

# WILDER EXCHANGE

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JULY/AUGUST  
2025

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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](http://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

**\*\*THE CITY BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED JULY 4TH\*\***

## SPECIAL DATES

July 4th —FIRST FRIDAY SHOP LOCAL

July 9th—Campbell County Book Bus

July 21st – Coffee & Talk 10AM-11AM

July 28th—Blood Drive

August 1 – FIRST FRIDAY SHOP LOCAL



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

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## 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>MONTH</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>TIME</i>
July	9th	Campbell County Book Bus	Shelter	10:00 to 11:00
	21st	Coffee and Talk	City Building	10:00 a.m.
	26	Lemonade Stand	City park	10 to 1
	28th	Blood Drive	Parking Lot	
August				
September	6th	Flag Raising	Park	12:00
	15th	Coffee and Talk	City Building	10:00 a.m.
	17th	Senior Picnic	Park	12:00
	19,20,21	Annual Yard Sale		
	20th	Touch a Truck and City Government for Kids	City Building	4:00 to 7:00
October	1st	Medicare Seminar	Hall	7:00
	18th	Trunk or Treat	City Building	3:00 to 5:00
November	17th	Coffee and Talk	City Building	10:00 a.m.
	21st	Turkey Raffle	Hall	
	?	Terrarium Workshop (Holiday)	Hall	6:30
	8th	Card making craft/class	Hall	
Dceceber	1st	Christmas Tree Lighting and Historical Society Tree Lighting	City Building	7:00
	6th	Breakfast with Santa	Fire House	10:00 to 12:00
	17th	Blood Drive	Parking lot	

*July 4th &  
August 1*

# **FIRST FRIDAY SHOP LOCAL**

\*See participating  
Businesses below



**Bambooz  
Subway**

**Barleycorn's Brewhouse**

**Longnecks Sports Grill**

**Key Storage**

**Wilder Storage**

**Performance Chiropractic**

**State Farm**

\*Terms and conditions on the following page

## **First Friday Shop Local Participating Businesses**

### **Bambooz**

501C Licking Pike, Wilder KY 41071 p h o n e # (859) 261-7555

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

### **Subway**

1412 Gloria Terrell Drive, Suite 1, Wilder, KY 41076 p h o n e # (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 p h o n e # (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 p h o n e # (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 p h o n e # (859) 757-0211

- New customers will be offered a \$39.00 move in special.
- In order to qualify for the discounts, the customer must bring in a copy of this page at the time of rental OR show on phone.
- The coupon can't be used with any other offers or discounts.
- Proof of Wilder Residency is required.

### **Wilder Storage**

91 Banklick Road, Wilder, KY 41076 p h o n e # (859) 444-6688

- New customers will be offered a \$39.00 move in special.
- In order to qualify for the discounts, the customer must bring in a copy of this page at the time of rental OR show on phone.
- 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 p h o n e # (859) 360-0664

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

### **State Farm**

1400 Gloria Terrell Dr. Ste D, Wilder, KY 41076

- Stop by the State Farm Office - Wilder Pointe Shopping Center - 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- GET A NO-OBLIGATION QUOTE
- Pick up your \$10.00 Gift Card



# CITY OF WILDER VETERAN BANNER SPONSORSHIP FORM



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A BANNER TO HONOR A VETERAN, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SEND A CHECK FOR \$50.00 TO THE CITY AT THE ADDRESS BELOW. THESE WILL PROUDLY BE DISPLAYED ON LIGHT POSTS AROUND THE CITY.

- There will be a July 17th deadline
- Banners will be returned to the families of those who donated after use.
- These can be kept as a souvenir and make great gifts!

### PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

- All images must be scanned in at 300 dpi or higher and be a vertical portrait of the veteran.
- Send all images via email to [jschultz@wilderky.gov](mailto:jschultz@wilderky.gov) titled Wilder Banner - 'Veteran Name'
- Images can be sent in color but will be converted to black and white for consistency.
- Please include rank and branch of military for the banner, see example below.



YOUR NAME

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YOUR EMAIL

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YOUR ADDRESS

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NAME OF VETERAN TO BE HONORED:

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BRANCH OF THE MILITARY AND RANK:

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\*Please note this is an example of the banner and that there will be some difference in the actual banner

### PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Make all checks payable to: The City of Wilder  
Send the form and check to: 520 Licking Pike, Wilder KY 41071

**IF WE CAN'T  
FIND YOU**

**WE CAN'T  
HELP YOU**



**REFLECTIVE  
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YOUR LIFE OR  
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- Fire Chiefs
- Sheriff's Departments
- 911 Dispatch Center
- Emergency Medical Services



# Summer Safety Tips



Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

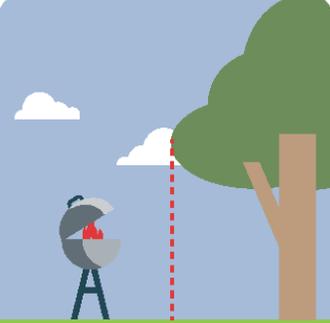
## Fire safety



Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.



