

WILDER EXCHANGE

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March/April
2024

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CITY SERVICE REFERENCE NUMBERS



CITY BUILDING 859-581-8884

POLICE DEPT. 859-581-8863

FIRE DEPT. 859-431-1440

MAINTENANCE 859-581-8884

BESTWAY DISPOSAL Call The City Building

NORTHERN KY WATER DISTRICT 859-578-9898

SANITATION DISTRICT 859-578-7450

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, 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 16th—March 22nd – Fish Fry 4PM-7PM on Fridays thru Lent

March 1st—FIRST FRIDAY SHOP LOCAL

March 29th– City Building Closed– Spring Holiday

March 30th– Easter Egg Hunt 12:30 PM —1:30 PM

April 5th– FIRST FRIDAY SHOP LOCAL

May 1st– June 26th– Active Aging EVERY Wednesday 10:45 AM– 11:45 AM
(9 week session– ALSO, PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE TIME CHANGE)



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

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March 1st & April 5th

**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
- Proof of Wilder Residency is required.

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 6-30-2024.
- 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.
- Proof of Wilder Residency is required.

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 6-30-2024.
- The coupon can't be used with any other offers or discounts.
- Proof of Wilder Residency is required.

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)

Business Spotlight

Eckert Welding & Erectors

SPOTLIGHT

Eckert Welding & Erectors opened its doors in 1937 by then owner Perry Eckert. In 1996, the current owners Dan (Grandson of Perry) and Teresa Eckert took over the business and run it to this day.

Eckert Welding & Erectors provide union ironworkers to erect steel for many customers in Cincinnati, Indiana and Northern Kentucky. They erect steel for contracted projects and their regular customers. If needed they can provide the steel material and labor to erect the steel. Some of their regular customers include: Cincinnati Reds, UDF stores, Tyson Foods and the Cincinnati Zoo.

Outside of erecting steel, Dan and Teresa have two daughters, Brooke and Tori. They enjoy boating and have recently started to play pickleball at the Wilder City Center Park Pickleball courts. They are even known to hit the splash pad on a warm summers day after a game or two. Between work, parenting, and play, the Eckerts stay really busy.

Eckert Welding & Erectors is located at
1015 Town Drive
Wilder, KY 41076

(859)572-9444



Fun Tidbit about Eckert Welding & Erectors

Eckert Welding & Erectors set the steel for these Wilder Businesses:

Mellow Mushroom, Patient Aids, UDF at 275 and UDF at Moock Road.

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



WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL



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

FEBRUARY 16th thru MARCH 22nd
(Every Friday)
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 10, 2024



Remember to change your batteries in your smoke detectors



EASTER EGG HUNT

***City Center Park
Saturday, March 30th
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***



CAMPBELL COUNTY SPRING 2024 CLEAN-UP EVENT



**APRIL 26 & APRIL 27
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**RESIDENTS ONLY- BRING PHOTO ID OR PROOF OF RESIDENCY
PARTICIPANTS MUST UNLOAD OWN VEHICLE (LIMITED ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE)**

LOCATION	ACCEPTED ITEMS
Campbell County Police Department 8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria	Furniture & Mattresses Trash & Debris Yard Waste
Frederick's Landing KY 9-AA Highway, Wilder	
Pendery Park 4113 Williams Lane, Melbourne	
Campbell County Transportation Center 1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	Furniture & Mattresses Trash & Debris Yard Waste Appliances (Freon OK) Batteries (Vehicle & rechargeable only) Electronics (Limit 1 TV per vehicle) Propane Tanks Scrap Metal (Remove all fluids) Tires (Limit 8 Tires; Rims OK)

NOT ACCEPTED

Paint, Liquids, Junk Vehicles, Hazardous Waste,
Fluorescent Bulbs, Dirt, Concrete, Rocks



Active Aging Fitness Program for ALL



Active Aging Fitness Classes

CHAIR YOGA- *Low Intensity, Low Impact*

Incorporates sitting & standing yoga exercises, using the chair to increase flexibility, strength & balance while decreasing muscle/joint stress.

