



Citylines



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PARADE & CEREMONIES
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017 - 10 am
 The 2017 **Grand Marshal** is **Pete Wiedemann**. Parade begins at Bluegrass & Electric and proceeds to Blatt, Evergreen, Walnut, Evergreen, and to the Veterans' Memorial Park. Southgate School band will play music and the classic cars with the Country Cruisers will be in the parade. As the remembrance ceremonies conclude, all are invited to the VFW Hall for refreshments..

Mayor's Greeting...



Mayor's greeting

I hope this article finds you and your family well and looking forward to the upcoming summer months. We are thankful for such a bountiful spring bringing the beauty and fragrances of this time of year.

This May it will be forty years since the Beverly Hills tragedy. A Memorial is set for Sunday, May 28 between 6 and 9 pm in the parking lot of the Medical Center just below the tragic site. You are welcome to attend this event conducted by former workers and families who lost family loved ones that evening.

Southgate Boy Scout Troop 751 is active and doing great work. Many of these scouts are working to achieve Eagle Scout status, the highest achievement in Scouting. The Troop 751 Eagle Scout projects have greatly benefited our community. Encourage your children to join Scouting programs. They meet at the Southgate Community Center Tuesdays at 7pm from September through June. Check out the bulletin board at the Community Center for more information. Hats off to the scouts, Eagle Scouts, scoutmasters and parents for their community service. Encourage your kids to dream. Show and teach them ways to accomplish those dreams.

Southgate resident Chris Sapp received the highest honor with the "District Award of Merit" at the Trailblazer District Awards Dinner. This award is presented to Scouters who render
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Southgate Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief John Beatch

SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

Summer is here and the highlight of summer in Southgate is the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department Block Party. This year the Block Party will be on **Saturday, July 15**, from 5:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. in front of the Firehouse. We will have our usual assortment of food and drinks along with our Big Six Wheel, Kid's Games and our famous Turtle Races. The turnout the last several years has been fantastic and once again

we are hoping to see all of our friends and neighbors at the Block Party. It really is more of a party than a festival with less emphasis placed on making money and more emphasis placed on making friends.

We at the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department rely heavily on the support and generosity of our citizens to help us do a very dangerous job in a very professional manner. Your support in the past has allowed us to purchase much needed equipment that our budget with the City of Southgate does not provide. We are once again asking for your support of the Block Party and we are especially hoping to see you and your family on July 15.



SAVE THE DATE! – Optimist Club
Night at the Races & Casino Night
 Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 • Community Center • 6pm-11pm

Park and Tree Board News



Family members of the late Chuck Melville

The Southgate Park and Tree Board has been very busy this year. The Board assisted in writing a grant to obtain state funds to upgrade and repair the trail around the lake at the Community Center. It is hoped that funds will be approved later this summer. The Board developed a plan for parks, recreation and the urban forest and presented it to City Council in March and hopes to add another outdoor fitness station at the Community Center trailhead. The Board raised funds for the station through their volunteer work with Bingo in 2016. Green Thumb awards for outstanding landscaping will be awarded to deserving residents during May through October. Please submit nominations for residents who are doing an outstanding job with their landscape, to Brandi Barton, City Clerk, at bbarton@southgateky.org.

Arbor Day was celebrated on April 21, 2017, at the Southgate Community Center. This outstanding outreach program featured the theme, Trees Work for our Families and Wildlife Friends. This year's event was dedicated to former Mayor Melville. Family members of the late Chuck Melville were presented with a plaque and a magnolia tree was planted as a memorial. Children from Southgate Public and St Therese were in attendance as well as teachers, administrators, and general public. Winners of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade poster contests were recognized.