If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.



Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.



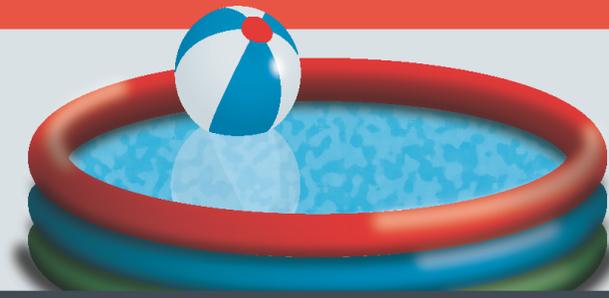
Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.



Click here to add image.



# Summer Safety Tips



## Activity safety



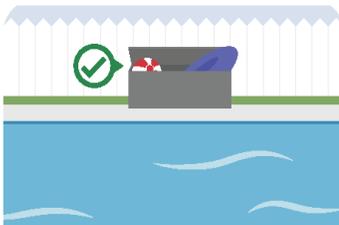
Never swim near a boat, marina or boat launching ramp.



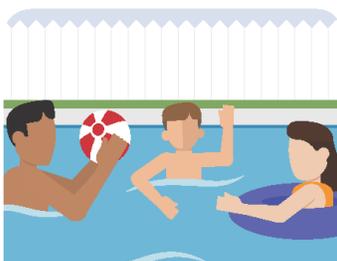
Always use U.S. Coast Guard-approved life safety jackets.



Adults need to stay with children when they are around water.



Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls and toys after you get out of the pool.



Always swim with a buddy.



Always wear a bike helmet and bright clothes when cycling so people can see you. Put reflectors on your bike.

Ride with both hands on the handlebars. Ride in single file with traffic. Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic lights.



For more information and free resources, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).



**: Follow the below safety tips while you are enjoying your 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration:**

- NEVER make your own fireworks. Only purchase fireworks from reliable, licensed dealers.
- Use consumer fireworks responsibly. Follow instructions and only use fireworks as intended. Never point them at others or use them as a weapon.
- Do not use fireworks under the influence of alcohol.
- Obey all local and State laws.
- Only use fireworks outdoors. Use them in a clear area, away from buildings and vehicles.
- Only set fireworks off from the ground. Never set them off from your hand or from glass bottles or metal containers.
- Light one firework at a time and move away after it has been lit. Never stand over a firework when lighting it.
- Never try to relight a “dud” firework. Leave it for 15 minutes and then soak it in water before disposing of it.
- Keep a source of extinguishment nearby.

Ideally small children should not handle fireworks, and NEVER without adult supervision. Even sparklers can be dangerous as they burn at over 1000 degrees

Douglas Neyman

Fire Chief

Wilder Fire Department



## WILDER FIRE/RESCUE

522 LICKING PIKE • WILDER, KENTUCKY 41071  
PHONE 859-431-5884 • FAX 859-581-0823



**FIRE CHIEF DOUG NEYMAN**

The Wilder Fire Department has had a busy year so far as of 6/19/2025. We have had 668 responses so far this year ranging from structure fires to EMS calls to Motor Vehicle Collisions etc.

We have increased staffing by adding a position of Paramedic Only to the staff. Paramedic Wendell Grayson. He comes to Wilder with many years of previous experience. Please be on the lookout for him in the employee spotlight soon.

We are happy to announce that we will be taking Delivery of our new Ladder truck the week of 06/23/2025. Our staff will spend hundreds of man hours of training on the new truck to ensure proper and adequate training as this is the City of Wilder's first Ladder Truck. We expect it to be Inservice in a few months after training and equipment mounting is completed. Please see attached information on a Quint's function.

So far this year, our staff has completed many hours of training in several different areas in the fire service including Hazardous Materials, Battery Vehicle Fires, Fire Attack, Search and Rescue and EMS training. This year we have sent multiple members to classes hosted by outside agencies to receive specialized training. We have completed 2,003 Hours of training.

We have instructed 5 CPR classes in 2025 to over 40 different people ranging from employees of businesses, citizens to Police officers. We are always happy to help set up CPR classes as early bystander CPR is crucial in saving lives. In addition to CPR training, we also provide fire extinguisher training. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to have CPR and/or fire extinguisher training.



