



Citylines



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Mayor's Greeting...



Good Morning, Good Afternoon or Good Evening:
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, though warm and wet yet yielding the beauty and fragrances of this time of year.

Congratulations to the Southgate Park & Tree Board for another successful Arbor Day celebration and to the students from both schools who won this year's poster contest. Thanks to our Park & Tree Board for their work throughout the year. We achieved Tree City USA status for the 13th year and the Growth Award for the 12th consecutive year.

You may have seen our new police cruisers. Soon we will have a total of three Ford Interceptors (Explorers) on the road as we begin to surplus a few of our older vehicles (more police news in Chief Christmann's article). Our Parking Citation Appeal Board and Code Enforcement Appeal Boards have been active and their work is appreciated. The Code Enforcement Board welcomed two new members in April: Gary Berning and Al Nachman at their last meeting.

Zach Schutte achieved Eagle Scout status in early April. Joyce and I were glad to attend this most important accomplishment at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

New signage along US 27 and Moock Road recognizes our hometown hero, Jim Bunning, U.S. Senator and Baseball Hall



PARADE & CEREMONIES

MONDAY, MAY 28 at 10 am

Loren Edward, Korean War Veteran is the Grand Marshall this year.

Parade begins at Bluegrass & Electric then proceeds to Blatt, Evergreen, Walnut, Maple, Center and to the Veterans' Memorial Park. Southgate School band will play music. Country Cruisers will have classic cars in the parade. As the remembrance ceremonies conclude, all are invited to the VFW Hall for refreshments.

of Famer. He never forgot his early days in Southgate.

Center Street is under total reconstruction including a full depth tear-out of the existing street including construction of new curbs. Center has not been repaved in over 50 years. Retreat Street is next plus the intersection of Electric, Evergreen and Temple.

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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.



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. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Movie Schedule:

5/18/18	Ferdinand
6/1/18	Ratatouille
7/6/18	Madagascar
8/3/18	Paw Patrol
9/7/18	Moana
10/5/18	Trolls

Cruise In 2018

The Annual Cruise In will be on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 4-7pm. The classic cars will be lined up on Electric Ave. The Country Cruisers will provide music and prizes.

Additional prizes donated by local business will also be raffled. 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. Admission is free.



Park and Tree Board News

1. A sit-up station was constructed in the outdoor fitness center in the Community Center Park- funded by monies raised from the Board's volunteer work at the VFW Bingo.

2. Received a grant from the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service to replace trees along the park trail which were destroyed by emerald ash borer or beavers.

3. Reviewed spring projects –The Green Thumb Award will continue to be awarded to residents who do outstanding work with their landscape (May-Oct). Send nominations to Park & Tree Board via City Clerk.

4. Hosted Arbor Day Celebration April 20, 2018, Southgate Community Center, the City's largest outreach program (theme: Trees Are Simply Amazing!).

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Blossom Lane from the County border to Valley View on the south side of the street will be re-done. The right of way border on that side of the street will be straightened. We will also be repaving the intersections of Evergreen and Walnut and Tracy and Blossom Lane. Hopefully, the construction including utility work will be completed by the end of July or the early part of August (dependent on the weather).

Budget preparation is in its final stages. Final draft will be submitted to Council for approval for the fiscal year 2018-2019 (July 1 – June 30)

Joyce and I, along with our family, look forward to seeing you and your family at the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th and the Block Party on Saturday, July 21st. Never hesitate to call me at 859-781-1658 if I can be of service or answer any questions for you. You can also contact the City Clerk at 859-441-0075. Please be extra careful traveling our streets during the summer months.

Jim

Jim Hamberg, Mayor

Third, Fourth & Fifth graders from Southgate School & St Therese participated and received ribbons or plaques. Winning posters (4th and 5th graders) on display at the Campbell County Public Library on Highland Avenue until May 15. The City dedicated 2018 Arbor Day to the late Senator Jim Bunning, and a Chinkapin Oak tree was planted in his memory. His wife, Mary and family and friends were present.

Luke Saunier, KY Division of Forestry provided an interactive talk on how trees communicate to survive. The Park & Tree Board was assisted by Boy Scout Troop 751, parents and other volunteers in the bagging of the 200 Wild Plum seedlings which were distributed at the event. Fourth Grade Teacher Bonnie Markus and her students prepared bird feeders and placed them along the park trail.

The Park and Tree Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Mayor's Office at the City Building



- residents always welcome to attend. Questions or inquiries to City Clerk at clerk@southgateky.org.



Arbor Day Poster Winners

St. Therese – 4th and 5th Grades, 1st Place Winner – Tori Eckert, 2nd Place Winner – Morgan Lewis, 3rd Place Winner – Charlie Ford

Southgate School – 4th and 5th Grades, 1st Place Winner – A'kirra Collins, 2nd Place Winner – CaMaiyah Derkson, 3rd Place Winner – Connor Healey

Animal Control News

by Terri Baker, N KY Animal Control Officer

Spring Tips

It is baby time. Soon you may see kittens, baby birds, deer etc. Wild babies, for the most part, do not need any intervention. However, kittens we want to know about. Let's talk about how to handle a baby situation and know if the baby needs help or not.

A baby bird that has fallen from the nest is very common. Most mamma birds will kick them out when it's time for them to go and they spend 2 days or so on the ground before they learn to take flight. The parents still come to feed the baby until it learns to fly. Baby birds are not professionals in the beginning. The 'wait and see' attitude is fine if the baby is not in danger. If you can reach the nest safely feel free to put it back. It and its siblings may be back on the ground a few minutes later, but you tried. If cats are prevalent in your area or if the baby is already injured, then a wildlife rehabber is your answer. We only have one bird rehab in our area at this time. Her name is Ginger Rood and her number is 859-384-4022.

