

Summer 2013 Edition

# WHISTLESTOP

## The City of Erlanger Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor

Thomas L. Rouse

Erlanger's central firehouse was built 30 years ago based on the needs of a volunteer fire department serving a much different city than Erlanger is today. The building is outdated. It is not accessible. Erlanger now has full-time and part-time, paid, fire and EMS personnel who work 24 hours shifts. The central firehouse does not have appropriate facilities for the firefighters who are on duty to rest, eat, stay clean, and to stay fit and ready for the next call. Like all of our employees, the fire/EMS personnel have made do with what they had. Nonetheless, it is getting more and more difficult to operate the fire and rescue services from a facility that is at the end of its useful life.

One of the tasks I have been working on for months is the central firehouse dilemma.

To my knowledge Erlanger has never had a community center. There is no place for a seniors organization to meet on a regular basis. There is no place large enough for the city or any of our civic organizations to have their events, social or service related, within Erlanger's borders. Last year's fraternal order of police holiday party was held at the Edgewood Community center. The annual Thanksgiving dinner that Erlanger sponsors for seniors has been held at the library but the size of the library's room requires the city to limit participation. In my opinion, and in the opinion of many people who I have talked to, Erlanger needs a community center and always has.

The Erlanger Elsmere Independent Schools administration is operating from a building that was not built to handle everything that goes on today. They are literally bursting at the seams and have administrators working wherever there are a few square feet of vacant space in the district. Dr. Kathy Burkhardt, superintendent, believes that she and the administration can do a better job managing the school system within the budget if her team was together and had adequate facilities. The Board of Education's meeting room is in the basement of their current building, is barely accessible, and does not meet the needs of the district, so I am told.

I started a dialogue with the school district when I became Mayor to discuss our common community campus and how it could be transformed to meet our individual and community needs. The talks started off sporadic. As the city's needs became more clear to me, and more immediate, I again approached the Board of Education and our discussions gathered some steam. As I began to learn of the school system's needs, a potential solution started to emerge. We decided to contact the architect the school board uses for its facilities, Ehmet Hayes, and he and his staff have been working on plans. It looks like a partnership between two independent governing bodies will be formed to develop a site to be used to meet the needs of both entities.

On July 16, at the regularly scheduled city Council committee meeting, Erlanger Council, members of the Board of Education, and the architect will meet for a presentation of the plan. It is a very exciting project and I believe that everyone will be pleased not with only the product to be produced but the partnership between two independent agencies. All are invited to attend.

### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

#### PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Property tax bills will be mailed to all owners of property in Erlanger the first week in October. This means even if you have an escrow account with your mortgage company you will receive a copy of your tax bill in the mail. This way you will know exactly what you are paying for your City taxes. If you have not received your property tax bill by the middle of October, please contact us at 859-727-2525 ext.1 to request a copy. If you have an escrow account, we will forward an electronic copy of your bill to them upon their request.

Real Estate taxes are due December 31, 2013. If you have an escrow account, we recommend that you contact your mortgage company prior to December 31st each year to make sure they have paid your bill on time. A twenty percent (20%) penalty will be applied January 1, 2014 to all unpaid bills. There will also be a charge of six percent (6%) interest per annum. Once these penalties have been applied, they can not be removed.

For your convenience, the City offers several ways to pay tax bills. Bills can be paid through the mail, by credit card, over the phone, through the website, at the Bank of Kentucky and at the Erlanger City Building. Our goal is to better serve our citizens by offering several methods of payment.

