

Winter 2012 Edition

WHISTLESTOP

The City of Erlanger Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor
Thomas L. Rouse

Although winter began with mild temperatures, harsher weather is sure to greet us in the near future. Our Public Works Department has strategized over the years and has come up with a plan that will make this winter much easier on those who live and work in Erlanger. Please remember that during snow emergencies you should not park on streets designated as "Snow Emergency Streets". Vehicles that are parked on these streets will receive a Parking Citation. Our Public Works crews cannot clear the snow and treat

the ice if vehicles remain parked on these streets. Erlanger has an Ordinance that states that a snow emergency can be declared or will be automatically put in place whenever there is an accumulation of snow or ice upon any portion of designated snow emergency streets in excess of two inches in depth. Erlanger does not issue Snow Emergency Levels, however, Kenton County does. To learn more about Kenton County's Snow Emergency Levels, please visit them at www.kentoncounty.org and type your request in the search area.

Inclement weather also causes potholes. To report a pothole, please call 727-2525 ext. 1. Your concern will be entered into our Citizen Request program and addressed.

Have a safe and happy winter!

NO. KY. 9-11 MEMORIAL

In February of 2011, the Crescent Springs Villa Hills Fire/EMS were presented with a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. Northern Kentucky representatives formed a committee to determine how to incorporate this piece of history to memorialize those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. A decision was made to erect a monument at the Crescent Springs Community Park and named it the Northern Kentucky 9-11 Memorial to represent all Northern Kentucky communities.

The Cities of Crescent Springs and Villa Hills are presenting an opportunity for Northern Kentucky residents to be part of this memorial through donations. Louis Prabell at 859-547-2312 or lprabell@yahoo.com can provide more information about the memorial and donation opportunities.

This memorial is important to our community. It will pay tribute to the firefighters, police, the airline industry, civilians, and the Pentagon.

Erlanger Police Release

FaceBook, Service Rating System, and Public Crime Mapping

On November 11, 2011 the Erlanger Police began using FaceBook to seek community assistance in identifying suspects or providing information to help solve open cases being handled by the Criminal Investigations Division. Detectives assigned to the CID will regularly make postings asking for assistance in solving cases. The Erlanger Police Department will also utilize the presence to promote community events, classes and other out reach programs. The Erlanger Police Department hopes to attract interest from beyond its residential community as criminals cross jurisdictional boundaries and might be known to citizens outside the City of Erlanger. Citizens can become a friend of the Police Department's Facebook page from the link on the City of Erlanger website or directly at:

City of Erlanger website is www.ci.erlanger.ky.us

Directly at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Erlanger-Police-Department/241093662612528>

The Erlanger Police Department has also released a feedback form that can be utilized by citizens who have received service from either the Erlanger Police Department or the Erlanger Public Safety Communications Center. The form will be utilized to improve service and recognize department members who have provided quality service in both the Police Department and the 9-1-1 center. Citizens can locate the form on the City of Erlanger website or directly at:

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Direct access at: <http://rateour911service.webhop.net>

The Erlanger Police Department is now producing public crime mapping in conjunction with Blair Analytics. A free service to both the Erlanger Police Department and the community, Blair's Raids Online is supplied with data directly from the Erlanger Communications Center's computer aided dispatch system every hour. Citizens can see crimes plotted by location and can filter by date/time, type and other factors. Citizens can access the site directly from the City of Erlanger website or directly at:

City of Erlanger website is www.ci.erlanger.ky.us

Direct access at: <http://www.raidsonline.com/?address=Erlanger%2CKY>

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY CLERK



WASTE UPDATE

Republic Services (CSI) has gone automated in Erlanger! In an effort to improve their services and their employees' wellness, two automated trucks have been placed in Erlanger. These trucks have an arm that extends out and picks up your tote, lifting it in the air, and dumping all trash into the top of the truck. The arm will pick up any type of waste container, whether it is the tote issued to you by Republic Services or one that you may have purchased. Items that are not in a tote or waste container will still be collected by the driver, provided that these items are not construction material, do not weigh over 50 lbs., and are not longer than 4 ft. Items containing bedbugs must be wrapped in plastic, including mattresses. Please remember to place all items in a bag before placing them in your tote. This will decrease the amount of liter that falls out of the totes when being emptied into the trucks. Please help to keep Erlanger clean!

SCHOLARSHIP

The City of Erlanger is accepting applications for our \$1500 Erlanger Council Community Service Scholarship that is available to high school students who live in Erlanger. Applications are available at the following high schools: Lloyd Memorial High School, Dixie Heights High School, St. Henry District High School, Notre Dame Academy, and Covington Catholic High School. Applications can also be picked up at the Erlanger City Building located at 505 Commonwealth Avenue, found on-line at www.ci.erlanger.ky.us or on the City of Erlanger's Facebook page. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 16, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Sherry Hoffman at shoffman@ci.erlanger.ky.us or by calling 727-2525, #1.

