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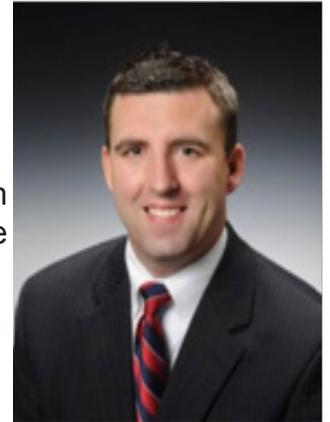
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# *FOCUS*

Dear Residents:

Happy New Year! As we begin 2014, there are a number of exciting things coming to the City of Fort Mitchell. Most notably, the City has been working with Brandicorp to bring new development to the Drawbridge area. Many residents were sorry to see the closure of the Drawbridge, which was an icon in the City with many fond memories. However, our business friendly atmosphere and ideal location has brought us a unique opportunity – with the expansion of Christ Hospital as an anchor to this exciting development. In the coming months, we will unveil the remainder of the development, which could include retail, outstanding restaurants, a unique grocery store, office space, and other amenities. Importantly, this project will bring to the south end of our City what the Mercedes-Benz project brought to the north end of our City, a premier development project that will bring prestige, jobs, and growth to our community.



Your City recently received its audit from last fiscal year. We have continued a trend of increasing revenues by hundreds of thousands of dollars per year, reducing expenses by hundreds of thousands of dollars per year, retiring long term liabilities, and positioning ourselves as one of the strongest communities from a financial perspective in our region – all without raising your taxes. The audit also praised the City's internal financial controls, which serve as a bulwark to the abuses we have read about other local governments in recent newspaper articles. If you are interested, take a look on the City's website, where the audit, as well as a host of other financial information regarding your tax dollars can be found. We will continue the trend of increasing revenues through promotion of our commercial areas and maintaining and increasing a pro-business environment, reducing expenses, while maintaining or increasing the level of service we provide to you, all without raising taxes, in 2014 and beyond.

Speaking of excellent service, our Public Works Crews have performed in an amazing fashion throughout one of the worst winters in recent history. To that end, please remove your cars from city streets when a snow emergency is declared. This helps speed up the time it takes our plow crews to get the snow cleared from the streets, enables our plow crew to do a better, more complete job when they can clear the entire street, and clears the way for our emergency responders to reach residents in an emergency. These snow emergencies are posted on the City's website, sent to local media, and emailed out to residents on our email list.

This Focus has exciting recreational opportunities to get the kids out of the house given the recent weather, notes from our boards, and other useful information. As always, we remain committed to serving you – let us know how we can be of assistance.

Chris Wiest, Mayor

# SPRING RECREATIONAL

## Traditional Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday, April 19, 1:00 PM
- Gather at/near the pavilion area at General Ormsby Mitchel
- Groups will be divided into age groups: 0-3, 4-5, 6-7 years old
- Will begin the egg hunt one group at a time (BE PATIENT!)
- Easter bags will be available to help collect your goodies
- Remember to bring a Camera!!!



### Please gather at the playground upon arrival to enjoy:

- Petting zoo from Sunrock farm
- Easter Bunny face painting
- Easter Bunny will be there for pictures, hugs and handshakes
- Remke will be serving hotdogs and chips for a \$1.00 donation

### BIRD WATCHER

- Thursday, March 20, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- Highland Cemetery Chapel
- FREE family friendly program
- Featuring Cincinnati Museum Center
- RSVP 859-331-3220 or [office@highlandcemetery.com](mailto:office@highlandcemetery.com)

Will help in your understanding of numerous bird species found in our region and give practical advice on observing, attracting and identifying them.

### GARDENING

- Thursday, April 30, 7:00 PM
- Beechwood High School Library, FREE family friendly program
- Presentation by Mr. Steve Foltz, Director of Horticulture at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

You will be provided with great insight on garden design, preparation and plant selection with an emphasis on plants that do best in this area. You will also learn how to create and care for stunning potted plants.

### SHOW MOM HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HER!

- Tuesday, May 6, 4:00 - 5:15 PM
- General Ormsby Mitchel Park
  - FREE
- RSVP at [jrstoll@fuse.net](mailto:jrstoll@fuse.net)

Kids will be introduced to tasty culinary herbs while making a take-home Mother's Day gift. We will decorate flower pots and then have an "herb tasting". Participants will select a herb they would like to plant in their new pot. Everyone will receive a new recipe.

### BASEBALL GAME

- Friday, May 30, 6:35 PM
  - Fireworks Friday!
- Florence Freedom Center
- \$5.00 per ticket - Available at City Building, April 1

Let's join our friends in Lakeside for some good old fashion fun! Fantastic fireworks after the game. As a special treat, you will receive an ice cream voucher for the night of the game! There are a limited number of tickets, so get them today!

# AESTHETICS & BEAUTIFICATION

## **Adopt-A-Planter**

The Aesthetics & Beautification Committee is in need of residents who will "Adopt-A-Planter" for the summer.

