

CRESCENT SPRINGS CONNECTION

Fall/Winter 2013
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CITY NEWS

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

I was very proud to be a participant in the grand opening of the new Field & Stream store, only the second such store in the country. I was even more proud of our city when executives of Field & Stream said that our city was one of the easiest cities with which they have ever worked. This is a tribute to our fine city council, administration, public works, police, and fire department. Thanks to all for making the grand opening the success that it was.



Mayor Collett with Laura Sterbens, of the American Eagle Foundation and bald eagle "Challenger".

Another bit of great news is the \$6 million grant award received by Kenton County to improve Crescent Springs/Bromley Road. This is an 80/20 grant by which the federal government pays 80% of the project and the local government pays 20%. The project will provide a bimodal walking path and eliminate many of the dangerous curves in the road, improving its safety and providing a much needed alternate to the interstate.

I also want to extend my condolences to the Kallmeyer family on the passing of Keith Kallmeyer. Keith served on the Crescent Springs Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years. He will be greatly missed.

Please help me honor Crescent Springs Baptist Church on their 100 year anniversary and the Crescent Springs Volunteer Fire department on their 85 year anniversary.

I wish everyone a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday. Be safe and enjoy the time with family and friends.

—Jim Collett

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Recently a series of Kentucky Enquirer articles examined several Northern Kentucky Fire Districts all of which fund fire and emergency squad services through real estate taxes. However in the Crescent Springs/Villa Hills, community fire and emergency services are provided by contract with the Crescent Spring-Villa Hills Volunteer Fire Department that is funded for the most part by the general revenue of both cities.

This contractual arrangement is handled through the Crescent Villa Fire Authority ("CFVA") an interlocal agreement entity that was created in 1976. Crescent Springs and Villa Hills are the sole members of the CVFA. The CFVA is governed by a board of 7 individual members (3 from Crescent Springs and 4 from Villa Hills) who are appointed by each city Mayor and approved by City Council of the member cities. In addition to contracting for fire and emergency squad services, the CVFA Board provides oversight of the contract budget for these services.

The list below shows the current breakdown for the Crescent Spring-Villa Hills Fire Department funding.

Crescent Springs	\$245,395
Villa Hills	\$368,093
Unincorporated Area	\$ 30,800
Ambulance billing	\$180,282
Grants	\$ 8,500
Interest	\$ 2,250
Total Budget	\$835,320

Staff includes 45 part time paramedic/EMT/Firefighters, 40 Volunteer firefighters and 1 Clerk. The Insurance Rating is "Class 3".

If any Crescent Springs resident is interested in serving on the CVFA Board, please contact Sue Hill, the City Clerk (859) 341-3017

Offices will be closed
November 28 & 29 for
Thanksgiving Holiday.
Wishing you a happy 'turkey day'
as well!



United Christian Volunteers Food & Toy Collection

As the Holidays draw near we should keep in mind that the weak economy has affected many Northern Kentuckians. This year the City is collecting food items and new toys for United Christian Volunteers to distribute to needy local families. Items can be dropped off at the City Building from November 21st through December 5th. Please help us to make the holidays more merry for the less fortunate.

City offices will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas Holiday and December 31 and January 1 to ring in the New Year.



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POLICE NEWS

The Erlanger Police Department is still undergoing a metamorphosis. We said good-bye to Officer Scott Russo in August as he left to take a position in Florida. Officer Pat Collura retired in July. Officer Kyle Thornberry graduated from basic training at DOCJT and is now on the road completing his field training. We welcome to our family Trisha Blake and Justin Auton. Trisha worked previously at St. Elizabeth. Justin comes to us from Probation and Parole. Both are currently in basic training in Richmond. After 26 years in law enforcement, Sgt. Norm Lyle retired on November 1st. Sgt. Lyle spent 14 of his 26 years serving the citizens in Crescent Springs. We wish him well.

Our biggest change is occurring in our command Staff. Chief Marc Fields has been hired as the new CAO for the City of Erlanger. With that move, we are excited that Capt. Bob Arens has been named the new Chief of the Erlanger Police Department. We know that Bob will fill this role with the integrity and professionalism that he has already exhibited in his current position. We also welcome Lt. Tony Wilson to the position of Assistant Chief. We know that both Bob and Tony are committed to maintaining the high quality of service that the Erlanger Police Department provides for our citizens.

BUSINESS NEWS

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Field and Stream Store opened at 520 Clock Tower Way. Visit them for all your outdoor needs.

—CRESCENT SPRINGS BUSINESS ASSN—

To share information on shop local ideas as well as business & community events. Change for November meeting:
Thurs. 11/21 10AM at the City Bldg, 739 Buttermilk Pike

President Scott Siefke (Overhead Door 341-6646)

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

Treasurer Kelly Menz

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

ASA ADOPT A UNIT

Crescent Springs' adopted soldiers, the 1-320th Field Artillery Regiment (101st Airborne), are scheduled for deployment to Afghanistan in January 2014. This will be their 3rd tour in Afghanistan; they have also served 3 tours in Iraq.

Once again, we are asking for your help with care package items. Items can be dropped off at the City Building; the mailings will begin in January, and continue throughout their deployment.

Suggested donations:

- Eye drops (saline)
- Drink singles (packets that flavor 16 oz water bottles)
- Foot powder and foot lotions
- Soap (bar) and deodorant (stick type)
- Toothpaste (small tubes)
- Baby wipes
- Razors and shaving cream
- AA and AAA batteries
- Playing cards and other easy to store time-occupiers
- Hard candy like Jolly Ranchers or Life Savers
- Snacks: microwave popcorn, trail mixes, beef jerky, sunflower seeds, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, protein bars
- EZ Mac and anything that is 'microwave heat and serve'
- Tuna or chicken salad with crackers (the ready to eat packages)

Thank you for your continued support!

TREE LIGHTING

Join us Saturday, December 7th for our annual Tree Lighting event at the City Building. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. when the Mayor flips the switch to begin the fun. Choirs from LRSH, Villa Madonna, and Thomas More will entertain us as Santa listens to the children's wishes. There will be hot chocolate and cookies inside, but dress for the weather!

A schedule of events will be available on the website soon: www.crescent-springs.ky.us