FACEBOOK—Direct access at:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/City-of-Erlanger/169102443100028>

Facebook followers, check out the City of Erlanger's facebook page today and "like" us. Upcoming events, important news, and announcements are posted here to help keep our community informed.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Two new On-Line forms have been added to the Police Department's webpage. For Erlanger and Crescent Springs residents who are going away for extended periods of time and would like the police to keep an eye on their house, visit the "Forms" section at the bottom of the Police Page on the City's website. There you will find a form called "Community Watch". Simply fill in your information and submit it at the bottom. For businesses located within the Cities, you can enter/ update your emergency contact information also under the "Form" section by clicking on "Emergency Business Information". Please keep the police department updated for your benefit.

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Police Department section is located at the top of the Page.

UPDATE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF



The Erlanger Police Department has been working diligently to fill our ranks with new officers. We had experienced several retirements and resignations during the last few months and needed to bring our forces back up to strength. We are pleased to announce the following additions to the PD family:

Duane Rolfsen – formerly worked for Elsmere Police Department

Aaron McNeil – recently graduated from basic training at the Department of Criminal Justice training.

Ryan Atchley – formerly a telecommunicator for Erlanger PSCC – recently graduated from basic training at the Department of Criminal Justice training.

Troy White – formerly worked for Independence Police Department

Tom Loos – formerly worked for Ft. Mitchell Police Department

Amy Schworer – formerly worked for Park Hills Police Department

Roger Ruby – formerly worked for Kenton County Police Department

We are currently doing background checks on other applicants and plan on hiring one more officer soon.

The Public Safety Communication Center has also been filling vacancies. We are pleased to announce these additions to our family:

Shirley Peck - hired in July- formerly worked for Madison and Gallatin Co dispatch centers

Maria Olivas – hired in July

Daniel Disibio – hired in August

Jason Chambers – hired in October

The department is extremely pleased with all of these additions to our ranks!!

FIRE MARSHAL NEEDS YOUR HELP



ADOPT- A-HYDRANT

The cold and snow season has arrived, so Erlanger Fire/EMS would like to suggest that you adopt the fire hydrant located in your yard or nearby. Please take a few extra minutes to shovel out the hydrant when you shovel your walk. Hydrants should have 3 feet of clearance around them, whenever possible, to enable connection of the fire hoses. As always, if you notice a faulty hydrant that appears to be damaged or leaking, please contact the Northern Kentucky Water District at (859) 578-9898. Fire hydrants are vital to the operation of the fire department when your house is on fire. If hydrants cannot be located or are buried in snow, it is likely the fire will be much larger.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



The Do's and Don'ts During a Winter Weather Event

Don't Park on the Street. Move your cars off the street on designated snow emergency routes and especially cul-de-sacs into the driveways when an accumulating snow is predicted. It is difficult to maneuver trucks around on dry pavement let alone in icy conditions.

Do give plows & salt trucks room to maneuver. When applying salt and plowing snow they have to change lanes, back up, and make more frequent stops.

Don't pass trucks when salt is being applied/snow is being plowed. Keeping control of your vehicle can be extremely difficult.

Don't pull out into the intersection when snowplows are approaching. Drivers cannot control the snow coming off the plow blade. The snow often contains rocks and other debris from the roadway.

Don't shovel snow into the street when clearing sidewalks, driveways and parking lots. This makes clearing the roadway more difficult and creates more hazardous patches that require unnecessary retreatment.

Don't cover fire hydrants. If there is a fire hydrant at your curb – do not cover it with snow from your driveway or sidewalk. In the event of a fire emergency - this could help save a life by helping the fire department locate the hydrant more quickly.

Do be patient. When snow plow drivers clear residential streets; their plows **will** throw snow to the side and sometimes unintentionally into the entrances to driveways. This is an inconvenience that is unavoidable and always unintentional.

Do help your neighbor. If your neighbor needs help during a winter weather event, do what you can to help out. We all work better when we are working together.

