

WILDER EXCHANGE

WILDER EXCHANGE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

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www.wilderky.gov

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 6:30PM

Wilder Vol. Fire Dept Drill - Every Monday at 7:30 PM

****THE CITY BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 1st****

SPECIAL DATES

Sept 4, 11, 18 & 25—Active Aging

Sept 5th —FIRST FRIDAY SHOP LOCAL

Sept 6th—Flag Raising

Sept 8th – Coffee & Talk 10AM-11AM

Sept 17th—Senior Picnic

Sept 19, 20 & 21—Annual Yard Sale

Sept 20th—Touch a Truck & City Government for Kids

Oct 1st—Medicare Seminar

Oct 3rd—FIRST FRIDAY SHOP LOCAL

Oct 22nd— Trunk or Treat

Oct 28th—Party in the Park



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

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***September 5th &
October 3rd***

**FIRST FRIDAY
SHOP LOCAL**

*See participating
Businesses below

**Bambooz
Subway**

**Barleycorn's Brewhouse
Longnecks Sports Grill**

****Randy's Rugged Wear****

Key Storage

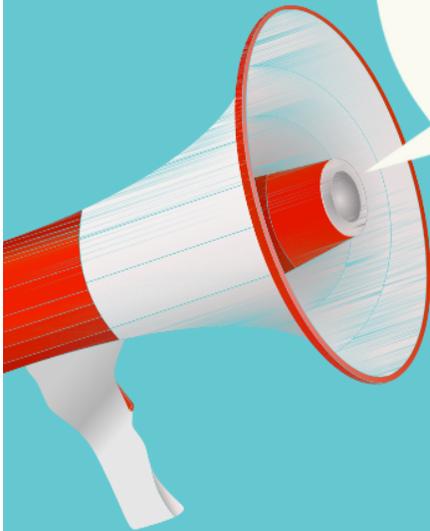
Wilder Storage

Performance Chiropractic

State Farm

****New Participant****

*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 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 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 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)

