



Citylines



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Southgate, Kentucky – City of Friendly Homes

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A Note from the Mayor...



Good Morning, Good Afternoon or Good Evening:

I hope this article finds you and your family doing well and getting ready to celebrate the magic of

Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hannukah and the New Year! Take some time for yourself and your family to enjoy this festive time of the year.

The City has been busy since our last posting. Ashley and Fischer Homes continue building their homes on Memorial Pointe and hopefully, the assisted living unit at Memorial Pointe would soon be under construction while Sunrock is now underway off Moock Road at the Fox Chase and Woodland Hills entrance. Duke provided us with a grant for placement of benches at the Beverly Hills Memorial off Memorial Pointe Drive near US27. We will place those sometime in early spring 2026.

You may have noticed that the SD1 Community Center Park project is complete. SD1 placed a new line through our park which took out the left side of the trail from the playground equipment to past the dam. SD1 laid a new trail in that section upon completion. However, a few memorial trees unfortunately fell victim during construction. In the Spring, we will replace those trees and memorials.

In the next few months, you may see a new police cruisers on your street. We will be receiving three new cruisers replacing three retiring cruisers. We are hoping they will be street ready by the end of January 2026. Recently, we completed the new Police Evidence Room because by statute, we need to keep and store evidence for 50 years. Yes. That's fifty years!

Council recently passed a Resolution to join "Read Ready" Northern Kentucky through EducateNKY, part of BeNKY. "Read Ready" will work with our two schools and the EducateNKY staff to provide reading and early learning education for children from ages of 0-5 years. The purpose is to have children ready for Kindergarten. The program includes providing a recently born child at Saint Elizabeth with a book for their parents. Education from Read Ready will work with the preschool education at both Saint Therese and Southgate Independent schools. More to come on this program. Council member Aileen Okura has agreed to Chair this event for the City and our Assistant City Clerk Barbara has volunteered her time to provide the recordkeeping for the program. EducateNKY will provide most of the funding for this program. The City will also contribute time and funding as we move forward, especially in the 2026-27 budget year.

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Christmas TREE LIGHTING

The annual lighting of the Christmas Tree will take place on Saturday, November 29 at 6 pm at the Veterans 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

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 for the new police app notifications to receive community alerts and important emergency information.

Facebook:

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

Website:

<https://southgateky.org>

Police App:

Download [Kentucky Police Connect](#) from your phone app store

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 website www.southgateky.org

PLEASE NOTE: City offices closed Nov. 28 & 29

The City can now accept credit cards. You can Pay your tax bill online by credit card or by Electronic check.



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 8 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 - highlighting 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 13. Prizes will be awarded at the Sweets with Santa event at the Southgate Fire Department on Saturday, December 13 from 10 AM to 12 PM.

Let's light up Southgate and enjoy the beautiful displays celebrating the season!

SWEETS WITH SANTA!

Join us at the Southgate Fire Department for Sweets with Santa! Saturday, December 13, 10 am to 12 pm.

Take photos with Santa and enjoy treat bags provided for the children by the Southgate Fire Department. Join us for refreshments, sweet treats, and fun for all!

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- unfortunately bad weather will be upon us soon. Please 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 snowplow drivers and prevents your vehicle from being towed.

Police App - we have rolled out a new police app to better serve the community and get important information out to everyone in a timely manner. Please download the app from the QR code located on the city web site. This app is completely free of charge to all citizens.



New police employee - We have hired a police clerk to help manage things at the police station. If you call the police department, you may hear a familiar voice. Chelsie Shay, our community center coordinator, has taken on a dual role with the City. She will be working in the police department as our police clerk. Welcome aboard Chelsie!

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!



Public Works will pick up leaves Nov. 10-Dec. 12
WEATHER PERMITTING
Rake leaves to edge of curb



Christmas Tree Recycling
Public Works Dept. will pick up trees from curb or drop off at the Public Works Garage
260 W. Walnut St.
Dec. 26 to Jan. 6

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

A Note from the Mayor

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With the expansion of our City, we are in the process of hiring a new police officer which is an addition to staff. More than likely the new officer will have to attend the Police Academy in Richmond, KY and would not be on the road until the early fall of 2026. We hope to hire an additional Public Works Laborer by Spring as well which will eliminate the part time seasonal laborer during the Summer.

As to Valley View and Blossom Lane, the Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) placed a new water main on Blossom Lane from Valley View to Tracy Lane and on Valley View in late summer of this year. Complications occurred during the placement of the line on Valley View through the installation of a defective pipe by the manufacturer, causing the NKWD to replace that line, delaying the completion of their project until the middle or end of November. SD1 will line the sanitary line from Blossom to Heather and will install new storm sewer catch basins during the reconstruction of both streets. The City intends to bid for street reconstruction and repaving for both Blossom Lane from Valley View to Tracy Lane and for Valley View in early January 2026 with the hope of repaving taking place as soon as the asphalt plants reopen in early spring. The City will have an Open House at the Community Center for the residents of both streets sometime going into the first part of 2026 to explain this project and estimated timing of the same. To the residents on both streets, please be on the lookout for notification of this meeting.