#### Homestead Exemption Information

Am I eligible? Persons eligible for the Homestead Exemption must be at least 65 years of age. Proof of eligibility is required (driver's license, birth certificate, etc.). **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL YOUR BIRTHDAY.** If you will turn 65 this year (2013) stop by the Kenton County Property Valuation Administration now for this benefit. *You can file for this benefit at:*

**Kenton County PVA**  
**303 Court Street -County Building**  
**2nd floor, Room 201**  
**Covington, KY 41011**  
**Phone: (859) 392-1750**  
**Email: [info.kentonpva@kentoncounty.org](mailto:info.kentonpva@kentoncounty.org)**  
**Website: [www.kentonpva.com](http://www.kentonpva.com)**



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## ***Police Department—Technology Safety***

### **TECHNOLOGY SAFETY FOR CHILDREN**

#### **FROM THE ERLANGER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Your child is turning 16.... You take him/her to receive their driver's permit ---then you hand them the keys to the car and set them loose to drive ----

We know that this is not how it happens, so why do parents so easily give children access to cellphones, the internet, and other aspects of technology without giving proper instruction or supervision.

Police departments like ours are constantly receiving reports of children and young adults using technology in an inappropriate manner. According to a 2006 study: 13% of teens reported receiving unwanted sexual solicitations through the internet, 34% reported that they communicated with individuals they had never met, and 11% reported that they established close personal relationships with individuals they had met online.

Some local police departments have even started child sexual predator units where they pretend to be young teens and chat with persons who eventually solicit them.

The world of technology can be just as dangerous for our children as letting them drive without proper instruction or training. Many children do not realize that by merely deleting something from their piece of equipment does not delete it from the "cyber-world". An embarrassing picture, inappropriate message, or release of personal information is NEVER permanently deleted.

From *Safe kids.com* the following suggestions are given for parents.

\*Have a conversation (not a lecture) with your children about how they are using connected technology. Ask them what services and apps they use and get them to show you how they use them.

\*Don't overreact. If you become concerned or if something goes wrong, work with your children to solve the problem and don't punish them or take away their access for coming to you with a problem.

\*Very young children should be cautioned to not give out identifying information—home address or telephone number—in a public space such as a social networking site or app that can be accessed by people they don't know.

\*It's now common to post photographs on the web but think about whether they are appropriate, especially if they include young children. Also, be aware of what's in the background as well as any data associated with the photograph that could identify where the picture was taken. Respect other people's privacy rights when posting pictures that include them.

\*Get to know any services or apps your child uses. If you don't know how to use the service, get your child to show you. Have your child show you what he or she does online and become familiar with the services. You'll find links to ConnectSafely.org's guides to the services that are most popular with children and teens at SafeKids.com.

\*Be aware of the information that sites and apps collect. It could include your child's location (especially mobile apps) or list of friends and contacts. Some apps let you limit what they collect so pay close attention to the "permissions" they request when you install them.

\*Never respond to messages that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening, or make you feel uncomfortable. Encourage your children to tell you if they encounter such messages. If you or your child receives a message on a social networking site or service, use the service's reporting tools or support e-mail address to let them know. If the message is harassing or threatening, ask your local police for advice.

\*Remind your child not to click on any links that are contained in email from persons they don't know. Such links could lead to websites that try to trick them into revealing personal information or contain sexually explicit or otherwise inappropriate material or could be a source of malicious software.

\*If someone sends you or your children messages or images that are filthy, indecent, lewd, or obscene with the intent to abuse, annoy, harass, or threaten you, or if you become aware of the transmission, use, or viewing of child pornography while online immediately report this to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's (NCMEC) CyberTipline at 1-800-843-5678 or online at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com)." (NCMEC's wording).

\*Remember that everything you see online may not be true. Use your critical thinking skills with both content and offers. Consider the source of any content and be careful about any offers that involve you going to a meeting, having someone visit your house, or sending money or credit-card information. Any offer that's "too good to be true" probably is.

\*Consider signing an online safety contract with your children. Safe-Kids.com's [Family Contract for Online Safety](#) has separate contracts for parents, teens and children to sign.