## **INTRODUCING OUR NEW FIRE TRUCK**

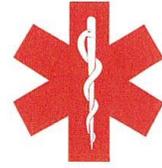
**We are excited to present our new fire truck, designed to enhance safety and professionalism in our community's firefighting efforts.**



## WILDER FIRE/RESCUE

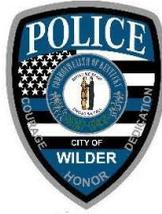
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1. **Pump:** The quint is equipped with a powerful water pump, typically capable of delivering a minimum of 1,000 gallons per minute (GPM). This ensures an adequate water supply for firefighting operations.
2. **Water Tank:** It carries an onboard water tank, with capacities usually ranging from 400 to 600 gallons. This feature enables initial fire suppression.
3. **Hose:** A quint has pre-connected hoses for quick deployment during firefighting operations. These hoses include attack lines for immediate fire suppression and supply lines for establishing a continuous water flow from a hydrant.
4. **Aerial Device:** A prominent feature of the quint is its aerial ladder which provides elevated access for firefighting, rescue, and ventilation. The aerial ladder typically ranges from 50 to 100 feet in length.
5. **Ground Ladders:** Quints are outfitted with various ground ladders, including extension, roof, and attic ladders, to support rescue and ventilation tasks.



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## Police Department YTD Highlights

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This year has been one of momentum and milestones for our department!

**Strengthening the Ranks** • For the first time in more than two decades, two recruits are completing their final days of field training. Officers **Doug Tyler** and **Noah Tuke** will soon begin solo patrols, immediately expanding the department's capacity to serve.

Responding to Wilder's residential and commercial growth, Mayor Jones recently authorized the hiring of two additional recruits. Officers **Corbin Kelley** and **Robert Rimer** are progressing through Kentucky's new online curriculum and will enter the Department of Criminal Justice Training Basic Academy on **June 20**. While many cities struggle with officer shortages, Wilder is *adding* talent—proof of both community support and the department's reputation.

Nightly news reminds us that crises can unfold anywhere. To ensure your officers are ready, we continually invest in advanced training and equipment, including: Civil-unrest protective gear, Less-lethal options such as pepper ball launchers, Rifle-rated ballistic shields for high threat incidents and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) carried in the cruisers.

**Specialized Expertise in a Small Agency** • Officer **Ryan Miller** is one of Kentucky's few certified **Drug Recognition Experts**, qualified to determine drug- or alcohol-related impairment and to testify as an expert witness. • Several Wilder officers serve on county-wide teams: **SWAT**, **Major Accident Reconstruction**, and the **Special Investigation Response Team (SIRT)**. Their specialized skills are available to Wilder residents at a moment's notice.

**Service by the Numbers** • From **January 1 through June 15, 2025**, Wilder officers answered **2,043** calls for service, including **233** motor-vehicle collisions. Your police department is on duty **24 hours a day, 365 days a year**. Whether the issue feels major or minor, please do not hesitate to call—we exist to help.

Thank you for the trust you place in us. Together, we will keep Wilder a safe and welcoming city.

Sincerely,

Chad Martin

Chief of Police

JOIN US FOR

# COFFEE & TALK

We are excited to invite you to a special event where you can engage in a casual and meaningful conversation with Mayor Jones. This is a unique opportunity to ask questions or explore data of interest about our community. Whether you have questions about city projects, policies, or just want a warm cup of coffee, this is the perfect occasion. Come with your questions and enjoy a cup of coffee on Monday, July 21st, 10:00 AM at the City Building.



"SCIENCE MAY NEVER COME UP WITH A  
BETTER COMMUNICATION SYSTEM THAN  
THE COFFEE BREAK."  
- BY EARL WILSON



The City of Wilder is pleased to announce the launch of a new community outreach initiative, the **"Do Good - Feel Good Campaign."** Our research has indicated a considerable need for support among families and shelter animals within the area, and we are seeking your participation in this program. We have identified a number of dedicated non-profit charities serving Wilder and the Northern Kentucky region that align with our campaign's objective of increasing awareness and promoting acts of kindness to demonstrate the caring spirit of Wilder.

We are honored to be collaborating with St. Vincent DePaul, Wilder's Protect 4 Paws and Campbell County Animal Services to name a few. Other similar organizations have been contacted. It is our goal to increase participation.

