



Citylines



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Southgate is on the move!

On February 7th, Southgate City Council approved the Sunrock Development by a vote of 4 to 1 which is slated for construction by Grand Communities, a subsidiary of Fischer Homes. This development will begin near the intersection of Fox Chase and Woodland Hills Drive off of Mook Road and traverse to the top of the hill constructing the Sunrock development near and parallel to I-471 south.

Sunrock will be a multi-use development consisting of for sale townhomes, condominiums, upscale single-family homes and a Class A apartment complex. Sunrock consists of 85.8 acres with Grand Communities agreeing to build 575 units of the described home types versus the over 700 which could have been considered for this site. Included within this site will be walking trails and a Homeowners Association who will be in charge of landscaping and maintenance of the entire property. Southgate will own the streets with exception to those entering and exiting the apartment complex.

The entire project at its completion is set to cost \$120,000,000 based on 2023 dollars and have a 7-9 year build timeline. With a 10% Industrial Revenue Bond, Southgate will gain an estimated \$46,000,000 in tax revenue over 40 years.

Memorial Pointe is now well under construction with upscale single-family homes by Fischer; condominiums by Ashley; a Class A luxury apartment complex called "Vicinity" being built by

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MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies

Monday May 27th-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!

Waste and Recycling News

If you have a damaged waste or recycling can that needs to be replaced, please call the City Clerk's office and a new one will be delivered to you.

Large soft cushioned furniture and mattresses can be set out for waste pickup, but should be wrapped in plastic. The City Clerk's office has sheets of plastic for \$5.00.

Rumpke has an additional recycling program called Hefty ReNew Program. Certain items can be placed in orange bags and placed with your recycling toter each week. These orange bags can be purchased at Kroger or online from Rumpke. See the City website for items that can be put in the orange bags.

Meet the Mayor...



Want to catch up on what's going on in Southgate? Have a question regarding a certain matter or project within our City? Need some clarification on a project or have an

idea for one going forward? Monday is the best day to catch me at the City Office between 1:00 - 4:30pm. I am open to having you visit me anytime during the week. You can call the City Clerk's office at 859-441-0075 to make an appointment. You can email me at jhamberg@southgateky.org to request a time. I'm happy to meet with you in the evening if you like. I'm always open to listen and will give you a straight answer, even if it may not always be the answer you are hoping for. I look forward to hearing from you. Jim

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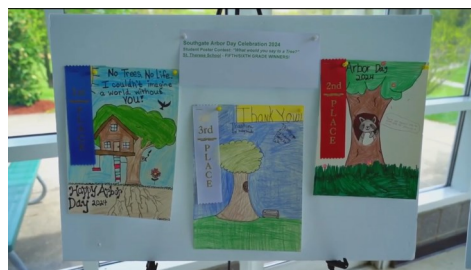
I would like to explain the Mayor/Council form of government based on the current Kentucky Revised Statutes. This is the type of government that Southgate has. As you may be aware, Southgate does not have a City Administrator or City Manager as other surrounding cities have for their administration. Typically, the Mayor may take on this role if he or she has time. This is the case today in Southgate. So as Mayor, I sit in on all inside and outside meetings which may benefit Southgate. I serve on various boards to be sure we are receiving all the information for our City. I attend meetings locally and in Frankfort as well as meet with various entities and other local elected and non-elected officials learn of ideas, benefits and possible new efficiencies for reducing costs for Public Works, Safety, *(continued on page 2)*

Southgate Park and Tree Board News



Arbor Day 2024 was observed on Friday, April 26, at the Southgate Community Center. It was a wonderful time for all! The City of Southgate was named Tree City USA for the 19th year and received the Growth Award for the 18th year from the Arbor Day Foundation. The topic for 2024 was “What would you say to a Tree?” Southgate Public School and St. Therese School third through sixth grade students created magnificent posters honoring Arbor Day and depicting the theme. Winners were recognized in First, Second, and Third Place .

