

WILDER EXCHANGE



May/June
2026

From the Desk of Mayor Valerie Jones

Dear Residents,

It is a vibrant time for Wilder, and I am writing to share several exciting developments and initiatives currently taking place in our city.

Growth and Infrastructure

Our community is growing at a responsible rate, and we are thrilled to welcome many new homeowners and businesses. Wilder's convenient location and reasonable tax rates continue to support our existing business base while attracting new investment.

Regarding the city's infrastructure, soon you will see increased road repairs and parking lot re-pavements. We will be upgrading an antiquated phone system and refreshing other areas in Council Chambers. On a smaller scale, please check out the new, permanent corn hole games at Frederick's Landing. Bring your own bags and enjoy!

Development Updates

Negotiations for the new coffee shop are close to completion, and you will soon see significant site preparation and construction underway. Barring unforeseen delays or obstacles, we are aiming for a fall opening. Additionally, work has begun on the grounds for the new Bobby Mackey Music World facility. We anticipate welcoming him back very soon.

Milestones and Events

This May, we look forward to celebrating two major milestones: Castellini Foods' 130th Anniversary and the official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Riegler Black Top. We also have a full calendar of community events planned. Please follow our Facebook page (City of Wilder, Ky) and check your email for updates. If you are not on our master email list, please contact the city office to be added.

Budget Cycle and Planning

It's that time of year again – Budget Preparation. Important steps are taken every year to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality services to our city.

The process begins with an in-depth collaboration with our department heads. We work closely together to evaluate their specific operational and staffing needs ensuring that the budget is strategically set to support each department in delivering the services you want and deserve.

Throughout this process, our primary focus remains on maintaining a balanced budget. We are committed to being fiscally responsible with every tax dollar earned, carefully managing our resources to ensure the long-term financial health of our community. Our external auditor presented at the March council meeting and complimented our internal controls, compliance efforts and financial position. He did not identify any deficiencies or material weaknesses. He reiterated that we should keep doing what we're doing.

We are proud of the progress we are making together to keep Wilder a wonderful place to live, work, play and visit. Thank you for your continued support.

Safe and Peaceful, the Wilder Way!

Your friend and Mayor, Valerie

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BESTWAY DISPOSAL
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NORTHERN KY WATER
DISTRICT
859-578-9898

SANITATION DISTRICT
859-578-7450



Splash Pad

Our splash pad area at the city center park is due to open memorial day weekend. We look forward to another Summer with you and your family.

From the desk of City Clerk

Spring is coming quickly, and the weather will be changing soon. Don't forget to grab your Frederick's Landing passes at the city building. Wilder residents can enjoy one free pass per household.

There are three shelters available for rent in the city—two at City Center Park and one at Frederick's Landing. For more details, call the city building at 859-581-8884.

Community Garden



Community gardens are well known for providing space for neighbors to grow fresh, healthy food close to home. We have several garden plots available. If you are interested please contact Juanita Schutz at 859-581-8884 or email jschultz@wilderky.gov.

May 1st & June 5th
FIRST FRIDAY SHOP LOCAL

Bambooz
Subway
Barleycorn's Brewhouse
Longnecks Sports Grill
Randy's Rugged Wear
Key Storage
Wilder Storage
Performance Chiropractic
State Farm

*Terms and conditions on the following page

Party in the Park
Fredericks Landing

Tuesday June, 23rd at 6:00 PM
Live Music Ft. Bobby Mackey and Hart & Soul

Barleycorn's Brewhouse Beer Van, LaRosa's Pizza Truck and Kayak Rental's

City of Wilder Annual Citywide Yard Sale

May 15th, 16th, & 17th
This is a 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 participatin 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 May 8th. 859-581-8884



Coffee & Talk

with Mayor Jones

Join us for a special event where you can enjoy casual, meaningful conversation with Mayor Jones. It's a great chance to ask questions or explore topics that matter to our community. Whether you're curious about city projects, policies, or just in the mood for a warm cup of coffee, this is the perfect occasion. Bring your questions on Monday, May 18th, at 10:00 AM at the City Building.



