WILDER EXCHANGE

November/December 2026

Dear Wilder Residents,

As another year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what we have accomplished together and to express my appreciation for the trust and support you continue to place in our city government.

A community is measured not only by the projects it completes or the services it provides, but by the people and businesses who call it home. Throughout the year, I have witnessed neighbors helping neighbors, residents supporting local businesses, families participating in community events, and countless individuals giving their time and energy to make our city a better place. Your involvement, feedback, and civic spirit help shape the character of our community and contribute to its continued success.

This year was marked by meaningful progress across many areas of city operations. Important infrastructure improvements were completed, including the highly complex culvert replacement project. We also continued to invest in our people, equipment, parks, streets and facilities while maintaining the high level of service our citizens have come to expect. We welcomed new businesses and saw the expansion of others.

Equally important were the opportunities we had to come together as a community. From seasonal celebrations and family activities to recreational programs and special events, our city hosted numerous gatherings that united us and strengthened the connections that make our community unique. These moments of fellowship and shared experiences are an important part of what makes our city such a special place to live, work, play and visit.

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859-581-8863

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859-581-8884

BESTWAY DISPOSAL
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NORTHERN KY WATER DISTRICT
859-578-9898

SANITATION DISTRICT
859-578-7450

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedicated staff who serve our city each day. I extend my sincere appreciation to our Police Department for their vigilance, professionalism, and commitment to public safety. Their efforts help maintain a secure environment where families and businesses can thrive. I am equally grateful to our Fire Department and emergency responders, whose readiness, skill, and courage provide reassurance to our community every day. Their willingness to answer the call, often during difficult circumstances, reflects the highest ideals of public service.

Our Public Works Department deserves special recognition for keeping our city functioning day after day. Whether maintaining infrastructure and city grounds, managing facility projects or handling snow removal or after storm clean-up, their work forms the foundation upon which so much of our quality of life depends.

I would also like to recognize our Administrative Staff, whose professionalism and expertise support every aspect of city operations. From financial management and customer service to project coordination, planning, and regulatory compliance, their efforts behind the scenes help ensure the city operates efficiently and effectively. While their work may not always be highly visible, it is essential to the success of our city and the service we provide to residents and businesses.

The City also remained focused on sound financial management throughout the year. Through disciplined budgeting and thoughtful planning, we continued to invest wisely in our people, infrastructure and services while maintaining fiscal stability. I am pleased to report that the City's annual audit was completed without significant findings, reaffirming our commitment to accountability, transparency, and responsible stewardship of public resources. We recognize that every taxpayer dollar represents the hard work of our residents and businesses, and we remain committed to managing those resources wisely.

As we look ahead, there is every reason to be optimistic about our future. The progress we have made, the investments we continue to pursue, and the strength of our community position us well for the opportunities that lie ahead. While we cannot predict future challenges, our city is well position and continues to move forward with purpose, guided by a shared vision of steady growth, public safety and community pride.

On behalf of the City Council and the entire City staff, thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving this community. We are honored by your trust and encouraged by all that we have accomplished together.

As Christmas approaches, I hope each of you can take time to enjoy the company of family and friends, cherish old traditions, create new memories, and reflect on the blessings of the past year. May your homes be filled with warmth, laughter, and peace. We wish you a Merry Christmas, a joyous holiday season, and a New Year filled with health, happiness, and blessings.

With warm regards,

Your friend and Mayor, Valerie

Cybersecurity & Scams

Since the City of Wilder is currently conducting cybersecurity awareness training, I figured what better time to have a refresher on scams and cybersecurity.

Is it too good to be true, unsolicited, require immediate action, need you to purchase gift cards, need you to click a link or download an app, or require you to share your password; it might be a SCAM!

Scammers are constantly finding new ways to steal your money and personal information. They often pretend to be someone you trust, such as a bank employee, police officer, government official, or even a family member. If they are using artificial intelligence, it could even sound or look like your family.

Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment, threaten arrest, or claim a loved one is in trouble. Never give out banking information, Social Security numbers, or passwords over an unexpected call. When in doubt, hang up!

Watch for emails claiming your account has been locked, you've won a prize, or you've made a purchase you don't recognize. Avoid clicking unfamiliar links or opening unexpected attachments. If it's a company you do business with, call them directly using information outside of the email you received.

Beware of unexpected texts about missed deliveries, unpaid tolls, bank problems, or family emergencies. Scammers want you to click a link or respond with personal information. Don't take the bait!

Legitimate organizations will not demand gift cards to settle debts or threaten immediate arrest over the phone. If in doubt or something doesn't seem right, tell them you're calling the police first. Let us help you determine if it's a legitimate request before it's too late.

