News for the Citizens of Southgate

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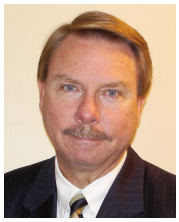
A Note from the Mayor...



Good Morning, Good Evening or Good Afternoon:
I hope this article finds you and yours well and looking forward to the Holiday Season. The rain in early Spring played havoc on many city owned properties. Public Works garage, City Building, and Community Center trails were damaged. Here are the projects that staff and Council are working on since our last Newsletter:

- Ongoing conversations with the owners of Beverly Hills site.
- US27 Repaving is now complete. This was a 10 year project working with Representative Sal Santoro, Senator Wil Schroder, the Kentucky Department of Transportation
- We will plant salt resistant plantings in the medians in Spring of 2020
- North Street – Placed bollards to hold the cul-de-sac at end of the street
- Received a FEMA Grant to recover 87% of the cost of this project for $108,641.25
- Repaving of North Street will be completed in this section sometime in November.
- Applied for a Recreational Trails Grant to repair and repave the right side of the trail surrounding the lake and over the dam - $249,560. If this grant is not awarded, there is a FEMA Grant available to help with the cost.
- Received proceeds from FEMA to help repair part of the upper trail towards Aspen - $84,350.85.
- Working with TANK and KDOT to move the southbound bus stop on US27 at the Medical Center to be across from the northbound bus stop.
- Working with KDOT and SD1 to repair the open storm sewers on US27.
- Plans set to rebuild and repave Fort Beech from the Newport border through the intersection of Winterview and the south side of Shaler in early Spring.
- Working on moving the two poles between the Car Wash and the ramp to St. Therese which are in the middle of the sidewalk.
- Ongoing US27 Corridor Study, working in conjunction with Fort Thomas, Newport, Highland Heights and NKU. Studying the possibility of placement of utilities and non-gasoline powered transportation.
- City Administration, Public Works and Police Department have been extremely busy .

Joyce and I and our family wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2020!
Feel free to contact me at the City Building if I may answer any questions or be of service to you.

My Best to you always,
Jim

Christmas TREE LIGHTING

The annual lighting of the Christmas tree will take place on Saturday Nov. 30, at 6:00 pm at the Memorial Park. Come join us for a few Christmas carols to put you in the holiday spirit. Afterwards, hot cocoa and cookies will be served at John R Little VFW. Come see Santa. Everyone is welcome!

Snow Emergencies

Winter will be here before you know it. Here is a reminder: 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

Standing behind the Governor from left to right are Representative Rob Rothenburger, Kentucky Firefighters Association Vice President Rick Bobo, Representative Mark Hart, Kentucky Professional Firefighters President Joe Baer, Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs President Gregg Bayer and Kentucky Firefighters Association President John Beatsch.

On October 21 Governor Matt Bevin signed an Executive Order abolishing the Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education and establishing the new Kentucky Fire Commission. The Kentucky Fire Commission oversees the funding, training and sets the standards for the fire service in Kentucky. The Kentucky Firefighters Association with help from the two other associations lobbied the Governor to make this change to provide representation on the commission that was more diversified and better equipped to represent the interests of all of the fire fighters in the commonwealth.

The Southgate Volunteer Fire Department held our second Oktoberfest on Saturday October 12. Unfortunately, that night happened to be the only cold night in a stretch of about ten beautiful evenings and the attendance at the Oktoberfest was sparse. However, everyone that attended seemed to have a good time enjoying the live music and delicious food and drinks. If you attended the Oktoberfest or supported it in any, the firefighters of Southgate thank you.

As you may already know, in August of 2020 the Southgate Fire Department and the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association will host the 100th Convention of the Kentucky Firefighters Association. This is a major undertaking for a small volunteer department like Southgate. With help from members of our neighboring departments in Northern Kentucky the 2020 Convention Committee has been fundraising for this convention for the past three and a half years. Our final major fundraiser for the Convention will be a $10,000 Reverse Raffle held on November 30 at St. Joe's Hall in Cold Spring. By purchasing a ticket for $100 you and your guest receive admission to the event, dinner including your choice of Prime Rib or Chicken, unlimited drinks and one chance at winning $10,000. If you have never attended an event like this, I can assure you that you will have a good time. To purchase a ticket or for more information, you can call Diane Campbell at (859-322-4479) or John Beatsch at (859-630-6899).

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.

-The parking lot of the Community Center/Police Department (301 W. Walnut) is a "Safe Trade Spot" for meeting with others when conducting on-line sales. Meet in the lot for Offer Up, Craigslist and other sales to make the exchange.