### **PASSPORTS**

Applications for a passport can be picked up at the Erlanger City Building or can be downloaded from [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). The standard routine fee is \$110.00 payable to the U.S. Dept. of State and a \$25.00 processing fee payable to the City of Erlanger. Passport hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. To apply for a passport, you will need a certified birth certificate, two passport photos, and a current identification. It currently takes 4-6 weeks to have a passport processed, 2-3 weeks to have it expedited (an additional \$60.00 fee payable to the U.S. Dept. of State). Passports are good for ten years, five years for children.

### **TANK BUS PASSES**

On behalf of the Transient Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK), the City of Erlanger sells TANK bus booklets and monthly passes. The booklet contains 10 tickets at a cost of \$13.50. The cost of a monthly pass is \$53.00. Pamphlets describing TANK's routes are also available at the City Building. The City of Erlanger does not receive any compensation for the sale of the TANK bus passes or booklets.

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## Fire/EMS Summer Update

### HYDRANT FLUSHING WILL BEGIN SHORTLY

by Lt. Justin Brinkman

The time of year has come where citizens will see firefighters out in the pick-up trucks testing hydrants. The fire department does this twice a year. The Northern Kentucky Water District will also be out testing hydrants. The hydrants are tested to give the fire department pressures so that we are able to determine the amount of water we can get out of a hydrant to properly extinguish a fire. The hydrant flows are also how we determine what colors the top of the hydrants need to be. There will be signs posted to inform areas that testing will occur on certain days.



There are several things that you may notice while the fire department or NKWD is flowing the hydrants. The hydrants are left open for a period of time to help get some of the rusty (Reddish Color) out of them. If the hydrant is shut on some occasions before the rusty color is completely gone, then it may come out of the faucets in homes. Normally the color will go away as you flow your water for a few moments, but if it doesn't seem to go away you may contact the fire department in regards to the problem. Another problem that can rarely occur, will be a hydrant that may break. When this happens it can either break the hydrant or even worse break the water line. In this case the water district usually responds as quickly as possible to start the repair. Please bear with the fire department and the water district if your water is off during these times, the water will be back on shortly. If you have any other concerns that are associated with what is believed to be a fire department hydrant issue, please feel free to contact us so that we can attempt to get the problem handled as quickly as possible.

### FRIENDSHIP CITY 5K

The 9th Annual Friendship City 5K will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at 8:00am.

Join family and friends for a 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Step Forward, Erlanger program to make the City a more walkable community and to connect people through physical activity.

The scenic course begins and ends at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library and winds through streets of historic residential homes and the Erlanger Historical Railroad Depot.

For complete information, course map, directions, and on-line registration visit [www.RunningTime.net](http://www.RunningTime.net) or contract Greg McCormick at (513) 652-6225. You can also contact Karen Moffitt at the City of Erlanger at (859) 727-2525 ext. 1.

Awards will be handed out to the winners and door prizes will be given away!



## Public Works Report by Director Bogard

Providing guidance for drivers and pedestrians alike, street signs and streetlights are a vital part of our everyday lives. With a multitude of street signs and streetlights throughout the City, we appreciate your help in identifying signs that have been damaged or need replacement and streetlights that are malfunctioning or in need of repair. The sooner we are aware of an issue with either of these two things, the sooner we can get it addressed.



To report street signs that have been damaged or need replacement, please contact the Public Works Department Sign Shop at (859) 727-7620 or visit the Public Works Department page at [www.ci.erlanger.ky.us](http://www.ci.erlanger.ky.us).

To report streetlights that need attention in the Duke Energy Service Area you may contact 1-(800)-544-6900 and for lights in the Owen Rural Electric service area you may contact 1-(800)-372-7612. If you are unsure of the service area that you live in please contact the Erlanger Public Works Department at (859) 727-3893 or visit the Public Works Department page at [www.ci.erlanger.ky.us](http://www.ci.erlanger.ky.us) to report the problem. Please make sure that you provide the following information: pole number/nearest physical address of the light, type of issue (out/flickering/burning during the day/etc.), and your name with a contact number.