DESIGNATED SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

Zone 1 Snow Emergency

Apple Tree Ln., Bartlett Ave., Cherry Tree Ln. (From Boone-Kenton Line to Apple Tree Ln.), Cowie Ave., Forest Ave. (from Dixie Hwy. to Rankin), Graves Ave. (from Dixie Hwy. to Lori Dr.), Hulbert Ave. (from Graves Ave. to Riggs Ave.), Lloyd Ave., Lori Dr. (from Graves Ave. to McAlpin Ave.), Lori Dr. (from Rankin Dr. to Sunset Ave.), McAlpin Ave., Rankin Dr., Sunset Ave. (from Dixie Hwy. to Lori Dr.), Sycamore Tree Ln., Watson Rd., all Cul-De-Sacs

Zone 2 Snow Emergency

Crescent Ave. (from Erlanger Rd. to Division St.), Division St., Erlanger Rd., Riggs Ave., all Cul-De-Sacs

Zone 3 Snow Emergency

Concord Dr. (from Stevenson Rd. to Lambda St.), Fieldcrest Ave., Hallam Ave., Hayden Pl., Haywood Cir. (from Turkeyfoot Rd. to Westwood Dr.), Jacqueline Dr. (from Concord Dr. to Stevenson Rd.) Lambda St. (from Concord Dr. to Woodlyn Hills Dr.), Lindenwood Dr. (from Turkeyfoot Rd. to Sagebrush Ln.), Mary St., Misty Creek Dr. (from Turkeyfoot Rd. to Sagebrush Ln.), Perimeter Dr., Rainbow Terrace, Sagebrush Ln. (from Misty Creek Dr. to Lindenwood Dr.), Terrace Ave., Terrace Ave., Westwood Dr., Woodlyn Hills Dr. (from Lambda St. to Turkeyfoot Rd.), all Cul-De-Sacs

Zone 4 Snow Emergency

Bottomwood Dr., Carriage Hill Dr. (from Delphi Dr. to Surrey Pl.), Circlewood Dr., Deerchase Dr., Delphi Dr. (from Narrows Rd. to Carriage Hill Dr.), Northway Dr., Ridgewood Dr. (from Narrows Rd. to Circlewood Dr.), Sherbourne Dr., Spring Valley Dr., Surrey Pl., Thorntree Dr., all Cul-De-Sacs

Snow Removal and Emergencies

When inclement weather hits, the ten person operations staff of the Erlanger Public Works Department breaks down into two five person shifts to tackle conditions to the best of their abilities with the resources that they have available. They utilize four "work zones" during snow removal operations. With the 120 plus lane miles that they are tasked with taking care of, their target goal is to assign five trucks to the designated routes in the four work zones. Zones 1-3 have one truck assigned to the respective route in that zone and Zone 4 is divided into two routes (because of size) with one truck assigned to each respective route. They **do not** take care of **private drives or streets** within any portion of the city.

Within each zone are designated snow emergency routes that parking is prohibited on when a snow emergency is in place. By City of Erlanger Ordinance, a snow emergency can either be declared or is automatically in place whenever there is an accumulation of snow or ice upon any portion of designated snow emergency streets in excess of two inches in depth. To find out whether a snow emergency has been declared please view the school closing listings on Channels 5, 9, and 12, or go to our website or Facebook page. Vehicles that are not removed off designated snow emergency streets will be ticketed. The fine is \$25.00 which will double to \$50.00 if not paid within 7 business days. Our priority is not the income received, but to get the vehicles removed so that the streets can be addressed.

CITY OF ERLANGER'S PROGRAMS OR SERVICES

859-727-2525

POLICE DEPARTMENT—Extension 2

- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ FREE CRIME MAPPING (*NEW*)
- ⇒ COMMUNITY WATCH

FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT—Extension 4

- ⇒ 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—Extension 1

- ⇒ 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 #1)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—Extension 6

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

WEBSITE COMMITTEE—Extension 1

- ⇒ FACEBOOK—CITY OF ERLANGER
- ⇒ CITIZEN SERVICE REQUEST CENTER ONLINE
- ⇒ WEBSITE www.ci.erlanger.ky.us

Would you like notifications of upcoming events, meetings, snow emergencies, and other important information sent to your e-mail address? Please go to www.ci.erlanger.ky.us and click on "E-mail Notifications".

CITY CALENDAR

Kenton County Clean-up

First Saturday of every month
Kenton County Public Works
420 Independence Station Road

Erlanger Council Meetings

First Tuesday of every month
7:00 p.m.
505 Commonwealth Avenue

Erlanger Historical Society Meetings

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

Valentines Event

February 12, 2012
2:00 p.m.
Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library
Entertainment and Crafts

Scholarship Deadline

March 16, 2012
4:00 p.m.
505 Commonwealth Avenue

THE CITY OF ERLANGER IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OUR ADOPT-A-UNIT PROGRAM. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SHERRY HOFFMAN AT 727-2525, EXT. 1.

The City of Erlanger allows businesses and organizations to **advertise** in our Whistlestop Newsletter. This is a quarterly newsletter that provides city information and updates for Erlanger businesses and residents. For Erlanger businesses or organizations the cost is **\$30.00 per issue**, this includes businesses located on "The Dixie". Non-Erlanger businesses can also advertise for **\$40.00 an issue**. If you are interested in placing an advertisement, please contact Sherry at sdhoffman@ci.erlanger.ky.us or by calling (859) 727-2525, #1.