-Please sign up for our Nixle program that helps alert residents of emergencies or other incidents that may affect you or your loved ones. Go to Nixle.com for more information. You can also sign up for alerts from other Campbell County agencies. There is no cost for residents to sign up. You receive notifications for Alerts, Advisories and Community events and can control which alerts you receive.

-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!

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 Mon. – Fri. Office will be open on Fri. Nov. 29th. Bills are available on the city website at www.southgateky.org

Southgate Community Center & Picnic Shelter Rentals

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

Park and Tree Board News

Joyce Hamberg, Co-Chairperson

The Southgate Park and Tree Board has actively been involved with a new initiative, called, "The Community Trail Passport Project", where cities throughout Campbell County have been meeting to develop maps of all the trails in the area, including the trail at the Southgate Community Center. These will be ready before the end of the year, and information is forthcoming.

Currently the Tree Board is preparing the renewal application to retain our status as a Tree City USA (15 years) and the Growth Award (14 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 Park and Tree Board and includes the Arbor Day education and seedlings programs.

The 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. Ordinance 19-02 can be found on the website.

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 12, 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 15, 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.

From the Clerk's Office

Here are a few ordinances that City Council passed in 2019. The full ordinances can be found on the City website: www.southgateky.org

Ordinance 19-05 Amend Chapter 93 to require permits in advance for placement of storage PODs and dumpsters on the street.

Ordinance 19-06 Adopt Non Solicitation Ordinance. Door to door sales people need to register with the Clerk's office and obtain a permit. **If you want to be added to the "NO knock list", please contact the Clerk's office**. Religious, non-profit, children, and political groups are exempt from registering.

Ordinance 19-09 Amend Chapter 97 to provide for short-term rentals under rental dwelling licensing. **Any short-term rentals (rented for less than 30 days) such as Air BNBs and the like need to register with the Clerk's office.**

Ordinance 19-13 Amend Chapter 93 to require a permit prior to performing work in the right of way. If one-third of the road must be blocked or closed for purposes of work to be done, then a permit is required. If the obstruction is more than one hour in duration, a permit is required. Temporary street obstruction of less than one hour (ie trash/recycling pickups, or emergency utility work) does not require a permit.

VFW News – John R. Little Post #3186

David Chrzanowski, Post Commander

6 Electric Ave, Southgate KY 859-441-9857

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is a non-profit organization known for decades as the voice of the veteran and in particular the disabled or needy veteran. VFW posts throughout the country proudly provide many programs and services to assist and support veterans, service members and their families. Did you know that VFWs (including Southgate) also provide service directly to communities (including both Campbell County and Southgate)?

The loyal VFW membership and Auxiliary of John R. Little volunteer at community events such as St Therese Festival and Fire Department Block Party food booths and provide grants to offset costs of local projects. Hall doors are opened for snacks and refreshments after city events including Memorial Day Ceremony, Halloween (at "trick-or-treat" hours end) & the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Nov. 30. Monies from the Sunday and Tuesday bingos defray costs of local programs and services. A raffle is currently in process to assist the Volunteer Fire Department with necessary equipment purchases.

A well-known VFW youth-patriotism program is the "Voice of Democracy" audio-writing essay scholarship program. The Post replaces flags at Evergreen Cemetery, donates mattresses, bed clothing & essential items to needy or disabled veterans & offers the hall as a regular meeting place for organizations such as the Optimist Club, Southgate Social Club & Mail Carriers. It is also a popular site for wedding and funeral reception rentals and other special events.

SOUTHGATE FALL CLEANUP

A dumpster will be located at the City garage
260 W. Walnut
Residents may dispose of household items
No tires, paint, or hazardous waste accepted
Nov. 11 – Nov. 17

2019 Calendar of Events

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

Nov. 11 -17	Southgate Fall Clean Up event – dumpster at City Garage
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
Nov. 29	Clerk's Office open to receive tax payments
Nov. 30	Christmas tree lighting 6:00 pm Memorial Park
Nov. 30	Tax bills are due
Dec. 15	Community Christmas Party 2:00 pm Community Center
Dec. 24 & 25	Christmas Holiday - Office closed
Jan. 1	Happy New Year – Office closed
Feb. 17	Presidents Day – Office closed
Apr. 10	Spring Holiday – Office closed

CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP WILL CONTINUE THRU DECEMBER 13th WEATHER PERMITTING

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

GROW YOUR COMMUNITY
Buy Local

Christmas Tree Recycling

Public Works Dept. will pick up trees from curb
Or drop off at Public Works Garage
260 W. Walnut St.
Dec. 26 to Jan. 4

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