This will require watering, "dead heading" flowers, and pulling of any weeds from the planter. The A&B Committee will purchase all plants and flowers for the planters.

The A&B Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month in council chambers at 7:00 PM.

New members and volunteers are always welcome.

For more information, contact the City Building

## **Wall of Honor Nominations**

- Nominations are now being accepted
- Deadline is Friday, April 4 at 4:00 PM
- Nominations can be mailed or dropped off at the City Building
- Please include nominees full name, address and contact information, if known
- List of service should include all service to community, including, but not limited to city, school, church, community organizations
- Please include years of service to each organization, positions held, awards and or accomplishments.
- For more information, contact the City Building

## **Wall of Honor Ceremony**

- Induction ceremony will take place on Monday, May 26, 2014
- Inductees, family and friends are invited to join us at the City Building
- Ceremony begins at 11:30 AM and includes a City Proclamation presented to the inductee
  - A small reception follows

## **Kenton County Libraries**

Our local Kenton County libraries offer a variety of weekly and monthly fun programs and events which are free to families and individuals of all ages. You can learn more at <http://www.kenton.lib.ky.us/> or by picking up a hard copy of their calendar at one of the three branches.

**Covington Library**  
502 Scott Boulevard  
Covington, KY 41011  
Phone: 859-962-4060

**Durr Branch Library**  
1992 Walton-Nicholson  
Independence, KY 41051  
Phone: 859-962-4030

**Erlanger Branch Library**  
401 Kenton Lands Road  
Erlanger, KY 41018  
Phone: 859-962-4000

## **Attention Fort Mitchell Businesses**

In an effort to promote our businesses, and underwrite some of the cost of publishing the Focus, the City will be offering advertising space on the last page of the Focus for our businesses for future copies of the Focus. The requirements are that the business be a Fort Mitchell business. For pricing and other information, please contact the City Clerk.

# Fort Mitchell Police Department

## A message from Chief Eldridge



### **SOLICITATION**

The City has had a significant amount of solicitation from private companies selling goods and services, along with people going door to door asking for money etc. Many of these occurrences are uninvited and unreasonable causing residents undue anxiety and stress. The City has established regulations for uninvited residential solicitations in the form of City Ordinance 2013-15. This Ordinance allows residents to register with the City Clerk and express their desire to prohibit residential solicitation. The residence also has to have posted signage with the words “No Solicitors” or “No Trespassing” or other words similar at their residence.

To be a legitimate solicitor the company or group must first register with the City Clerk. Please call the City Building if you need more information.

### **SPEED LIMIT CHANGE**

In an effort to increase safety, the City has lowered the speed limit on Beechwood Road to 25 mph. It will remain 20 mph in the school zone during school hours.

### **FINGERPRINTING**

The Fort Mitchell Police Department provides fingerprint as a service to anyone who needs it. The cost is \$25 per person. ***This service is provided by appointment only on Tuesdays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM and 1:00 - 3:00 PM.*** Please call in advance to set up the appointment. Even with an appointment, there may be times when the officers are called out to emergencies. We will reschedule your appointment if this occurs.

# FM FIRE DEPARTMENT

## **STORMY WEATHER**

In this area we have been hit recently with our share of severe storms and the threat of severe storms. This area has been fortunate to escape severe damage. While we hope that our luck hold out, the National Weather service recommends keeping enough supplies in your home for at least three days. The agency also recommends that your family assemble a supply kit with items you may need. These include:

- A 3-day water (one gallon per person per day)
- One change of clothing and footwear per person
- One blanket or sleeping bag per person
- A first aid kit , including prescription medication
- A portable radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- An extra set of car keys and credit cards or cash
- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled members of the family



For more information on all types of emergency preparedness, go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and sign up for their newsletter.



## **CAN WE FIND YOU?**

- Please be sure that your house numbers are large enough
  - Legible and visible from the street so that we can find you in an emergency
  - Keep bushes trimmed away from house numbers so they are not covered
- House numbers should not be less than three by four inches and large enough to be readily visible at a distance of 50 feet

## **FIRE PITS**

Fire pits for are permitted in the City but must meet the following guidelines:

- No larger than 30 inches
- A lid is recommended to prevent flying embers
- Only wood products may be burned
- Should not be a nuisance to any neighbors





## Notes & Quotes From the Fort Mitchell Park Board

This past year the Fort Mitchell Park Board renovated the soccer field at the park. The field is currently closed while the new sod takes root. Please obey the signs posted around the field stating if the field is playable or not. The Park officially opens on April 1.

### **Spring Baseball, Play Ball!!!**

Any Fort Mitchell baseball teams, with Fort Mitchell children, seeking to use park field need to contact the Park Director, Kyle Bennett at 331-1212 ext. 333  
February 15 - March 1.

