



Citylines



Annual Christmas tree lighting



The annual lighting of the Christmas tree will take place on **Saturday, November 25th**, at 6 p.m. Come join us for a few Christmas carols to put you in the holiday spirit and see Santa. Afterwards, hot cocoa and cookies will be served at John R Little VFW. Everyone is welcome!

Fire Department News

Fire Chief John Beatsch

The Kentucky Firefighters Association is an organization that represents 400 fire departments from all over the state. Each year the KFA holds a convention to discuss current issues, set legislative agendas and elect officers of the organization. Southgate Fire Chief John Beatsch is currently the Second Vice President of the KFA. He will become the President of the association in 2019/2020. In August 2020 the annual convention of the KFA will be held in Northern Kentucky with the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department serving as the host department.

On Saturday November 25 the Southgate Fire Department will hold a \$10,000 Reverse Raffle at St. Joes in Cold Spring. Tickets for this event are \$100. Each ticket admits two people and includes dinner for two, soft drinks, beer, wine and a limited supply of mixers. Tickets will be drawn throughout the evening eliminating ticket holders until a winner is found and the \$10,000 jackpot is awarded. Consolation prizes will also be awarded throughout the evening. There will be a maximum of 400 tickets sold so your chances of winning \$10,000 are 1 in 400 or better. There will be other fun games and events taking place during the Reverse Raffle.

For more information or if you are interested in attending this fun event and supporting the Northern Kentucky 2020 Convention Fund contact Diane Campbell at 859-322-4479.

Mayor's Greeting...



Good morning, good afternoon or good evening:
Happy Thanksgiving!
I hope this article finds you and your family in good health and spirits. Thanks

to all who decorated their homes for the Halloween season. Thanks in advance to all who are decorating their homes for the Christmas Season. Joyce and I send our hope and faith to you that you will find happiness in the love of this Christmas Season and fill the hearts of your family and those around you with the same. So from our family to yours, we hope you have a happy and safe Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year in 2018. My best to you and yours always - Jim

Change your clock,



CHANGE your batteries

Saturday November 4 Daylight Savings Time ended. We call this day "Change Your Clock Change Your Battery" Day. You are reminded that at least once a year you should change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Members of the fire department went door to door throughout the city to encourage everyone to follow this life saving tip. Please feel free to call the Southgate Fire Department 859-441-1422 and ask for assistance. We have a limited number of smoke detectors available for those who need one and are unable to purchase it.

City of Southgate Taxes Due Nov. 30th

Payments must be postmarked or dropped in night slot at City building (122 Electric) by Nov. 30. Office hours are 8:00-4:00 if paying in person. Bills are available on the city website @www.southgateky.org

News from the Public Works Department

Arvil Bowman, Foreman

Pet Waste stations

Pet Waste stations have been installed in the parks. The City of Southgate has an ordinance requiring pets to be on a leash and owners clean up animal feces and dispose of in a sanitary manner. The penalty can be a civil fine of not less than \$50 but not more than \$100 per day per violation.

Snow Emergency

Please keep in mind that there is no parking on designated streets when snow exceeds three (3) inches or during a declared snow emergency. Any vehicle parked on the pavement or right-of-way of any designated street at the time of the snow emergency should be removed within three (3) hours of a snow emergency if declared between 6 am and 8 pm. If an emergency is declared between 8 pm and 6 am, then the vehicle shall be removed prior to 9 am that morning. The City will broadcast snow

emergencies on local TV and radio stations. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense if not moved when a snow emergency has been declared. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Message from the Chief of Police

John M. Christmann Chief of Police



-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. In an emergency always call 911.

-I want to reiterate that "If you need the police, call the police". Remember, we are here to protect and serve YOU. So please call when you need us.

-For administrative help, you can call our office at 441-7473 during normal business hours.

- Remember while Christmas shopping, to lock your car doors and place any

News from the Optimist Club

The Southgate Optimist Club would like to thank the area business sponsors and attendees of our Casino Night and Night at the Races. All of those who attended had a great time and the club was able to raise funds to help us continue the many programs we sponsor.



The Optimist held a **Pumpkin Patch** on Saturday, October 14th at our playground located next to Southgate School. Children had the chance to stroll the field and pick the pumpkin of their choice. Compliments of the Optimist Club.

Youth Appreciation Night – December 6, 2017

Coming events for 2018:

Tri-Star basketball – January 11, 2018 at the St Therese Gym. The district level competition which will be held locally this year on February 17th at Newport High School Gym.

