cream, Milk Shakes, coffee, cold beverages, ATM, lottery tickets (Steffen Lane location only), and quick foods, hot and cold, for on-the-go.

Speedway is located at the south end of town at 1430 Gloria Terrell Drive. Speedway offers gas, propane exchange, ATM, money orders, lottery tickets, cold beverages, coffee, and quick foods, hot or cold, for on the go.

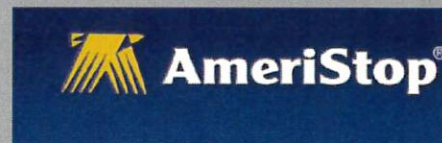
Thorntons is located at 1005 Town Drive and offers gas, propane exchange, ATM, lottery tickets, cold beverages, coffee, and quick foods, hot and cold, for on-the-go.

AmeriStop is located at the North end of town at 501 Licking Pike. AmeriStop offers gas, fresh deli, snacks, coffee, cold beverages, ATM, and lottery tickets

Speedway

UDF

THORNTONS



Gas, Ice Cream, Deli,
Hot & Cold Drinks,
Fresh Food

**SHOP LOCAL, EAT LOCAL, SPEND
LOCAL AND ENJOY LOCAL**

START THE TREND!

**SUPPORT THE LOCAL BUSINESSES
THAT SUPPORT THE AREA WHERE
YOU LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY**

***November 3rd &
December 1st***

**FIRST FRIDAY
SHOP LOCAL**

***See participating
Businesses below**



**Bambooz
Subway**

Barleycorn's Brewhouse

Longnecks Sports Grill

Key Storage

Wilder Storage

Performance Chiropractic

***Terms and conditions on the following page**

First Friday Shop Local Participating Businesses

Bambooz

501C Licking Pike, Wilder KY 41071 phone# (859)261-7555

- Offering 10% off entire bill with proof of Wilder Residency.

Subway

1412 Gloria Terrell Drive, Suite 1, Wilder, KY 41076 phone# (859)360-2181

- Offering 10% off entire bill.
- Must let the Sandwich-Artist know you are there for First Friday Shop Local.
- This deal can NOT be used with other offers, coupons or discounts.

Barleycorn's Brewhouse

402 Licking Pike, Wilder, KY 41071 phone# (859)291-2739

- Offering 15% off of items at their retail shop with proof of Wilder residency.

Longnecks Sports Grill

1009 Town Drive, Wilder, KY 41076 phone# (859)291-5664

- Offering 15% off entire meal
- Alcoholic Beverages Excluded
- Must show proof of Wilder residency

Key Storage

206 Vine Street, Wilder, KY 41071 phone# (859)757-0211

- New customers will be offered a \$50.00 discount for each of the first (2) months of their lease.
- In order to qualify for the discounts, the customer must bring in a written copy of the coupon offer at the time of rental OR show on phone.
- The offer will have an initial expiration date of 12-31-2023.
- The coupon can't be used with any other offers or discounts.
- In order to qualify for this discount of two months, the first two months' rent must be paid in full at the time of rental.

Wilder Storage

91 Banklick Road, Wilder, KY 41076 phone# (859)444-6688

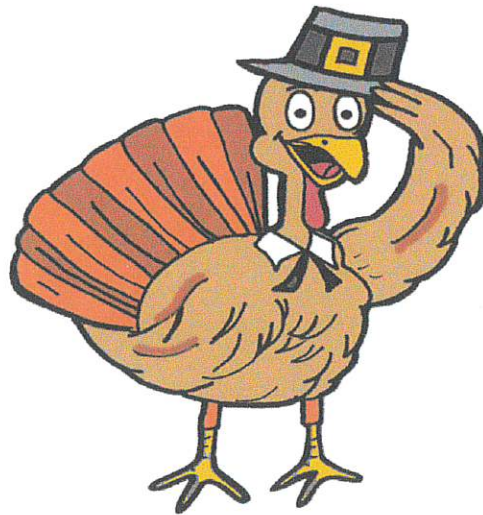
- New customers will be offered a \$50.00 discount for the first month of their lease.
- In order to qualify for the discounts, the customer must bring in a written copy of the coupon offer at the time of rental OR show on phone.
- The offer will have an initial expiration date of 12-31-2023.
- The coupon can't be used with any other offers or discounts.

Performance Chiropractic

419 Licking Pike, Suite B, Wilder, KY 41071 phone# (859)360-0664

- Free Recovery Room use. This includes use of Normatec compression systems
<https://nkychiropractor.com/recovery-room/>
- 25% off Products (excludes Hypervolt)

**WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE**



**NOVEMBER 17, 2023
6:00 P.M.
AT THE WILDER CITY
BUILDING**

**FOOD, GAMES AND FUN FOR
THE ENTIRE FAMILY!!**

**FOOD SPONSORED AND
PREPARED BY
THE WILDER FIRE
DEPARTMENT
LADIES AUXILIARY**

Every year, thousands of Marines, their families, and local communities work together to spread holiday cheer to children in need through the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Program. The organization was founded in 1947 when Marine Corps Reserve Major (Maj) Bill Hendricks was asked by his wife to deliver handcrafted dolls that she made to an agency that helped children in need. When they could not find any organization, they decided to create one. Within the first year, they donated 5,000 toys to children in need all over Los Angeles, Calif., where Maj Hendricks' Marine Corps Reserve unit was located. It has since grown across the United States.