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

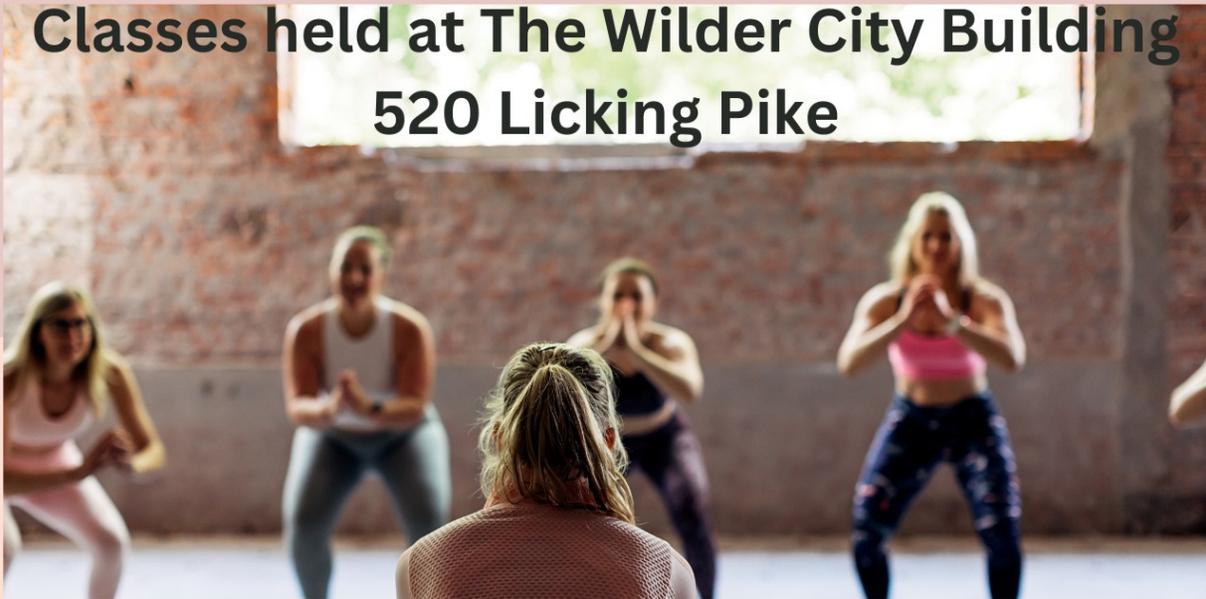
Randy's Rugged Wear

1400 Gloria Terrell Dr Ste N, Wilder KY 41076 phone# (859) 781-8271

- Offering 10% off purchase with proof of Wilder residency

Active Aging Fitness Program for ALL

Classes held at The Wilder City Building
520 Licking Pike



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 Thursday at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM for a 4 class session. Classes are as follows: 9/4, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25.

Meet the Instructor

Julie has been teaching group fitness for 44 years. 18 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.



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

60TH ANNUAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY



Date:

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Veterans Memorial
Park
12:00PM

*light lunch will be served immediately following ceremony

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, September 8th, 10:00 AM at the City Building.



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

- BY EARL WILSON



"Seniors are Wilder"

SENIOR PICNIC

September 17, 2025

City Center Park

12:00

Wilder Residents only

*Non Wilder Residents must be
accompanied by a Wilder Resident*

*Please Call to reserve your spot at
859-581-8884*



CITY OF WILDER ANNUAL CITYWIDE YARD SALE SEPTEMBER 19TH, 20TH, & 21ST 8 AM - ?

This is an annual event to assist citizens in perhaps making money on items that would be routinely disposed of. No license is needed and all fees for this annual event are waived.

Contact the city building if you wish to be placed on a participation list which will be displayed at the City Building. An ad will be placed in the newspaper indicating the participating streets provided we are notified by Friday, September 12th, at noon. 859-581-8884

**CAMPBELL
COUNTY**

2025
Fall Cleanup



SEPT 26 + 27 • 8 AM – 5 PM

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

Locations:

Frederick's Landing

100 Frederick's Landing, Wilder

Pendery Park

4113 Williams Lane, Melbourne

Accepted Items:

- ✓ FURNITURE
- ✓ MATTRESSES
- ✓ YARD DEBRIS
- ✓ TRASH + DEBRIS
- ✓ ELECTRONICS* (LIMIT 1 TV)

**Campbell County
Road Department**

1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria

- ✓ ALL OF THE ABOVE, AND...
- ✓ APPLIANCES (FREON OK)
- ✓ SCRAP METAL* (REMOVE FLUIDS)
- ✓ LEAD-ACID BATTERIES
- ✓ PROPANE TANKS
- ✓ TIRES (LIMIT 8; RIMS OK)

NOT ACCEPTED: Paint, Liquids, Junk Vehicles/Boats/Trailers, Hazardous Waste, Fluorescent Bulbs/Tubes, Dirt, Concrete, Rocks, Tanks/Cylinders

***SCRAP METAL + ELECTRONICS CAN BE RECYCLED YEAR-ROUND. FIND LOCATIONS ON OUR WEBSITE BELOW!**

*For
More
Info*



(859) 547-1866



CAMPBELLCOUNTYKY.GOV



SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov





Preparing for Tax Season

As summer comes to a close, we are getting ready for tax season. The 2025 tax bills will be issued at the beginning of October.

Important Reminders

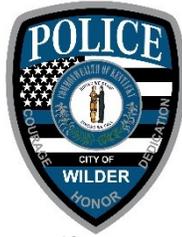
- Bills are sent directly to the homeowner.
- If you have an escrow account, it is your responsibility to forward your bill to the escrow company once you receive it.
- Homeowners must ensure that their property tax is paid.