Terrarium Workshop

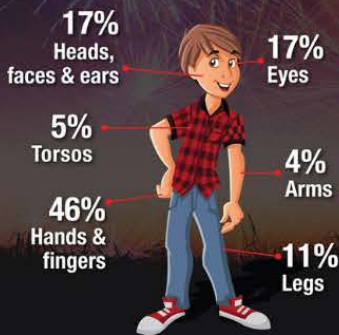
520 Licking Pike
Wilder, KY 41071

June 11th, 2026
6:30 PM

Register at
<https://nicheterrariums.square.site/>

Fireworks Cause Injuries

Fireworks injure **9,300** people annually



- Safety Tips:**
- Have water handy in case of an emergency
 - Aim the fireworks away from flammable material and people
 - Never extend body parts over the device
 - Never relight a 'dud' firework



Movie Night

Featuring Live Action Lilo & Stitch

June 13th at the City Center Park. The movie will start at dusk. We will update the time as it gets closer.



On April 6th, 2026 the City of Wilder extended its sincerest commendation and gratitude to our incredible first responders for their heroic actions during an emergency call on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

While the circumstances were volatile and could have easily escalated, the responding team remained composed and observant. Despite initial appearances that may have suggested a substance-related issue, they correctly identified a legitimate medical crisis and ensured the individual received the urgent care needed.

Their ability to look beyond the surface prevented a tragic outcome and reflects the high standards of our emergency services here in Wilder.

- Please join us in recognizing:
- Lieutenant Adam Peak (not pictured)
 - Sergeant Cameron Holland
 - Officer Noah Tuke
 - Officer Robert Rimer
 - Fire Fighter/EMT Tommaso Giannetta
 - Paramedic Wendell Grayson

We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and the dedication of ALL our first responders that provide daily safety and security to our community.



Water Safety

Water safety tips for pools, lakes, rivers, and oceans:

- Constant supervision: Assign a designated adult "water watcher" — no phones or distractions. Keep visual contact with children at all times.
- Learn CPR: At least one adult present should be trained in CPR and basic rescue.
- Wear PFDs: Use approved life jackets in any water over chest deep.
- No diving into unknown water: Enter feet-first until depth and hazards are confirmed.
- Watch for currents and wind: They can change quickly; return to shore early if needed.
- Avoid alcohol: Impairs judgment and swimming ability.
- Float plan: Tell someone your route and expected return time when boating or floating.
- Strong currents: Even shallow water can have powerful undercurrents.
- Rip current awareness: Learn to recognize rip currents and swim parallel to shore to escape.
- Swim near lifeguards: Choose beaches with lifeguard coverage whenever possible.
- Respect posted warnings: Heed flags and closures for hazardous surf or water quality issues.
- Watch waves and surf: Large waves and shore breaks can cause injury.
- Jumping from bridges and train tracks is prohibited in Wilder.

Sincerely,

Chad Martin
Chief of Police

CAMPBELL COUNTY 2026 Spring Cleanup

MAY 8 + 9 • 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

Campbell County Road Department
1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria

Accepted Items:

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

- ✓ 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

CAN'T MAKE IT? GET A VOUCHER INSTEAD + TAKE YOUR ITEMS ON YOUR OWN TIME.

For More Info

(859) 547-1866

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SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov



Blood Drive

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City of Wilder

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, May 26, 2026
12:00pm-2:15pm & 3:30pm-5:45pm
Donor Bus in parking lot at 520 Licking Pike in Wilder

Schedule online: <https://hoxworth.org/groups/wilder>, scan QR code
or contact Hoxworth at (513) 451-0910

All donors receive an FC Cincinnati 40 oz tumbler
Appointments Encouraged! | Double Your Impact - **Donate Red Cells!**
Saving Lives Close to Home.