Thanks in advance for your help!

### Did You Know?

The Sign Shop of the Erlanger Public Works Department is responsible for approximately 4,900 regulatory signs that are located on city maintained streets. In addition, they produce specialty signs/banners for various city events, produce property stickers for several city departments, take care of all issues regarding street lights and produce the graphics/lettering for all vehicles and equipment in the Public Works Department Fleet. It requires 220.5 man hours to mow one rotation of the Parks, Grounds and Right of Ways that the Public Works Department Mowing Team (4 personnel) are responsible for maintaining. When you combine these 40 different areas located across the city together, it adds up to a total of 53.3 acres of mowing. During the month of May, Public Works Team Members were very busy with Codes Remediation's as a result of citations issued by the Codes Enforcement Division of the Police Department. A total of 23 remediations were completed that required a total of 58.75 man hours of time.



***A Track Record of Achievement***

Those first tentative steps into a kindergarten classroom may seem far removed from the confident steps across a graduation stage, but at Erlanger-Elsmere Schools we see the whole picture. We begin each student's educational pathway in kindergarten with their high school graduation in mind, so by the time each child completes twelfth grade, they are poised to successfully transition to college or career. This approach is highly personal, taking each student's current level of learning and skills into account and tailoring their educational experience to best meet their needs.

The successes achieved by Erlanger-Elsmere Schools prove that the personal attention given to each student makes a difference.

Our district ranks in the *top 20* among 175 school districts statewide for the academic growth of our students at Lloyd Memorial High School.<sup>1</sup>

*36 percent* of seniors at Lloyd will earn college credits before they graduate from high school, most earning as many as 19 credit hours — a full semester of college — with no cost to students!

*29 percent* of eighth graders at Tichenor Middle School take high school courses at Lloyd.

Lloyd students scored *higher than the state average* in the ACT composite score.<sup>2</sup>

Lloyd High School graduates in the most recent class, including a National Merit Finalist and Governor's Scholars, went on to *25 colleges and universities*. Many received academic scholarships; 6 earned athletic signings.

Lloyd ranks *8th of 22* Northern Kentucky high schools in terms of per pupil expenditure, at \$7,627/year.

Lloyd Memorial High School has a student/teacher ratio of *14:1*; Tichenor Middle School's ratio is *15:1*.

*98%* of the 12th grade students enrolled at Lloyd at the beginning of the school year went on to graduate in May.

*1 2012 Unbridled Learning Accountability Growth  
2012 ACT results*

***Maggie Lewis is a Governor's Scholar***



Lloyd's Maggie Lewis was recently named a 2013 Governor's Scholar. This prestigious summer scholars program is for outstanding rising seniors in Kentucky. Its mission is to enhance the state's next generation of leaders through academic and personal growth.

Maggie is excited for the academic and personal opportunities, and hopes it leads to great college options, including other scholarships. "It will expose me to new people, ideas, and ways of thinking, which I'm always looking for," Maggie says.

Maggie has attended Erlanger-Elsmere schools since first grade at Lindeman Elementary. She lives with her proud mother, Jane Mercer.



**Congratulations, seniors!**

Lloyd senior athletes have committed to the following colleges next year...

- Danielle Cheatum, basketball, Cincinnati State
- Tomi Mejolagbe, football, Kentucky State
- Shelby Rudd, basketball, Union College
- Jimmy Stevens, baseball, College of Mount St. Joseph

*Congratulations and good luck!*

*Pictured is Danielle Cheatum, center, who signed to play with Cincinnati State's basketball team next year.*

***Kudos to our Excellence in Education Honorees***



Erlanger-Elsmere Independent Schools recently participated in the 2013 Excellence in Education Celebration, presented by the Northern Kentucky Education Council. This event recognizes students, educators, businesses and community leaders for their significant contributions toward education. Nominees for Erlanger-Elsmere Schools included:

**Faculty and Staff**

- Robyn Burk, Lloyd Memorial High School
- Jennifer Clark, Tichenor Middle School
- Stephanie Clark, Howell Elementary
- Angela Gabbard, Lindeman Elementary
- Bethany Hamann, Lindeman Elementary
- John Riehemann, Lloyd Memorial High School
- Loretta Simpson, Arnett Elementary
- Randy Webb, Lloyd Memorial High School

**Lloyd Memorial High School Students**

- Nikolas Carter, Academic All-Star Award
- John Dashner, Academic All-Star Award
- Courtney Davis, Academic All-Star Award
- Joy Kleisinger, Against All Odds Award
- Dexter Smith, Academic All-Star Award, Student Leadership Award
- Gracemarie Thompson, Academic All-Star Award

**Community Supporter**

·Joni Soale (Toyota employee, Lindeman Elementary volunteer), One to One Literacy Award\*

Dexter Smith, a senior at Lloyd who has excelled in athletics, academics and leadership, was one of two regional recipients of the Student Leadership Award. Ms. Robyn Burk of Lloyd Memorial High School was honored with a Golden Apple Award for going above and beyond to benefit her students.

Our district congratulates Dexter Smith and Ms. Burk, and we are excited to celebrate this special recognition of extraordinary efforts.

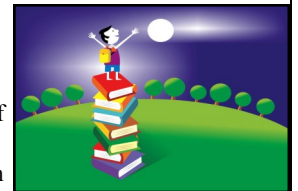
***Lindeman Drum Group Rocks the House***

The Lindeman Elementary School Drum Group has recently been rocking audiences all around town. The group, comprised of elementary school students and led by Ms. Bethany Hamann, recently performed at the Erlanger City Council Meeting and also at the Excellence in Education Celebration. *Rock on, Lindeman students!*



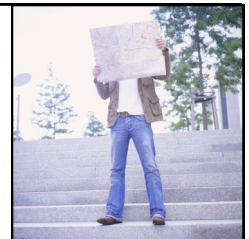
**SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS ARE COMING TO ARNETT AND LLOYD!**

Each week throughout the summer, the Erlanger-Elsmere School District will be teaming up with the Kenton County Library to bring educational programs to the children of the community. The programs will occur weekly at Arnett Elementary and Lloyd High School during the free lunch program, which is provided each weekday throughout the summer. You can visit the Erlanger Elsmere School website at [www.erlanger.k12.ky.us](http://www.erlanger.k12.ky.us) or the City of Erlanger website at [www.ci.erlanger.ky.us](http://www.ci.erlanger.ky.us) and follow the links.



**MAPS OF ERLANGER**

*If you find yourself in need of a map of Erlanger, stop by the City Building today and pick up your free Erlanger (and surrounding cities) map.*



## STUDENTS WALK AND WHEEL TO SCHOOL



*The Northern Kentucky Health Department recently assisted Miles Elementary and Tichenor Middle schools in the planning and implementation of a Safe Routes to School program.*

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs are sustained efforts by parents, schools, community leaders and local, state, and federal governments to improve the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school. These programs help make bicycling and walking to school safer and more appealing transportation choices.

Tichenor Middle School implemented a four week, “Walking and Wheeling Wednesdays Challenge” to promote biking and walking as an alternative form of transportation and fitness. The students worked together to reach their goal, with an impressive 67% of Tichenor students walking or wheeling to school on Wednesdays, earning a team mascot for Tichenor and a new bike rack to further promote and encourage walking and biking.

Miles Elementary implemented a SRTS curriculum to all third, fourth and fifth grade students, engaging students in mapping how they can safely walk or bike to school and allowing them to learn and practice bicycle and pedestrian safety rules.

Miles also started a “Walking School Bus” program, training parent and school volunteers on how to help lead groups of students to school by acting as a “walking” school bus. For successful completion of all components, Miles was awarded a new school mascot that will be used to continue to rally excitement, support and student interest in participating in Safe Routes to School.

