



News for the Citizens of Southgate

# Citylines



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## A Note from the Mayor...



Good Morning, Good Afternoon or Good Evening:

I hope you and yours are well and getting ready for this Holiday Season! Thanksgiving,

Christmas and the New Year are quickly approaching. Winter will be here before we know it.

In preparation for winter, the city is installing a new and expanded salt bin to accommodate our City's needs. Drive past the City Garage across from the volleyball court at the Community Center and you will see the installed concrete blocks and pad. The supporting roof should be installed soon. This new bin should house all of our salt for a given season. We also purchased a pre-treatment brine tank to pretreat our main streets before a snowstorm. Keep in mind, salt will not work on streets once the temperature falls to or below 15 degrees. Let's hope we have a mild winter.

Also, we hope to install new playground equipment at the Community Center park sometime this Spring.

We received a Land, Water and Conservation Grant from the Department of Local Government for \$25,000 to help with the demolition of the tennis courts. The courts are in need of repair due to a large crack across the courts. The crack has gotten worse over the years which could be a possible trip hazard. Council decided to demolish the courts and turn this area into a city park or quiet green space. Look for this in the spring and summer of 2024.

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## Christmas TREE LIGHTING


The annual lighting of the Christmas Tree will take place on Saturday, November 25 at 6 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!**



**Public Works will pick up leaves in November**  
**WEATHER PERMITTING**  
**Please rake leaves to edge of curb. Do not put in the street.**

### 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](http://www.southgateky.org) Thank you!



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY!



Join us at the Southgate Community Center for the annual Community Christmas Party! **Sunday, December 17, 2 pm to 4 pm.** We'll sing Christmas carols, meet Santa, and enjoy kid's activities. Gift bags provided for the children by the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department. Come join us for refreshments, cookies, and fun!

# Message from the Chief of Police

John Christmann



If you see a potential problem or need the police, don't hesitate to call Police Dispatch at 859-292-3622. 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 have a non-emergency, call the police dept 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.

Remember to check the City website for news or sign up for notifications through our partner Nixle to get alerts and stay informed. It is free to sign up.

Remember to lock your 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!

## NEWS FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

John Beatsch

The Southgate Volunteer Fire Department is always accepting applications to join our dept. If you or someone you know is interested in a career that is challenging, exciting and very rewarding you should consider joining our department. We are always looking for dedicated volunteers. Many of our volunteers go on to become full time firefighters on paid depts. Starting pay for a full-time firefighter/EMT in our area typically starts in excess of \$50,000 per year. Paramedic Firefighters start at \$70,000 per year, working 24 hour shifts once every three days. In the last 20 years we have had over 50 of our Southgate volunteers hired to full-time positions on paid depts both in our area and nationally.

For those individuals who are interested in volunteering but are unable to handle the physical demands of firefighting, you can join as a Support Member or as a member of our Auxiliary. Support members are a vital part of the dept. They help with fundraising, recruitment, fire prevention and other activities around the fire station. Our Auxiliary meets on the second Tuesday of each month and supports the dept both financially and during fundraising. Both the Auxiliary and Support members provide non-firefighting assistance during emergency situations also.

We also have a Junior Firefighter Program for youth from 15-18 years old. Junior Firefighters train and work side by side with the regular firefighters with some restrictions in the activities that they are allowed to perform. When Junior Firefighters turn 18 they will be fully trained and ready to assume the role of firefighters in the dept.

If you are interested in joining our department and serving your community in a heroic and rewarding way, please call Chief John Beatsch (859-630-6899) or President Mark Messmer (859-816-3514).

## Light Up Southgate!

The Park and Tree Board invites all Southgate residents to light up their homes to participate in the Christmas Home Awards!



Turn your lights on from 7 PM

to 9 PM starting Monday, December 11 for a chance to win a prize in one of the following categories:

Classic Christmas - a pretty look that reminds everyone of Christmas

Toyland Christmas - a look that reminds everyone of a children's Christmas

Fantasyland Christmas - shows creativity and imagination

Multi-family Home - for multi-family homes, apartments, and condos, a festive display that shows an eye for design

Awards will be announced and winners will be contacted on Saturday, December 16. Prizes will be awarded at the Southgate Community Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17 starting at 2 PM at the Community Center.

Help light up Southgate and be sure to enjoy the many beautiful displays celebrating the season!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SOUTHGATE?!



