



Citylines



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Southgate, Kentucky – City of Friendly Homes

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A Note from the Mayor...



Good Morning, Good Evening or Good Afternoon:

First of all, I hope you and your family are well! It appears things are getting better and our lives and livelihood will continue to improve. Be sure to get your vaccinations for you and your family when available. This includes the COVID-19 and flu vaccinations. Be sure you and yours are caught up on these important inoculations.

Road Diet From Newport – SMART CITIES GRANT

The City of Newport received a \$5,000,000 Smart Cities Grant a few years ago. They committed 20% of their own funds for this Grant. Part of the grant is to implement a Road Diet (one lane north and one lane south with a middle lane) from Carothers Road through Southgate to Highland Avenue. We are working with Newport, KYTC and their engineers for how this would be set through our City. Sidewalks in Newport on the west side of US27 will

become 8 feet to our border. Our sidewalks would remain the same as they are today after implementation of the Road Diet. All utilities within the US27 corridor from Carothers Road in Newport to Southgate’s northern border would be placed underground. Newport also intends to place a sidewalk on the eastside of US27 to our border as well. Timing appears to be early spring 2022. Our intention is to hold a Forum at the Community Center once plans are in place from Newport and KYTC for the residences and businesses affected in this corridor. We will keep you informed as we receive new information, on our City website and Facebook page.

Future Directions – Vision 25-30

As our City continues to grow and change, I would like to invite you to join a group of individuals who will look into what Southgate can become by 2025 and looking further of what we could become at 2030. Consideration for area to review are: Safety, Recreation, Economic Development, Transportation.

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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. Bills are available on the city website www.southgateky.org Thank you!



CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP WILL CONTINUE THRU DECEMBER 10th WEATHER PERMITTING

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

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 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 broadcast on local TV and radio stations.



Christmas TREE LIGHTING

The annual lighting of the Christmas tree will take place on **Saturday Nov. 27, 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!**

News from the VFW – John R. Little Post #3186



David C. Chrzanowski,
Post Commander
6 Electric Ave, Southgate KY
859-441-9857



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

(Remember, Honor, Teach): This annual event provides an opportunity to thank veterans for their service and sacrifice and remember their lives. It all began with its founder, Morrill Worchester of Worchester Wreath Company in 1992 at Arlington Cemetery. The wreath-laying gained great attention on the internet in 2005 and with the efforts of veterans and others, "Wreaths Across America" was formed in 2007. This annual tribute continues today and is a wonderful means by which to teach younger

generations about the value of freedom and to honor those who sacrificed so much to protect that freedom. Wreaths Across America 2021 will take place in Southgate on Saturday, December 18th.

Volunteers will gather at the John R. Little VFW Post at 8:30 am. After donuts and coffee, the volunteers will go to the Evergreen Cemetery Soldier's Lot where wreaths will be laid at the graves of veterans. Please join us Saturday, December 18th.

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 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. If you simply need to talk with someone in a non-emergency, feel free to 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.

-We have 2 new police officers. Joe Boyce came to us from the Kentucky State Police. Tim Mitchell is a full time Florence firefighter/paramedic and is working as a part time police officer in Southgate. Please welcome them to our City if you happen to see them.

-Don't forget that you can sign up for alerts from the Southgate Police Department (and other public safety agencies in our area) simply by visiting our city website and clicking on the police department link. There you will find the sign up for Nixle alerts. Nixle is a free program that can help you stay informed of safety issues as well as community related events in our area.

-Finally, this is a reminder to lock your doors of your vehicles and your homes. Please call the police if you see something suspicious in your neighborhoods. No neighborhood is completely free from car break-ins and locking your doors is the number one deterrent to stopping car break-ins. Also remember, being a good neighbor is sometimes as simple as looking out for each other!

Enjoy the Fall season and have a safe and great Christmas and New Years!



You can easily find and have access to the events going on in the city! The City of Southgate has an official city Facebook page to keep our residents informed about upcoming events within the city. The page will also post photos of the events and happenings. Please go like and follow the page! <https://www.facebook.com/cityofsouthgateky/>

There is also a calendar of events on the City website at www.southgateky.org

A Note from the Mayor...

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Meetings would be monthly (unless the specific committee decides otherwise) and a review with results provided in October or November of 2022 to Council. We will post a simple application online for you to complete. Hoping to begin this process in January or February 2022.

New Council Member

Please welcome new Councilmember Tommy Wegener. Council chose Mr. Wegener who resides on Snowshoe Drive as their new member in October. Tommy is married and an employee of the Kroger Company in Cincinnati.

regarding anything going on within our fine city. Feel free to call me at the City Building at 859-441-0075 or at my home phone number at 859-781-1658 or email me at jhamberg@southgateky.org with questions, comments or concerns. I am always happy to hear from you. Joyce and I want to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and of course the Best New Year Ever in 2022! Remember to care about those who care about you and who care about others.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Jim Hamberg, Mayor

As always, I stand ready to assist you or answer any questions you may have

Memorial Pointe Update



For the most part, excavation of the site is now complete. Work continues on the placement of each parcel, utilities and potential streets. Ashley continues to work with Campbell County Municipal Planning & Zoning (CCMP&Z) on those matters. We were not awarded the grant application with OKI mentioned in the last newsletter, totaling \$512,000 and continue to look for other options.