The program included some infrastructure improvements in the area, adding sidewalks on Fitzgerald, James, McAlpin and Lloyd.

## WASTE COLLECTION NEWS

The City of Erlanger has renewed their contract with Republic Waste Services (CSI) for another two years. A citywide survey conducted earlier this year, showed the majority of residents that responded were happy with the service they have received from CSI. Thank you to all the residents who participated in this important survey.

Below are a few reminders of how to establish and cancel service as well as the recycling option for residents.

### TRASH SERVICE

To establish service for your residence, you will need to call the Customer Service Department at 513-771-4200. All customers are billed directly from Republic Services at a rate of \$9.54 per month. When residents are moving out, please contact the Customer Service Department at 513-771-4200 to cancel service. Please leave all Republic Services trash containers at the residence for the next homeowner/tenant.

### SUBSCRIPTION RECYCLING

The City of Erlanger also contracts with Republic Services for their voluntary recycling program. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Customer Service Department at 513-771-4200. All customers will be billed directly from Republic Services at a rate of \$4.42 per month. When residents are moving out, please contact the Customer Service Department at 513-771-4200 to cancel service and make arrangements for trash container pick up.

### TOTE REPLACEMENT AND MISSED PICK UPS

Please contact Republic Services Customer Service at 513-771-4200.

## YARD SALES

The City of Erlanger does not require Yard Sale permits. However, an address can only have two yard sales a year, involving one item or more, and can last no more than two days. Violations can result in a citation being issued.

## SOLICITATION IN ERLANGER

The City of Erlanger has a “No Knock Policy”. That means, when a business or organization completes a solicitation application that has been reviewed and accepted by our Policy Department, they are provided with a list of addresses that they can not solicit. If you are interested in having your address added, please stop by the City Building to complete the form. If your name is on the list and someone shows up on your doorsteps to solicit, please contact the Erlanger Police Department at 859-727-2424. All solicitors must be able to show residents a copy of their application with the City of Erlanger.

Religious organizations do not have to complete an application to register as a solicitor unless they are seeking monetary compensation.

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## **PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES** by Karen Moffitt

### **22nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration**

The Erlanger Historical Society is proud to announce this year's annual Heritage Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2013 from 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. at the Railroad Depot Park on Crescent Avenue in Erlanger.

Classic automobiles, martial arts demonstrations, horse & wagon rides, and a petting zoo for the kids are just a few things you can enjoy this year! Stroll around and enjoy the variety of the many booths that feature food & drinks, arts & crafts, antiques & collectibles, and much more.

The City of Erlanger Fire/EMS will present a Search & Rescue Dog Demo and the Erlanger Police, Fire/EMS, and Public Works Department will have vehicles on display, so make sure to bring your cameras.

Once you've experienced all there is to see outside, be sure to stop in and take a tour of the Depot Museum! The Depot Museum will be open for viewing from 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. and is full of Erlanger artifacts and memorabilia.

If you are interested in setting up a booth please contact Patricia Hahn with the Erlanger Historical Society at 859-727-8959 or Karen Moffitt with the City of Erlanger at 859-727-2525, #1.

You can find vendor forms and details about the event soon on the City of Erlanger's website, [www.ci.erlanger.ky.us](http://www.ci.erlanger.ky.us), and the Erlanger Historical Society's website, [www.erlangerhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.erlangerhistoricalsociety.org).

The Annual Heritage Day Celebration is brought to you by the Erlanger Historical Society and the City of Erlanger.

### **22nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration**

*Sunday, September 15, 2013*

*1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.*

*Railroad Depot Park*

*Crescent Avenue, Erlanger, KY 41018*



### **The Dixie**

### **FARMERS' MARKET**

Don't forget to stop by the Farmers' Market for your choice in fresh produce, sweet honey, homemade salsa, freshly baked breads, and much more!