FIT SENIOR- *Low to Medium Intensity, Low impact*

A more advanced senior class that combines "F"lexibility, "I"mprove balance, & "T"oning of the muscles with motivating music to keep moving!

Classes will be held every Wednesday at 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM for a 9 class session. Classes are as follows: 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, & 6/26

5 Reasons to stay active

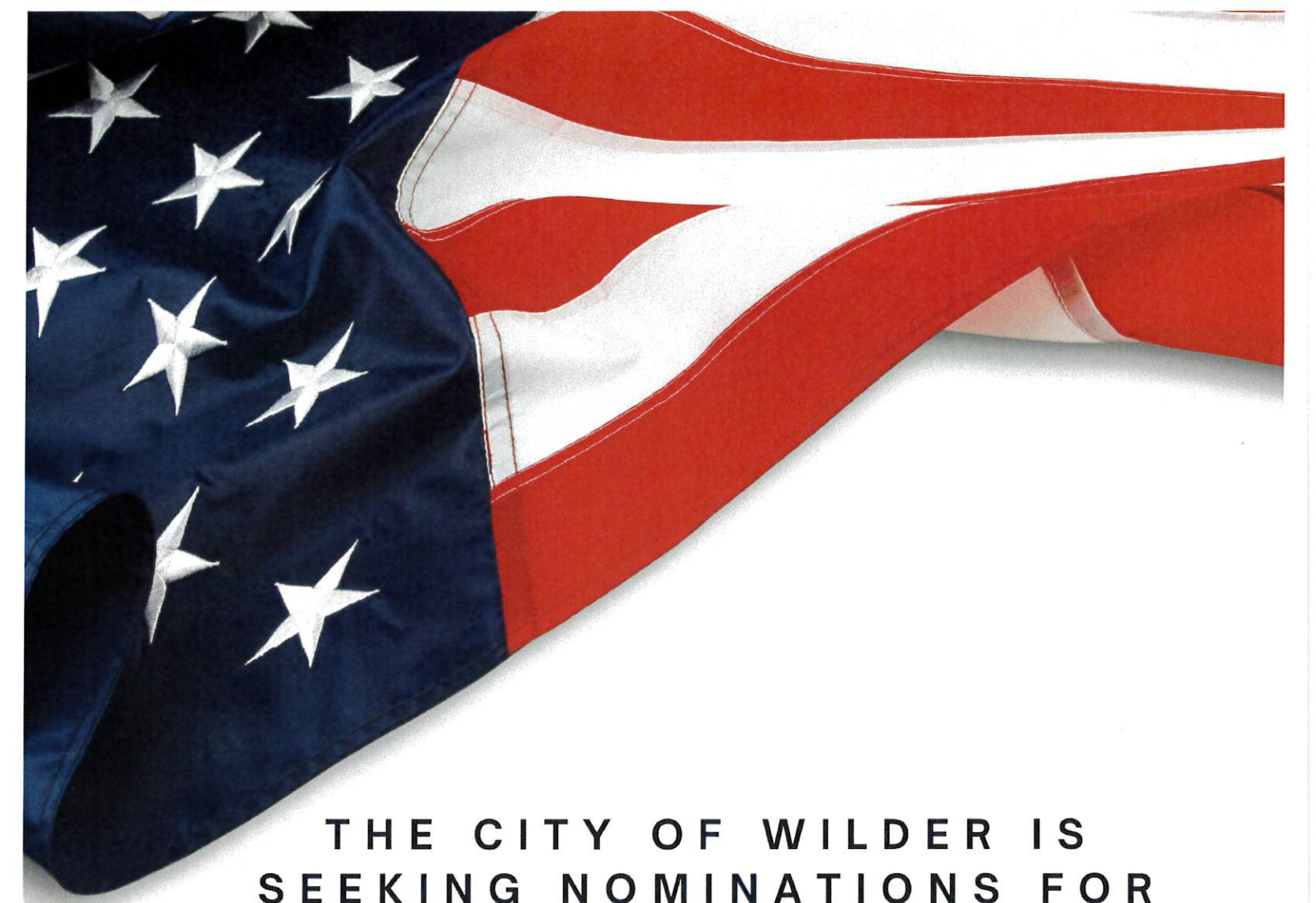
- Working out increases bone health
- Building strength prevents falls & improves balance
- Staying active promotes Heart & Cardiovascular Health
- Staying active reduces Hypertension
- Exercise helps with managing body weight