The framework of the campaign is straightforward. Beginning June 1st, two donation barrels will be situated in the main lobby of the city building. One barrel will serve as a continuous collection point for non-perishable food items, personal care products, baby food and baby related necessities. The other barrel will accommodate a series of distinct donations concentrating on specific needs, such as cleaning supplies, paper products, animal shelter needs (list to be provided), coats, hats, gloves, school supplies, blankets, clothing, and toys. The scheduling of these specific drives will, in some instances, correspond with particular seasons. Details regarding this schedule will be disseminated through the city's Facebook page, posted on the barrels and via email to the city's mailing list. Although the city plans to rotate themed donation drives, we welcome all donations year-round.

By establishing these donation drives in Wilder, our aim is to help maintain adequate supplies at local food pantries, provide sustenance for families facing hardship, offer warmth during the winter months throughout the Northern Kentucky area, support the welfare of animals in shelters and contribute to the NKY Angel of Light toy program, which provides a memorable program for children who might otherwise not experience Christmas.

While many in our community are fortunate, others encounter difficult decisions regarding essential needs. The city's objective with this campaign is to help alleviate these worries and challenges for others.

Please stay tuned for further updates as this campaign develops. Let's "do good and feel good" together!

Your friend and Mayor, Valerie



# FOOD PANTRY

DONATE TODAY TO  
HELP OUR NEIGHBORS  
IN NEED.

## MOST NEEDED PANTRY ITEMS:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Soup
- Mac & Cheese
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Beef Stew, Chili, Vienna Sausages)
- Pork & Beans
- Baked Beans
- Chili Beans
- Canned Pasta and Ravioli
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal
- Other Breakfast items (Poptarts, Granola Bars, Oatmeal, etc.)
- Tomatoes (Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste)

## AMAZON WISHLIST



For More Information, Visit:  
[www.svdpnky.org](http://www.svdpnky.org)

# DO GOOD, FEEL GOOD

Join us in making a difference



## Protect 4 Paws

Protect 4 Paws was founded in 1963 by Lucille Taylor. Lucille devoted her life to the care and protection of unhoused pets in Campbell County. Protect 4 Paws is a No-Kill animal shelter carrying on her legacy by helping to home the surrendered pets of Northern Kentucky and surrounding areas.

## MOST NEEDED ITEMS FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

Grain Free Dog Food  
Cat Litter (not clumping)  
Kong or Tough Toys  
Stuffed Animals (no beads or plastic eyes)  
Food Puzzles  
Large Rawhides  
Peanut Butter (no xyletol)  
Canned Pumpkin  
Cheese Wiz  
Puppy Pads  
Flat Sheets  
Blankets (no comforters)  
Collars and Leashes

# AVOID MOWER MISHAPS

## Keep your yard **SAFER** with riding mower guidelines

### Use Only as Directed

Do not operate machine without the entire grass catcher, discharge guard and other safety devices in place and working.

### Adults Only

Only allow adults familiar with the instructions to operate the machine.

### No Passengers Allowed

Never carry passengers, especially children!

### No Spectators Allowed

Make sure the area is clear of objects and bystanders — especially young children. Turn the machine off if a child enters the area.

### Use Extra Caution on Slopes

Now up and down slopes, not across. If you can't back up the slope or you feel uneasy on it, don't mow on it.

### Back Up Carefully

Do not back the mower unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.



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**Book Bus**  
**ON TOUR**

**2025**  
**SUMMER**  
**READING**



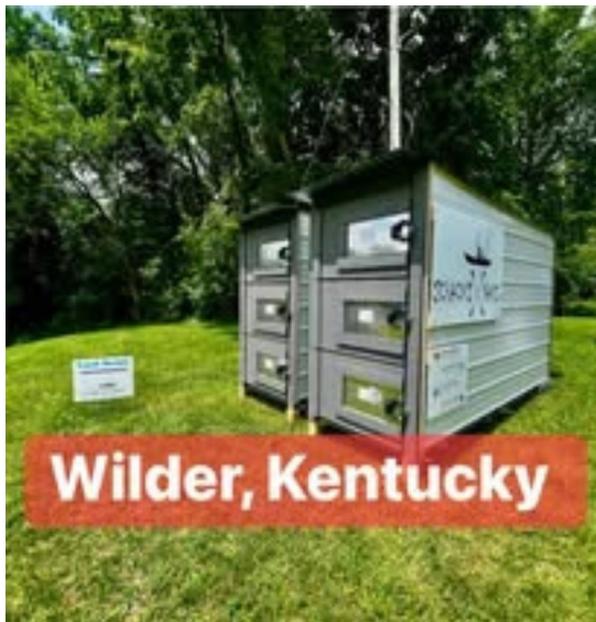
**Wednesdays @ 10-11 am**

The Book Bus is hitting the road... again! Our Outreach Department will tour Campbell County parks this June & July on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 am. See you there!