Ashley and the County Municipal Planning and Development continue to work with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) for transportation options which will provide for ingress and egress from Memorial Point to US 27. This includes requesting a longer length for the green light exiting Blossom Lane on to US27 from KYTC. These options may have significant impact on commuters who regularly traverse Blossom Lane. As you may be aware, most of Blossom Lane up to Overlook is county-owned. Southgate's portion of this road only extends from Overlook to

Tracy Lane. Consequently, we continue to seek updates from both the State and the County as they work towards the formulation of a traffic plan that will best serve those properties which may be impacted in the future. Commuters who traverse this area and have questions as to the traffic options being considered should feel free to call KYTC District 6 (Bob Yeager 859-341-2700) or CCMP&Z (Cindy Minter 859-292-3880).

City Administration

Mayor:	Jim Hamberg
Community Events:	Tyler Owen
Finance:	Tommy Wegener
Public Safety:	Joe Anderson
Code Enforcement:	Mark Messmer
Public Buildings & Park & Recreation:	Chris Robisch
Public Works :	Paul Melville
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City Treasurer:	Terri Franklin
Police Chief: Police Dept	John Christmann 441-7473
Fire Chief: Fire Dept	John Beatsch 441-1422
Public Works:	Arvil Bowman
City Clerk: Clerk's Office	Brandi Barton 441-0075
Community Center:	Chelsie Shay 781-8878

Street Construction

Duke Energy and the Northern Kentucky Water District caused delays on the Joyce Avenue construction through the end of the summer and into autumn. Most of this utility work is now complete. The general contractor, Michaels and Company will be back onsite prior to Thanksgiving. Due to the delays caused by the utility companies, project completion is now pushed back to the end of winter or very early spring of 2022. The road will be kept open and be able to be snow plowed in case of a snow.



News from the Fire Department:

A big Thank You goes out to all of our citizens and friends who attended and supported the two day Block Party that was held in September this year. The crowd was enthusiastic and supportive although not as plentiful as in years past. We hope that everyone had a good time. Next year we will have our Block Party on the third Saturday in July as in years past. Also returning next year will be our Turtle Races and the turtles will be "running" on a new and faster track so be prepared for some lightning quick races.

The fire department has been blessed with a large number of new volunteers in the last couple of years. We currently have 8 members taking EMT class and we hope to have them available early next year. There are also a number of new recruits participating in various fire recruit classes around the area. Check out our Southgate Fire Department Facebook Page to keep up with fire department news and meet some of our members.



Our citizens have been doing a good job of practicing Fire Safety and we encourage you to continue to do so. There will be no door to door distribution of smoke detectors or smoke detector batteries this year. If you are in need of either or if you need help in changing batteries or installing a new detector, call the fire house at 859-441-1422 and we will do

From the Clerk's Office

Here are a couple of new ordinances that City Council passed in 2021. The full ordinances can be found on the City website: www.southgateky.org

Ordinance 21-11 Repealing in full chapter 72 of the city code of ordinances and adopting a new chapter 72 providing for the parking of trucks and other vehicles within the city; establishing definitions; and providing for enforcement procedures, penalties, and fines for any violations of the provisions of chapter 72

Ordinance 21-12 Repealing in full chapter 50 of the city code of ordinances and adopting a new chapter 50 providing for the regulation of solid waste, and litter control within the city; establishing definitions; and providing for enforcement procedures, penalties, and fines for any violations of the provisions of chapter 50

2021-22 Calendar of Events

Council meetings at City Bldg. - 122 Electric Ave

Nov. 3 & 17	Council meetings 6:30 pm
Nov. 25 & 26	Thanksgiving Holiday – Office closed
Nov. 27	Christmas tree lighting 6:00 pm Memorial Park
Nov. 30	Tax bills are due
Dec. 1	Optimist Club sponsored "Kids Night on Council" 6:30 pm
Dec. 15	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building
Dec. 19	Fire Dept. sponsored Community Christmas Party 2:00 pm Community Center, 301 W. Walnut
Dec. 23 & 24	Christmas Holiday – Office Closed
Dec. 31	Happy New Year – Office Closed
Jan. 5 & 19	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building
Jan. 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed
Feb. 2 & 16	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building
Feb. 21	Presidents Day – Office Closed
March 2 & 16	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building
April 6 & 20	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building
Apr. 15	Spring Holiday – Office Closed
May 4 & 18	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building

Southgate Community Center & Picnic Shelter Rentals

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



Christmas Tree Recycling

Public Works Dept. will pick up trees from curb
Or drop off at Public Works Garage
260 W. Walnut St.
Dec. 27 to Jan. 3