Meet the Instructor

Julie has been teaching group fitness for 43 years. 17 of those years she spent as the Group Fitness Coordinator at Town & Country right here in Wilder. She is a certified personal trainer and has various group fitness certifications. Before her career as a fitness instructor, Julie was a professional dancer with

the Detroit Dance Company. She has taught ballroom dancing and later became a Bengal Cheerleader that took her to the XXIII Super Bowl. We are super excited to have her lead our residents in Chair Yoga and Fit Senior Classes that will be offered every Wednesday in May and June.



A close-up photograph of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in detail. The flag is draped and appears to be part of a ceremony or display.

THE CITY OF WILDER IS
SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR
A VETERAN WHO IS ALSO A
RESIDENT OF WILDER, TO
BE HONORED DURING THIS
YEAR'S FLAG-RAISING
CEREMONY IN SEPTEMBER.
IF YOU ARE AWARE OF A
VETERAN WHO FITS THE
REQUIREMENTS KINDLY
SEND YOUR
RECOMMENDATIONS TO
JSCHULTZ@WILDERKY.GOV



Life's a Garden

DIG IT

~JOE DIRT



Community gardens are well known for providing space for neighbors to grow fresh, healthy food close to home. They also increase and foster a friendly, supportive, and spirited community, allowing people to socialize and bond in a welcoming environment, that facilitates growth and sustainability.

We currently have several garden plots still available. If you are interested please contact Juanita Schultz at 859-581-8884 or email jschultz@wilderky.gov





CURBSIDE RECYCLING

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

JUNK MAIL, OFFICE PAPER

NEWSPAPERS

MAGAZINES

CHIP BOARD

CARDBOARD THAT FITS IN THE RECYCLING CART, PIZZA BOXES

CARTONS REMOVE CAPS AND STRAWS

PLASTIC BOTTLES ETC. 1-7, JUGS TUBS AND CUPS

GLASS BOTTLES, JARS OF ALL COLORS "CLEAN"

ALUMINUM CANS, AEROSOL CANS LIDS AND TIPS REMOVED EMPTY

STEEL CANS

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

DETERGENT BOXES, WOOD, PLASTIC TOYS, PALLETS, MOTOR OIL, PVC PIPING, PAINT, EMPTY PAINT CANS, HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS, POLYSTYRENE FOAM, BUCKETS, FOOD, YARD WASTE, DRINKING GLASSES, CERAMIC. POTS, PANS AND SCRAP METAL

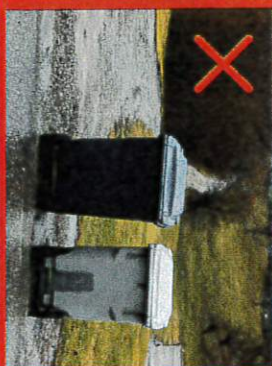
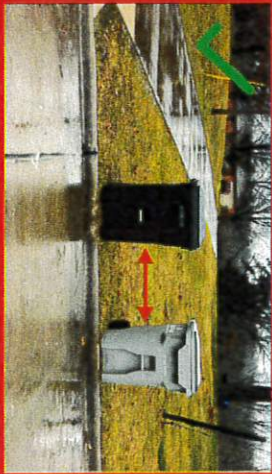
CLOTHES HANGERS, TIRES, COMPUTERS, AUTO MACHINE PARTS, OUTDOOR PLASTIC FURNITURE, VINYL SIDING, LIGHT BULBS,

WINDOW GLASS, NO PLASTIC BAGS, NEVER PLACE MEDICAL SHARPS OR NEEDLES IN THE RECYCLING

Office Hours
Monday through Friday: 8 am to 4 pm



Thank you for choosing Best Way Disposal as your waste management provider. Please read and retain the information on this card as it details our rules and terms of service. Please direct all calls with questions to the city at 859-581-8884.