The deadline for the 2025 property tax payment is November 30, 2025. Any payments made after this date will be considered late and will incur penalties and interest accordingly.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the city building at **859-581-8884**.

Help Needed:

We are in need of bartenders for the hall located downstairs in the city building. Please contact Jane after 12:00pm.
859-581-8884



Department Promotions

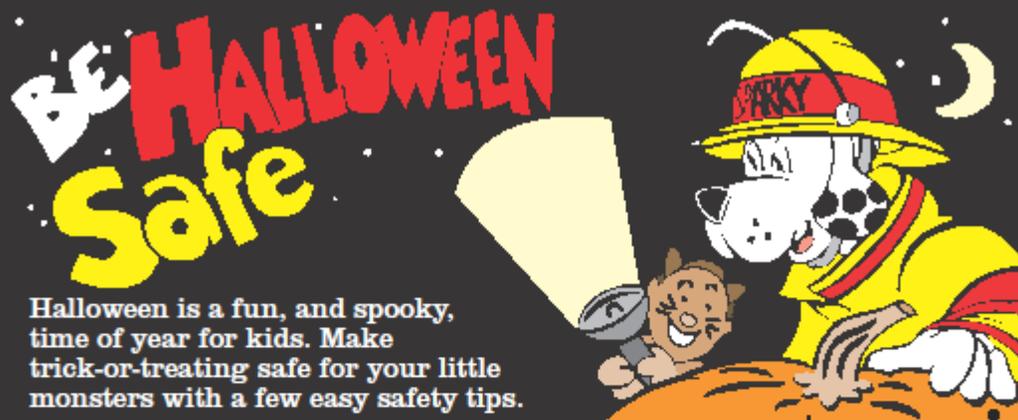
Congratulations are due — The Mayor and City Administration has authorized the police department to promote two officers to Sergeant, after an independent review process conducted by supervisory level officers from neighboring counties. Congratulations to Sergeant Ryan Miller and Sergeant Cameron Holland.

These new supervisors bring valuable experience and strong training skills that will be a great asset to our community. Their qualifications stem from prior experiences which include: the United States Marine Corps, Drug Enforcement Administration, Arlington, VA Police, and Norfolk, VA Police. Their backgrounds in leadership and instruction will help ensure our officers are well-prepared, professional, and better equipped to handle calls safely and effectively. As mentors to our newest recruit hires, they'll accelerate on-the-job learning, reinforce best practices, and raise the overall level of service you receive.

These promotions are part of planned department growth and will strengthen field supervision, continuity, and readiness. That growth translates directly into additional resources for public safety across our community.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to keep Wilder one of the top communities in Northern Kentucky!

- Chad Martin
Chief of Police



BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.

Spooky® is a trademark of the NFPA.

HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- »»» **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- »»» **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »»» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- »»» **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »»» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »»» **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- »»» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?



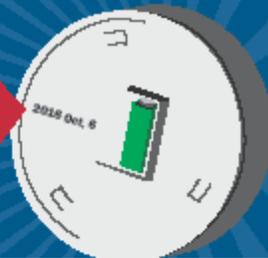
Decorations are the first thing to ignite in **900** reported home fires each year. Two of every five of these fires were started by a candle.



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

Don't Wait — Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

<p>1 Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.</p>			<p>2 Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.</p>
<p>3 Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.</p>			<p>4 Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.</p>



A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.

U.S. Fire Administration



Join Us for Trunk or Treat!
October 22nd 6pm-8pm
Location: Behind City Building (520
Licking Pike)



Bring your family for Halloween fun!
Please contact Juanita or Laurie (859-581-8884) if you
would like to participate in passing out candy.



Do Good, Feel Good

Join Us in Making a Difference

Vincent's Angels Christmas Program

We will be collecting toys for this one-night only event where parents come and pick out toys for their children. This event takes place in December. This program serves Northern Kentucky families who are not receiving other holiday assistance from any other organization.