The way it works is that businesses or govt. organizations can volunteer to be a drop-off location for the community. The campaign ends Dec 9. On that day a representative from the 14th Marine Regiment Communications Company will collect the boxes and the toys will be moved to a location nearby where they are sorted out by age group and prepared to be handed out. If you are wondering what to donate, Wilder's Officer Ryan Miller volunteered with Lima Co in Columbus, OH in 2019 and has seen everything from puzzles to hoverboards being donated.

For donations, anyone can drop off new toys in their manufacturer's packaging in the box at the Fire department or the entrance to the City Building. Monetary donations can also be made online at the Toys for Tots website. Generally, donations should be made with children under 12 in mind.

For more information, donations or to apply for toys, you can go to the local campaign website

cincinnati-oh.toysfortots.org

Or the organization's website


Toysfortots.org


TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS

For more information go to www.toysfortots.org

 www.facebook.com/toysfortots

www.twitter.com/ToysForTots_USA 

WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

**BREAKFAST
WITH
SANTA**



Enjoy the Breakfast while Get Entertained by Santa

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9TH
WILDER FIRE DEPT.
10:00 - 12:00**



*Please R.S.V.P the number of
children by texting 859-750-4542*

**ENJOY A PANCAKE BREAKFAST, PHOTOS WITH
SANTA, CRAFTS, & TREAT BAGS**

For more information:

DNEYMAN@WILDERKY.GOV

OR CALL 859-431-5884





Give the Gift of Life this Christmas

HOXWORTH BLOOD DRIVE 2023

Wednesday, 12/20/23,
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Wilder City Building Front
Parking Lot

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

859-760-6504



Your Source for SAFETY Information
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169



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 season, be fire smart!



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



Heating equipment is involved in **1 in every 7** reported 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 as possible** from your home.



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



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as 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.



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



WILDER FIRE/RESCUE

522 LICKING PIKE • WILDER, KENTUCKY 41071

PHONE 859-431-5884 • FAX 859-581-0823



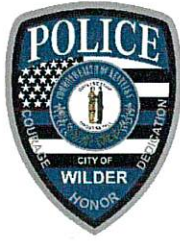
FIRE CHIEF DOUG NEYMAN

Captain Jeffrey Lang is a 3rd generation Firefighter, his grandfather is a retired Captain at the Southgate fire department who started the legacy. His mother, two uncles, 3 Aunts, and a cousin all followed in his grandpa's footsteps. Naturally Captain Lang would also follow in theirs, along with his brother who is a Lieutenant at the Florence Fire Department, his sister-in-law who is a Lieutenant at the Erlanger fire department. In addition, he has cousins on Lexington Fire Department, Campbell County fire district 1 and Pendelton County EMS. To say he was born into this, and the fire service runs through his veins would be an understatement.

Captain Lang started his fire service career at Southgate Fire Department at the age of 14 as an explorer. He came to work for us in 2004 as a part time firefighter/EMT. He was hired full-time in 2006 quickly promoted to engineer followed by Lieutenant and eventually Captain. He is our Training officer, a paramedic, rescue technician and in charge of maintenance of our fleet and tools. Captain Langs experience and knowledge and judgement has been a great asset to the Wilder Fire Depart and the citizens who reside here.

When Jeff is not here at the fire house, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and farming. Most of all he enjoys going on new adventures with his wife Samantha and their three children, Jeffery (10), Calvin (7) and Lilly (2).

Douglas Neyman



Wilder Police Officer Spotlight

This will be our last officer spotlight as we have made it through the entire department. This time we spotlight

Officer Jules Comte

I was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1971. I started my career as a police officer at Northern Kentucky University in 2000 and began my career in Wilder in 2002. I have been involved in the Field Training Officer program for new officers, served in SWAT for several years, was promoted to Sergeant in 2015, and retired in 2022.

I decided retirement wasn't for me and came back to Wilder as a patrolman under the Retired to Rehire program for Kentucky Law Enforcement. The city of Wilder has been a second home to me and I enjoy serving the community every day. I'm also the proud father of a 13-year-old daughter.

Detective Cameron Holland

My law enforcement career began in the Washington D.C. area after working in cable news broadcasting and video production. The unlikely professional path has been enormously rewarding and brought me to Wilder Police Department in 2020.

The decision to stay in law enforcement resulted in my completion of graduate work from the George Washington University.

In my 14-years of policing, I have had various roles ranging from Police Recruiter to Field Training Officer (FTO) to Narcotics Officer.

I enjoy traveling to national parks and navigating countries where I am unfamiliar with the language.