- June 4:** Bubble Bonanza at Gil Lynn Park in Dayton
- June 11:** Clown Carnival at Southgate Community Center
- June 18:** Fairy Tale Tea Party at Penderly Park in Melbourne
- June 25:** Penick's Petting Farm at Bellevue Beach Park
  
- July 9:** Sharks vs. Mermaids at City Center Park in Wilder
- July 16:** Art All Over at Alexandria Community Park
- July 23:** Color-tastic Extravaganza at Chief Sayers Park in Silver Grove



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available for  
rent at  
Fredricks  
landing. 7 days  
a week from  
7am-8pm  
[www.ShacksYaks.com](http://www.ShacksYaks.com)





**City of Wilder Blood Drive**  
**Monday, July 28, 2025**

**12:00pm-2:15pm & 3:30pm-5:45pm**  
**Donor bus parked at the City Building -520 Licking Pike**  
**Schedule online: <https://hoxworth.org/groups/wilder> or contact**  
**Hoxworth at (513) 451-0910**  
**All donors receive a Cincinnati Reds t-shirt!**  
**(while supplies last)**



**All Types Welcome.**

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**BLOOD CENTER**  
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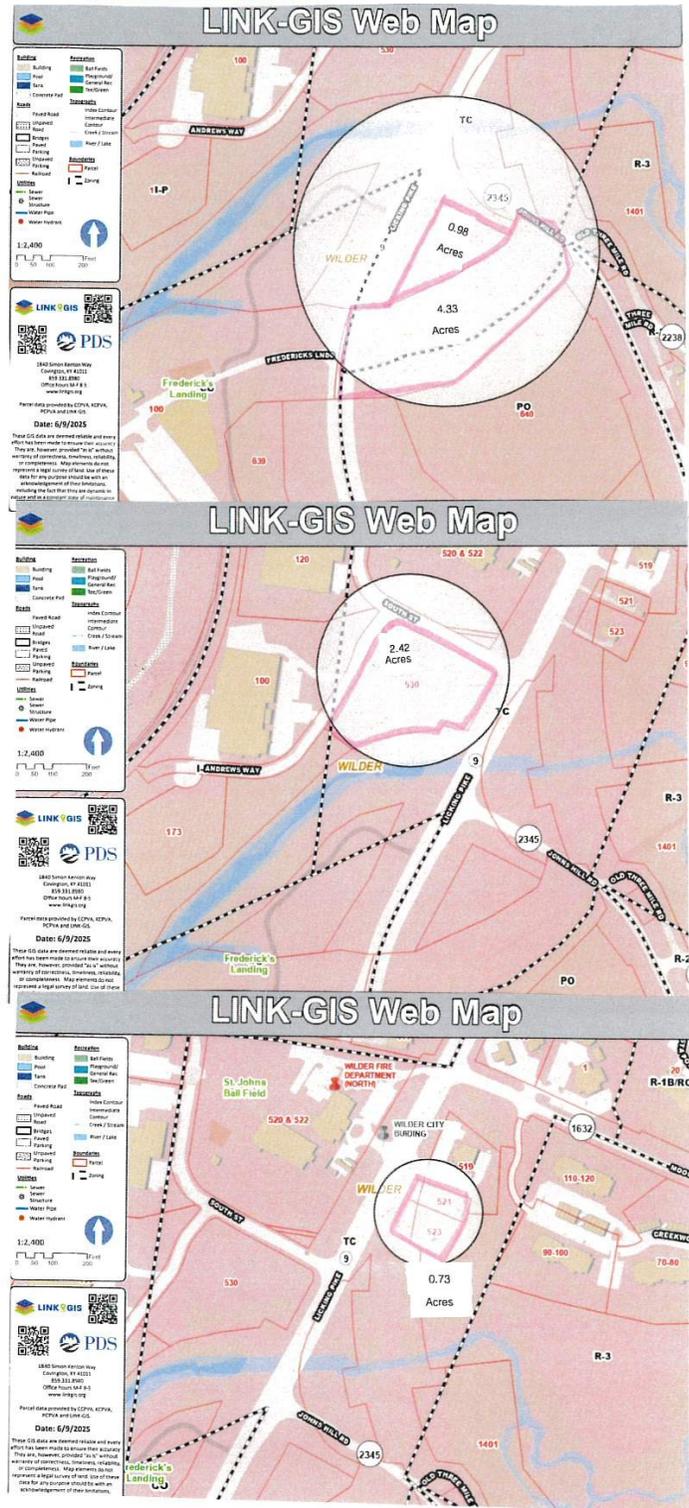
FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Have you ever wondered about the property at the bottom of Johns Hill Road? Who owns it? Why has it not developed? Hopefully this article will provide some insight and be helpful. Below are some of the properties owned by the City of Wilder. Each property will be described along with issues relating to development. For more information, please contact Terry Vance, City Administrator at [tvance@wilderky.gov](mailto:tvance@wilderky.gov).