We will be collecting new toys for children, up to age 17. We ask that the toys are unwrapped as it allows parents to choose the toys that they would like their children to receive for Christmas.

Collection Barrells are located in the lobby of the city building at 520 Licking Pike. Collections will start September 15th.



WILDER FIRE/RESCUE

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



FIRE CHIEF DOUG NEYMAN

It's that time of year again! Our Turkey Raffle is right around the corner. This is the biggest fundraiser we do each year, and we always appreciate the support. This year it will be held on November 21st starting at 6pm. Just as in the past we are delivering 20 raffle tickets to each household in the city. This is completely voluntary and any tickets that are not purchased nor wanted can be returned to the firehouse. The money raised through ticket purchases, and the night of the Turkey Raffle will go to purchase food and supplies for our Breakfast with Santa and unbudgeted items. If you're a business owner or would like to donate any door prizes, please contact the firehouse for details. Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support.

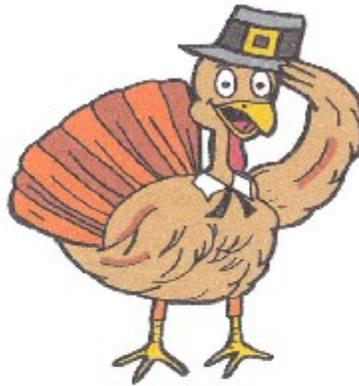
The date this year for our Turkey Raffle is Friday, November 21, 2025 at 6:00pm. Therefore, we are requesting your assistance in ensuring that this year's Turkey Raffle is a huge success. Remember your donation can be tax deductible through our charitable organization so please keep this letter as a receipt for your generous donation. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Doug Neyman at 859-431-5884 or by email at dneyman@wilderky.gov or send the donation to:

Wilder Fire Department

522 Licking Pike

Wilder Kentucky 41071

WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE



NOVEMBER 21, 2025
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

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY ENGINEER:

Johns Hill Road. By now, most of you have noticed or been made aware of some much-needed patchwork paving on Johns Hill Road. Many have commented positively on the recent repair work, some not so positive. There are still concerns about a long-term fix or possible redesign. While anything is possible, things have to be looked at in a comprehensive way when determining the practicality of such an undertaking.

Sometimes people get tired of this reminder but Johns Hill is a state route maintained by the Kentucky Department of Transportation. What this means is the city can only request or recommend maintenance, redesign or alignment, restrictions such as weight limitations, speed limit, etc. These issues are all controlled by the state. While many recognize the problems with Johns Hill Road, dealing with the problems, as obvious as they are, is not that simple.

Solution: Better drainage. Its true a simple solution to solving this issue would be to ditch the upper side of the hillside so the drainage ditch would properly channel the water under the road instead of across the road which leads to water getting into the cracks, leading to further pavement failure.

Problem: Hillside stability. Anyone with even the smallest amount understanding of hillsides in Northern Kentucky can quickly see that ditching the toe of the slope out of the hillside on the upper side of Johns Hill Road will cause the hill to continue moving into the ditch which leads to further clearing and further movement.

Solution: Add new pavement. While this makes for a smoother ride, it leads to other problems and can lead to accelerated pavement failure and movement. Over the years cribbing (guardrail and railroad rail walls) have been installed on the lower side slopes to prevent further movement of the road.

Problem: The solution of adding pavement seems simple and the cribbing has helped somewhat slowed the movement of the road. The underlying soils plus the weight of continued paving does cause additional movement resulting in more pavement failures and more pavement being added.

Solution: Regarding the suggestion of a complete rebuild and relocation of Johns Hill Road, outlined below are some of the challenges associated with this concept.