Oratorical Contest – March 22

Easter Egg Hunt – April 1 - 2pm

James P Callahan Memorial College Scholarship – Deadline TBD

Edward "Sonny" Schumann High School Scholarship – Deadline TBD

Fishing Derby – May 19

Join the Optimist Club, get involved at a level that fits your comfort level. Come and see what we're about, we meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the John Little VFW at 6:30 pm. Please contact Gene Blanchet if you are interested in joining or would like additional information.

lgeneblanchet@gmail.com. Please visit our website: southgateoptimist.org

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presents or valuables out of sight in your trunk.

-Winter driving will be upon us soon. Slow down and be sure to pay attention to the roadway conditions. Remember to yield to snow plows and when the city declares a snow emergency, please do not park on streets where the city designates no-parking during a snow emergency. This helps the snow plow drivers and prevents your vehicle from being towed.

Curbside Leaf Pickup will continue thru December 15th

Weather Permitting Rake leaves to edge of curb (not into the street).

Park and Tree Board News

Joyce Hamberg, Co-Chairperson

The Southgate Park and Tree Board continues to work with the City Maintenance Staff to prepare the flower beds for fall and to inventory needed improvements. A new sit-up station has been added to the outdoor fitness center located near the entrance to the trailhead at the Southgate Community Center.

Since the last issue of *Citylines*: Our activities have included: development of an overall plan for parks, recreation, and care of the urban forest, 2017-2020; applying for funds to upgrade the trail, and receiving a grant through the Campbell County Extension Service. This will help to replace trees along the trail. Trees had to be removed due to damage by beavers or the emerald ash borer. Implementation of the grant to replace some of the trees will begin in early November 2017.



On September 14, the Tree Board hosted a rock painting class for "Back the Blue" to show support for our police officers. This was a great success and was part of a region wide initiative sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Hidden Rocks organization. Currently the Tree Board is preparing the

renewal application to retain our status as a Tree City USA (13 years) and the Growth Award (12 years). These are due in December and are awarded through the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

The Park and Tree Board would like to remind residents who wish to plant street trees (trees planted between the street and the sidewalk), that there are guidelines established by ordinance governing the placement, size, and choice of tree. Residents must consult with the Park and Tree Board before planting street trees.

The Park and Tree Board meets on the second Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m., in the Mayor's Office at the City Building. Persons interested in becoming a member or who need information about services provided by the Park and Tree Board can call 859-441-0075.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Thursday, December 14, the Park and Tree Board will be selecting homes for the Holiday Decorating Contest. Residents should have their Christmas lights on this evening. Winners will be announced at the **Community Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17**, 2:00 p.m., at the Southgate Community Center. Awards will be given in the categories of Fantasy Land, Toy Land, Classic Christmas, and Multi-Family.

Coexisting with Coyote

Animal Control Teri Baker

It is important that we learn how to coexist with the wildlife in our area. If you trap and remove them, more will move into the neighborhood and the females will increase heat cycles, size of litters etc. Do you have deer in your neighborhood? Then you have coyote. The coyote helps us by cleaning up dead, sick or injured deer. They also eat rodents, squirrels etc. They will try to find easy prey. Do not feed them or provide food accidentally. Getting fed by humans takes a wild animals' natural fear away. They begin demanding and expecting food. This means dog or cat food left outside, grills that are not cleaned, garbage that is not kept secure and bird feeders. The seeds from bird feeders fall to the ground and small rodents come to eat.

Another item that will bring a coyote closer to your home is a dog in heat. Don't allow your dog, whether male or female to venture into the woods without a leash. When you keep your dog close to you, the coyote will view that as an extension of you. Keeping yards cleared of any wood piles, debris, old dog houses, and over growth will help keep them away.

If there are coyote coming too close, you can use air horns, paint ball guns, or bang on pots and pans to shoo them away. Try not to act afraid and retreat into the house. You don't ever want to make them feel like they claimed the property and ran you off. Wildlife has been here long before us, let's try to live together.

Duke Energy Smart Meters coming to Northern Kentucky

In September 2017, Duke Energy will start installing digital smart meters across our Northern Kentucky region. Here are details about what this may mean to you.

- Remote meter reading: After installation, we will no longer have to access inside a homeowner's property for our monthly meter reads.
- Faster moves: With smart meters, you may not have to wait for a Duke Energy representative to come to you to connect or disconnect your energy service – because requests can be performed remotely.
- Choose your due date: Expanded billing options will be available including the ability for you to pick your own due date.
- Energy info at your fingertips: You will have greater control of your energy use via online access to you daily usage data. You can also get enhanced alerts that notify you when your monthly energy usage may be higher than average.
- Quicker responses to power outages: Since smart meters are capable of two-way communication, we will know more about an outage when you notify us, and this speed up power restorations.