Sincerely,

Chad Martin

Chief of Police


WILDER
FIRE
RESCUE
WORKING TOGETHER
TO BUILD A BETTER TOMOMORROW
STATION
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WILDER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
STATION
14
RAFFLE
TURKEY
RAFFLE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
STARTING AT 6:00 PM
Come out and support the
Wilder Fire Department!

WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FALL 2026

Serving Our Community

FIRE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

PREVENTION • EDUCATION • A SAFER WILDER

FALL YARD & FIRE SAFETY

A CLEAN YARD IS A SAFE YARD

- CLEAR DRY LEAVES FROM ROOFS AND GUTTERS.
- KEEP VEGETATION AND FIREWOOD AWAY FROM YOUR HOME.
- USE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT SAFELY.
- CHECK LOCAL RULES BEFORE BURNING.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Create a safer home by keeping at least 10 feet of clear space around your home.

KEEP FIRES CONTAINED, SUPERVISED & FAR FROM STRUCTURES AND DRY LEAVES.

WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT
• STATION 14 •

FALL FIRE SAFETY

THREE SIMPLE STEPS CAN HELP PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST.

1 MAKE A FAMILY FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- KNOW TWO WAYS OUT.
- CHOOSE AN OUTDOOR MEETING PLACE.
- PRACTICE TOGETHER.



2 COOKING WITH CARE

It's Just Common Sense!



- **STAY IN THE KITCHEN** — Never leave cooking food unattended, even for a minute.
- **KEEP IT LOW & SLOW** — Use lower heat and keep a close eye on what you're cooking.
- **KEEP IT CLEAN** — Remove anything that can catch fire—towels, oven mitts, curtains, and paper products!!.
- **HAVE A PLAN** — Make sure your home has working smoke alarms. They save lives!
- **BE PREPARED** — Keep a fire extinguisher near the kitchen and know how to use it.

Be Alert. Be Safe. Be Prepared.

3 CHECK & MAINTAIN SMOKE ALARMS

IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!



- **TEST MONTHLY** — Press the test button and make sure you hear a loud, clear alarm.
- **REPLACE BATTERIES** — Change batteries at least once a year, or when the alarm chirps.
- **KEEP THEM CLEAN** — Dust and vacuum your smoke alarms regularly to keep them working properly.
- **REPLACE EVERY 10 YEARS** — Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace the unit every 10 years. (check the date on the back).
- **NEVER DISABLE THEM** — Don't remove batteries or unplug the alarm. It only takes a minute to save a life.

WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fall Into Fire Safety

CLEAN YARDS. SAFE HOMES. STRONGER COMMUNITY.

Fall is a beautiful time in Wilder, but it also brings increased fire risks. Leaves, dry grass and cooler weather can create dangerous conditions if not handled properly. The Wilder Fire Department encourages everyone to take a few simple steps to keep their homes, families and our community safe this season.

Together We Can Make a Difference!

Follow Us on Facebook for more safety tips, events and updates!

WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT — STATION 14

WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fall Safety Reminders

- ☑ Keep your yard and gutters clear of leaves and debris.
- ☑ Check your smoke alarms monthly.
- ☑ Have a fire escape plan and practice it with your family.
- ☑ Be attentive when cooking.
- ☑ Keep outdoor fires contained and supervised.
- ☑ Follow local burning rules and regulations.
- ☑ Keep hydrants clear when shoveling snow or landscaping.

Stay Safe This Fall!



The Importance of Ordinances to City Residents

1. Maintain Order and Safety
2. Address Local Needs
3. Promote Quality of Life
4. Protect Public Welfare
5. Provide Predictability and Fairness
6. Enable Community Participation

Ordinances Passed by the City of Wilder since last newsletter:

26-0901 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADDING ADDITIONAL POLICIES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL. AMENDING POLICY #61 LICENSE PLATE READERS AND ADDING NEW POLICY #62 GOLDEN/GREEN ALERT AND POLICY #63 AMBER ALERT.

26-0902 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR OF 2026 ON ALL PROPERTY REAL AND PERSONAL IN THE CITY OF WILDER, KY, SETTING THE WASTE COLLECTION/RECYCLING RATE FOR 2027 ON PROPERTIES RECEIVING CURB SIDE COLLECTION, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE ON MOTOR VEHICLES FOR 2026 IN THE CITY OF WILDER, KY, ESTABLISHING THE RATES THEREFORE AND ADOPTING THE CAMPBELL COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONERS ASSESSMENT ON SAID PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX LIEN AGAINST ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF SAID TAXES.

