

Kirtland celebrated the start of summer with a fun-filled June!

- The Kirtland Kiwanis Strawberry Festival provided a weekend packed with luscious strawberry shortcakes and all the traditional joys of a festival – rides, games, a parade and live entertainment.
- The Junior Olympics gave the youth of our community a chance to show off their athletic talents.
- Officer Beall's Safety Town hosted 52 pre-kindergarten children offering valuable lessons in safety. Both the Junior Olympics and Safety Town boasted the greatest number of participants either event has ever seen!

### **KIRTLAND POLICE OFFICER and EMPLOYEE of the YEAR**

The Kirtland Police Department proudly recognizes Officer Alan Faraguna, as the 2008 Officer of the Year, and Amy Buchanan, as the 2008 Employee of the Year.

Officer Faraguna was honored for his dedication, reliability and exceptional aptitude. He serves an integral role within the department, despite his part time status. His ability to provide language translation services has proven invaluable to Kirtland and other area police departments. His talents have allowed us to reciprocate the professional assistance that other departments have provided for us. Congratulations to Officer Faraguna on receiving this recognition for his honorable service!

Ms. Amy Buchanan was honored for her loyalty, perseverance and adaptability. Ms. Buchanan has demonstrated a willingness to serve in a variety of essential roles. Her innovative approach to maintaining department records led to the highest rating the department has ever received during a LEADS audit. She takes an active interest in keeping up-to-date on changes in records retention laws. Her expertise on computer networking and troubleshooting is critical to keeping the department running efficiently. Congratulations to Ms. Buchanan on being recognized for her important contributions to the police department!

### **CONGRATULATIONS ON RETIREMENT!**

Ms. Phyllis Bright, a police dispatcher for Kirtland, retired on June 1, 2009, after 29 years of service. Ms. Bright was a dedicated member of the department. We will miss having her as a valued member of our family. Her warm and caring nature was reflected in everything she did from helping residents to remembering the afternoon shift with delicious homemade meals. We send all our best wishes for many happy and healthy years of enjoyment in retirement!

### **CLEVELAND MAGAZINE RANKING**

Every year Cleveland Magazine invites the cities throughout Northeast Ohio to submit information for their special edition of "Ranking the Suburbs". Kirtland is proud to announce that out of the 76 communities that responded, we ranked 7<sup>th</sup> for safety! Our very own Barbara Walden, Site Director for the Kirtland Temple, was featured in a spotlight article within this special edition of the magazine. Also noted in the article were Kirtland City Tavern, for their burgers, and RJ's, for their chocolate chip cheesecake.

### **LET'S GO TO CITY HALL!**

On Friday, June 5, the third grade students from Kirtland Elementary School visited Kirtland City Hall for Government Day. The Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works Administrator, and the Recreation/Senior Coordinator addressed the students on how each city department operates. The students toured City Hall and were able to experience a fire truck, ambulance and police cruiser first hand. The caliber of the questions asked demonstrated that they were well prepared for their visit and genuinely interested in learning more. Their teachers, Mrs. Grandini, Mrs. Moran, Miss Poling and Mrs. Swick have every reason to be proud of their students! Keep up the good work!

I hope you and your family enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and all the sunny days of summer!