

WHISTLESTOP

The City of Erlanger Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The City of Erlanger is proud to announce the opening of our newest park, the "Flagship Park" located off of Lakemont and Thorntree Drives. It is 32 beautiful acres of land that was donated to the city by the Drees Company. The city's intention has always been to make it a wonderful place for our residents to enjoy.

Although there are several more phases to undergo before the park will be totally completed, some are ready for you and your family to enjoy. The entrance off of Lakemont Drive will delight any child. Two new age appropriate playground equipment has been installed; one focusing on the age group 0-5 years and the other geared more toward 6-12 year olds. In addition, there are also swing sets, a climbing wall, and spring pods. Benches are located around the play equipment for those who would rather watch than participate. A shelter and the sand volleyball court are in the process of being completed.

The entrance to the park off of Thorntree Drive will thrill novice fishermen or fisherwomen with the pond that the city maintains. Everyone is welcome to take their equipment and try their luck at catching fish. Please remember, ALL adults must have a valid



**Mayor
Tom Rouse**

Kentucky fishing license. Again, those who would rather watch, there are a few benches close to the pond that you can rest on.

We are also proud to announce that the Flagship Park has been dedicated to the Viox family, a family that has played a large roll in Erlanger's history since the 1920's.

Another park that has a new look this year is Rainbow Park, located on the corner of Stevenson and Rainbow Terrace Roads, thanks to Life Scout and Erlanger resident Blake Barlow. Mr. Barlow, a student at St. Henry District High School, needed to complete one more project to earn his Eagle Scout rank. He took it upon himself, with the permission of the city, to make that project the "beautification of Rainbow Park". He rose to the challenge by improving the aging shelter and built four new picnic tables that are wheelchair accessible. We are very grateful to him for his commitment to our community.

ERLANGER PROJECTS

- The sidewalk project from Hallam Ave. at Mary to the end of Rainbow Terrace has been completed.
- In July, bids will be taken for the sidewalk projects on McAlpin, Lloyd, and Forest Avenues.
- Also in July, several bids will be taken for resurfacing of streets and other repairs.
- Bullock Pen Road remains closed to through traffic due to the road breaking away.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Effective June 2008, Bavarian Waste Services switched to billing cards for their residential customers only. They will also be offering in the near future their new e-bill option for payments. It is their hopes that both these new processes will increase their billing efficiency and improve their billing process. When you receive your new billing card, tear off the perforated portion and return with your payment.

Bavarian recently asked the City of Erlanger to change our contract with them so they could add a surcharge due to the rising cost of fuel. Council declined to approve this request.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Council meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

However, the August meeting has been changed to August 12, 2008

Friendship City 5K

Sunday, August 24, 2008
8:00 a.m.

Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library

Heritage Day

Sunday, September 21, 2008
12:00 p.m.

Railroad Depot Park

Farmers Market

Every Thursday from 2:00-6:00 p.m.
April-October 30th

For more information call 859-727-2525.

WEBSITE NEWS

⇒ Visit the city's new on-line video at www.ci.erlanger.ky.us.

⇒ If you would like to receive your copy of the Whistlestop via e-mail, please contact the General Government Dept. at 859-727-2525.

⇒ The calendar has been updated. To view events, you must click on the dates that are highlighted.

ORDINANCES RECENTLY PASSED

Ordinance no. 2302 establishing regulations for the use of public parks in the city; and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Ordinance no. 2303 establishing regulations; in regard to the possession and discharge of air or gas guns in the city; and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Ordinance no. 2304 closing a portion of Pacific Avenue to public use, except for easements and franchises therein for utilities.

Ordinance no. 2305 amending section 2.0 of Erlanger Ordinance 2255 to increase the monthly surcharge levied and imposed in that section for 911 emergency telephone services from \$2.76 to \$4.25 per month.

BUILDING AND ZONING GUIDELINES

If you're building or replacing something, there is a good chance you need a permit from the city. Before starting, **contact Building Inspector Mark Stewart at 859-727-2525**. Below are some guidelines for common summer/fall projects:

Project	Items needed
Deck	Building application Zoning application Site plan 3 sets building plans \$100.00 permit fees
Fence 6 ft & under	Zoning application Site plan \$25.00 permit fee
Fence above 6 ft	Zoning application Building application Site plan \$75.00 permit fees
Above-ground pool	Zoning application Site plan \$25.00 permit fee
In-ground pool	Zoning application Building application 3 sets building plans Site plan \$175.00 permit fees

If you have contracted with a company, we need a copy of their Workmens' Compensation Insurance and their Kenton County Occupational License.

CODES ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

Garbage cans cannot be stored anywhere other than behind the building, except on the days of trash collection, when they may be at the edge of the street. (Ordinance no. 1343)

Motor homes, boats, and trailers are prohibited from being parked anywhere in any front yard and anywhere in any portion of any side yard that isn't paved with continuous blacktop or concrete or is within one foot of any side boundary line. (Ordinance no. 2002)

The growth of **weeds and grass** is prohibited at a height of four inches or higher and also prohibits any accumulation of rubbish. (Ordinance no. 2186)

The disassembly or repair of any **motor vehicle** is prohibited outside of a building and also prohibits the location of any inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle anywhere outside of a building. (Ord. no. 2240, section 302.8)

For questions or complaints, please contact our Codes Enforcement Officer, Darryl Jouett, at 859-727-2424.

A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

As you may have heard, as of July 1st the Crescent Springs Police Department will disband and will be merged with our department. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how the City of Erlanger and its citizens will benefit from this merger.

First of all, due to the fact that our department has been understaffed for several years, by incorporating the officers from Crescent Springs into our ranks we will become fully staffed with trained, experienced officers. The first year we will see a savings of approximately \$180,000 from what would be needed to fully staff our department. Through attrition we expect to see a savings of another \$180,000.

By merging departments and seeing a full compliment of officers we do not expect to see the need to add personnel in the future. With this full staff we will be able to reassign one officer back into the detectives unit which is dedicated and trained in expert ways to solve even the most difficult of cases. This officer had been pulled from the unit due to the shortage of officers on our department. We also will be able to have one officer dedicated full-time to organizing the training for all of the officers. Also, we envision that we will be able to have a larger presence in our elementary schools, teaching DARE and building relationships with our elementary children.

Our department will continue to patrol the city according to the districts that have been assigned. Crescent Springs will merely become one more district. With the full staff we will have one Lieutenant, two Sergeants and seven Patrolmen assigned to each shift. A minimum of 5 officers and one supervising officer will be on duty at all times.

As you can see, this merger will be a positive move in both cost effectiveness and efficiency for both departments. We are excited about this new venture and hope you will be pleased also. If you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail us. The contact information for e-mail can be found on our website at www.ci.erlanger.ky.us. Our phone numbers are: Administration – 727-7599
Non-emergency police calls – 727-2424
Emergency calls – 911

A REMINDER FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL

The weather has been nicer, so neighbors are gathering for cook-outs and residents are cleaning up their property after the winter and spring storms that we had. Although burning brush and yard waste or roasting marshmallows may seem legal to do, it is important to remember that during the months of May-October, there is a city-wide burn ban. Which means, no one is permitted to burn without a burn permit issued from the city's Fire Marshal, Captain Tim Deye. Residents are however allowed to burn in a barrel, fire pit, and/or for cooking or religious purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact Captain Deye at 859-727-7942.