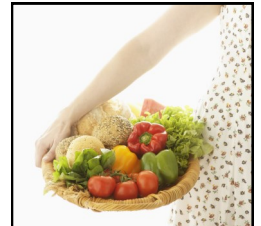
Open every Thursday through October, 2013

2:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.

Located at: Erlanger Baptist Church

116 Commonwealth Avenue

Erlanger KY 41018



### **ERLANGER HISTORY BOOKS**

For all of you history buffs out there, the City of Erlanger has history books available. [A Centennial History of Erlanger, Kentucky](#) for \$25.00 and [Images of America Elsmere and Erlanger](#). For \$20.00. These books can be purchased at the City Building or at Joseph Beth Books (formerly Borders).

### **DEPOT PARK RESERVATIONS**

If you are looking for a location to have your child's birthday party, a family gathering, or a church social, the City of Erlanger accepts reservations for the Railroad Depot Park Shelter located on Crescent Avenue. The park has a shelter with electricity, a gazebo, playground equipment, restrooms, and a museum that is opened Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 12-4pm. Applicants must be an Erlanger resident. A \$25.00 refundable deposit is requested at the time of applying. Those that apply are responsible for their own clean-up. If you are interested, please contact our Community Event Planner, Karen Moffitt at 727-2525 ext. 1.

### **NOTARY PUBLICS**

The City of Erlanger has six Notary Publics in the Administration Department. There are no fees for this service. A current picture identification is required.

*Make sure to check out the Calendar of Events in this edition of the Whistlestop for the Summer Park Program events scheduled in July & August.*

*In our Fall edition due out in early October, we will have details on all upcoming Fall events.*

*Or just visit our website at [www.ci.erlanger.ky.us](http://www.ci.erlanger.ky.us) or the City of Erlanger Facebook Page.*

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## Northern Kentucky To Shine At Bar Convention

By Marc Carey [www.bluegrassbulletin.com](http://www.bluegrassbulletin.com)

This morning lawyers from all over the Commonwealth will descend upon Louisville as the Kentucky Bar Convention opens its annual three day series of meetings and continuing legal education programs. And this year will be very special for Northern Kentucky.

Tom Rouse of Erlanger will be officially sworn in this week as the next President of the KBA.

Tom and I have been friends since we attended high school at Erlanger Lloyd where Tom played football before heading off to the University of Virginia. After graduating there he attended law school at the University of Kentucky and set up as a sole practitioner in Erlanger just a few doors down from his family home.

Tom's father, Clyde Rouse, served as City Manager for Erlanger for many years and was a fixture in local Kentucky social and political circles, admired for his humor and dedication to public service.

Tom's mother, Marjorie Rouse, was an educator as was his sister Lucy Riffle who recently retired from the Erlanger school system.

Tom has served as president of the Northern Kentucky Bar Association as well as a member of the Kentucky Bar ethics committee, ethics hotline committee and board of governors.

He is currently the Mayor of the City of Erlanger where he spent many years in coaching with the Lloyd Juggernaut football team. Tom also worked as an official referee for many years with Kentucky sports.

Now you might think that all of this is just good stuff about another good guy, but for anybody out there who needs a little encouragement to be all that you can be, let me add one more thing to Tom's list of accomplishments.

For many years he has been doing most of the things I mentioned above under the impact of Multiple Sclerosis which has disabled his ability to walk.

Not only is Tom's life a testament to the kind of gentle, honest, forthright, hard working, community minded spirit which is part of his family's legacy, but Tom has done all of this despite having faced obstacles that few others who have had to face the same thing found the intestinal fortitude and sheer determination to overcome.

Congratulations to Tom Rouse and his family on one more accomplishment in a life dedicated to making the world around you a better place. I am proud to call you my friend, honored to call you my Mayor and look forward to calling you "Mr. President."