Winning posters are on display at the Ft. Thomas Branch of the Campbell County Library through May 14.



Winners: Southgate Public School

3rd/4th grade: 1st: Emma Foster, 2nd: Caroline Robinson, 3rd: Oliver Purdue

5th/6th grade: 1st: Chauncey Newell, 2nd: Taylor Miller, 3rd: Ramata Diagana

St. Therese School

3rd/4th grade: 1st: Natalie Gutzwiller, 2nd: Kennedy Kohler, 3rd: Ted Babst

5th/6th grade: 1st: Cameron Duty, 2nd: Ella Kuhnhein, 3rd: Sophie Bramel

Pastor Nate Verst from First Church of Christ gave the invocation. Amelanchier

Autumn Brilliance Trees were planted in memory of Jean Melville and Joan Muench, matriarchs of the community with deep family roots and a devotion to both family and the Southgate Community.

The keynote speaker for the event was Marion Atkinson from the Kentucky Division of Forestry. She led an

interactive demonstration with assistance from the Southgate Public School third through sixth grade students in attendance on how trees communicate to survive. It was a fun and educational experience for all.

Campbell Media recorded the event on video. Visit the City of Southgate Facebook page to watch the video or go to <https://campbellmedia.org/video/58794/>

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. Please consider joining and helping us serve our community!



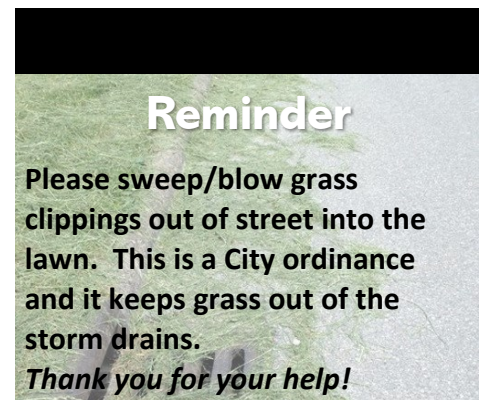
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Administration, etc.

Once information is gathered, it is the Mayor’s job to present matters to Council for consideration. Under Kentucky’s laws governing meetings, with only a few exceptions, all matters of public concern must be considered by Council in open session. This can be tough when the matters also have time constraints and require quick decision by Council. However, ultimately, it is up to Council (not the Mayor) to make decisions based upon the facts presented and on what each council member interprets as being in the best interest of the City.

The Mayor/Council form of government functions like the Executive Branch of the federal government where the Mayor acts in that capacity and Council acts in the capacity of the House of Representatives or Senate. The mayor is the Executive branch, and the City Council is the Legislative branch. Under the Kentucky Revised Statutes, a mayor has no vote in any matter unless there is a tie vote. The only exception to this lies with zoning map amendments. Mayors in our form of government cannot break a tie in a zoning matter because the mayor is not part of the legislative body and a zone change is, by statute, a decision of the legislative body only.



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

Message from the Chief of Police

-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 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.



-Summer is fast approaching so please be cautious while driving through our city. Kids will be out 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. The drug drop box is available during the city office business hours of M-F.

-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 signup 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 neighborhood. Being a good neighbor is sometimes as simple as looking out for each other!

Have a great summer! *Chief Christmann*

City Wide Yard Sale

The Annual City Wide Yard Sale will be Saturday, September 14 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars. 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. No permit is needed if you have a yard sale any other time during the year.



Green Thumb Awards

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

Park News

The City of Southgate received a Land Water Conservation grant to demolish the tennis courts at Electric Ave. and Evergreen Ave. that had become unsafe to use because of the cracks in the pavement. Our Public Works Department worked hard to remove the old black top and fencing to make way for a new green space park. The area has been cleared and grass seed has been planted. Soon it will be ready for play!