This year marks my 19th year as your Mayor. We've accomplished many things during this time with more to come. From obtaining various grants for street and sidewalk projects along with a grant to refurbish the City Building and excavate two homes - one on East Walnut and the other on the corner of Electric and East Walnut to be able to construct the new firehouse, as well as from FEMA to reconstruct our damaged trails, the state fixing the barriers on US27 at either side of the tunnel under US27, to landscaping the medians on US27 and improving our parks plus other successes, we continue to move forward. My first priority and goal has always been to keep

NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

John Beatsch

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.

you and your family safe. As you know we were listed as the second safest city in Kentucky in 2024. We are progressing with developments such as Memorial Pointe and now Sunrock beginning. The hope is with these new developments, we will be able to begin to reduce taxes while continuing to advance our City forward.

There was a CPR and AED training for staff and council that taught us how to properly use the AED units located in our City Building and Community Center. Thanks to Police Officer/fireman Tim Mitchell for instructing us.

Finally, over the last few years I attended 87 hours of approved courses through the Kentucky League of Cities, along with one hour of Ethics, one hour of Open Records and one hour of Open Meetings sessions through the Kentucky League of Cities for a total of 90 hours. I was able to receive and awarded the Level III – Master of City Governance Certificate for completing all the required training at the KLC Convention in September. Previously, I acquired Level I and Level II Certificates for 30 and 60 hours respectively by attending various

courses aligned for learning of what may be used for city governance. These programs provide City Officials with enhanced education needed to manage and perform their duties within the statutes outlined by the Commonwealth. I am honored and proud to represent you and our fine City of Southgate as the first Mayor from Southgate as well as a member of City Council to complete all three Levels.

So, on behalf of Joyce and our family to you and yours, we wish you a very happy Holiday Season! Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from ours to yours! Feel free to reach out to me at anytime if I may be of assistance or answer any questions you may have regarding our fine City. I always look forward to hearing from you. My number at the City is 859-441-0075 or home at 859-781-1658 or you can email me at jhamberg@southgateky.org.

Sincerely,


Jim Hamberg, Mayor

City Calendar 2025-2026

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. 27 & 28	Thanksgiving Holiday – Office closed
Nov. 29	Christmas tree lighting 6:00 pm Memorial Park by VFW
Nov. 30	Tax bills are due
Dec. 8	Home decorating/lights contests
Dec. 13	Sweets with Santa – Fire Dept. 10:00-12:00
Dec. 24 & 25	Christmas Holiday – Office Closed
Jan. 1, 2026	Happy New Year – Office Closed
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed
Feb. 16	Presidents Day – Office Closed
Apr. 3	Spring Holiday – Office Closed
May 25	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 or www.facebook.com/cityofsouthgateky

Mayor & Council City Departments

• Mayor Jim Hamberg

Council members:

- Aileen Okura
- Mike Lycans
- Paul Melville
- Mark Messmer
- Jackson Curry
- Elizabeth Hartman

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: Neil Berkley

City Treasurer: Patty Edgley

City Attorney: Mary Ann Stewart

City building 441-0075

Community Center: Chelsie Shay

Office: 781-8878

The Southgate Pumpkin Walk



We had a fantastic turnout for the Pumpkin Walk! Thank you to all who attended. There were lots of great costumes and a fun time was had by all.

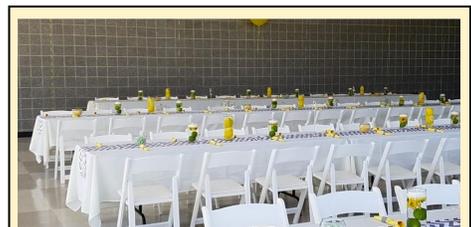
Special thanks to: John R. Little VFW Post 3186 and VFW Auxiliary, Campbell County Book Bus, Guthrie Heating and Cooling, Blu Moon Galleries, Papa John's Pizza, Campbell Media, Yarnie's Coffee Truck, Bubbles and Suds, Southgate Optimist Club, Southgate Police Department, Southgate Public School, St. Therese School, Pumpkin Decorating Volun-

teers (VFW Auxiliary, Minuteman Press, Cub Scouts, Tara Hoy, Mia H, Ryan H, Madison Susey and Alex Holtleeson), Candy Volunteers (VFW Auxiliary, Chief and Mrs. Beatsch, Optimist Club, Bubbles and Suds, Tara Hoy, Gale Singleton and Madison Susey), Decorating Volunteers (Tommy Wegener and Madison Susey).

Thanks to all residents and visitors who attended and helped make the event a great success again this year. Southgate is great because of all of you! We'll see you again next year! Thank you!

See the following link for a video of the event:

<https://campbellmedia.org/video/60220/>



Southgate Community Center Rentals

Call Chelsie, Community Center Coordinator, for availability & cost.

Phone: 859-781-8878

Email: center@southgateky.org