From the Office of the City Administrator

I would like to provide an update regarding several infrastructure and road projects within the city.

Three Mile Road Closure

Work on the sanitary sewer upgrade on Three Mile Road is now complete. Although the project took longer than anticipated, these upgrades will significantly enhance sewer line capacity and help eliminate future overflows. On behalf of the city and the sanitation district, we appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time.

Periodic Mook Road Closures

We understand that the intermittent closures on Mook Road have caused major inconveniences for residents and commuters traveling between Rt. 9 and U.S. 27. These closures are necessary to repair a large water main installed in the 1970s that is prone to breaking due to its age and the instability of the surrounding ground. Given the size of the main, a full road closure is required for repairs. Please be assured that the water district works to complete these repairs and reopen the road as quickly as possible.

2026-2027 Road Projects

Following our annual street inspection, the following projects have been scheduled:

- Vine Street: Repairs and asphalt overlay
- Interstate Access Road: Repairs and asphalt overlay
- Gibson Lane: Drainage improvements, repairs, and asphalt overlay
- Country Drive: Drainage improvements, curb installation, repairs, and asphalt overlay

The Vine Street and Interstate Access Road projects are currently under contract. The Gibson Lane and Country Drive projects are in the engineering phase and are scheduled for contract in the spring or summer of 2027. Additionally, the city will perform spot repairs and crack sealing on various other streets.

If you have specific concerns regarding your street or any questions about these projects, please contact me at tvance@wilderky.gov or call the city building at (859) 581-8884.

"Mark your Calendars for July 2nd to celebrate 250yrs since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The celebration will be from 7:00pm-9:30pm at the City Center Park with the Not Johnny Band"

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

1 st	First Friday	Shop Local	
6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	Active Aging	Hall	10:45-11:45
8 th , 9 th	County Clean Up	Landing	
15 th , 16 th , 17 th	Annual Yard Sale		
18 th	Coffee and Talk	City Building	10:00a.m.
23 rd	Opening of Splash Pad		
26 th	Blood Drive	City Building Parking Lot	

June

3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th	Active Aging	Hall	10:45-11:45
5 th	First Friday	Shop Local	
11 th	Terrarium	City Center Park	6:30p.m.
13 th	Movie Night	City Center Park	Dusk
23 rd	Party in the Park	Landing	

July

2 nd	NOT JOHNNY BAND Celebrate 250yrs	City Center Park	7:00- 9:30
3 rd	First Friday	Shop Local	
20 th	Coffee and Talk	City Building	10:00a.m.
25 th	Payton's Lemonade Stand	City Center Park	

August

4 th	First Friday	Shop Local	
TBD	Party in the Park	Landing	
25 th	Blood Drive	City Building Parking Lot	

September

4 th	First Friday	Shop Local	
7 th	Last Day for Splash Pad		
12 th	Flag Raising	City Center Park	12:00p.m.
18 th , 19 th , 20 th	Annual Yard Sale		
21 st	Coffee and Talk	City Building	
23 rd	Senior Picnic	City Center Park	12:00p.m.
26 th	Touch a Truck/City Gov For Kids	City Building	4:00-7:00
30 th	Medicare Seminar	Hall	7:00p.m.

October

	Halloween House Decorating Contest		
2 nd	First Friday	Shop Local	
24 th	Trunk or Treat	City Building	12:00-2:00

November

6 th	First Friday	Shop Local	
7 th	Card Making Craft/Class	Hall	
16 th	Coffee and Talk	City Building	10:00a.m.
20 th	Turkey Raffle	Fire House	

December

	Christmas House Decorating Contest		
4 th	First Friday	Shop Local	
7 th	Christmas Tree Lighting and Historical Society Tree Lighting	City Building	7:00p.m.
TBD	Breakfast with Santa	Fire House	10:00-12:00
16 th	Blood Drive	City Building Parking Lot	