What to look for:

- Work is underway to change out the meters of customers who only receive natural gas service from Duke Energy. This will continue through Sept. 2018.
- Workers from Grid One Solutions will complete the meter installations on behalf of Duke Energy. These workers will have badges specifying that they're Duke Energy contractors. More info at Duke-Energy.com/smartmeter

Southgate School News...

Superintendent Greg Duty "Excellence, Character, Growth, & Pride"

If you happen to see our students or staff sporting our new red t-shirts for the 2017-2018 school year, you will notice four key words stated on the back of them. The four pillars that we continue to focus on in our district are Excellence, Character, Growth, & Pride. There is no doubt that the educational experience that we can offer our students is a unique one that is almost impossible to replicate. Our small class sizes and one to one technology opportunities make our district very special. We encourage everyone to take notice of our great school system as we are making legitimate strides as a TEAM.

Here are a few of the amazing things happening in the Southgate School District:

- We offered learning opportunities this summer including Me and My School for incoming kindergarten students and Scholastic Lit Camp for 2nd and 3rd graders.
- Our middle school students performed very well on the achievement portion of the K-PREP assessment last spring putting them in front of most NKY middle schools.
- Our staff attended Kagan Training as we continue to focus on student engagement.

- The district has received another Preschool Partnership Grant worth over \$110,000.
- Preschool families will get age-appropriate books through our "Book a Week" Program as we continue to focus on early childhood development.
- We completed a major building renovation in our preschool classrooms with new flooring/walls, fresh paint, new bathrooms, and student furniture.
- Our middle school band program continues to excel and will be performing at our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony.
- We are now offering important wrap-around services with a kindergarten enrichment program, after-school program, and full-day preschool option.
- All 2nd graders and 3rd graders are learning to play chess, and there's a chess club.
- 1 to 1 Reading Program continues with some students getting a reading mentor.
- Cross country team finished strong with an individual regional runner-up finish.
- The district hired a full-time counselor to help focus on student character development, mental health needs, data analysis, and continuous growth.

Our students and staff could use your help so please contact the main office at 441-0743 to see what you can do to make a difference in the lives of our children.

**Southgate Community Center
& Picnic Shelter Rentals**

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

John R. Little VFW Post
BINGO
Tuesday/Sunday 6 pm
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BIG SCREEN TV's
Football - Basketball
PUBLIC WELCOME

"Trash Talk"

Rumpke provided every resident with a waste can and a recycling can last summer. If you did not receive one or if you want to switch to a smaller size can, please call the Clerk's office at 441-0075. Here are a few friendly reminders:
Large item pickups:
1-2 items can be placed at curb for regular pickup. Mattresses and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic. If resident has more than 1-2 large items, please call Rumpke 24 hours in advance before a large pick-up at (877)-786-7537.

Items not accepted:
Federal law does not allow pick-up of batteries, tires, liquids (paint), hazardous items. No drywall, concrete, dirt, or rocks in bulk

Calendar of Events

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

- Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
- Nov. 24 – Office closed
- Nov. 25 – Christmas tree lighting 6:00 pm
- Nov. 30 – Tax bills are due & need to be in night slot or post marked
- Dec. 17 – Community Christmas Party – Southgate Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Dec. 22 & 25 – Christmas Holiday - Office closed
- Jan. 1 – Happy New Year – Office closed
- Feb. 19 – Presidents Day – Office closed
- Mar. 30 – Spring Holiday – Office closed



School Crossing Guard
At the corner of Willow & Alexandria Pk.
Mon-Fri from 7:15-8:15am & 2:15-3:15pm

City Administration:	
Mayor:	Jim Hamberg
Community Events & Ballfield:	Sue Payne
Finance:	Pat Hayley
Public Safety:	Dan Speier
Code Enforcement:	James Enzeweiler
Public Buildings, Parks & Recreation:	Chris Robisch
Public Works & Waste:	Joe Anderson
City Attorney:	Mary Ann Stewart
City Treasurer:	Terri Hudson
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Fire Chief:	John Beatsch 441-1422
Public Works:	Arvil Bowman 441-8009
City Clerk:	Brandi Barton 441-0075
Community Center:	Donna Kidney 781-8878