

CITY NEWS

FROM MAYOR COLLETT

For the 3rd straight year, we have been able to maintain our balanced budget without increasing property taxes. We have evaluated the employee salary structure this year and have updated the salary ranges to be more in line with local standards.

FINANCE UPDATE

The City of Crescent Springs continued its diligence on holding down expenses in the fiscal year which ended 6/30/2010. City revenues of \$2.4 million covered total expenses of \$2.16 million, and the City was able to earmark \$135,000 for Capital Improvements and \$10,000 for Park & Events, as well as authorize the purchase of 2 needed vehicles for our Public Works efforts.

For the budget of fiscal year 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011, the City is forecasting revenue of \$2.0 million (relatively flat when adjusted for some bond payment changes) – made up mostly from Real Estate Property Taxes (33% of the revenue), Payroll/Gross Receipts (32% of the revenue), and Insurance Premium Taxes (19% of the revenue). Expenses are forecasted at \$1.96 million (down just slightly over the

prior year) – made up mostly of Police protection services (40% of the expenses), Fire & ALS (Ambulance) services (13% of the expenses), expenses for the servicing of debt (loans for Park, City Building, street projects, etc. – 13% of expenses), and Public Works labor (8% of the expenses).

The Finance Committee meets monthly to review and analyze the financial statements and condition of the City's finances.

ELECTIONS ON NOV 2

*We currently have 5 people running for 6 council seats. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Mayor Collett or one the councilpersons listed for more information. **The write-in deadline is October 22nd.** Paperwork must be filed with the Kenton County Board of Elections prior to that date. Do your civic duty and vote on November 2nd.*

If you own property in the City and have not received your tax bill, please contact us. **"Lost in the mail" is not an excuse. It is YOUR responsibility to pay the taxes.** Bills for properties that changed hands during the year will be sent to the owner of record as of Jan 1st. If your mortgage company pays your tax bill, be sure to forward the information to them.

Mayor, Jim Collett

Council Members :

Christie Arlinghaus

Mike Daugherty

Dale Ramsey

Scott Santangelo

Tom Vergamini

Matt Zeck

The MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK had to be moved to the firehouse due to an early evening rainstorm. Our spirits were not dampened as all that were there enjoyed the movie "Planet 51". The children still spread their blankets on the floor and the remainder of us set on chairs. A special thanks to our co-sponsor **Northern Kentucky Montessori Center.** We also give a big thank you to **Buffalo Wings & Rings** and **Snappy Tomato Pizza** for their food booths and to the **Crescent-Villa Fire Dept.** for the use of their building. A good time was had by all and we plan to do this again next year.

ADOPT-A-UNIT

Troops Now In Afghanistan

Our adopted soldiers are now in Afghanistan. Their living conditions are primitive; no running water, very limited electricity (generator), and hostile Taliban *always* lurking. Our goal is to make the soldiers' deployment more bearable and to let them know how much their service is appreciated. **PLEASE** consider participating in our efforts to send care packages to our men and women overseas. You can drop these off at the city building Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM. We hope to send a shipment by the end of September, and then monthly after that, so please be generous.

Thank you for your continued support.

Partial list of items:

Foot powder
Chapstick
Sunscreen
Insect repellent
Eye drops
Toothpaste
Shampoo
Sunglasses
Shaving items
Cards/dice
Pens (click)/pencils

Stationery
Disposable cameras
Instant coffee/tea bags
Beef jerky
Trail mix/package snacks
Hard candy (only)

Go to the Adopt a Unit page on the city's website and open the flyer to view a complete list of much needed items we would like to send to our soldiers.



Many local schoolchildren are in the process of writing personal letters to several of our wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital. Please ask your child if they are participating, thank them for their involvement in this worthwhile exercise and encourage them to share their feelings about the experience. If you would also like to participate, call the City Building for more information.

The Florence Freedom Game was a fun time for the 85 who attended. The fireworks were SPECTACULAR!! Interested in doing this again next year?

The Community Park will be closing for the winter starting Nov 15th.

We appreciate your patronage, hope you enjoyed your experience and look forward to seeing you again in 2011.