Houses at 521 and 523 Licking Pike:  
Two single family homes on small lots. Zoned commercial but lots are too small for most commercial development. The two houses would have to be torn down or repurposed for commercial. These homes were purchased by the city over 10 years ago for potential development. One of the homes is being considered for a small coffee/tea shop.

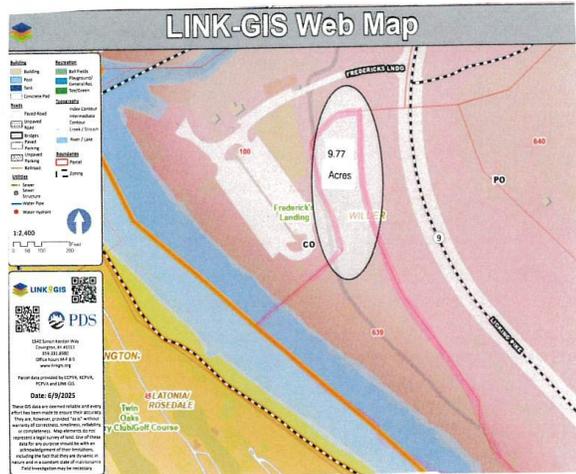
Vacant lot across from Wilder Fire Station:  
This property is ready for development. Zoned commercial has all utilities and is 2.42 acres of land. City currently accepting proposals for what type of development would be most beneficial to the city long term.

Vacant land at Johns Hill and Licking Pike:  
This property is complicated. It is made up of two separate parcels. One is a 0.98-acre parcel that is zoned commercial and owned by the city without restriction. The other is a 4.33-acre vacant parcel that was once part of Fredericks Landing (before Ky 9 was relocated). This parcel is zoned commercial but has a restriction due to a former grant that states the property must only be used for public purpose for which it was conveyed which is for public park or public recreational purposes. While ideal for commercial development, this puts a hold on any type of commercial development unless the city is able to get the federal government to release this restriction.

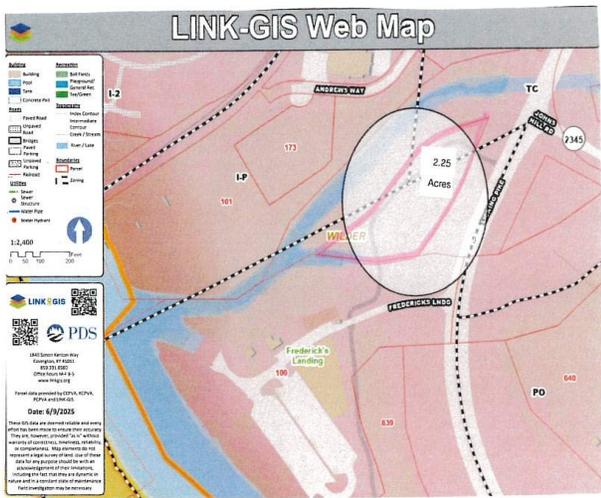


Properties Continued:

Property above Fredericks Landing Park:  
 This is a 9.77 acre piece of property that runs from above Fredericks Landing to the river. Portions of the bike trail are on the lower portion of the property. The higher elevation is narrow but buildable. Overlooking the park.



Property next to entrance to Fredericks Landing Park:  
 There is a 2.25 acre piece of land that is just north of the entrance to Fredericks Landing Park. The property now has access to a sanitary sewer line and has some buildable areas. This property also has a portion of the bike trail and is where the public garden spots are located. There is a portion of the property that is not developable due to electric high power transmission lines crossing over the property.



## UTILITY UPDATES

There are currently several utility updates in the City of Wilder.

### Electric Substation work:

#### Schedule Update: Wilder Substation Expansion

Duke Energy's electric system is essential to meeting our customers' needs. We're also committed to the development, stability and economic growth of the communities we serve.

We previously shared our planning to reconfigure Wilder Substation to provide for improved reliability and added capacity for your electric service. Expect to see additional construction beginning in June at the site along North Street, as we start work on the substation's fence expansion to accommodate the upgraded equipment.

The summer construction will also include the installation of a new transformer and retaining wall on the property. Construction on the transmission line relocations to the new equipment will occur this fall, followed by removals of transmission line equipment that is no longer needed – including a transmission tower – in early 2026. We expect all upgrades to be completed by fall 2026, and neighbors can expect lulls between the different phases of construction.

Thank you for your patience as we work to serve your energy needs.