### **Reserve the Park Pavilion:**

Please mail or drop off your request to the City building during the period of Monday, February 17 - Friday, March 7. The reservation request should include the following information:

1. Your name, address, and phone number
2. Your list of 4 dates you wish to reserve the pavilion in order of preference. The first date should be the preferred date; the second date should be the next acceptable alternate date and so on for the remaining 2 dates.
3. Enclose your check for \$30.00 (security deposit) with a self-addressed stamped envelope. **\*\*\*Please make checks payable to the "City of Fort Mitchell".**

If your reservation cannot be completed, your check will be returned. Dates will be assigned on Saturday, March 8 at the Fort Mitchell City Building at 12:00. It is important that someone representing your party is available at this time for us to phone in the event that alternative dates must be discussed. Residents are welcome to be present for the selection process, to observe, or discuss alternate dates. Please be aware that certain dates will be pre-approved for City organizational groups. (This information will be available at a later date.)

Send priority reservation requests (Postmarked after February 17th and to be received by March 7th) to:

Park Pavilion Reservations  
City of Fort Mitchell  
2355 Dixie Highway  
Fort Mitchell, KY 41017-0157

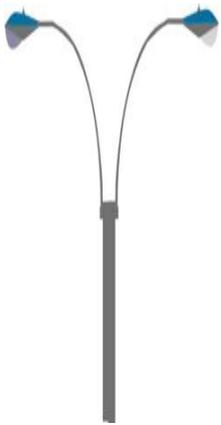
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If you have any questions or concerns about the parks, you can contact Kyle Bennett at 331-2536 ext. 333. This line will also have all park information and updates.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## POTHOLES

- Contact Public Works at 859-331-1212, or <http://www.fortmitchell.com/contact/> if you notice a pothole
- Contact the State Highway Department at 859-341-2700 if the pothole is on: Dixie Highway, Buttermilk Pike, Orphanage Road



## STREETLIGHT OUT?

Streetlights in Fort Mitchell are serviced by Duke Energy, not the City of Fort Mitchell. If you see a streetlight out and would like it repaired:

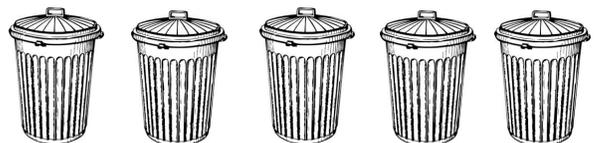
- Contact Duke Energy at 1-800-544-6900 or [www.dukeenergy.com/kentucky/service/streetlight-outage.asp](http://www.dukeenergy.com/kentucky/service/streetlight-outage.asp)
- Know the pole number and intersecting streets before hand

## LARGE ITEM TRASH COLLECTION DAY SATURDAY, April 19, 2014

The City of Fort Mitchell will assist you with your spring clean-up. The City will have a special trash pick-up for large items. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Furniture
- Large quantities of brush
- Tree trimmings (should be bundled and cut in lengths no greater than 4 feet)
- Appliances (contact Kenton County Public Works at 859-392-1920 for appliances with refrigeration; an appointment for this pick-up is necessary; they do not require the freon unit to be removed)

Do not use this special collection to dispose of typical items. Those areas of the City that normally have their trash collected on Saturday will have two collections that day (normal collection and large item collection).



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### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

Police/Fire/EMS Emergency 911  
24-Hour Dispatch 859-356-3191

Fort Mitchell Administration 859-331-1212  
Fort Mitchell FD 859-331-1267  
Fort Mitchell Police (Office) 859-331-2823

Animal Control - Dog Warden 859-3191  
Best Way Disposal 859-372-4900  
Duke Energy 513-421-9500  
NKY Area Planning 859-331-8980  
NKY Water District 859-578-9898  
Sanitation District 859-578-7450

### **PARKING TICKETS**

Please note that if you receive a parking ticket it must be paid within 10 days of the date it was issued. If it is not paid an additional \$10 fine is imposed. A \$50 fine will be imposed on the 30th day from issuance, \$75 from 45 days of issuance and \$100 once 60 days have passed. After that, an additional \$1 per day will be imposed.

Please note that after 30 days pass from the date of the citation, you may be cited for parking on City streets with unpaid fines and your vehicle may be towed and impounded. Storage, towing and other fees are also imposed in this instance.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 9	2:00 AM	Daylight savings
March 20	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Bird Watcher at Highland Cemetery, RSVP 859-331-3200
April 4	All day	Deadline for Wall of Honor nominations
April 19	Times Vary	Large Item Trash Collection Day
April 19	01:00 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
April 30	07:00 PM	Gardening, Beechwood High School Library, FREE
May 6	4:00 - 5:15 PM	Show mom how much you love her!, RSVP at <a href="mailto:jrstoll@fuse.net">jrstoll@fuse.net</a> ,
May 26	11:30 AM	Wall of Honor Ceremony
May 30	06:35 PM	Baseball Game at Florence Freedom Center, Fireworks night, \$5 per ticket - available at City Building, April 1