To keep updated on the latest news and events, please visit and like the official City of Southgate Facebook page, visit the Southgate website and subscribe to the Calendar, and sign up at Nixle.com to receive community alerts and important emergency information.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cityofsouthgateky/>

Website: <https://southgateky.org>

Nixle: [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

## A Note from the Mayor... *(continued from page 1)*

I want to share recent news published in the Summer Edition of the "Cincy Magazine". This issue listed the 75 top communities to live in within the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area. Southgate ranked 2nd behind Villa Hills and 28th overall. We were also ranked as the 41st safest city within the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky MSA and 8th safest in Northern Kentucky between Union and Erlanger. Thank you for your continued upkeep on your property and for notifying the Southgate Police of any suspicious activity or trouble. This is what helps us increase our property values and ranking for our fine City.

Please welcome two new full time Police Officers: Charles Boeschstein

and Nathaniel Snyder who recently completed their training at the Department of Criminal Justice in Richmond, KY. Look for them on our streets.

Let me know if I can be of assistance to you. Always feel free to email me at [jhambeg@southgateky.org](mailto:jhambeg@southgateky.org) or call me at 859-441-0075 at the City or home at 859-781-1658.

On behalf of Joyce and I, as well as our family to yours, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for your best year ever in 2024!

All my best,  
Jim

## Rumpke offers Hefty ReNew recycling program



Residents can participate in the Hefty ReNew™ recycling program. Orange bags can be purchased at local Kroger stores or online at [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com). For additional online options, visit [HeftyReNew.com](http://HeftyReNew.com). Each orange bag features a list of hard-to-recycle items that can be

collected in the bag for recycling. Simply fill the bag with those items and when it's full, tie it up and then place the bag in a Rumpke Recycling bin or public recycling drop box for collection. Rumpke will then collect the recycling bins, sort each material by commodity type as it typically does, while pulling out the Hefty® ReNew® orange bags. The bags will then be sent to specialized recyclers that will use the materials to create new and useful products including plastic lumber and irrigation blocks.

## Change Your Clock Change Your Battery:

On Saturday Nov. 5, daylight savings time ended and you changed your clocks back to standard time. The Southgate Volunteer Fire Dept also want to remind you that this was the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. This could be a life saving action. A working smoke detector saves lives. That is a fact that has been clearly documented. 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 or need assistance in replacing an old detector or hanging a new one, feel free to call the Southgate Fire Dept at 859-441-1422 and 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 & Picnic Shelter Rentals

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

## Snow Emergencies



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 an 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 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. 6



## 2023-24 Calendar of Events

Council Meetings at City Bldg. - 122 Electric Ave

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| Nov. 1 & 15  | Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building  |
| Nov. 23 & 24 | Thanksgiving Holiday – Office closed  |
| Nov. 25      | Christmas tree lighting 6:00 pm Memorial Park by VFW  |
| Nov. 30      | Tax bills are due   |
| Dec. 6       | Optimist Club sponsored “Kids Night on Council”<br>6:30 pm City Building                    |
| Dec. 20      | Council meeting 6:30 pm City Building   |
| Dec. 17      | Fire Dept sponsored Community Christmas Party<br>2:00 pm Community Center 301 W. Walnut St. |
| Dec. 22 & 25 | Christmas Holiday – Office Closed   |
| Jan. 1, 2024 | Happy New Year – Office Closed  |
| Jan. 3 & 17  | Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building  |
| Jan. 15      | Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed  |
| Feb. 7 & 21  | Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building  |
| Feb. 19      | Presidents Day – Office Closed  |
| March 6 & 20 | Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building  |
| March 29     | Spring Holiday – Office Closed  |
| April 3 & 17 | Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building  |
| May 1 & 15   | Council meetings 6:30 pm City Building  |

## City Administration

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Mayor:                   | Jim Hamberg      |
| Community Events:        | Aileen Okura     |
| Finance:                 | Tommy Wegener    |
| Public Safety:           | Joe Anderson     |
| Code Enforcement:        | Mark Messmer     |
| Public Buildings & Parks | 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     |
| City Clerk:              | Brandi Barton    |
| Clerk's Office           | 441-0075         |
| Code Enforcement:        | John Lauber      |
|                          | 441-0075         |
| Community Center:        | Chelsie Shay     |
|                          | 781-8878         |

## Southgate Pumpkin Walk was great!



- Minuteman Press Southgate
- Vennefron Signs
- Wrap Sumthin Food Truck
- Campbell County Extension Service

Please see the following link for a terrific video of the event: <https://campbellmedia.org/video/58276/>

A huge thank you to everyone who participated on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a good time and a great turnout! A special thank you to the following:

- Ashley Pangallo, event planner
- VFW and VFW Auxiliary
- Southgate Fire Department
- Blu Moon Gallery
- Pangallo's on US 27
- Gale for her scary, spooky decorations
- Southgate Boy Scout Troop 751
- Regal Maid for their Lantern raffle
- pumpkin carvers: Ron, Cindy, Amber, Christy, Mia, Ryan



***We hope to see everyone again next year. Thank you!***