



News for the Citizens of Southgate

Citylines



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Fire Department News



Block Party - This year the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department Annual Block Party will once again be held on **July**

15, the third Saturday in July. The Block Party will be held from **5:30 to 11:30** in front of the fire house and city building. The Block Party is the highlight event of summer in Southgate. You can count on our usual assortment of food, drinks, live music and hospitality that you expect. Proceeds from the Block Party are used to provide additional equipment, uniforms and other items that supplements our budget with the City. Mark your calendars for July 15 and come hang out with your friends, neighbors and the members of your Southgate Fire Department.

On May 28 the **Southgate Fire Department** will be participating in the **dedication ceremony for the Beverly Hills Memorial**. Most of the current members of the department were not even alive on May 28, 1977 when the fire occurred. Those of us who responded to the fire will never forget what we saw and did on that tragic night. This memorial will honor the victims of the fire as well as the first responders, many of whom risked their lives to try and rescue those trapped. The new development on the Beverly Hills Property ends many years of dormancy for the site. The memorial ensures that May 28, 1977 will never be forgotten.



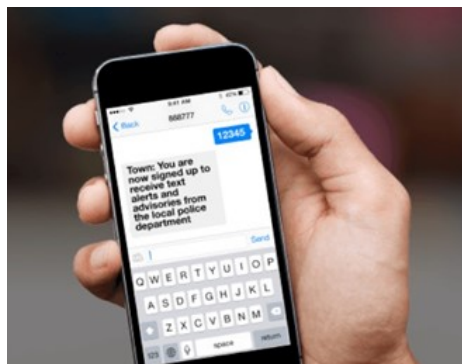
MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR

**Memorial Day Parade
and Ceremonies**
Monday May 29th-10:00 am

Route will start at Bluegrass & Electric then proceed to Blatt, Evergreen, Walnut and back to Electric to end at the Veteran's Memorial Park for the ceremony. Civic groups throughout the community will participate. We hope to see you there!

Sign up for Nixle Alerts!

Sign up and receive text and/or email alerts from the Southgate Police Department for emergencies and hazardous situations in the City of Southgate! **Go to Nixle.com**



A Note from the Mayor...



**Good Morning,
Good Afternoon
or Good Evening:**
Once again, I hope this Newsletter and articles finds you and your

family doing well and looking forward to continuing warm weather!

The **Beverly Hills Memorial Dedication** will take place on **Sunday, May 28 at 2pm**. The Memorial is at the intersection of US27 and Memorial Pointe Drive. The Dedication will take place in the parking lot of the 525 Alexandria Pike Medical Building. You are welcome to attend. The City will accept the Memorial site as a City Park after the Dedication. May 28 is the 46th Anniversary of the tragic fire.

Road construction will occur on Blossom Lane to repair the "HUMP" and rebuild the drainage on the southside of Blossom Lane downhill towards US27. Work on this project should begin the first or second week of June. Construction may take up 6 to 8 weeks to complete. Memorial Pointe Drive will be used as a detour during construction. Later this summer, the developer of Memorial Pointe will add an additional lane on Blossom Lane at the intersection of US27 and Blossom Lane.

The 2023-24 budget is under review and should be approved by Council by June. Our goal has always been to maintain the current level of taxation or even look for a reduction in taxes to help us all.

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Southgate Park and Tree Board News



Arbor Day 2023 was observed on Friday, April 28, at the Southgate Community Center, and a fun time was had by all! The City of Southgate was named Tree City USA for the 18th year and received the Growth Award for the 17th year from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The topic for 2023 was ***For the Love of Trees***. Southgate Independent School 3rd and 4th grade teachers and students did an outstanding job creating posters honoring Arbor Day.

Third Grade Winners

1st place: Harper Bradhold
2nd place: London Payne
3rd place: Lyla Fehler
Honorable mention: Tre Ball
Honorable mention: Poppy Trautz

Fourth Grade Winners

Awarded plaques/medallions:

1st place: Iris Turner
2nd place: Jariyah Curtis
3rd place: Harmony Malone
Honorable mention: Aaliyah McMullen
Honorable mention: Landen Payne

Winning posters are on display at the Ft. Thomas Branch of the Campbell County Library **through May 12**. Please stop by and enjoy the creative works of our students.

Pastor Michael Rossini from First Church of Christ gave the invocation and **Father Michael Grady** from St. Therese Church gave his blessing. We appreciate their support.

A special presentation of Service Awards and a giant thank you was given to former Park and Tree Board members for their many years of service. Thank you to Dr. Joyce Hamberg, Harold Kremer, Nora Williams, Bill Theis, and Jean Theis for

keeping Southgate beautiful. Current board members Mary Bridewell and Connie Torres are looking forward to continuing your legacy.

A Red Bud tree was planted in memory of Juanita Bittner, member of the Park and Tree Board for 14 years and devoted member of the Southgate Community. She will be remembered and missed by all. A Service Award and a lovely memory box was presented to her family. Thank you Bittner family for the refreshments and cookies!



The keynote speakers for the event were **Luke Saunier** and **Phil Horseley** from the Kentucky Division of Forestry. They performed an interactive demonstration on how trees communicate to survive and answered questions from the students. This is Luke's 16th and final year serving as our keynote speaker, and kids and adults alike always enjoy the presentation. We wish Luke much success and look forward to working with Phil in the future.

