



Citylines



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Southgate, Kentucky – City of Friendly Homes

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Good Morning, Good Afternoon or Good Evening:



Good morning, good afternoon, or good evening, Southgate. I hope you and your family are doing well and enjoying the rest of spring as we head

into summer. It has been a busy start to 2026, with several initiatives underway this year and additional projects planned to carry into the 2026–27 budget year.

For the first time, we have two major construction projects underway at the same time. A new assisted living facility near the former Beverly Hills site is being built and will include 65 assisted living beds and 24 memory care beds. Construction is expected to be completed between mid and late 2027, weather permitting. Sunrock, being developed by Grand Communities and Fischer Homes, will add new single-family homes, patio homes, condominiums, and luxury apartments. A project of this size is expected to take about eight years. Memorial Pointe continues developing with new condominiums by Ashley and the single-family homes sites are now nearly completed and constructed by Fischer Homes. The Sunrock development includes a new road entering near Fox Chase off Mook Road, winding through Sunrock in Southgate and connecting to Three Mile in Wilder. As these projects—Memorial Pointe, Trilogy,



Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies

Monday May 25th-10:00 am

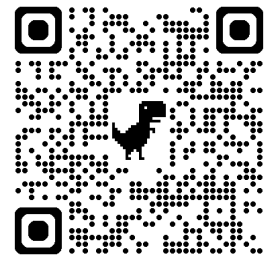
Parade route will start at Bluegrass & Electric then proceed to Blatt, Evergreen, Walnut and back to Electric to end at the Veteran’s Memorial Park for the ceremony. Civic groups throughout the community will participate. We hope to see you there!

and Sunrock—come online, we hope the additional tax revenue will allow us to begin reducing taxes over the coming years. Property values are also rising, following the PVA’s citywide reassessment this year, which would further help reduce the tax burden year after year.

In March, Council approved the Vision Plan for years 25-30-35, which is a plan to offer ideas of how the city could continue moving forward as we near those years. Short term, intermediate, and long-term visions **(Continued on page 3)**



We are transitioning away from delivering the “paper version” of the Citylines Newsletter. We will have a supply of printed versions available at the Clerk’s Office.



The newsletter will continue to be available on the City’s website: <https://southgateky.org/newsletters/>

Information on how to sign up to receive it, and other important information regarding the city will be available soon.

Southgate Fire Department



July 18th - 5:30-11:30

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.



The Police Dept. passed accreditation in April. This is the third time the department is accredited for another 4 years. The evidence room was completed in July 205 and this helped increase space for the department and evidence storage. The City is looking to expand the secure entryway at the dept. currently.

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.

We have a new police app that can help you stay connected with the police department and the City. The new app is free to download and use. We are still in the process of adding more content to it but there is already a lot of useful information on the app. Follow the simple instructions to download it.

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

Have a great summer!

Chief Christmann

New Southgate Police App Offers Complete Community Connectivity!



The new Southgate Police App is available now and will allow residents to report non-emergencies in addition to keeping track of all Southgate activities and events within one app! Go to the app to submit an anonymous tip, request vacation house checks, access the City's website and Facebook pages.

Download "Kentucky Police Connect" from your App store.

Southgate Community Center Rentals

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

Phone: 859-781-8878

Email: center@southgateky.org

Street Obstruction Permits

If you need a dumpster or moving POD placed in the street in front of your home, you will need to obtain a Street Obstruction Permit 5 days in advance. This form is on the City's website at www.southgateky.org. Complete and submit the form online or come into the Clerk's Office. There is no charge for this permit.

Green Thumb Awards

The Park and Tree Board's Green Thumb Awards run from May through September. Two awards are given each month to Southgate residents who have made special efforts to add beauty to their landscape. We ride all over the City taking photos for consideration. Call 859-441-0075 if you have someone you would like to nominate. Thank you for keeping Southgate beautiful!

City Wide Yard Sale

Save the Date for the annual City-Wide Yard Sale on Sat. Sept. 12. 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. 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.

