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### From the Desk of Mayor Dan Rowden -----

2017 has been a difficult year for the City. We lost a great friend and leader when Mayor David Heiliger passed away suddenly. It was and is a great loss for all of us who knew and loved him.

But, as Mayor Dave would often say, "we have a lot to get done, and we have got to get it done!" In spite of our loss, we have moved forward on a number of positive things just like Dave would have expected us to do.

In 2016, the City issued 71 new home construction permits. As we enter October 2017, the City has issued 98 new home construction permits. This is a very good sign for the City! Other major projects in the City include the opening of the Warren County Ambulance District Base on Bell Road. The Scenic Regional Library has begun construction of the new Library on Wildcat Drive. There is much anticipation of this valuable resource being completed and opened for our citizens to use.

Our first annual "Red, Wright, and Blue" Motorcycle Rally, which was held at Cedar Lake Cellars was well attended and raised funds for a new department Canine. With a generous benefactor and the funds raised at the event, we were able to purchase the new dog, pay for her training, and veterinary expenses, without having to spend city tax dollars. I know some will say, "what happened to Zeus?". Well, due to some medical reasons, Zeus had to retire. We are very thankful for the service he provided to the City. We are also very thankful to Officer Tommy Tomlin for his service as Zeus's handler. Our new dog, Athena, has been purchased and is in training. We look forward to seeing Athena and her handler, Officer Andy Huston, on the streets in the not too distant future.

In other news, we have begun the remodel of the church building on Westwoods for our new City Hall. This project, like many governmental projects, has had its challenges, but we are starting to see positive progress. Our Project Manager, Jim Schuchmann, has done an excellent job and has worked very hard to save every dollar we can. Jim and his helpers have done the demolition inside the building and cleared some of the land where we will be building the ball fields. We also want to thank Larry Janish and his team for the help they have provided on this project.

The last project update for this issue is the potential sale of the City water and sewer systems. We are continuing to negotiate with a potential buyer, but we are also looking at all options. The Board and I want to do what is best for our City and our citizens, so we are keeping an open mind.

I hope you and your family have a terrific fall season and a glorious holiday season! Don't forget to take some time to be thankful! Take the extra time to say "thank you" to those around you. Especially extend a thank you to our police officers, firefighters, medics, veterans, and our city staff. From my experiences, they all deserve thanks and acknowledgement for a job well done!

## Your City Officials

Mayor Dan Rowden  
Ward One Alderman John O'Connor  
Ward One Alderman Kerry Lambright  
Ward Two Alderman Thomas Dixon  
Ward Two Alderman Nathan Rohr

City Clerk/Treasurer Karen Girondo  
Public Works Superintendent Larry Janish  
Police Chief Matthew Eskew  
Parks Director Curt Kehoe  
Project Manager James Schuchmann

Planning and Zoning Commissioners -  
Tony Girondo, Joseph Iannicola, Kerry Lambright, Dan Rowden, Scott Schroeder, Thomas Uhl

Park Board Members:  
Patsy Jones, John Lacaille, Mary Long,  
Ken Swaringen (vacancy on Board from  
each Ward)

## City Meetings

### Board of Aldermen

Second and fourth Thursday  
of each month  
6:30 p.m. at City Hall

### Planning and Zoning Commission

Third Monday of each month  
6 p.m. at City Hall

### Monthly Board and Commission Workshop

First Monday of each month  
6 p.m. at City Hall

### Park Board

Second Monday of each month  
6 p.m. at Wil Heiliger Activity Building,  
Diekroeger Park

### Municipal Court

Second and fourth Wednesday  
of each month  
6 p.m. at Wil Heiliger Activity Building,  
Diekroeger Park

*All meetings and Court sessions are  
open to the public.*

### City Hall Business Hours

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Open until 6 p.m. second and fourth  
Thursday each month

### Telephone Numbers

City Hall	636-745-3101
Police	636-745-3541 (non-emergency)
Parks	636-745-2804
Court Clerk	636-745-1025

# ☆☆☆ CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES ☆☆☆

Join your family, friends and neighbors and welcome the Christmas season at the annual holiday parade December 7. The fun begins at 6 p.m. when Santa and Mrs. Claus, floats, walking units, the school band and decorated vehicles will depart Ruge Park. The parade ends at Diekroeger Park where Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet youngsters and distribute gifts to each child. Photos with the Clauses can also be taken. Inside the Heiliger Building, guests can sample cookies and warm up with hot chocolate.

