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## CITY NEWS

### Notes from the Mayor:

The first responsibility of the Mayor and Council is to provide safety, security, fiscal responsibility and quality of life to the citizens of Crescent Springs. We have a quality Administration and Public Works Department, as well as Police and Fire Protection.

The City is in a fiscally sound position, in fact in September of this year the Community Park and City Building will be debt free. The only debt we have is for 2 new trucks that were purchased out of necessity. I would like to thank our Finance Committee and Council for leading us to our current financial position.

I would like your suggestions on anything you think we should do to make the quality of life in our City better. We would like to hear from you.

The events for the rest of 2016 are: the 15th Anniversary of September 11th at our NKY 9/11 Memorial, September 24th Music Fest co-sponsored with Villa Hills, October 22nd Halloween in the Park and on December 3rd we will once again have Christmas in the Park joining with Villa Hills to host this event.

We are upgrading our banner program and have started beautification of the City. You may have noticed the flower planters along Buttermilk Pike.

We have been approved by the KY Transportation Department to have signs at the I-75 exit ramps giving directions to the Veteran's and the NKY 9/11 Memorials.

I believe if we can make public improvements which support the residential quality of life it is important to the continuing success in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact our Administration Office at 859-341-3017 to make your suggestions for what you would like to see for our City.

### Mayor Hartfiel

### City Awarded Duke Energy Grant

Trees and ground cover were removed from the City's park this past May due to the electric transmission right-of-way regulations. The rules for vegetation around the transmission lines is very strict in that no vegetation in the "wire area" is permitted and the trees in the area bordering the wires cannot exceed 15 feet in height. City officials along with the City's Municipal Tree Commission sought to replace the trees which were removed as well as others that have died over the past couple of years. Research for

funding led to the Duke Energy Foundation. The City applied for and was awarded a \$3000 environmental grant from the Duke Energy Foundation. This grant will be used to replace trees and ground cover in the Crescent Springs Community Park.

### Launching Refreshed Website

A candid review of our current website suggested that perhaps it was a little outdated, and in need of some "fresh paint." So, a team of folks made up of our City Clerks, a few Council members and residents along with Northern Kentucky University's Center for Applied Informatics (CAI) evaluated the City's current site. To get a sense of how current websites were looking, we explored the layout of sites in our region and across the country. CAI's experience building websites for public and private organizations played a key role in helping us integrate the information we want to share and new technology we wanted to offer, into a modern-looking, user-friendly website.

Two important features of the new site are the introduction of technology to permit online reservation of our Park shelters, and to allow residents to look up and pay their taxes online via an electronic payment option. In addition to online tax payments, we are also adding a credit/debit card reader in the Clerk's office, which will allow the City to receive in-person e-payments for property taxes, as well as, citations, and park reservations. Previously, the only option to pay taxes, citations, and shelter reservations was in person at the City Building by either cash or check.

Finally the City will be creating a Facebook page which will link to the new website and round out Crescent Springs' social media presence.

As always, if residents, business owners, or visitors have suggestions or feedback, please share your thoughts at anytime. People may call the City Building at 859-341-3017 or e-mail any City employee or elected official.

**Please watch for the launch of our refreshed website in the very near future!!**



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the City's Tree Commission, Garden Club, and Recreation Events. If you are interested please call the City Building. 859-341-3017



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**OFFICES CLOSED** Monday, Sept. 5th

## 2016 COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Sunday, September 11

**9/11 Memorial Ceremony 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Join us for a Memorial Service for the 15th Anniversary.

### Saturday, September 24

**Music Fest 5:00 - 10:30 p.m.**

Join us for music by "The Ohio Valley Big Band" and "The Refranes". There will be food, beer and wine. There will also be a Bouncy House, Face Painting, and games for kids from 5 to 9 p.m.

### Saturday, October 22

**Halloween in the Park 1:00 p.m.**

It doesn't get any better with costume judging and treats for children up to age 10.

### Saturday, December 3

**Christmas in the Park 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

This year the carriage rides have been replaced with two trackless trains. This will take you to parts of the park that you haven't been to in previous years, so more.....lights to enjoy and more park sparkle!!! Mr. & Mrs. Claus will make an appearance and several groups will be singing.

## PARK RESERVATIONS

Reservations for Shelter #2 and Shelter #3 are available from now through October. The rental is \$40 for residents and \$80 for non-residents. Please call the City Building to reserve your date. 859-341-3017.

## ASA Adopt-a-Unit

### ITEMS NEEDED

Our adopted soldiers from Fort Campbell have been deployed (again!) to Afghanistan. They are expected to be gone until February 2017. We are now collecting snack items to send a "little bit of home" to our brave soldiers. They have asked for items that are easy to carry in their pockets - beef jerky, trail mix, snack crackers, hard candy, and flavor packets to add to bottled water. They are well stocked on basics like shampoo and deodorant, but eye drops and foot powder are much appreciated. Please bring your items to the City Building by October 1st. We'd like to send these items before the Christmas rush. Thanks so much for your support!

## POLICE NEWS

As you have already discovered, the state highway department is in the process of completing some concrete replacement on I-75 northbound starting at the Donaldson Road exit and going to Ft. Mitchell. One of the traffic changes during this process is the shifting of lanes and addition of concrete barriers on both sides of the "high-speed" lane. Persons who enter this lane cannot exit until they reach the Ft. Mitchell area. Be aware that if you are traveling northbound and want to exit in Crescent Springs you should not enter this lane. Also, if you are in Erlanger you cannot get on northbound I-75. This construction will continue until November. There have also been several serious accidents on this section of I-75, so be aware of alternate routes and avoid this section of highway if at all possible.

The Erlanger Police Department is also saying "Happy Retirement" to Assistant Chief Doug Eagler. He is retiring on Sept. 1st. Doug will be greatly missed but we wish him good health and lots of happiness in his retirement. The position of Assistant Chief will be filled soon.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of the citizens who have expressed their appreciation for the Police Department and its' officers. With all of the negative news surrounding law enforcement, we have been surrounded by gifts, food and expression of thanks from the citizens we serve. These tokens of gratitude are very heartwarming and much appreciated.

*Tony Wilson, Chief of Police*