26-0903 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 SECI'ION 72.02 OF THE WILDER MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING TWO (2) NEW PUBLICLY DEDICATED STREETS IN THE OVERLOOK AT SUNROCK DEVELOPMENT. STREETS WILL BE CITY MAINTAINED AND ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WILDER. SETTING SPEED LIMITS, STOP SIGN LOCATIONS AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR THE NEWLY DEDICATED STREETS.

26-0904 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT TO FTNANCE 'ITIE COSTS OF A PUBLIC PROJECT IN A MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,150,000; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF LEASE AND DEPOSrrs A SINKING FUND; ALTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE; AND MAKING CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS REGARDNG SUCH LEASE.

You will find the signed Ordinances on the city website at www.wilderky.gov

Christmas House Decorating Contest

Gift cards for the top 3 winners

Call the city building at 859-581-8884 by 12/16 to let us know you are participating so we don't miss your house.



Christmas Tree Lighting

and the Historical Society Tree Lighting

December 7, 2026

7:00 PM

Lobby of the City Building

Cookies and drinks will be provided afterwards in the lower level hall.

From the Desk of the City Administrator:

Permitting and Planning and Zoning

Effective January 1, 2027, the City of Wilder will transition planning and zoning matters as well as building and zoning permit reviews to Campbell County Planning and Zoning.

Here are the key details regarding this transition:

- Planning Commission & Review: The City of Wilder will retain its own Planning Commission. However, Campbell County will handle application reviews, prepare staff reports, and perform all necessary inspections.
- Permit Applications: All applications for planning, zoning, and building permits will be submitted to and issued by Campbell County. Application forms will remain available online on both the City of Wilder and Campbell County Planning and Zoning websites.

County Office Contact Information:

Address: Campbell County Administration Building, 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY Phone: 859-292-3880

In the future, the city will designate the Campbell County Planning and Zoning Department as the authorized representative of the Zoning Administrator. For now, the City Administrator retains the position of Zoning Administrator.

If you have any questions regarding planning, zoning, or permitting matters during this transition, please feel free to contact me at tvance@wilderky.gov or 859-581-8881.

CARD MAKING CLASS

Create. Connect. Celebrate.



November 7th
10:00 AM

City Hall

520 Licking Pike

Please call city building at
859-581-8884 to RSVP

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO WILDER

**BEFORE SANTA MAKES HIS BIG TRIP
HE IS COMING HERE TO HAVE
BREAKFAST WITH YOUR FAMILY**



DECEMBER 5TH 2026

FROM 10AM - 12PM

AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 5TH TO
DNEYMAN@WILDERKY.GOV

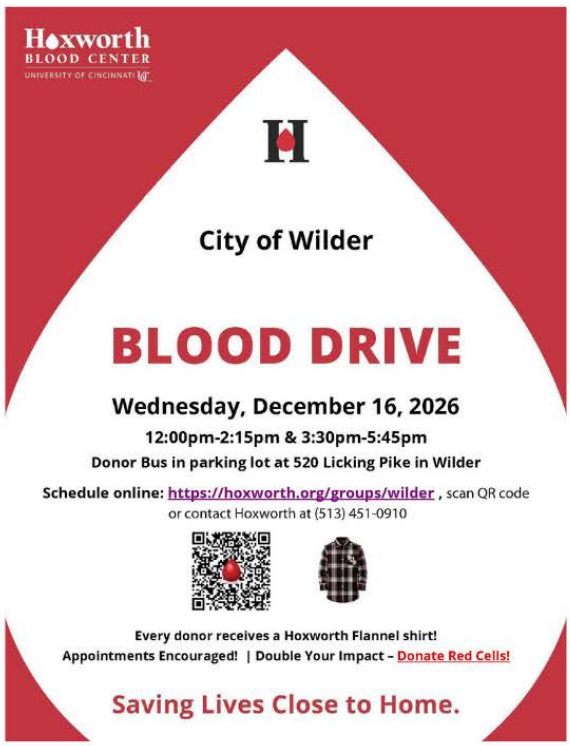


Coffee & Talk
with Mayor Jones

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 November 16th , at 10:00 AM at the City Building.







2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November			
6th	First Friday	Shop Local	
7th	Card Making Craft/Class	Hall	
16th	Coffee and Talk	City Building	10:00a.m.
20th	Turkey Raffle	Fire House	
December			
	Christmas House Decorating Contest		
4th	First Friday	Shop Local	
7th	Christmas Tree Lighting and Historical Society Tree Lighting	City Building	7:00p.m.
5th	Breakfast with Santa	Fire House	10:00-12:00
16th	Blood Drive	City Building Parking Lot	