Luke Saunier, KY Division of Forestry, provided an interactive and engaging address, Trees are Alive, to celebrate Arbor Day. More detail can be found at the Park & Tree Board webpage at www.southgateky.org. Two hundred sugar maple tree seedlings were bagged and distributed with the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 751, Scoutmasters Chris Sapp & Ken Schutte, youth from St. Therese Elementary, parents plus Park and Tree Board members. Their work is much appreciated. The 10th annual Arbor Day Celebration was a great success due to the participation and assistance of local school personnel, City Council and staff, the KY Division of Forestry, teachers & parents. Look for the Southgate Arbor Day Program on the local cable channel later this month.

News from the Public Works Department

Arvil Bowman, Foreman

Please remember when you cut grass to not throw it or deposit it into the street. It can collect at the bottom of the storm catch basins of the streets. Backups due to clogged catch basins can become a large expense to the City. An ordinance prohibits throwing grass and debris into the streets and sidewalks. Please see Ordinance 15-05 on the City's website.

Message from the Chief of Police



John M. Christmann
Chief of Police

As the summer begins, I want to give you a few tips for keeping your family safe:

- If you see a potential problem or need the police, don't hesitate to call us at 859-292-3622 -this is the number to police dispatch. The dispatcher can send an officer to you or have them call you directly 24 hours a day. -For administrative help, you can call our office at 441-7473 during normal business hours.

- Please remember to lock your vehicles and homes, and don't forget about open windows and especially garage doors. These are easy ways for thieves to enter your home. With the nicer weather upon us, kids will be more likely to be out and about so watch your speed and watch out for kids on bicycles.

- The Department is currently utilizing "NIXLE" to notify residents in case of an emergency or simply a community advisory or notice. You choose what you want to be alerted to. Sign up on City website www.southgateky.org. It is free and easy to use.

- Remember, there is a prescription drug drop off box in the lobby of the city building on Electric Avenue. If you have unwanted pills or medicine you can safely dispose of them here. This keeps them out of the hands of unintended individuals and helps prevent drug abuse.

- Don't forget to call the police department to let us know that you will be on vacation. We will fill out a form and give you home extra patrol while you are away!

Have a great summer!

News from Southgate Independent School

From the desk of Superintendent Greg Duty

“Excellence, Character, and Growth”

The vision statement in the Southgate Independent School District states “Pursuing Academic Excellence and Developing Strong Character for Every Student...Every Day.” It has been a great year in our school district due to the dedication of our staff, students, families, and the entire community. Our students continue to rise to the occasion and work hard at being the best version of themselves each and every day. Our district has really put a strong emphasis on literacy this year through our classroom expectations and the Reading Counts program. Our students continue to gain a love for reading that will surely allow them to be successful in their future endeavors. We are also very excited to announce that we will be having our very first “Big Bag of Books” event in our district. This opportunity has been made possible through a generous donation of 1300 free books from Adopt a Book, Inc. In an effort to continue to share a love for reading, all students in grades K-8 will be filling their bags full of free books that they get to keep forever.

Our students have not only developed a love for literacy this year but have a continued passion for music and art. Our annual Fine Arts Festival was another great success as students displayed art work, performed songs, and participated in respective cultural dances. We take great pride in the diversity that exist in our school district, and the Fine Arts Festival was just another example of our staff and students working together to celebrate our district’s diversity. We would like to thank all of the staff, students, parents, families, friends, and volunteers who made this special event possible in our district.

We encourage everyone to come see what we are all about in the Southgate Independent School District. We offer a very unique educational experience where every student matters each and every day. We have a great vision for the future and know that we can accomplish anything through working together as a team. We want you to be a part of our team so please consider visiting us or contacting the school about what you can do to make a difference in the life of a child. Hope everyone has a safe summer. Go Lions!

Mayor’s Greeting...

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outstanding service at the District level. Chris’s commitment to Troop 751 and Scouting spans over 20 years. He proudly serves as Unit Commissioner for Troop 751.

Joyce and I, along with our family, look forward to seeing you and your family in our community. Please be extra careful traveling our streets during this time while the kids are off for the summer.