Saturday morning, December 9, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be back at the Heiliger Building for breakfast with local children. While Mrs. Claus helps serve pancakes and fruit, Santa will be available to talk to children and listen to their Christmas wish list. His Elves will be reading Christmas stories. The Parents as Teachers group will have a take and make craft for all children, and at another table, youngsters can write letters to Santa.

Also that morning, runners and walkers should come dressed in their ugliest sweater for a 5K walk/run through Wright City. Prizes will be awarded for the ugliest and most original sweater. The 5K starts at 9 a.m.

## Annual Municipal Election April 3 -----

The annual Municipal Election is Tuesday, April 3, 2018, and there are four city offices on the ballot this year. They are: Mayor, two Aldermanic seats from Ward One and Ward Two Alderman. The Aldermanic seats up for election are now held by Kerry Lambright, John O'Connor and Thomas Dixon. The first day candidates may file for office is Tuesday, December 12. Filing closes at 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Persons must file their candidacy for office at the City Hall. Both the mayor and two of the aldermanic seats are two-year terms. The second Ward One seat is a one-year term to fill the unexpired term created when Dan Rowden was appointed Mayor. Ward One is located north of Interstate 70, and Ward Two is south of I-70.

### Remember to get your pet tags

The City requires all dog and cat owners obtain a license for their pet annually. The pet licenses are due January 1 of each year. The cost is \$2.00 for spayed female dogs and cats and for neutered male dogs and cats. The fee is \$4.00 for all others. Pet owners are required to show proof of a current rabies inoculation. Pet tags can be obtained at City Hall during regular business hours. The metal tags should be attached to your pet's collar. Individuals are also reminded City ordinances prohibit anyone from keeping more than three dogs and/or cats over the age of four months on their property. Persons who fail to abide by the City's licensing requirements or the limitations on the number of pets are in violation of Wright City ordinances and may be issued a citation and fined.

### A friendly reminder regarding snow removal

When snow or freezing rain is in the forecast, please remember to keep parked vehicles off city streets. This will allow city workers to efficiently remove snow from the streets and spread salt. Crews do not plow private roads or driveways.

## Events in Our City

### Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 31, 6 - 8 p.m.  
Diekroeger Park

### Christmas Parade

Thursday, December 7, 6 p.m.  
From Ruge Park to Diekroeger Park

### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 9, 9 - 11 a.m.  
Heiliger Building at Diekroeger Park

### 5K Ugly Sweater Walk/Run

Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m.  
Registration begins at 8 a.m.  
Diekroeger Park

### Baseball/Softball Sign-Ups

Saturday, January 13, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 23, 6 - 8 p.m.  
Heiliger Building at Diekroeger Park

### Teddy Bear Tea Party

Saturday, February 10, 10 a.m. - noon  
Heiliger Building, Diekroeger Park  
(Must register by February 2)

### Hunter Safety Class

Saturday, February 17, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Heiliger Building at Diekroeger Park

### Bowhunter Safety Class

Saturday, February 24, 8 a.m. - 12 noon  
Heiliger Building at Diekroeger Park

### Hunter Education Class

Saturday, March 10, 8 a.m. - 12 noon  
Heiliger Building at Diekroeger Park

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24, 1:30 p.m.  
Diekroeger Park

### Municipal Election

Tuesday, April 3

## Holidays Observed at City Hall

City Hall will be closed these holidays:

*Columbus Day, October 9*  
*Veteran's Day, November 10*  
*Thanksgiving, November 23, 24*  
*Christmas, December 22, 25*  
*New Year's Day, January 1*  
*Martin Luther King Day, January 15*  
*President's Day, February 19*