- Please place the cart:
- at least three (3) feet apart from each other
 - at least three (3) feet away from parked cars, mailboxes, etc
 - exactly three feet from the curb
- Place the cart with the wheels away from the street & lid opening facing the street.

Place all trash inside the waste cart (with the lid closed.)
Items that do not fit inside the cart must be placed beside the cart.

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.*

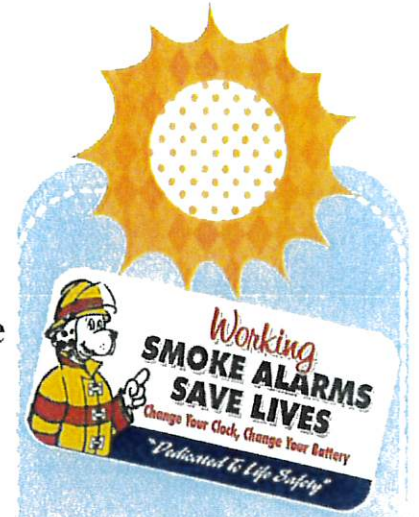
- ❑ Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- ❑ Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.

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

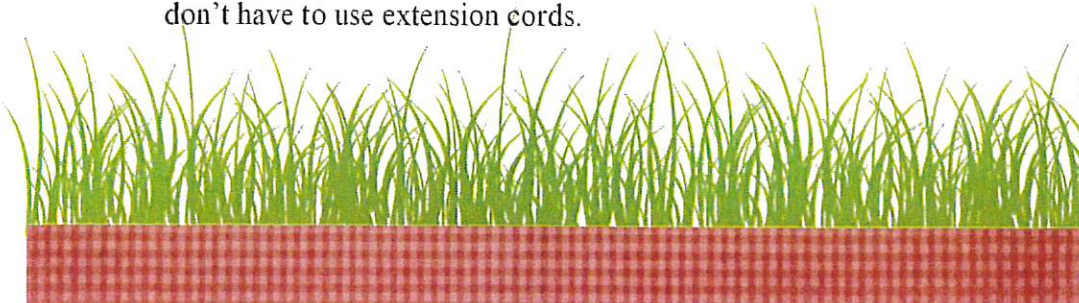
- ❑ Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- ❑ Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop.

⇒ *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 FIRE/RESCUE

522 LICKING PIKE • WILDER, KENTUCKY 41071

PHONE 859-431-5884 • FAX 859-581-0823



FIRE CHIEF DOUG NEYMAN

Staff Spotlight

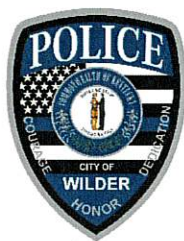
Tim Poe

Tim was raised in Ludlow, Kentucky and graduated from Ludlow High School. Tim currently lives in Southgate with his 3 kids Adelynn, Brantley and Bryson.

Tim is an Engineer/EMT at Wilder. He started full time in 2012. One of Tim's main roles within the Wilder Fire Department is Public Education and CPR training. This training is helpful for the community getting people CPR certified and helping educate any children who visit the fire department. Through his role as coordinator for our CPR program we have trained over 500 or more citizens and individuals throughout the area.

Tim obtained a bachelor's degree in business management in 2023. He is currently attending NKU for his MBA and master's in accounting with concentration of law. Tim plans to further his education by attending law school once his undergraduate is finished.

In his free time, when he is not studying or in class, Tim enjoys camping and vacations to Gatlinburg and the beach.



