

WHISTLESTOP

The City of Erlanger Newsletter

Spring 2010



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor
Thomas L. Rouse

Spring has arrived and our days are getting longer and warmer. This time of year brings a sense of excitement and energy that gets misplaced during the winter months. Flowers are blooming, children are outside playing, and grown-ups are cleaning out the garage or working in the yard. Some are happily doing these tedious chores to remove the clutter or to improve their curb appeal. All this hard work to prepare for the anxiously anticipated cook-outs. However, others are painstakingly doing these chores because someone that they love kindly requested that they do them. Whatever the reason, everyone here at the City of

Erlanger appreciates the work and effort that you put into your homes, businesses, and yards. It is important for a community to come together by taking care of our properties.

Erlanger also realizes that in order to keep a community involved, you need to keep them informed. Please visit our new website at www.ci.erlanger.ky.us. Sign up to receive e-mail notifications, try out our Citizen Request Management System, and check out our News and Announcements. Our new website is geared to better inform you.

Look for video streaming of Council Meetings this July. We will be adding video streaming to our website. If you are unable to attend a Council meeting, you will still be able to view it with a click or two of a button.

Have a happy and safe Spring and Summer! Get to know your neighbors, enjoy Erlanger's newest park, Flagship Park, and join the city to "Clean-up Erlanger".

E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Here at Erlanger we feel that it is very important to keep in contact with our residents and business owners. The most cost effective way to do this is through e-mail. Our new website has a feature on the Home page that will allow you to sign up called "E-mail Notifications". By signing up, you will receive this quarterly newsletter, Special Meeting and Public Hearing notices, information regarding upcoming events, and more.

We thank those who signed up in the past. Because of your commitment and interest in the City of Erlanger, we have a large e-mail database. Unfortunately, these could not be transferred to our new database through the website. It would not be very efficient to have two e-mail databases, so we ask that you please sign up again by going to www.ci.erlanger.ky.us. We don't want to lose you or your neighbors, so please pass this along. The more people that are signed up, the more connected we will be as a community!

CITIZEN SERVICE REQUEST CENTER ONLINE

*Do you have questions or concerns?
Do you need to submit a service request?*

The City of Erlanger has incorporated a new program on the city's new website. It is a Citizen Request Management System. Residents will now be able to access this program by visiting the home page of our website. By clicking on the flashing tab with the above title, it will provide you with two options. You will be able to view the Citizen Self Help FAQ area or you can submit your concern or request by completing a submission form. The Citizen Self Help FAQs are questions that the city most often receives with the answers provided. If you can not find the answers to your needs here, you can complete the submission form. Once this form is completed, your concern will be routed to the appropriate department and person to be addressed. This management system allows the city to accept, manage, track, and route requests or concerns from a secure website. If you check the "notify me" button, the person handling the request will keep you informed by e-mail.

RESIDENTIAL TRASH IN ERLANGER

- ⇒ Trash should be placed into bags before being placed into totes. This prevents loose trash that may fall out when totes are being emptied or while the CSI collector is driving.
- ⇒ Yard waste can be placed in totes, but will not be collected if it exceeds fifty pounds.
- ⇒ Yard waste or other items can be placed in four foot tied bundles.
- ⇒ CSI will collect large items such as washers and dryers. CSI must be notified in advance by calling CSI at 513-771-4200. Please remember, if the item contains Freon, the Freon must be removed and a certified sticker stating that it has been removed must be on the appliance.
- ⇒ If you have an abnormally large amount of trash from cleaning out the garage, basement, etc., please contact CSI at the above number. They will send a truck with two employees to collect the trash for you. This service does not cost an additional charge. This would be in place of your regular scheduled pick up.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

At the April 6, 2010 Council meeting, a scholarship was awarded, a senior at Lloyd had a day proclaimed in his honor, elementary age students received awards, and teachers were recognized. It was the annual City Government Month awards presentation. The theme this year was **Erlanger....Our Town, Our Home**.



The night began with the presentation of the Erlanger Community Achievement Scholarship. Last year's recipient and Dixie graduate, Kaitlin Staverman, was unable to attend, so her father attended in her place and presented the

2010 Scholarship to Lloyd senior **Tracy Bard**. Ms. Bard plans on using her scholarship for books while attending college.