2026 Calendar of Events

First & Third Wednesdays of month

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

Second Monday of month

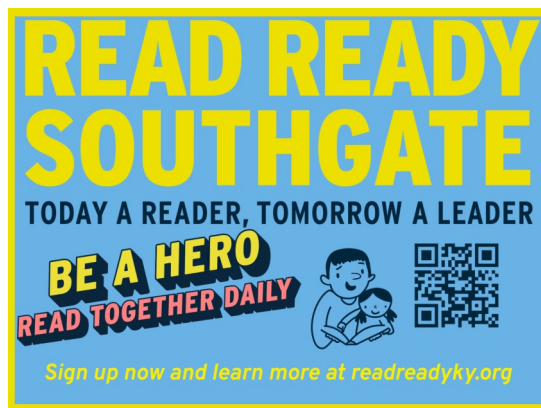
Park & Tree Board meetings 6:00 at Community Center 301 W. Walnut

May 11-18.....	City Wide Clean up Event
May 25.....	Memorial Day – Parade - Office Closed
June 6	Southgate Family Day
July 3	July 4th Observance – Office closed
July 18	Southgate Fire Dept. Block Party
Sept. 7	Labor Day – Office closed
Sept. 12	City Wide Yard Sale
Sept. 28-Oct. 5	Southgate Clean up event
Oct 31	Halloween Trick or Treat
Nov. 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Holiday – Office closed
Nov. 28	Christmas tree lighting 6:00 pm Memorial Park by VFW
Nov. 30	Tax bills are due

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

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

Read Ready Southgate!



Parents, please sign your children up now.

The City of Southgate has established an early reading initiative focused on improving Kindergarten readiness across Northern Kentucky. This focus starts with pre-natal care and continues through childcare, homecare, and preschool. The cities of Covington, Newport, Ludlow, and Bellevue currently support the program.

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This is a collaborative effort with EducateNKY and will include participation with Campbell County Public Library, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, health care providers, City and school leaders, families, and community leaders.

Key points:

- Read Ready is a locally led early learning initiative.
- This is about getting more kids off to a good start.
- There's a leadership gap in early childhood—and cities can help fill it.
- It's not a one-size-fits-all program.
- Other River Cities are already doing this.

Mayor's Note *(continued from page 1)*

were seen in the plan. The Kentucky League of Cities performed this task and many community leaders, business owners, city department heads and all city council members were asked for their thoughts as our city continues to move forward.

Running the city day to day takes a strong team, and we are fortunate to have a dedicated staff with long tenure. Over the past year—and into 2026—we have continued moving key projects forward without a City Administrator. However, as our city grows, we plan to pursue hiring someone in this position in the next

budget year to help manage and administer the key projects for our city.

Joyce and I hope to see you at the Memorial Day Parade as well as the other events planned throughout the summer including the Community Day on June 6 and the Southgate Block Party on July 18. Never hesitate to call or email me if I may be of service to you. My phone number at home is 859-781-1658 and 859-441-0075 at the city. My email address is jhamberg@southgateky.org

My best to you and yours,

Jim Hamberg, Mayor



Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement News

Southgate residents, as Spring has arrived so too has the time for chores to be done around the home. Please make every effort to cut and maintain all grass and weeds on your property. Another reminder is to not leave grass and weed clippings on our sidewalks or in the street. Look around your home outside to see if algae, mold, or mildew is present on your gutters, siding, windows, porches, or foundations. If it is, please attempt to clean it off with store bought house spray or hire someone to get your house looking better by removing it. Our goal is for everyone that lives here and visits sees what a nice community we have in Southgate.

Neil Berkley
City of Southgate Code Enforcement

Pet waste stations

Just a reminder:

Please pick up after your pets while walking them or in the park. There are pet waste stations in the parks for your use.



Mayor & Council

Mayor:

- Jim Hamberg

Council members:

- Aileen Okura
- Paul Melville
- Mark Messmer
- Jackson Curry
- Elizabeth Hartman
- Tom Whitehead

City Departments

Police Chief	John Christmann
Police Dept Non emergency	859-441-7473
DISPATCH emergency	859-292-3622
Fire Chief	John Beatsch
Fire Dept.	859-441-1422
Public Works	Arvil Bowman
City Clerk	Brandi Barton
Admin/Clerk's Office ..	859-441-0075
Code Enforcement	Neil Berkley
City Treasurer	Patty Edgley
City Attorney	Mary Ann Stewart
Community Center	Chelsie Shay



Waste and Recycling News

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.

Southgate Park and Tree Board News

The Park and Tree Board hosted a Plant Swap at the April meeting. There was a good turnout and we received generous donations from VFW Auxiliary 3186 and Ms. Clark to share with the attendees. We plan to do this again next year!