Staff Spotlight

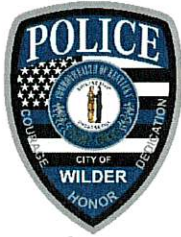
Chad Martin – Wilder Police Chief

I grew up in Northern Kentucky and moved to Central Kentucky during middle school. Two weeks after graduating high school I left for the Navy and traveled around the world. I worked as a Cryptologic Technician conducting intelligence gathering operations in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield. After completing a four-year enlistment, I left the Navy and started my law enforcement career with Lexington Police. Over the years I have served with Kenton County Police, Dayton Police, and Southgate Police, before coming to Wilder. When Chief Andy Williams retired in 2019, I was selected as his replacement.

Business ownership has always been an interest of mine. Through my law enforcement and business experience I invented a bullet-resistant shield that releases from the prisoner partition of a police car. The invention won Xavier University's X-Lab competition and went on to receive a U.S. Patent. The invention was picked up by one of the largest police equipment manufacturers and now protects police officers throughout the country.

The world has experienced many great leaders. My mission is to steer the department by using the guidance of the greatest leader. "Treat others how you would want to be treated, practice forgiveness, do not judge, go above and beyond, do not fear, and love your neighbor." These are not easy tasks, but Wilder is fortunate to have an amazing department that strives to live up to this expectation. I am humbled and thankful to be a part of this team!

We are here if you need us!



EMERGENCY PLAN

If you browse any national news source you are guaranteed to see an article about the intelligence community warning of an increased risk for a terrorist attack. Two common responses are fear and preparation. Fear will not help anyone. The smallest amount of preparation can reduce fear. Here are a few suggestions that could be beneficial to anyone during any type of emergency.

1. Create an Emergency Communications Plan:

- ◇ Make sure every household member has important phone numbers on a laminated piece of paper that's kept in a wallet or purse.
- ◇ Make sure schools, daycares, and workplaces have an updated emergency contact list.

2. Establish a Meeting Place:

- ◇ Have a predetermined meeting place away from your home. This will save time and minimize confusion if your home is affected or the area is evacuated.
- ◇ Include any pets in these plans, as pets are not permitted in shelters, and some hotels may not accept them. Always have a backup location.

3. Assemble an Emergency Preparedness Kit:

- ◇ Your kit should include essential items such as water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, batteries, first aid supplies, and important documents.
- ◇ Customize your kit based on your family's needs.

4. Stay Informed:

- ◇ Be vigilant and watch for suspicious behavior, vehicles, or packages in public places.
- ◇ If you have any fears or suspicions, report them to the police.

Expect that first responders may be overwhelmed for a while and public utilities may not be working. If you can be self-sufficient for a few days, you're off to a good start. *"Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* Matthew 6:34

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 shelters 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.
- No person shall harbor, keep, or permit a dog owned by him or which is under his control, which by loud and frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping, causes annoyance or disturbance to other person or persons living or having the right to be in the vicinity so as to hear said barking, howling or yelping.
- Removal of Excrement: Those responsible for pets must take care of cleanup after their 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 desk of the City Administrator, Terry Vance
**UPDATE ON VARIOUS
PROJECTS IN THE CITY**

The following is an update on various projects in the city and commonly asked questions:

What's being built on the hill across from St. Johns Church on Johns Hill Road?

Many have asked what is being constructed on top of the hill. A single family home. Yes it looks more like an office building or commercial type of construction but it is a single family home. It is being built with unconventional construction methods not usually seen in single family homes but the purpose is to take advantage of the panoramic views. It is private property and will be owner occupied once completed. There is a possibility of up to six more building lots available in the future.

What is being built next to Holiday Inn Express?

Nothing is being constructed. The owners of Holiday Inn Express have temporarily leased the property next to their building for a construction company to store equipment. The equipment is being used by MAC Construction who has a contract to grind the pavement along all six lanes (east and west bound) of I-275 from the Wilder exit to Turkeyfoot Road exit. The pavement will be ground down and a diamond grit overlay will be applied for better traction. This is a project of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Federal Highway Administration. The project is expected to last approximately six months. At which time the equipment and fencing will be removed and property restored.