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If you would like to discuss this project, please contact us:

Email: [MWOhioTransmission@duke-energy.com](mailto:MWOhioTransmission@duke-energy.com)

Call: **888.827.5116**

Project Name: **Wilder Substation Expansion**



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### Gas Line work:

Duke continues to work on gas line replacement/relocation projects. One particular project is along I-275. Work will link a line on the Kenton County side then under the Licking River to the Campbell County side. Additional work includes replacing lines in Wilder along Banklick Road and in the West Johns Hill/Alanna/Thelma areas.

Duke will be communicating with property owners via postcard or letter of when to expect work to begin. For more information on the Northern Kentucky Replacement Project individuals can call 513-287-2130 or visit [duke-energy.com/nkyreplacement](http://duke-energy.com/nkyreplacement).

### Wilder Sewer Line Project:

The Fredericks Landing/Johns Hill Road sewer project is about 50% complete. The city received a \$400,000 grant to install the sewer for development in and around the park. On the park side the line is in and operational. The Johns Hill Road side will begin later this summer. At that time restoration will be completed on the project. For more information, please contact Terry Vance, City Administrator at 859-581-8884 or [tvance@wilderky.gov](mailto:tvance@wilderky.gov).

# TANK PLUS TRANSIT ON-DEMAND

The City of Wilder and TANK are excited to announce that Effective June 7<sup>th</sup> Tank Plus has been expanded to cover all residential areas within the City. For more information, please see below:

## What is TANK Plus?

TANK Plus is a flexible, on-demand way to get around town, curb-to-curb within our designated zone(s)... or connecting you to our fixed route service to travel outside of the zone(s).

Instead of fixed bus routes, we use smaller vehicles that you can schedule when you need a ride, either through the app or our call center. It's all about making your transit experience more personalized and convenient.

**Learn more at:**  
[WWW.TANKBUS.ORG/MICROTRANSIT](http://WWW.TANKBUS.ORG/MICROTRANSIT)



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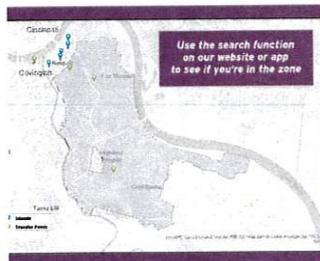
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**TANK Plus Zone 1**  
Campbell County

**Fare Information & Hours of Service**

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App & Call Center



### Transfer Points to Fixed Route Service:

- Covington Transit Center
- Monmouth @ Carothers Bus Stop
- St. Elizabeth-Ft. Thomas Bus Stop
- Lakeside Dorms NKU Bus Stop
- NKU Student Union

### Island Drop Off/Pick Up Points:

- Saratoga Place Apartments | Newport
- Two Rivers Apartments | Newport
- Campbell Co. Library | Newport Branch
- Watertower Square Building | Newport
- 103 Landmark Ave. | Bellevue

### Hours of Service:

**Monday - Friday**  
8AM to 6PM

**Saturday**  
9AM to 5PM

**Sunday**  
No Service

### Fare Information:

Traveling curb-to-curb within the zone or to an island drop off/pick up point is **\$5.00 per trip**

Traveling from your zone to a Transfer Point designated fixed route bus stop or transit center is **\$2.50 per trip**  
(Full bus fare will apply for fixed route trips)



### Booking your trip is easy!

Book over the phone by calling  
**859-331-8265**

Book using the TANK+ app  
Scan the QR code or visit  
[www.tankbus.org/microtransit](http://www.tankbus.org/microtransit)  
We offer step-by-step instructions on how to use the app.



TANK Plus is like ride share; you cannot book for an advanced day/time. Booking TANK Plus is for an immediate trip. We suggest booking about 20-30 minutes before you need to be picked up/dropped off.

You can schedule a ride with TANK Plus through the app or by calling 859-331-8265, and the designated vehicle will pick you up within 30 minutes and drop you off, curb-to-curb. If the pick-up time is greater than 30 minutes, you will receive a message to try again later. You do not need to be at a fixed route bus stop to ride TANK Plus.

## MAYOR ACHIEVES MASTER OF CITY GOVERNANCE CERTIFICATE

The staff at the City of Wilder would like to share an update on Mayor Valerie Jones's ongoing commitment to professional development through the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC).

Mayor Jones has successfully completed the Master of City Governance certificate level, which represents the third highest level of training offered by KLC. This achievement demonstrates her dedication to enhancing her skills and knowledge in municipal governance.

The final and most advanced level of certification offered by the Kentucky League of Cities is the Certified Municipal Officer. Given the mayor's drive to continue her training, we are certain it will only be a matter of time before she achieves this level.

