

Spring 2014
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CITY NEWS

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

As we begin the new year, you should have noticed a decrease in your telephone bill if you still have a land line. Effective January 1, the \$4.25 911 fee was eliminated. Rather than funding police and emergency dispatch with this fee on the telephone bill or funding it with the parcel fee used by the county to fund the county dispatch, a 3% franchise fee is now included on your utility bill. Since this is expected to generate more income for the City, the insurance premium tax on the automobile and homeowners insurance was reduced to 5% from 7%. This is a further reduction from last year when the tax was reduced from 8% to 7%. I ask that you please audit your telephone, utility and insurance bills to make certain that you are being billed appropriately. If you are not, please contact your provider so they can make the appropriate adjustments to your bill.

I would like to congratulate the City of Erlanger on being ranked tied with Burlington as the 3rd best place to live in Kentucky by Motovo Real Estate. One of the reasons sighted was its "outstanding and close knit police department." It is a real benefit to our City to have a partnership with such a highly regarded police force.

This winter has been a real challenge for the men of the public works department. Dewey Krohman and his crew take a lot of pride in what they do to keep our roads plowed and salted so you and your family stay safe. When you see them, thank them for a job well done. In recognition of Dewey's many years of dedication and hard work he was recently promoted to Public Works Director. Congratulations Dewey!

—Jim Collett

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled at 1:00 p.m. Sat. April 12th, so mark your calendar to come to the Park to see the Easter Bunny and find some candy filled eggs!!

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Newly appointed members are Chairman Lou Hartfiel, Dale Ramsey, Michelle Hogan, Jennifer DePompei, Ron King, Sr., Dan Dornbusch, and Susan Laws. This committee has met several times and is planning several exciting community events for the coming year.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

On November 4th we will go to the polls to elect several important local positions, including six Council members and the Mayor. We would encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved in the City to begin attending Council meetings and start thinking about stepping up to serve in one of these important roles. Our community is dependent upon the time and talents of these 7 individuals. You have until August 12th to decide. Please go to the Sec. of State website <http://app.sos.ky.gov/ElectionsDYC/> and the Kenton County Clerk's website <http://kentoncountyclerk.com> for information and application forms to file. Additionally, the last day to register to vote in the general election is October 6th.

VISION 2015

This group has set up an interactive site to encourage your input into the future of Northern Kentucky. Where do you want your tax dollars to be allocated and your civic leaders to be most concerned? Go to www.myNKY.org to share your ideas on what our region should look like in the future.

SPRING FORWARD

Mark your calendar to move your clock ahead one hour when you retire on Saturday, March 8th.

OFFICE CLOSED

City offices will be closed on Friday, April 18th in observance of Good Friday.

United Christian Volunteers Food & Toy Collection

Councilwoman Christie Arlinghaus is pleased to report that the Christmas Toy and Food Drive was a great success. Our residents were so generous that over 400 children were given Christmas presents through United Christian Volunteers and Oasis. The City intends to make the Food and Toy Drive an annual event. Thanks for everyone who responded so generously.

TWO SHELTERS AVAILABLE
Call the office NOW at 341-3017 to schedule your 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!



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POLICE NEWS

ADDED INSURANCE FOR THE POLICE



For many years the officers of the Erlanger Police Department have maintained certification in basic first aid and CPR, but what good is training if an officer is unequipped to use that training when an emergency medical situation arises? We have had the good fortune in Erlanger to have a quick response by the fire/EMS department when

needed for an emergency, but if an officer should need IMMEDIATE emergency medical treatment for himself/herself or another person, the few minutes it would take the squad to get there may be too long to save a life. In cases of arterial bleeds, life cannot be sustained unless bleeding is immediately stopped or slowed. Persons can bleed out in a matter of minutes. So, to add another piece of insurance for both ourselves and our citizens, the police department will soon be issuing medical trauma kits to every officer. These kits will include the necessary supplies to sustain life until EMS can arrive and take over. This includes, but is not limited to, gloves, trauma dressings, tourniquets, and bandages. By having these trauma kits readily available, an officer and our citizens have just gained another small bit of insurance in being able to live through a traumatic event.

BUSINESS NEWS

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Marco's Pizza at 598 Clocktower Way, 859-341-4300

---CRESCENT SPRINGS BUSINESS ASSN---

Come network, share information on shop local ideas, and plan community events. Meet the 3rd Thurs. at the City Bldg, 739 Buttermilk Pike, with social at 6:00 & meeting from 6:30-7:30

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

Our adopted soldiers from the 101st Airborne at Ft. Campbell are back in Afghanistan and we are once again asking for your help with care package items. They are scheduled for a 9 month deployment with no R&R, so these gifts from home will mean so much to them. Items can be dropped off at the City Building. Monetary donations are also needed to help cover the cost of postage.

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
- Disposable razors and shaving cream
- AA and AAA batteries
- Playing cards and other easy-to-store time-occupiers
- Individually wrapped hard candy (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!



WHAT IS TAKING ROOT?



Taking Root is a collaborative broad-based campaign to address the current historic loss of our region's tree canopy by planting trees, better managing our local forests, promoting the many benefits of healthy trees, and fostering a sense of stewardship among individuals and communities.

The Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI), the Green Partnership for a Greater Cincinnati, the Green Umbrella, and The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden are conveners of the Taking Root Campaign. The purpose of the Campaign is to plant 2 million trees in the eight county OKI tri-state region by 2020! The current count is 28,435 trees.

For additional information please contact gfooster@oki.org or go to www.takingroot.info