

## CITY NEWS

**FROM THE MAYOR** I sit with a heavy heart as I write this note to my fellow citizens. The City lost two former mayors in a very short time; Virgil Perry and George Stewart.

Virgil Perry grew up on Walnut St. He was very dedicated to the City, serving as a part time officer for the Crescent Springs Volunteer Police Department, serving on the Police Board and as a judge of the City Court. He served as mayor from 1972 through 1977. During his tenure as mayor the Firehouse was built and business taxes were implemented for the first time, forming the foundation of financial stability that the City enjoys today.

George Stewart moved to Crescent Springs after a very successful business career. He lived on Watkins St. and was married to Irene, owner of Irene's Little Bar. He served as mayor from 1990 through 1997. He was instrumental in procuring the land on which the beautiful Community Park is located, and was personally and physically involved in the construction of the popular children's play area. He was active in the Dixie Police Authority and co-chaired the committee to establish the Kenton County Veterans Memorial. At the end of his tenure as mayor, the City actually had money in its reserve fund, something he was very proud of.

Both these men were fine public servants whom I hold in highest regard. I am proud to follow in their footsteps. May they rest in peace.

**SIDEWALK STARTING IN SPRING** In the 2007 the City of Crescent Springs made application for a Federal/State grant titled "Safe Routes to School". This grant was designed to promote fitness and pedestrian safety. This project was to be completed in two phases with each phase having separate applications. The total cost was estimated at approximately \$250,000. SRTS grants are 100% funded with no match required by the city.

We were awarded Phase I (Nordman to Buttermilk) in the fall of 2007 and this phase was completed in the fall of 2008. In the spring of 2009 we applied for Phase II (Nordman to Anderson) and were presented a ceremonial check for \$163,840 by Gov. Beshear. New Federal regulations delayed the process, until December of 2012 when we were given the ok to proceed with the bid process. This was completed in January of 2013. The winning bidder was notified and we expect construction to begin in the next several months with the project to be completed by early summer. This construction should be a smooth project with little traffic interruption.

If you have any questions concerning this project or traffic issues, please contact George Ripberger at 859-760-0762 or 859-344-0797.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Sat. March 23rd, so mark your calendar to come to the Park to see the Easter Bunny and find some candy eggs. Little Red Schoolhouse personnel will be manning the children's games. We are also asking for candy and volunteers to stuff all those eggs! If you have any interest, please call the City Building at 341-3017. The deadline for the candy donation is Fri. March 15th. Thanks in advance for your help!!

**FLORENCE FREEDOM GAME** Meet your friends on July 12th for Florence Freedom verses Washington. The game starts at 6:35 p.m. Half price tickets will be available. Mark your calendar and look for more information in the summer newsletter.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE** During the 2012 year the Crescent Springs- Villa Hills Fire Department responded to 1009 emergency calls. The total amount of fire loss for Crescent Springs and Villa Hills was \$8,000. The national average for a community our size is \$397,000. On January 1, 2013 our ambulance was converted to "Advanced Life Support." A new Braun F450 Ambulance was purchased in December. It will arrive in early summer. Current Fire Department Staffing: 62 Certified Volunteer Firefighters, 36 Certified Part-time Firefighter/EMTs, and 15 Certified Part-Time Paramedics.

Spring 2013

*Mayor, Jim Collett*

*Council Members*

*Christie Arlinghaus*

*John Goering*

*Lou Hartfiel*

*Dale Ramsey*

*Tom Vergamini*

*Matt Zeck*

**NOW 2 PARK SHELTERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL**

**Call the office at 341-3017 to schedule the shelter rental this season. An application, as well as the park rules and regulations, can be found at our website on the Community Park page. Scroll down to the last paragraph.**

**Reserve your date NOW!**

### *SPRING FORWARD*

*Mark your calendar to move your clock ahead one hour when you retire on March 10th.*

### *OFFICE CLOSED*

*City offices will be closed on Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday. We hope you too can relax, reflect and spend time with loved ones.*

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Interested in having a say in events and equipment at the Park? Consider joining Lou and the City staff. Call 341-3017.





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## COMIN' DOWN THE PIKE

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| <b>March 23</b>     | <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>             |
| <b>May 18-19</b>    | <b>Veterans 5-K Run/Park Event</b> |
| <b>May 26</b>       | <b>Veterans Memorial Service</b>   |
| <b>July 12</b>      | <b>Florence Freedom Game</b>       |
| <b>TBA</b>          | <b>Movie in the Park</b>           |
| <b>September 11</b> | <b>9/11 Memorial Dedication</b>    |
| <b>September 18</b> | <b>Business 'Thank You' Picnic</b> |
| <b>October 26</b>   | <b>Halloween in the Park</b>       |
| <b>November 10</b>  | <b>Veterans Day Service</b>        |
| <b>December 7</b>   | <b>Tree Lighting Ceremony</b>      |

Mark your calendar, come, enjoy the fun and meet your neighbors. Check the website for more information. Dates are subject to change, and events may be added.

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Welcome New Businesses

**Cocoberry** - 2311 Buttermilk Crossing, Serving delicious frozen yogurt and a variety of add-ins.

**Peak Fitness & Sports Training**—2434 High Street, 859-620-5542, Offering Personal and Youth Athletic Training and Nutrition Workshops

**The Pointe Ministries**—622 Buttermilk Pike, Services on Sunday 10 am. Go to [thepointeministries.com](http://thepointeministries.com) for more info.

**Salon Concepts**—592 Clock Tower, call 513-533-3700 when its time for your next beauty treatment.

Businesses! Get involved in the Crescent Springs Business Assoc. to take advantage of future advertising opportunities and events. Membership is \$75 per year. For more info call President Scott Siefke of Overhead Door of No. Ky. at 859-341-6646, Secretary Wilma Kumler of K& R Photographics at 859-341-6986 or Treasurer Kelly Menz of First Security Trust at 859-426-3939, or go to our page on the City's website.

## NORTHERN KENTUCKY 9/11 MEMORIAL

The New Year has gotten off to a great start with raising funds to construct the Northern Kentucky 9/11 Memorial. On January 10, Becky Brown, manager of the Fort Mitchell Kroger, presented members of the Northern Kentucky 9/11 Memorial Committee with a check for over \$6,000 representing the donations of Kroger customers throughout Northern Kentucky. THANK YOU Kroger's and Kroger Customers! The Kroger Company also donated \$5,000 to the memorial, making them the first to contribute at the "First Responder" level.

The 1/19/13 Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Crescent Springs/Villa Hills Fire & EMS, raised \$2,336 for the construction of the Memorial. The efforts of our fire department are much appreciated. Special thanks to our sponsors: Remke Markets, Wal-Mart, Gliers, and ICON Environmental Group, LLC. And we especially want to thank everyone who came out to make this event a success.

To keep up-to-date with fundraisers and other events regarding the memorial, "Like" our page on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northern-Kentucky-911-Memorial/326746220669266>.

Your tax deductible contribution can be made at [www.NKY911Memorial.org](http://www.NKY911Memorial.org).