

CITY NEWS

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SIDEWALKS

Sidewalk construction has started on Western Reserve. In about 90 days, the project should be completed and traffic should return to normal. Please stay alert and slow down for construction workers. This long awaited Phase II will be a welcome addition to our infrastructure and improve the safety and health of our children and general population.

STREET WORK IS COMMENCING

Concrete work and blacktop overlay has resumed this spring. Crescent Pointe and Foresthill are finished. Triple Lake subdivision work is being done now, with blacktop paving to begin shortly and to take about 30 days. Twilight concrete work is being done now as well. Please drive cautiously. Keep in mind: a little inconvenience now means big improvements for the future!

CONCESSION STAND IN PARK

Have you been to the Park lately! Check out the new concession stand on the playground-side of the maintenance building. It will be open as weather dictates from approximately 10am to 9pm on Saturdays, 1pm to 9pm on Sundays and certain times during the week, depending upon demand and as weather permits. ...slushies, nachos, soft pretzels, icecream bars, snacks... we've got it all!

CITY INITIATES ACTIONS TO SUPPORT 911 DISPATCH CENTER

The City took action to implement a new franchise fee on the delivery of gas and electric within the City limits. The proposed fee will be 3% of the utility bill and will start being assessed sometime in the Fall. The approximately \$136,000 raised will go into the City's General Fund to be used for, but not limited to, funding the Erlanger 911 Dispatch Center. This option spreads the funding costs across a greater base of users (businesses, home owners and apartment tenants) unlike the Kenton County 911 Parcel Fee. The current \$4.25 per month 911 fee currently paid by residents and businesses with "land lines" will then be removed.

The City has also reduced the Insurance Premium Tax from 7% to 5%. At the March 11 Council Meeting, the City passed an Ordinance to decrease the current rate from 7% to 5%. Last year the City reduced the IPT from 8% to 7%. Please check your insurance bills to confirm that this has taken place and that your dollars are, in fact, being paid to Crescent Springs, and not another of the cities who share the 41017 zip code. Call your insurance company if corrections should be made.

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 1st 2013 our ambulance was converted to "Advanced Life Support".

Current Fire Department Staffing:

- 62 Certified Volunteer firefighters
- 36 Certified Part-time firefighter/EMT's
- 15 Certified Part-Time Paramedics

A new Braun F450 Ambulance was purchased in December. It will replace a 2003 ambulance and will arrive in late June or July.

URBAN COYOTE ECOLOGY

A couple of coyote sightings have taken place in the City. It is no secret that coyotes, deer and turkey cohabitate in the urban areas of Northern Kentucky. Coyotes, by nature, are highly elusive and travel under the darkness of night, but occasionally are seen by the public.

We have downloaded an article provided by the cooperative extension service of the University of Kentucky entitled "Managing Coyote Problems in Kentucky." It answers many questions you may have. You may pick up your copy at the City Building, 739 Buttermilk Pike, or go to the UK website directly.

Summer 2013

Mayor, Jim Collett

Council Members :

Christie Arlinghaus

John Goering

Lou Hartfiel

Dale Ramsey

Tom Vergamini

Matt Zeck

Fun Fest 2013 to Benefit 9/11 Memorial

A joint cooperation between
Crescent Springs & Villa Hills

May 18th

See Flyer Insert



FLORENCE FREEDOM FRI., July 12th

Crescent Springs residents and friends are invited to purchase tickets **NOW** through the City and only pay \$5 per ticket (half-price) for the game Friday, 7/12 against Washington Wild Things. Game Time: 6:35 p.m. Seats are on the first base line. Enjoy the game with your family, neighbors or co-workers and stay for the fireworks afterward. Check out the newly renovated kids' zone with a bounce house.

"SAMPLE THE SPRINGS"

**Saturday, Aug 3rd
starting at 5:00**

Presented by CS Business Assn.
Sponsored: Overhead Door of No KY
Movie Sponsor: Crestville Drugs
"Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted"
will begin at dusk.

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POLICE NEWS

The Police Department continues to work tirelessly to make the city of Crescent Springs a great place to live, work or visit. We have a Captain, two administrative patrolmen and a clerk who have their offices at the City Building and therefore are present and available for any calls. We have at least one officer patrolling the streets 24 hours a day looking for unsafe or illegal activities. There have been several arrests for illegal drug use in or around the gas stations. One of our Sergeants, while on patrol, noticed a suspicious looking vehicle and made a traffic stop. By doing so, he discovered the persons who had been breaking into cars in the Villa Hills area and was able to solve this mystery.

With the concern surrounding school safety, our department has developed an "adopt a school" program. Officers patrol the schools and stop in during school hours to observe, meet people and most importantly make a presence in and around the schools. We include St. Joe's in this program.

Our officers and detectives are constantly working with the businesses in Crescent Springs to handle incidents such as shoplifting, employee theft, and forgery.

There has been much discussion about dispatch. Although many cities who were previously dispatched by the Erlanger Public Safety Center have decided to go with Kenton County for dispatch services, we are continuing to provide service for Crescent Springs as well as Erlanger and Elsmere.

Our police department just recently went through an examination for state accreditation. We have passed these standards for the 4th consecutive time. There are only 12 other departments in the state that have attained this high standard of performance.

Citizens can continue to assist the Erlanger Police Department by reporting any suspicious activity. Our work is a partnership.

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FACEBOOK ALERT! If you are on Facebook and would like to begin following the Police, please check their page at www.FriendshipCity.com There, you can also look at crime mapping information and read the 2012 Annual Report.

For TWITTER ALERTS, go to @Erlanger911

BUSINESS NEWS

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

**EnVogue Salon welcomes new stylist and hometown girl
Cynthia Marx. Call 859-620-5638**

CRESCENT SPRINGS BUSINESS ASSN

**3rd Wed. of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. Share information on Shop
Local Ideas and Business & Community Events. For more info:**

President Scott Siefke (Overhead Door 341-6646)

Vice-President David Kay (PNC Bank 426-7270)

Treasurer Kelly Menz (First Security Trust Bank)

Secretary Wilma Kumler (K & R Photographics 341-6986)

COMING DOWN THE PIKE

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| May 18 | Veterans 5-K Run/Family Fun Fest |
| May 26 | Veterans Memorial Service |
| July 12 | Florence Freedom Game |
| August 3 | Sample the Springs & Movie in the Park |
| September 11 | 9/11 Commemorative |
| September 18 | Business 'Thank You' Picnic |
| October 26 | Halloween in the Park |
| November 10 | Veteran's Day Service |
| December 7 | Tree Lighting Ceremony |

Mark your calendar now, then come, enjoy the fun and meet your neighbors. These dates may change as the year progresses and other events may be added.

Check the website for more information.