Jim Hamberg, Mayor



Movies start at 7:00 pm inside the Community Center, Popcorn for 25 cents and drinks for 50 cents will be sold. Bring the kids & blankets and have a great time! Movies are for all ages, 1 to 101. Here are the movies that will be shown:

5/5/17	Finding Dory
6/2/17	Inside Out
7/7/17	TBA
8/4/17	TBA
9/8/17	TBA
10/27/17	TBA

Arbor Day 2017



Arbor Day skit with students



Winners of the Arbor Day poster contest

L to R: St. Therese School: 2nd Place – Charlie Ford, 4th Gr., 1st Place – Jordan Lillard, 5th Gr., 3rd Place – Julia Meyers, 5th Gr. – Southgate School: 3rd Place – Vania Grayson Vargis, 4th Gr., 2nd Place – Brielle Ormes, 4th Gr., 1st Place – Jackson Fornash, 5th Gr.

Other poster contest winners (not pictured):

3rd Graders – Southgate Elementary (Tammy McAtee, teacher); Kayden Carnes 1st place, Ava Thomas 2nd, Andrew Lucas 3rd;

3rd Graders – St Therese School (Angie Wolfe, teacher); Cicily Straener 1st place; Morgan Lewis 2nd; Bailee Brooks 3rd.

Animal Control News

by Terri Baker, N KY Animal Control Officer

We began to Trap feral cats, Neuter them and Return them in October 2016.

I picked up and released more than 50 cats the first month. I will help you trap the cats; I will transport them to a participating clinic or transport and return the cat. Your returned cat will be spayed/neutered, receive a rabies vaccine and ear tip. All this is FREE!

The ear tip tells anyone that sees the cat that it is part of a colony and it is altered. We have already reduced euthanasia in the shelter. It is funds from a grant to motivate our shelter to increase live release rates. I can tell you it is working in just the first month.

I work for 9 cities in the county and so far I have TNR'ed in Dayton, Bellevue, Melbourne, Silver Grove, Southgate, Highland Heights, Cold Spring and Ft. Thomas over 200 cats.

If you already feed strays give me a call and I will get you on the list for a trap. 859-292-3622

If we had no more homeless kittens or cats in Campbell County that would be a blessing! Animal control and the shelters do not want animals to be euthanized. We want them cared for. You are part of the solution!

Calendar of Events

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM AT THE CITY BLDG

May 20	Optimist Club Fishing Derby 8:00 registration
May 29	Memorial Day – Office closed Parade at 10 am
June 2	Movie Night – Inside Out 7 pm
July 4	July 4th – Office closed
July 7	Movie Night 7 pm
July 15	Fire Dept Block Party 5:30 pm
Aug. 4	Movie Night 7 pm
Sept. 4	Labor Day – Office closed
Sept. 8	Movie Night 7 pm
Sept. 9	City Wide Yard Sale 9-4
Oct. 8	Cruise In Car Show 4-7 pm
Oct. 27	Movie Night 7 pm



The 4th Annual Cruise In will be on Sunday, Oct. 8 from 4-7pm. The classic cars will be lined up on Electric Ave. The Country Cruisers will provide music and prizes. Additional prizes will be raffled which were donated from local businesses. Food and drinks will be available at the Southgate Firehouse along with Kona Ice. Parking is available at St. Therese parking lot. Bring the family and come enjoy a fun afternoon.

Traffic Alert

Grandview Ave. in Newport will be Closed from Bartlett Field to Kentucky Dr. For up to the next 6 months due to installation of bollards

Southgate Super Seniors



The Southgate Super Seniors were founded in March of 1981. Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Southgate Community Center, 301 West Walnut Street. Doors open at 11:30 am. Cake, coffee and soft drinks. Meeting at 1:00 pm followed by bingo. We play cards, bingo, go on trips and enjoy our friendships. Please join us.

Southgate Community Center & Picnic Shelter Rentals

Call Donna Kidney, Community Center Coordinator for availability & cost
Phone: 859-781-8878
Email: center@southgateky.org

Drug disposal

You can dispose of unwanted prescription medication in the drop box located in the lobby of the City Building.

City Administration:

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