



# Citylines



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Southgate, Kentucky – City of Friendly Homes

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## Christmas TREE LIGHTING

The annual lighting of the Christmas Tree will take place on Saturday, November 30 at 6 pm at the Memorial Park. Come join us for Christmas carols and holiday cheer!



Afterwards, hot cocoa and cookies will be served at John R Little VFW. Come and take photos with Santa! Everyone is welcome

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY!



Join us at the Southgate Community Center for

the annual Community Christmas Party! Sunday, December 15 at 2:00pm. Santa will be there, and we'll have kid's activities and a Share Box - bring a used toy and exchange it for another toy! Gift bags will be provided for the children by the Southgate Fire Department. Join us for refreshments, cookies, and fun!

### A Note from the Mayor...



Hello Southgate!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and looking forward to the upcoming Holiday Season! Hard to

believe that after a nice Summer we are well into Autumn and heading towards Winter.

Let me start by informing you that Southgate was ranked as the second safest city in the Commonwealth our of 406 cities, by "SAFEWISE Magazine". CONGRATULATIONS to our Southgate Police Department who do a great job protecting our City. Thanks to Chief John Christmann and his fellow officers for achieving this ranking. Our friends in Edgewood ranked first, Fort Thomas was 7th and Taylor Mill ranked 8th. Vine Grove rounded out the top 10.

During the Summer, we replaced the playground equipment at the Community Center. The old equipment was nearly 30 years old. Speaking of the Community Center, SD1 is replacing the sanitary

sewer line which runs through the left side of the trail and borders the lake. This new line will run to the new detention tank in Wilder. They hope to be finished before winter. Once complete, SD1 will replace the trails so all can once again walk around the lake as before, which should be sometime in the early Spring. We also replaced the west side of Electric Avenue from Ridgeway to Retreat Street.

We received a Land Water Conservation Grant for partial payment and demolition of the old tennis court property. The courts were sinking in one area as well as forming a large crack in the center of the courts and other cracks throughout the facility. The crack had been there for over 20 years and was worsening year over year. We tried for grants twice to replace the courts over the last 10 years. However, to no avail. Our Public Works team was able to take down the fence surrounding the courts and demolish the courts. The City intends to make this a green space with park benches, trees and foliage over the next few years.

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**Public Works will pick up leaves in November**  
**WEATHER PERMITTING**  
**Please rake leaves to edge of curb.**

### City of Southgate Taxes Due Nov. 30th

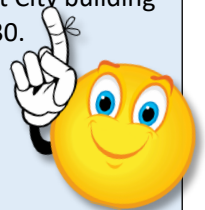
Payments must be postmarked or dropped in night slot at City building (122 Electric) by Nov. 30.

Office hours are 8:00-4:00 Mon. – Fri.

Bills are available on the city website [www.southgateky.org](http://www.southgateky.org)

**PLEASE NOTE: City offices closed Nov. 28 & 29**

Thank you!



## 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 - 9 pm starting Monday, Dec. 9th 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 - shows festive display with an eye for design

Awards will be announced, and winners will be contacted on Saturday, December 14. Prizes will be awarded at the Southgate Community Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15 from 2 PM to 3 PM at the Community Center. Help light up Southgate and enjoy the many beautiful displays celebrating the season!



## 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

## 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.

**-NIXLE -Please sign up for notifications through our partner Nixle.** It is free to sign up and you can get alerts from the police department to stay informed. We will send notices to subscribers about road closures and other community/safety issues. You can set what you want to receive and how you receive it (email or text).



**-SCAM ALERT-** please be advised that our county has had several instances of victims being scammed on-line or over the phone. Remember NO police department or sheriff's office will call you and want money over the phone. If in doubt about something like this, feel free to call our office so we can look into it. Many of these scams are generated from other countries and it is very hard to recover stolen funds from those foreign countries. If something sounds too good to be true it probably is.

-Finally, this is a reminder to lock your doors of your vehicle 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!

Happy Holidays!

## 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.

## 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

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We are allowing this property to rest over the winter before working on it again in the Spring and Summer of 2025.

In the Spring of 2025, the Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) will replace the water lines on Valley View and Blossom Lane from Valley View to Tracy. NKWD estimates the project will take three to four months for emolition and replacement, depending on the weather. Thoughts are that they may then move to Tracy and Heather Hill for water line replacement. The City will evaluate each street upon completion for repaving and new curbs.

Lastly, I want to personally thank Council members Joe Anderson and Tommy Wegener for their service to our City. They chose not to pursue another term on Council. Joe, has been on Council for 14 years and served diligently throughout his term. He always put the people of Southgate first and was eager to help with advice and sharing his opinion especially when it mattered most. He will be missed on Council and I am happy to also call him my friend and neighbor. Tommy Wegener, served out a term due to a resignation and then ran two years ago for reelection. His candor, demeanor and enthusiastic approach to all matters will also be missed. I am happy to call him a friend as well. Both Joe and Tommy always had your intentions and needs in mind and never came to any Council Meeting with a personal agenda.

We welcome Elizabeth Hartman and Jackson Curry to Council, beginning in January 2025. Both were elected to serve for the next two years along with: Mike Lycans, Paul Melville, Mark Messmer and Aileen Okura. Elizabeth lives on Retreat Street and Jackson is a member of the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department. We are excited to work with them as the City moves forward.

