



Citylines



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Good Morning, Good Afternoon or Good Evening:



The city has been blessed this year with completing many road projects that have been needed for quite some time. Center Street, Retreat Street, a section of Blossom Lane and the intersection of Temple, Electric and Evergreen were completed. Thanks to all those affected for your patience during construction. Reconstruction of more streets is to come over the next few years.

I am sure you've seen many changes at the dam behind the lake at the Community Center. At the request of our insurance company, we had to cut down the trees and are in the process of disposing of all the stumps behind the dam.

Two of our Councilmembers are leaving us at the end of December. Please be sure to thank Sue Payne for her many years of service as one of our Councilmembers. Sue took charge of organizing the Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Memorial Day Parade, Cruise-In Car Show and our Family Movie

Nights. Also thank Jim Enzweiler, who worked closely with John Lauber, our Code Enforcement Officer. Because of Jim's ideas, the City is setting aside funds to help residents with replacing their sidewalks. I have enjoyed working with both during their terms in office.

The City has two new Council Members. Gene Blanchet previously served on Council. It will be good to have Gene's experience on City Council. Also, please welcome LeAnna Homandberg on Council. LeAnna is an attorney with a firm in Northern Kentucky. The returning Council Members are: Joe Anderson, Pat Hayley, Chris Robisch and Dan Speier. We have a strong Council and I am proud to be working with such fine and talented individuals. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to return as your Mayor. As many of you know, I recently retired from my full-time job and I look forward to spending more time in the City.

Let's give each other a present this Holiday Season. That is to be civil to one another. Let's perform random acts of kindness like we used to do. When you have a question or even an issue with the

City, please contact the City Office at 859-441-0075 and ask your question. Kindly pick up the phone and call (each other) versus posting remarks and questions on Social Media.

From Joyce and our family we wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Jim

Christmas TREE LIGHTING



Annual Christmas tree lighting

The annual lighting of the Christmas tree will take place on **Saturday Nov. 24, at 6pm**. 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!



Snow Emergencies

Winter will be here before you know it. Here is a summary of the ordinance. No parking on designated streets when snow exceeds 3 inches or during a declared snow emergency. Any vehicle parked on pavement or right of way on any designated street during a snow emergency shall be removed from the street within 3 hours of the declared emergency between 6am and 8pm.

If emergency is declared between 8pm and 6am, then the vehicle shall be removed prior to 9am that morning. Vehicles may be removed at the owner's expense. Snow emergencies may be broadcasted on local TV and radio stations.

News from the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief John Beatsch

The Southgate Volunteer Fire Department is actively recruiting new members. Our department operates with mostly volunteer fire fighters. Our ambulance is manned by both part-time paid and volunteer personnel. Since January of this year, seven of our volunteers have been hired on to full time positions with various fire departments in the area. Since 2000 more than thirty individuals who began their career as Southgate Volunteers have been hired by paid fire departments throughout Kentucky. Our department has become a stepping stone to a career in the Fire and EMS Services.

The Southgate Volunteer Fire Department accepts applicants who are at least 18 years old, able to pass a pre-employment physical and do not have a convicted felony. For those who are interested in volunteering but are unable to handle the physical demands of firefighting, you can join as a support member or the ladies auxiliary. We also have a Junior Firefighter Program for youth from 15-18 years old. Junior Firefighters train and work side by side the regular firefighters (with some restrictions in the activities).

If you are interested in pursuing a career as a firefighter or if you are interested in serving your community in a heroic and rewarding way please call Chief John Beatsch (859-630-6899) or President Mark Messmer (859-816-3514). Applications are being accepted now.

The Southgate Volunteer Fire Department held an Oktoberfest on October 6. Although the crowd was small, those who were present seemed to enjoy the fun and companionship. Based on the positive comments that we received we hope to make this an annual affair. We hope to see you there next year.

CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP WILL CONTINUE THRU DECEMBER 15th WEATHER PERMITTING

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



Message from the Chief of Police John Christmann

If you see a potential problem or need the police, don't hesitate to call us at **859-292-3622** 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**. If you simply need to talk with someone for a non-emergency, call the police department direct line at **859-441-7473**.

-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.

-Our police department has attained Kentucky State Accreditation. This means

it is a professional police agency that has a set of high standards, policies and procedures which helps ensure that you received the best police service available.

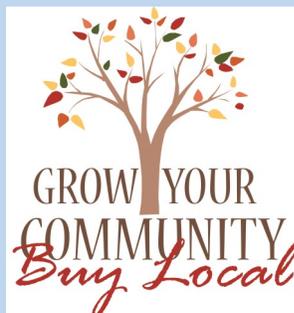


-The police department has a new police dog and Officer Haynes has a new partner, K-9 Cody. Cody is a 15 month old German Shepard. When fully trained, the duo will be certified in narcotics,

searching and tracking. We look forward to being able to show Cody off at City events and our local schools.