Baby bunnies and baby deer are frequently found lying alone with "no mother in sight". That is the master plan for these animals considered "prey" animals. They are always in fear of being eaten. So they do not lay with their babies. They do not want to draw attention to them or make them have too

much of an odor. If you have to chase a bunny to "save it", then it does not need to be saved. It is on its own. If they have hair and their eyes are open, they are not in need of your care. Injured bunnies most of the time do better without us. Mother Nature heals her own animal, for the most part. There is only one antibiotic you can give a rabbit and they can stress and die just from being handled. You can help most by not helping.

Fawns need intervention when they are crying aka "bleating", the grass has died under where they are laying or they have maggots/flies all over. If you feel a baby needs rescue call Animal Control or a Wildlife rehabber. I created a Face book Group for anyone interested in becoming a rehabber or assisting wildlife by transporting them etc. it is called NKY Wildlife Rehab. We have a desperate need for bird and mammal rehabbers in our area.

We get calls for baby squirrels, raccoons, opossums etc. Remember unless you are a licensed rehabber or in the process of being one, you cannot raise these babies. Never feed a cold baby and never give milk products. If you absolutely have to give the baby something once it warms up, just until you can get it to rehab use pedialyte only. A baby bird could be fed dog food kibble soaked in water. Small pieces behind the tongue every 30 minutes.

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;

- please remember to lock your vehicles and homes.
- 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.

-We have a few new members of the police department. Stacey May has begun working as a police officer. He comes to us after a 20 year career with the Kentucky State Police. He recently retired from KSP as a Lieutenant. Please welcome him to Southgate when you see him.

-Our other newest member is only 1 year old. The city has recently acquired Ivan, a Belgian Malinois police canine. Once Ivan is fully trained he will be making visits to our schools. You will see him with his handler, Officer Garrett Haynes at city events as well.

-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 859-441-7473 during normal business hours.

- let us know when you will be on vacation. We will fill out a form and give your home extra patrol while you are away!

Annual Excellence in Education Dinner



Southgate School band performed at the Annual Excellence in Education Dinner on April 25, 2018 at the Holiday Inn – Airport. Congratulations!

Smart Meters in Northern Kentucky

We will no longer have to access a homeowner's property on a regular basis.
Faster service – No need to wait for a technician to connect or disconnect service.
Pick Your Due Date – Allows you to pick the day your bill is due.
Usage Alerts – With the new smart meter at your location and by providing us your email address, you'll experience enhanced alerts based on your daily electricity usage and have customization options with budget alerts and text message delivery.

Quicker responses to power outages – We will know more about an outage when you notify us due to the two-way communication system.

Our contractors from Grid One Solutions are completing the meter installations on behalf of Duke Energy. These workers have badges specifying that they're Duke Energy contractors. Also, their trucks carry signs that read "Contractor for Duke Energy."

City Wide Yard Sale

The Annual City Wide Yard Sale will be Sat. Sept. 8 from 8:00 – 4:00. No permit is needed to have a yard sale. This is a good time to hold your yard sale. A list of yard sale participants will be available at City Building the day before the sale. An ad will be posted in the paper. Everyone is invited to join! A registration form and non-perishable donations will be taken at the City

Building to join the sale. Forms available on City website and in the Clerk's office. Donations will be given to New Hope Methodist Church food pantry which helps an average of 1,200 families each year. Anyone who wishes to donate items after their yard sale can drop off at the City Building where St. Vincent De Paul truck will be parked.

Code Enforcement News

By: Code Officer John Lauber
 It's not uncommon for homes, accessory structures, and decks to be negatively affected by the cold and wet conditions of winter and spring. As temperatures warm up it's a good time to inspect the exterior of your home for damage / maintenance needed. Making repairs and performing maintenance work in a timely manner is important for the longevity of your home and helps ensure the community remains an exceptional place to live, work and play.
 The Code Enforcement Department works to address code violations or "public nuisances" that have a negative impact on neighborhoods and property values within the city. With an emphasis

on education and voluntary compliance, The City works with citizens, businesses, and other City Departments to ensure violations are resolved.
 Code Enforcement is a part-time position. My normal schedule is Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Violations can be reported by phone (859) 760-0926 or email to codeofficer@southgateky.org. Violations can also be reported to the City Clerk at (859) 441-0075. Violations can be anonymous. If the violation can't be seen from the right-of-way (such as rubbish or high grass in neighbor's rear yard), you will need to give permission to enter your property to witness the violation.

Reminder...

Please remember when you cut grass to not blow or sweep 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. A city ordinance prohibits throwing grass and debris into the streets and on sidewalks.

Calendar of Events

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

- May 19** Optimist Club Fishing Derby 8:00 a.m. registration
- May 28** Memorial Day – Office closed Parade at 10 am
- June 1** Movie Night –Comm. Ctr. 7 pm
- July 4** July 4th – Office closed
- July 6** Movie Night –Comm. Ctr. 7 pm
- July 21** Fire Dept Block Party 5:30 pm
- Aug. 3** Movie Night –Comm. Ctr. 7 pm
- Sept. 3** Labor Day – Office closed
- Sept. 7** Movie Night –Comm. Ctr. 7 pm
- Sept. 8** City Wide Yard Sale 9-4
- Oct. 5** Movie Night –Comm. Ctr. 7 pm
- Oct. 14** Cruise In Car Show 4-7 pm

Southgate Community Center & Picnic Shelter Rentals

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

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