Lloyd senior **Brandon Coyle** was recognized by Mayor and Council for his assistance with maps on the City's new website. These maps can be found under Economic Development and Parks and Recreation. His focus on the Economic Development map was to highlight Erlanger's close proximity to the airport and Cincinnati, another map also shows the location of all the schools that Erlanger children can attend, including pictures. The Parks and Recreation map has pictures also and lists the equipment found at each park. Mayor Rouse presented Mr. Coyle with a proclamation that proclaimed April 12, 2010 "Brandon Coyle Day" in the City of Erlanger. **Ms. Jessica Rouse**, Mr. Coyle's teacher who allowed him to participate in this project, was also recognized. They both received copies of the new book, "Images of America—Elsmere and Erlanger".

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The kindergarten through third grade classes participated in a coloring contest that depicted an employee, elected official, or Erlanger representative. In the picture to the left are St. Henry students **Bradley Kremer, Grady Collins, Alissa**

Schadler, Casey Miller, and Rachel Fitzpatrick. All classes that participated (K-5) received a pizza party at their school.



The fourth grade classes were verbally recognized for submitting essays on early Kentucky history.

The fifth grade classes wrote an essay in favor or against an Erlanger Ordinance that was controversial in 2009. In the picture to the left is Miles Elementary student **Rachel Crawford** and St. Henry students **Molly Brownfield, Paige Kappas, and Kayla Keininger**.



The teachers who participated in Erlanger's City Government program received a flag that has been flown over the Capitol building in Frankfort, Kentucky and a copy of the book, "Images of America—Elsmere and Erlanger". Above is **Mr.**

Scott Kimberlin, 5th grade teacher at Miles Elementary.

Council members Bill Howard and Renee Skidmore presented each student with a Certificate from State Representative Adam Koenig and a ribbon.

City Government Winners

Kindergarten

1st Place	Alissa Schadler	St. Henry
2nd Place	Grady Collins	St. Henry
3rd Place	Cassi Divita	St. Henry

1st Grade

1st Place	Bradley Kremer	St. Henry
2nd Place	Macaedin Nguyen	St. Henry
3rd Place	Mallory Bihl	St. Henry

2nd Grade

1st Place	Casey Miller	St. Henry
2nd Place	Courtney Wellman	St. Henry
3rd Place	Madelyn Bier	St. Henry

3rd Grade

1st Place	Jordan Bautista	St. Henry
2nd Place	Jonathon Litzler	St. Henry
3rd Place	Rachel Fitzpatrick	St. Henry

5th Grade

1st Place	Molly Brownfield	St. Henry
2nd Place	Noah Ryan	St. Henry
3rd Place	Paige Kappas	St. Henry

5th Grade

1st Place	Shelby Tomlin	St. Henry
2nd Place	Kayla Keininger	St. Henry
3rd Place	Carlee Jones	St. Henry

5th Grade

1st Place	Candice Meredith	Miles Elem.
2nd Place	Rachel Crawford	Miles Elem.
3rd Place	Saxon Warnew	Miles Elem.

A REMINDER FROM OUR FIRE MARSHAL



Every day, emergency vehicles respond to urgent requests for help from the public. The call may be for an armed hold-up in progress, fire alarm, or someone having a heart attack. All drivers must know their responsibilities when approached by an emergency vehicle with lights flashing and siren sounding.

- Do you know what to do? Don't panic and slam on the brakes.
- Pull near as possible and parallel to the right-hand edge or curb and stop. If you cannot move to the right because of stopped vehicles, simply move as far to the right as possible, stop and leave a clear path for the emergency vehicle. If an emergency vehicle approaches while your vehicle is stopped at an intersection, do not move unless you can move to the right without blocking the intersection.
- Remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed.
- Don't stop in the middle of a curve. Don't stop on or while cresting a hill.

As drivers, we all share the responsibility of knowing and practicing correct driving behaviors. One of the most important rules of the road deals with yielding the right of way to emergency vehicles. Precious minutes lost while responding to an emergency can be the difference between life and death. Help us help others by pulling to the right and stopping!

DRUG COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Erlanger Police Department has started a drug collection program that provides a steel mailbox style collection box that encourages citizens to remove their unneeded medications from their homes. This box is located in the front lobby of the Erlanger Police Department at 505 Commonwealth Avenue. Citizens may place their unused medications into the collection box, only Monday through Friday for 8am to 5pm or when a clerk is available to provide a self sealing plastic bag. The Police Department will provide bulk sharps disposal containers in the lobby for syringes, and open containers of liquid will not be accepted unless completely sealed.