The Park and Tree Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Southgate Community Center. Residents are welcome to attend the meetings, and let us know if you are interested in joining us in serving our community!

A Note from the Mayor

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The new development will help this effort as we move forward into next year and beyond.

On Arbor Day, April 28 we said farewell to many of our retiring Board Members and thanked them for their service to our City and community for all their hard work in beautifying our City for more than a decade. Please be sure to thank Joyce Hamberg, Nora Williams, Harold Kramer, Bill and Jean Theis for their dedication, time and talents to keep our City beautiful.

We have two new police officers also since our last Newsletter. Please welcome **Charles Boeschstein** and **Nate Snyder**. Charles graduates from the Police Academy in May and Nate will graduate in Oct. Please welcome them as they start patrolling our city streets soon.

The Memorial Pointe Development, the homes (by Fischer) and apartments (by North American Properties) are under construction. Campbell County Municipal Planning and Zoning and the City are waiting for final plans for the proposed senior center. It is anticipated that the project will continue with construction through mid-2025.

Congratulations to Father Michael Grady for becoming Pastor of St. Therese Church. We welcome Father and look forward to working with him. Please welcome Father Grady.

I hope that you enjoy your summer and wish you and yours safe and happy times together. Remember to care about those who care about you and who care about others.

Best,

Jim Hamberg, Mayor

Message from the Chief of Police

John Christmann

As always, if you see a potential problem or need the police, don't hesitate to call us at **859-292-3622**. This is the police dispatch number. The dispatcher can send an officer to you or have them call you directly 24 hours a day. In an emergency always call **911**. For a non-emergency, please call the police department directly at **859-441-7473**.

Please welcome our newest police officers. Charles Boeschstein will graduate from the police academy on May 10th. Nathaniel Snyder will start the police academy on May 15th. Following academy graduation and a formal field training program, the officers will be out patrolling the City streets.

Summer is fast approaching so please be on cautious while driving through our City. Kids will be outside playing and the police will be out watching your speed and stop signs.



As you complete your spring cleaning, don't forget that we have a drug take back box at the city building. Any old, outdated or no longer needed prescription drugs can be dropped into the box. These pills will be destroyed so they do not end up in the hands of those that should not have them.

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

Have a great summer!

Chief Christmann



Southgate Super Seniors

Please mark your calendars for **BINGO at the Super Seniors Meeting on Thursday, June 15 at 1 PM at the Community Center.**

The next regular Super Seniors Meeting will be on **Thursday, May 18.**

City Wide Yard Sale

The Annual City Wide Yard Sale will be **Saturday, September 9 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

This is a great time to hold your yard sale. A list of participants will be available at the City Building the day before the sale. The City will advertise the sale. A permit (at no charge) is needed to participate in the sale. It will be available on the City website and in the Clerk's office. Anyone who wishes to donate items after the yard sale can drop them off at the City Building for St. Vincent De Paul to collect. No permit is needed if you have a yard sale any other time in the year.



Pet waste stations

The City has pet waste stations in several locations: Community Center Park, Memorial Park, and by the tennis courts. Please use the bags to clean up after your pet. This is a City ordinance Chapter 91 which can be found on www.southgateky.org

Thank you for helping keep the City clean.



Green Thumb Awards

Park and Tree Board's Green Thumb Awards run from May - October. Two awards are given each month to Southgate residents who have made special effort to add beauty to their landscape. Please call 859-441-0075 if you have someone you would like to nominate.

2023 Calendar of Events

Council meetings at City Bldg. - 122 Electric Ave

May 28	Beverly Hill Memorial dedication 2:00
May 29	Memorial Day – Parade at 10 am -Office closed
June 7 & 21	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building
July 4	Independence Day – Office closed
July 5 & 19	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building
July 15	Fire Dept. Block Party
Aug. 2 & 16	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building
Sept. 4	Labor Day – Office closed
Sept. 6 & 20	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building
Sept. 9	City Wide Yard Sale 8:00 – 4:00
Oct. 4 & 18	Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building
Oct. 31	Halloween Trick or Treat 5:30-7:30 pm
Nov. 1 & 15	Council meetings 6:30 City Building

City Administration

Mayor:	Jim Hamberg
Community Events:	Aileen Okura
Finance:	Tommy Wegener
Public Safety:	Joe Anderson
Code Enforcement:	Mark Messmer
Public Buildings & Park:	Mike Lycans
Public Works :	Paul Melville
City Attorney:	Mary Ann Stewart
City Treasurer:	Patty Edgley
Police Chief:	John Christmann
Police Dept	441-7473
Fire Chief:	John Beatsch
Fire Dept	441-1422
Public Works:	Arvil Bowman
	441-0075
City Clerk:	Brandi Barton
Clerk's Office	441-0075
Code Enforcement:	John Lauber
	441-0075
Community Center:	Chelsie Shay
	781-8878



Street Obstruction Permits

If you need a dumpster or moving POD in the street in front of your home, you will need to obtain a Street Obstruction Permit 48 hours in advance. This form is on the City's website at www.southgateky.org. Go to the department tab at the top. On the Public Works page there will be a form that you can complete and submit online or you can come into the Clerk's Office. There is no charge for this permit.



Southgate Community Center & Picnic Shelter Rentals

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

Reminder

Please sweep/blow grass clippings out of street into the lawn. This is a City ordinance and it keeps grass out of the storm drains.
Thank you for your help!



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