Arbor Day 2026 was observed on Friday, April 24, at the Southgate



Community Center. The City of Southgate was named a Tree City USA for the 21st year and received the Growth Award for the 20th year from the Arbor Day Foundation. Students from Southgate Public School and St. Therese School submitted posters for the 2026 topic, "Look at my Tree, it's _____!" and attended the event. Special thanks to the Kentucky Division of Forestry for an outstanding interactive presentation. Winning posters are on display at the glass display cases at the Southgate Community Center through May 12. The event is available for viewing at the Campbell Media website: <https://>

campbellmedia.org/video/60676/

Visit the City of Southgate Facebook page for the latest on these and other events, updates, and photos at www.facebook.com/cityofsouthgateky.

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!

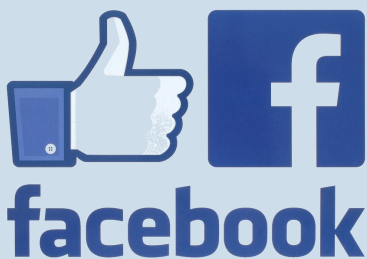


City of Southgate Clean Up Event Sept. 28- Oct. 5

**Dumpster will be located at
Public Works Garage
260 W. Walnut St.
Southgate residents use only
Household items permitted**

Items not permitted:

- Hazardous waste
- Liquids: paint, oil, stain
- Construction material
- Tires



Visit the Southgate
Facebook Page

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



More news from the Mayor...



Coffee or Meeting with the Mayor

Have coffee with Mayor Jim Hamberg beginning in June, on the fourth Monday of every month starting with June 22 from 9am through 11am in the small hall at the Southgate Community Center. He will also be available on the second Monday of every month in Council Chambers at 122 Electric Avenue (on the second floor) from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm in the evening. Jim will be available for you or anyone from your family to stop by and discuss any matter concerning the city, or to just say hello. Keep in mind you can always call or email him using his contact information above. We will try this through the remainder of 2026.

Staff

Recently, we recognized Arvil Bowman for his 25 years of service in Public Works. He started as a Laborer and is now the Public Works Foreman. He will be retiring on August 31st this year. We recognized Arvil at a recent council meeting. The City thanks Arvil for his service, commitment, and dedication. Be sure to congratulate Arvil for all the work he has done and accomplished during his tenure. We

hope to have Arvil's replacement hired by July 1.

Police Officer Dave Lawson will be retiring on May 31. He provides outstanding community policing for our Police Department and City. We thank Officer Lawson for his service and dedication and setting a fine example for our officers over the last 9 years. Dave, originally retired from Highland Heights. Be sure to thank Officer Lawson as you see him patrolling our streets.

In October 2025, we hired Matthew Barnett as a new full-time Police Officer. Currently, Matthew is in Police Officer Training/Academy in Richmond, KY. He graduates in July and then will start patrolling streets with our other police officers.

In April, we hired Aaron Keene as a new Public Works Laborer. Aaron comes to us with a lot of experience from his previous position with another city, working in nearly the same capacity. Please welcome Matthew and Aaron if you see them throughout the city. We are happy to have them with us and are looking forward to seeing the good things they will do for our city.

Street Projects

Southgate is beginning the most extensive street project in the history of our city. City Council approved three streets for repaving. Part of Valley View is set for total reconstruction from Blossom to Heather due to damage caused by the utilities which undermined the street over the years. Valley View will be repaved and reconstructed with new storm sewer inlets and curbs; Blossom Lane from Valley View to Tracy Lane will also be reconstructed

by widening and placing curbs in this street; and we will be repaving Tracy Lane with new curbs. All driveways will have new concrete pads connecting to the street. The project is set to finish by September 30 of this year. Riegler Asphalt won the bid for this project. This will mark 13 streets which Council approved over the last 20 years for repaving and/or reconstruction within our city. We have more work to do and look forward to getting to the remaining streets in need of this type of repair as time and finances permit.

Parks

Take a walk at our Community Center and trails. Public Works recently placed park benches along the path so folks can exercise and take a little time to enjoy the peaceful surroundings of the lake and wildlife. Take time to make time for yourself and family and take a walk on our trail and around the lake.

We are working on the formation of an additional park at the sight of the former tennis courts. The park would be known as Optimist Club Park as requested by the Club in recognition of the service their organization has provided to our city for many years. Look for this site to move forward hopefully as we go into the 2026-27 budget year. The city intends to seek donations from local businesses or individuals to help offset part of the cost and create a genuine community concept. The intention is to have a setting with trees and shrubs along with a circular walking path, park benches and a swinging bench. It is set to be a quiet place and park for your enjoyment.