## DEPOT MUSEUM OPEN DURING WEEKDAYS

### Erlanger Historical Society:

The Erlanger Historical Depot Museum is happy to announce that we have a new employee, Michele Roszmann. The Museum will be open three days per week starting July 2, 2013; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 12:00p.m. until 4:00p.m.

*Mark your calendar for the 22nd Annual Heritage Day on Sunday, September 15, 2013, Noon until 5:00p.m. It is always a fun day in the park.*

The next meeting is August 14, 2013 at the Depot Museum starting at 7:00p.m.



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**CITY OF ERLANGER'S  
PROGRAMS OR SERVICES**

**859-727-2525**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- ⇒ POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM (14-20 years of age)
- ⇒ NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS
- ⇒ CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS
- ⇒ PROPERTY SECURITY CHECKS
- ⇒ CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY
- ⇒ VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service)
- ⇒ MEDICATION COLLECTION PROGRAM

**FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT**

- ⇒ CPR, FIRST AID, AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLASSES
- ⇒ FIRE/EMS EXPLORER PROGRAM (14-18 years of age)
- ⇒ HOME AND BUSINESS INSPECTIONS
- ⇒ SENIOR CITIZEN SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT**

- ⇒ PASSPORTS
- ⇒ ERLANGER HARD BACK HISTORY BOOK \$25.00
- ⇒ ERLANGER/ELSMERE IMAGES OF AMERICA BOOK \$20.00
- ⇒ NOTARY PUBLICS (free service)
- ⇒ TANK BUS PASSES
- ⇒ ERLANGER & SURROUNDING AREA MAPS (free)
- ⇒ NO KNOCK POLICY-SIGN UP TODAY
- ⇒ DEPOT PARK RESERVATIONS (727-2525 #5)

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- ⇒ POTHOLE REPORTS (need location of pothole)
- ⇒ STREET LIGHT OUTAGE REPORTS (need location of light)
- ⇒ LEAF COLLECTION
- ⇒ CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF/MULCHING

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

- ⇒ FACEBOOK—CITY OF ERLANGER
- ⇒ CITIZEN SERVICE REQUEST CENTER ONLINE
- ⇒ WEBSITE [www.ci.erlanger.ky.us](http://www.ci.erlanger.ky.us)

**ERLANGER-ELSMERE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**ENSOR EDUCATIONAL ANNEX**

⇒ 859-342-2427

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⇒ 859-727-1555

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⇒ 859-727-2255

**ARNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**HOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

⇒ 859-727-1108

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⇒ 859-727-1188

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# CALENDAR

## **Erlanger City Council Meetings**

Erlanger City Building  
First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.  
(except August 6th—August 20th)

## **Erlanger Historical Society Meetings**

Railroad Depot Museum  
Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

## **Erlanger-Elsmere School Board Meetings**

Board of Education Building (500 Graves Avenue)  
Second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

## **Dixie Farmers' Market**

(Applications for farmers on-line)  
Erlanger Baptist Church Parking Lot  
Every Thursday, starting April 25, 2013 through  
October, 2013  
2:00-6:00 p.m.

## **General Government Offices Closed**

July 4, 2013  
September 2, 2013

## **General Government Event**

**Cincinnati Zoo at Flagship Park**  
July 10, 2013  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

## **Police Department Event at Flagship Park**

July 17, 2013  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

## **Fishing Derby at Flagship Park**

July 25, 2013  
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

## **Erlanger Swim Night at Silverlake**

July 25, 2013  
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

## **Fire/EMS Dept. Event at Silverlake**

July 29, 2013  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

## **Erlanger-Elsmere Schools 1st Day Back for Students**

August 14, 2013

## **Friendship City 5K**

Erlanger Branch, Kenton County Public Library  
August 25, 2013 –8:00a.m.

## **Erlanger Elsmere Schools - No School**

August 30—September 2, 2013

## **Heritage Day**

Railroad Depot Park  
September 15, 2013  
1:00-5:00 p.m.



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