As we ready for Saint Nicholas Day, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Boxing Day, National Cookie and National Pastry Day and of course New Years Eve all in December, remember to offer

## NEWS FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

### John Beatsch

A big Thank You goes out to all our citizens and friends who attended and donated to the Southgate Auxiliary Stagette held at the Community Center on October 18. There was a record crowd of 194 ladies present and they had a wonderful evening of dinner, drinks and lots of fun with over 100 prizes given away. The ladies also got to play Bingo, and some lucky winners got to play our newest fire department sensation, Plinko. The Southgate Auxiliary does an outstanding job of supporting the fire department both financially and in other ways like providing dry clothing and food in emergencies. The Auxiliary is always looking for new members. You do not need to have a loved one in the department to join. The Southgate Auxiliary meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the fire station. If you are interested contact President Janet Rickels, (859-801-2802).

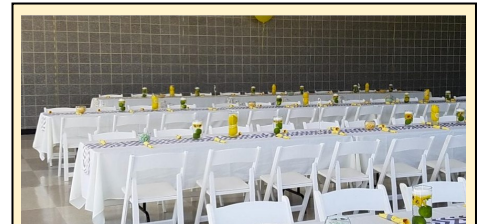


Winter is approaching and that means an increase in time spent inside. Be prepared so you and your family are safe during the cold weather. It is best to have your furnace serviced before you need to use it. Avoid using space heaters inside, but if you do, make sure they are kept away from flammable materials and are not left unattended for extended periods. If you did not change the batteries in your smoke detectors when the clocks were changed, you should do so as soon as possible. If you are unable to do so on your own call the fire station, (859-441-1422), and our firefighters will be glad to assist you. We can also help you install a new Smoke or CO Detector. Everyone should have both in their homes.

The fire department has been blessed with many new volunteers in the last couple of years. We currently have members taking EMT and/or Paramedic class and we hope to have them available to run with us soon. Many of our firefighters, EMT's and paramedics have been hired to full time jobs with career fire departments. There is an extreme shortage of qualified applicants to fill open positions with full-time departments in our area and around the country. Our trainees have been very successful in applying for and being hired. If you are interested in being a volunteer member of our department, working one of our part-time positions or pursuing a career in the fire and EMS service, call the fire station, (859-441-1422) or stop down and check us out. Our department trains or has business meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7pm. You are more than welcome to stop down and meet our folks and watch what we do. Also, if you have a little one who is fascinated by fire trucks and firefighters, bring them down for a visit. Our members will be glad to show them the big fire trucks close-up. Bring your phone so you can get some pictures.

random acts of kindness even more so to others who won't receive the kind of celebration you will receive during this festive Season. My hope is that you and yours will have the best Holiday Season ever! So, from Joyce and me and our family, may your wishes come true and all remain safe throughout 2024 and especially as we venture into 2025. Remember, to care about those who care about you and who care about others. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jim



### Southgate Community Center Rentals

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

# City Calendar 2024-2025

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

Nov. 28 & 29	Thanksgiving Holiday – Office closed
Nov. 30	Christmas tree lighting 6:00 pm Memorial Park by VFW
Nov. 30	Tax bills are due
Dec. 4	Optimist Club sponsored “Kids Night on City Council” 6:30 pm
Dec. 15	Fire Dept sponsored Community Christmas Party 2:00 pm Community Center 301 W. Walnut St.
Dec. 24 & 25	Christmas Holiday – Office Closed
Jan. 1, 2025	Happy New Year – Office Closed
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed
Feb. 17	Presidents Day – Office Closed
Apr. 18	Spring Holiday – Office Closed
May 26	Memorial Day – Parade - Office Closed

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

[www.southgateky.org](http://www.southgateky.org) or [www.facebook.com/cityofsouthgateky](https://www.facebook.com/cityofsouthgateky)

## Mayor & Council City Departments

• Mayor Jim Hamberg

Council members:

- Aileen Okura
- Mike Lycans
- Paul Melville
- Mark Messmer
- Jackson Curry – newly elected 1/2025
- Elizabeth Hartman – newly elected 1/2025

*Thank you to Councilmen Joe Anderson & Tommy Wegner who will be finishing their appointments on Council in Dec. 2024*

**Police Chief:** John Christmann

Police Dept: 441-7473

**Fire Chief:** John Beatsch

Fire Dept: 441-1422

**Public Works:** Arvil Bowman

City Clerk: Brandi Barton

**Code Enforcement:** John Lauber

City Treasurer: Patty Edgley

City Attorney: Mary Ann Stewart

City building 441-0075

**Community Center:** Chelsie Shay

Office: 781-8878

Center: 781-8878

## The Southgate Pumpkin Walk

We had a great turnout for the Pumpkin Walk on Oct. 11. There were lots of great costumes and a fun time was had by all! Special thanks to:

- John R. Little VFW Post 3186 and VFW Auxiliary
- Papa John's Pizza, Campbell Media, Blu Moon Galleries
- Ashley Pangallo and Pangallo's on 27, TANK
- Minuteman Press Southgate, Regal Maid
- Residents Tara, Eli, and the kids, Gale Singleton
- Southgate Police & Public Works Departments



Thanks to all residents and visitors who attended and helped make the event such a huge success. Southgate is great because of all of you! We'll see you again next year! See the following link for a video of the event:  
<https://campbellmedia.org/video/59246/>