New playground equipment was purchased for the Southgate Community Center Park at 301 W. Walnut St. Public Works is working on this currently. Completion to be determined dependent on weather this Spring/Summer. This will be a great addition to the park!

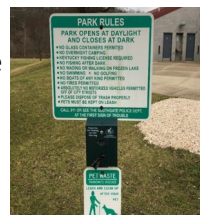
Duke Energy Foundation has awarded the City of Southgate funds to purchase 3 new park benches for the Southgate Community Center Park. These will be placed around the park and walking trails. These benches will be installed by this summer.

Did you know that KY Dept. of Fish & Wildlife stocks the Community Center Lake with trout and catfish each year? Fishermen are welcome, but remember to get your license first.



Pet waste stations

The City has pet waste stations in the Community Center Park and Veterans Memorial Park Please use the bags to clean up after your pet. This is a City ordinance - Chapter 91 which can be found on City's website w.southgateky.org Thank you for helping keep the City clean.



2024 Calendar of Events

First & Third Wednesdays of month

Council meetings 6:30 at City Building 122 Electric Ave.

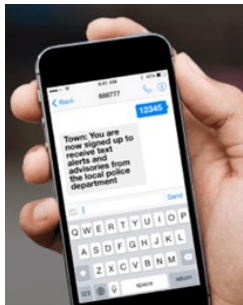
Second Monday of month

Park & Tree Board meetings 6:00 at Community Center 301 W. Walnut

- May 27 Memorial Day – Parade at 10:00 am -Office closed
- July 4 Independence Day – Office closed
- July 20 Southgate Fire Dept. Block Party
- Sept. 2 Labor Day – Office closed
- Sept. 14 City Wide Yard Sale 8:00 – 4:00
- Oct. 31 Halloween Trick or Treat
- Nov. 4-11 City Clean up event – dumpster at Public Works Garage 260 W. Walnut

Check the City website or facebook page for the most current events happening in the City of Southgate.

www.southgateky.org or www.facebook.com/cityofsouthgateky



Nixle is a Free emergency notification system that provides secure and reliable communications from local Public Safety Agencies. It is dedicated to keeping you up-to-date with important information that's immediately delivered to you. It is most commonly used by police and fire departments to share information about public safety and emergency issues. The Southgate Police Department administers all Nixle alerts for the City of Southgate. The service is free and there is never any spam or advertisements.

Emergency alerts from the Southgate Police Department will always be sent via text message or email.

Community and Advisory Messages will only be sent via email.

You can elect to receive emergency alerts, or community messages, or both. Sign up at Nixle.com or go to the City website on the police page to sign up.

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North American Properties of Cincinnati; and an 89 bed senior facility owned by Arcadia with planned construction beginning in 2025. The completed estimate for the Memorial Pointe development will be \$65,000,000 based on 2022 dollars. Southgate City Council approved an Industrial Revenue Bond for the apartment complex only for 30 years in 2022 insuring a quality development being built by a quality Cincinnati based developer in North American Properties.

The Memorial Pointe development is not even halfway complete and is already providing additional tax revenue to Southgate that have exceeded initial expectations, since the overall value of the completed properties has increased by nearly \$4,000,000 over original estimates. It is anticipated Southgate will

gain similar appreciation in value on the Sunrock development as construction costs will no doubt increase by the time construction begins and ends.

Needless to say, Southgate is on the move! Before these developments, Southgate was receiving approximately \$26,000 annually for the Memorial Pointe (formerly Beverly Hills) property and roughly \$1,100 for the Sunrock property as both were or are undeveloped and open ground. Southgate is excited to have these new developments within our city as both will bring more residents to Southgate while providing new sources of tax revenue for supporting safety, public works, fire and ambulance and city administration while helping to reduce taxes. Contact the City of Southgate at 859-441-0075 for more information or email the same to clerk@southgateky.org.

City Administration

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
	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. There will be a form that you can complete and submit online or you can get one in the Clerk's Office. There is no charge for this permit.