Congratulations to Mayor Jones on her accomplishment.



### CERTIFICATE LEVELS

<b>I</b>	<b>Level I - Achievement in City Governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 29 hours of Approved Courses</li><li>• 1 hour of Ethics</li></ul> <b>(30 hours total)</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>Level II - Excellence in City Governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 58 hours of Approved Courses</li><li>• 2 hours of Ethics</li></ul> <b>(60 hours total)</b>
<b>III</b>	<b>Level III - Master of City Governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 87 hours of Approved Courses</li><li>• 3 hours of Ethics</li></ul> <b>(90 hours total)</b>
<b>CMO</b>	<b>Certified Municipal Officer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only designated CMO courses qualify for this program once you achieve Level III status.</li><li>• 2 hours of Open Meetings and Open Records</li><li>• 4 hours of Ethics</li></ul> <b>(135 hours total)</b>

Dear residents,

I am pleased to share some highlights from a very successful 4Q year. It's been a great team effort, and together we continue to achieve positive outcomes for our city.

1. A balanced budget was prepared and adopted for fiscal 2025-2026 without a tax increase. It's encouraging to note that our city's revenues are growing, with an 8.9% year-over-year increase reflected in the budget. The city achieved another budget surplus, which has been allocated to the capital budget. It remains my goal to use capital funds to cover existing debt, pay down debt and plan for future capital expenditures.
2. A new salary strategy was designed and implemented as part of the adopted budget. The innovative approach allowed base salaries to be increased. The leadership team offered positive recognition of the monetary benefit and retention value it achieved.
3. I'm proud to report that the city passed the third-party audit with flying colors. The auditor specifically noted, "The city's balance sheet is strong & you had an excellent year. Just keep doing what you're doing." You can find the auditor's full commentary on Campbell County Media's website from the March 2025 council meeting.
4. Our business sector is thriving with both new openings and expansions/remodels underway. The Waffle House will soon have an updated look; and Jones Springs is expanding. We welcomed new businesses like Riegler Blacktop & Concrete, the 3-mile development (the old Church property-residential development planned), Atlantic Heavy Duty, and others that will be announced soon.
5. We are also optimistic about Wilder being selected for a medical cannabis dispensary, which would bring new jobs and net-new revenue to our city.
6. Significant progress has been made in staffing key departments. We've hired four new police recruits, with two having already graduated and completed their field training, and the other two set to begin the Police Academy this month. Additionally, we've increased our Public Works staff with a new full-time laborer and added to our full-time Fire/EMT and Paramedics team.
7. Our "Coffee and Talk with the Mayor" sessions continue to be a valuable way for me to connect with residents.
8. We launched the "Do Good, Feel Good" campaign, organizing donation drives to support those in need within our city and the surrounding NKY areas, including Protect 4 Paws and Campbell County animal shelters.
9. Our Active Aging program received well-deserved recognition from Senator Frommeyer, who is leading a statewide initiative to Make Kentucky Healthy. This past May marked the beginning of our third year of encouraging a focus on fitness within our community.
10. We are maintaining our commitment to road repairs and their on-going upkeep.
11. Collaboration with the county continues regarding the potential for a specialty coffee/tea shop with both indoor and outdoor seating. While attracting smaller businesses can take time, we are optimistic for an opening in the near future. A recent business impact survey showed exceptionally positive support for this type of service. We garnered great input on the value this amenity would bring to the entire community.
12. The engineering plans for the expansion of our city trail are in progress, with work expected to begin this summer.
13. A new Kayak Kiosk service is now available at Frederick's Landing. We are also currently evaluating the addition of a bait kiosk.
14. After several years of advocacy, the speed limit on Three Mile Road has been successfully reduced from 55 MPH to 35 MPH, which will significantly improve safety.
15. A number of other community events, including the annual Easter Egg Hunt, a Terrarium Workshop, and our Music Festival were offered and enjoyed by many. Bringing people to Wilder is a form of "tourism".
16. Our Fire Department received a much-needed upgrade with the delivery of a new Quint, or ladder truck, which replaces a 27-year-old fire engine. This new equipment is essential as our city grows and includes more multi-level buildings.
17. The update to our Comprehensive Plan is on track to be completed in the next few months.
18. Building permits and Occupancy taxes are currently at an all-time high, primarily due to development and the county oversight. Their management of the process has produced incremental and previously uncollected revenues.
19. I continue to make it a priority to attend and engage with our condo communities by participating in HOA meetings when appropriate.

The city continues to move forward at a steady pace. Look for my first State of the City Address to take place soon. Date to be announced.

Your friend and Mayor, Valerie