Problem: While it might seem straightforward, issues like hillside instability, underlying soil conditions, and significant costs make this option highly impractical. The daily traffic count for Johns Hill Road is under 3,000 vehicles, which further impacts its likelihood of significant funds being spent. For context, the state ran into the same issue when trying to rebuild KY. Rt. 9 in the early 1990's. The stabilization and rebuilding/relocation of old Licking Pike from Fredericks Landing Road to I-275 (less than 2 miles) involved over \$20 million in 1990s figures, utilizing a series of significant concrete tieback walls on both sides of the cut. Even this has not solved the issue. There continues to be hillside movement and drainage issues as evidenced by the power poles leaning and other instances of subsidence especially around the lower walls. A similar design would be necessary for Johns Hill Road to be relocated.

Considering the limited funds available for road reconstruction, it would be more beneficial to prioritize other areas with higher traffic and accident rates. Such as I-275 and AA Highway interchange which has a traffic count of between 30,000 -100,000 daily. In addition, accident levels are at a serious level and funds in the amount of 57 million dollars need to be allocated for 2027-2029 to make this a safer interchange. It all comes down to priorities.

Dear Residents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm writing to provide you with an update on the exciting projects and accomplishments happening across our city. We're very pleased with the progress we've made, and it's all thanks to the collective effort of this administration, the entire staff, council and the community.

1. Our 2024-2025 Annual Report is now available online offering a comprehensive overview of our achievements and financial stewardship.
2. We continue to prioritize public safety by actively increasing our first responder manpower ensuring our community remains safe and secure. With the economic growth underway, a proactive strategy in hiring and retaining the best talent. Two officers recently promoted to Sargent and two recruits are in the Police Academy.
3. Our recent Firefighter hires have enrolled in paramedic school and in August, one of our full-time Firefighter/EMTs graduated along with two of our part-time FF/EMTs.
4. We have hosted a number of exciting and fun events with more to come. They have successfully attracted many visitors and fostered a vibrant atmosphere within our city all at minimum or no cost. Some result in a give-back to our first responders due to the generosity of our partner businesses.
5. Economic development projects are in full swing paving the way for future growth and prosperity.
6. Soon, the much-needed audio upgrade for council chambers will be installed complete with new TVs and microphones for each representative. This improvement will enhance clarity and accessibility for all attendees as well as those who watch our public meetings. This enhancement is long overdue.
7. We also want to thank everyone who visited the splash park this summer; it was another great season. We are thrilled by the joy this brings to so many and we thank you for the donations which help maintain this wonderful, community amenity.
8. We continue to focus on growing our FF/EMT/Paramedic staff. We are incredibly proud of our recent Firefighter/EMT hires who have already enrolled in paramedic school. This commitment to advanced training is a testament to their dedication and our city's focus on providing the best possible emergency services. As part of our ongoing retention efforts, we've also implemented a new tuition reimbursement program for the paramedic students. In return for this educational support, participants in the program will commit to five years of service to the city.
9. We are evaluating an increase in fees for shelter rentals, while also planning to extend special rates to Wilder residents to ensure continued access for our community.
10. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding our hand-delivered newsletter. We're thrilled you're enjoying this direct form of communication, and our goal is to begin delivering it to you twice a year starting in 2026.
11. To better serve you, the city will soon be accepting credit card payments for various services, with a small convenience fee.
12. Regarding some upcoming, new events: we are bringing back the Active Aging program this fall offering 4 weeks of fitness and fun. We are considering a Fall Party in the Park with more details to follow soon. And looking ahead to the holidays, we're excited about our first, fee-based Holiday Terrarium event and a Christmas Card-making class.
13. Finally, the Frederick's Landing trail extension is progressing well, and we expect a preliminary alignment and estimate for the project soon. Please be assured that any changes at Frederick's Landing will always carefully consider the flood zone and the erosion to the water banks, which can jeopardize the integrity of the surrounding soil.

The city is clearly moving in a positive direction having the vibrancy of a city growing at a responsible pace. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in making Wilder the best place to live, work, play and visit!

Your friend and Mayor, Valerie