Full disclosure: I have a great love for warm chocolate chip cookies!

Sincerely,
Chad Martin
Wilder Chief of Police

From the Desk of City Administrator

**IMPORTANT TRASH/RECYCLING
COLLECTION INFORMATION**

While this article only affects about half of the residents and a few businesses in the city, it does have some very important information about upcoming trash/recycling collection changes.

The solid waste contract for the city with Rumpke expires on December 31, 2023. The city has had Rumpke trash collection for the last six years. Bids were received on August 2 and approved by city council at the August 7 council meeting. Best Way Waste Collection was the lowest and best bid so they will become Wilder's new trash/recycling collection contractor beginning January 2024.

Following are some important things to know:

- Collection day remains Tuesday each week for waste and recycling.
- Cans should be placed at the curb the night before.
- The contract calls for the driver to return the cart as close to the place the resident placed the cart for collection. The cart shall not be placed in the driveway to impede a vehicle from entering the driveway.
- Start times can be as early as 6:00 a.m.
- Everyone will receive one 95 gallon cart for trash and one 64 gallon cart for recycling.
- Additional carts (for a fee) are available by contacting Best Way.
- Rumpke final collection on Tuesday December 26. May be delayed one day due to holiday.
- Rumpke will be collecting Rumpke carts that day or the final week of December.
- Best Way will be delivering carts on December 20 which should take two days.
- Everyone should have a Best Way cart prior to the state of Best Way's collection.
- Best Way's first collection will be January 2. May be delayed one day due to New Year Holiday.
- The new contract with Best Way is for 3 years with the possibility of 3 option years.
- The rules for what is acceptable to place out for collection is the same.
- The rules for what is acceptable to place out for recycling is the same.

We expect the business of dropping of and picking up trash and recycling carts will run smoothly, however, this transition won't be without some disruption and confusion. One of the reasons Best Way is dropping of carts early is to make sure everyone has their carts prior to the first of the year. If you do not receive your cart(s) please contact the city building at 859-581-8884 or Best Way at 859-372-4900.

This is the first time the city will be using Best Way. We hope the service received is professional and mutually beneficial to the city, the waste customers in the city and Best Way. Moving forward all questions about trash/recycling collection should be directed to the city building.

Terry Vance
City Administrator

From the Desk of the Mayor

By now, you should have received your city property tax bill. For most of you, your 2023-2024 tax bill should be the same as the tax rate didn't change from last year's, 2022-2023 rate. As Mayor, I prepared a conservative budget based on those rates. As it is councils' role to adopt the budget, I anticipated they would elect to hold to those rates & I wanted an achievable budget based on that assumption. Only those who have curbside waste/recycling saw a nominal, \$6.50 increase for these services. January 1, 2024, the city will begin a new, three-year contract with Best Way for the waste/recycling services. Although a slight, pass-thru cost adjustment, keeping Rumpke would have resulted in a \$70.00 per year, per household increase for waste collection. Best Way won the bid.

In the spirit of transparency, I want to take this opportunity to explain how the tax process works. All Wilder properties (real and tangible) are assessed by the Campbell County Property Valuation Office. Each year, the city receives a tax roll of those values. The annual tax roll is then sent to the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) for calculations of the tax rates they determine are needed to sustain the revenues & maintain city operations. While the formula for calculating the tax rate for both real & tangible (inventory, machinery, equipment, etc.) property is very complicated, once the rates are set by NKADD & received by the city, it becomes the responsibility of council to decide what rates to adopt according to Kentucky Statute.

OPTIONS 2023-2024

- Accept the NKADD suggested 2023-2024 compensating rate.
- Accept the NKADD suggested 2023-2024 comp rate plus 4% (requires a public hearing).
- Vote to adopt any rate below the NKADD 2023-2024 compensating rates.

PROPERTY TAX RATES 2023-2024

- Compensating rate from the NKADD: \$2.70/\$1000 of valuation.
- Compensating rate plus 4%: \$2.80/\$1000 of valuation. This rate is capped by Kentucky State Law.
- Adopt any rate below these two rates. **The city adopted the same 2022-2023 rate of \$2.31/\$1,000 in valuation.**

BUSINESS TANGIBLE TAX RATES FOR 2023-2024

- Compensating Rate \$7.96/\$1,000 of valuation. \$796 for every \$100,000 in value.
 - Compensating Rate plus 4% \$8.27/\$1,000 of valuation. \$827 for every \$100,000 in value.
 - 2022 Rate of \$5.13/\$1,000 of valuation. \$531 for every \$100,000 in value.
- Adopt any rate below NKADD rate. **The city adopted the same 2022-2023 rate of \$5.31/\$1,000.**

As you can see, not only do the businesses pay a real property tax but most pay a sizable tangible property tax on top of that. It is important to remember how vital they are to our economic resiliency. One final thought, if you find yourself struggling to pay your tax bill, please contact our city clerk/treasurer to make some type of payment arrangement. The city offers this process as a courtesy to keep those in need from falling behind.

Your friend and Mayor,
Valerie