The Erlanger Police Department feels this program provides an environmentally safe alternative to disposing medications in a landfill or sewer systems. It also reduces access to addictive medications for accidental or intentional misuse by children in the home. This program provides a safe disposal location for citizens to properly dispose of unused prescription medications and can be done anonymously.

FROM WHITE TO GREEN

With the warmer weather arriving, the majority of our attention turns to the maintenance of green space areas and parks that the Public Works Department is responsible for. We have a total of eleven parks and roughly twenty-five acres of right of way that we are charged with maintaining.

The total number of acres between our parks and right of way areas is approximately eighty; fifty-five of which require finish mowing with the rest of the areas being rough cut (bush hogged). The mowing of these areas will require the attention of four to five staff members for an eight-month period.

In addition to the task of mowing, staff also maintains the following in these areas: landscape beds, play fields, physical structures in the park, and restrooms in three of the parks. All of these tasks combined require a continued dedication of time to keep things maintained in a safe and aesthetic manner.

On top of all the green that we take care of, we'll have to manage some road repairs and street sign replacement as well. We are certainly glad to see the winter season come to a close so we can give the plows a rest; but we know our "herd of Deere" will be kept just as busy when the sun is shining.

STREET LIGHT REMINDER

Lighting the way for drivers and pedestrians, streetlights are a vital part of our everyday lives. With a multitude of streetlights throughout the City of Erlanger, we appreciate your help in identifying lights that are malfunctioning or in need of repair. The sooner we know they are out, the sooner we can contact the appropriate power company to get them fixed.

For streetlights that need attention in the Duke Energy Service Area, you may contact 1 (800) 544-6900. For those 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 our website at www.ci.erlanger.ky.us to report the problem under the "Service Request" tab on the Home page. 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 an e-mail address.

Help us keep your neighborhood safe by keeping the light on.

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Behind the Superbowl

CITY OF ERLANGER'S PROGRAMS OR SERVICES AVAILABLE

- ⇒ Police Explorer Program
- ⇒ Neighborhood Watch Programs
- ⇒ Car Seat Inspections
- ⇒ Property Security Checks
- ⇒ Citizens Police Academy
- ⇒ VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service)
- ⇒ Dispatch on Twitter
- ⇒ CPR, First Aid, and Fire Extinguisher Classes
- ⇒ Fire/EMS Explorer Program
- ⇒ Home and Business Inspections
- ⇒ Senior Citizen Smoke Detector Program
- ⇒ Passports
- ⇒ Erlanger History Book \$25.00
- ⇒ Notary Publics (No Charge)
- ⇒ TANK Bus Passes
- ⇒ Erlanger Maps (No Charge)
- ⇒ No Knock Policy
- ⇒ Depot Park Reservations (727-2525 #5)
- ⇒ Pothole Reports (need location of pole)
- ⇒ Street Light Outage Reports
- ⇒ Leaf Collection
- ⇒ Christmas Tree Drop Off/ Mulching

WINNERS OF ERLANGER'S AMAZING RACE



1ST PLACE
Team Cahill



2ND PLACE
Team Hop in Kraut



3RD PLACE
Team 7 Lightning

CITY CALENDAR

Council Meetings

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Erlanger Historical Society Meetings

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

The Dixie Farmers Market

Erlanger Baptist Church Parking Lot
Every Thursday, April 29th-October 14th
2:00-6:00 p.m.

Fireworks-Welcome to Summer Celebration

Silverlake Park
May 29, 2010 9:30 p.m.

General Government Offices Closed

May 31, 2010

Ralph Fulton VFW Memorial Day Parade

Dixie Highway in Erlanger and Elsmere
May 31, 2010

Summer Park Program Events

Crescent Springs Park with Erlanger Police Department

June 16, 2010 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Erlanger Railroad Depot Park with Erlanger Fire/EMS

June 23, 2010 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Public Works Facility on Jack Scheben Drive

June 30, 2010 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Flagship Park with Erlanger General Government

Lakemont entrance

July 6, 2010 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Pizza provided with games, volleyball, and fishing

Outdoor Lazer Kraze at Silverlake Park

July 14, 2010 6:00-8:00 p.m.

14 people at a time, every 10 minutes

Silverlake Water Park

July 20, 2010 3:00-9:00 p.m.

Waiver cards must be picked up at the Erlanger City Building
for admission. (Residents and employees only)

Teen Movie Night

Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library

July 2, 2010 6:00-8:30 p.m.