What is going on for the next phase of the Sanitation District sewer upgrade?

The next phase of the SD1 sanitary sewer upgrade is taking place now. It will basically pick up the upsized pipe extension from under KY Rt. 9 and follow Mooock Road. The project will extend the enlarged sewer pipe along the creek past Bentwood Hills and Woodland Hills heading east toward the City of Southgate. The project then takes a turn north from Mooock Road moving away from the road and heading toward the Southgate Community Center.

Where does the Fischer Development stand?

Construction of the original 238 condominium units is underway. The first three buildings are permitted and the next building will be the clubhouse. As of the preparation of this article, representatives from Fischer plan to be at the Wilder City Council meeting on March 4. The presentation to city council will be an update on the revised plan Fischer is proposing. The city of Southgate has approved development of approximately 575 units coming from the Fox Chase entrance off of Mooock Road. While any plans for expanding development in Wilder are still uncertain, applications can be made to planning and zoning for rezoning or new development plan approval. Notifications will be made to the public.

From the desk of the Mayor

Dear Wilder Residents,

In the past year, I have gained an interesting perspective on city government I'd like to share and perhaps answer some questions. Having served on council for 8 years and as mayor for over a year, I have a better understanding as to why the governance model for Wilder can often be confusing and roles questioned. While serving as a councilwoman, I heard the term "strong mayor model" and had reasonable knowledge of the framework. But, now as mayor, I have a greater appreciation for the legal minds who wrote the Kentucky Constitution and enacted the Kentucky Revised Statutes which govern this model. These legal scholars knew what was needed to effectively run cities regardless of size.

There are three main forms of governance models in Kentucky with the most prevalent being the Mayor/Council form, such as Wilder (the strong mayor model). There is the Executive branch of the Mayor; and the Legislative branch of City Council. There is no statutory position of Vice Mayor or of Mayor Pro Tem. The city acknowledges the top vote getter on council as Mayor Pro Tem, in name only, but no authority is held or granted. This council member is restricted to only running a council meeting in the mayor's absence and at the mayor's request. Separation of powers and duties are the principle foundation of this form of government. The City of Wilder's ability to function smoothly depends on the administration's ability to react to incidents without encumbrances. These branches are intended to be separate with the Executive branch allowing the Legislative body to perform their responsibilities and the Legislative branch, expressly forbidden by law, is not to perform or insert itself into the duties of the Executive branch or Administrative functions.

The mayor has a 4-year term; city council has a 2-year term. Mayors oversee the daily operations of the city and are responsible for staffing, all aspects of personnel management, enforcing all city orders and administering the budget. That includes paying the bills, ensuring that all departmental staffing levels are met, planning for development and the maintenance of infrastructure needs for the community. City council, with few exceptions, is restricted to performing legislative functions such as the adoption of laws or ordinances that regulate the city and to provide for sufficient revenue for the city's operation. They establish the codes and rules for the safety and welfare of the public and approve the budget and all tax types and tax rates which determine the revenue. This is all governed by statutory law. You can see the immense responsibilities of both branches of city government.

There are checks and balances in local government similar to businesses especially as it pertains to the budget and how your tax dollars are spent. With the new fiscal year fast approaching, it might be helpful to explain how that process works. It is straight forward as the roles in this process are also well defined by statutory law: the mayor prepares it and the council either adopts it, rejects it or amends it. Once a budget is adopted, the mayor enforces, manages and spends it in support of the city's total operations. No one has a crystal ball to predict with 100% accuracy exactly what expenses the city will incur, but by having a balanced budget and a surplus of funds, we are positioned to address any obstacle for the orderly continuation of our city's operation. It will always be my goal to prepare a conservative and balanced budget. And, I have the fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers, with intense determination, to spend it prudently.

The city has operated under these principles for many years without hindrances or issues because of the wisdom of the preceding leaders. We must plan, manage and execute well to be successful. We work as a unit, yet it is intentional that we have separate powers and duties as we serve the community.

Your mayor and friend, Valerie