-Finally, this is a reminder to lock the doors of your vehicle and your homes. Please call the police if you see something suspicious in your neighborhood. Being a good neighbor is sometimes as simple as looking out for each other!

Happy Holidays!



New Businesses in Southgate

Several new businesses have moved to Southgate. Please welcome them and shop local!

Dew or Dye Salon	2 E. Walnut St.
Flower Bug	2704 Alexandria Pk
Furry & Fabulous Pet Grooming	2291 Alexandria Pk
Retail Therapy	2304 Alexandria Pk
Encore Hair Salon	330 Electric Ave.

Park and Tree Board News

Joyce Hamberg, Co-Chairperson

The Southgate Park and Tree Board continues to work with the Public Works Staff to prepare the flower beds for fall and to inventory needed improvements. We have planted 90 bulbs in the flower bed, known as, "Mr. Wagner's Garden" and are hopeful that in spring we can enjoy the colorful selections.

The Board has implemented the overall plan for parks, recreation, and care of the urban forest. Eight trees were replaced around the lake that were destroyed by beavers or the emerald ash borer. This was made possible through a grant from the Campbell County Extension Service.

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.

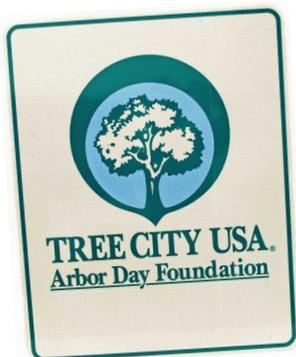
The Park and Tree Board meets on the second Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m., in the Mayor's Office at the City Building. Persons interested in becoming a member or who need information about services provided by the Park and Tree Board can call 859-441-0075.



Holiday

Decorating Contest

Thursday, December 13, 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 16, 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.



Currently the Tree Board is preparing the renewal application to retain our status as a Tree City USA (14 years) and the Growth Award (13

years). These are awarded through the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the Kentucky Division of Forestry. This is a major part of the work done by the Southgate Park and Tree Board and includes the Arbor Day education and seedlings programs.

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



315 Snowshoe Drive



111 Electric Avenue

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
Thank you!

Change Your Clock Change Your Battery:

Nov. 4 was the day when you changed your clocks from daylight savings time back to standard time.

We at the Southgate

Volunteer Fire Department want to remind you that this was the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. A working smoke detector saves lives. Unfortunately, it is easy to ignore that detector hanging on the wall or ceiling. Don't wait until the detector starts chirping in the middle of the night and you have to get up and change the battery so you can go back to sleep. Don't count on that chirping detector to tell you that it is time to replace the battery. That may be too late. If you need help in changing the batteries in your detector, need assistance in replacing an old detector, or hanging a new one, feel free to call the Southgate fire station at 859-441-1422. One of our firefighters will be glad to help you. We also have a limited number of detectors for anyone who needs a detector, but is unable to afford one.



Southgate Community Center help wanted

Part-time laborers & monitors needed
To work events
Contact Donna Kidney, Coordinator
Phone: 859-781-8878
Email: center@southgateky.org

Calendar of Events

City Council meetings — 1st & 3rd Wednesdays — 6:30 pm at the City Bldg.

Nov. 12 – Nov. 16	Fall Clean Up event
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
Nov. 23	Office closed
Nov. 24	Christmas tree lighting 6:00 pm
Nov. 30	Tax bills are due
Dec. 16	Community Christmas Party –Southgate Volunteer Fire Dept.
Dec. 24 & 25	Christmas Holiday - Office closed
Jan. 1	Happy New Year – Office closed
Feb. 18	Presidents Day – Office closed
Apr. 19	Spring Holiday – Office closed



Christmas tree recycling

Dec. 26 to Jan. 4

Public Works Department
will pick up trees from curb

School Crossing Guard



At corner of Willow &
Alexandria Pike
Mon.-Fri. from
7:00-8:00am
and 2:15-3:15pm

Southgate Community Center & Picnic Shelter Rentals

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

City Administration

Mayor:	Jim Hamberg
Community Events:	LeAnna Homandberg
Finance:	Pat Hayley
Public Safety:	Dan Speier
Code Enforcement:	Gene Blanchet
Public Buildings, Parks & Recreation:	Chris Robisch
Public Works & Waste:	Joe Anderson
City Attorney:	Mary Ann Stewart
City Treasurer:	Terri Hudson
Police Chief:	John Christmann 441-7473
Fire Chief:	John Beatsch 441-1422
Public Works:	Arvil Bowman 441-8009
City Clerk:	Brandi Barton 441-0075
Community Center:	Donna Kidney 781-8878



SOUTHGATE FALL CLEANUP

A dumpster will be located at the
City garage—260 W. Walnut St.
Residents may dispose of
household items

No tires, paint, or hazardous waste
Nov. 12 – Nov. 16