

Citylines

Southgate, Kentucky – City of Friendly Homes

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A Note from the Mayor...



Dear Residents of Southgate:

Welcome to our Centennial Year in Southgate! Our City is 100 years young. The city

was named after land owner Richard Southgate by local politician Albert S. Berry. The area first came into local news in the fall of 1862 when Confederate soldiers threatened to invade NKY and Cincinnati. One of the defenses quickly erected was the Shaler Battery named in honor of Nathaniel Southgate Shaler.

The battery was located in what is now Evergreen cemetery, Campbell's County's largest cemetery (offering an indication to how long the cemetery has been around).

Southgate shared in the gambling and dinner club business with Newport in the 1930's through the 1960's. In 1936, Peter Schmidt, a convicted moon shiner, opened the Beverly Hills Supper Club.

Landmarks of Southgate also include the Two Mile Inn - later called the Heidelberg Inn, El Greco Restaurant, The Rock Bar which featured live boxing, the Black Orchid Nightclub, John R. Little V.F.W. Post, Evergreen

Cemetery (originally in Newport), Southgate Independent School, the Methodist Church and St. Therese Church and School.

Southgate is also the home of U.S. Senator and Baseball Hall of Famer - Jim Bunning as well as Kentucky Senate Pro-Tem Katie Stine.



We've been the scene of a number of movies including "Rainman". So I ask you, where else can you go in Northern Kentucky that has a: two churches, two schools, VFW Hall, Community Center, lake, cemetery, walking trails, an active Volunteer Fire Department which dates as far back as 1909 and Auxiliary, Boy

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Southgate Police Officer & Firefighter Honored



Southgate Police Department Officer Ryan Marcus was awarded the Northern Kentucky Police Chiefs Association's top honor for service in the line of duty.

Marcus received the "Outstanding Acts by a Police Officer" award at the association's annual dinner on Friday, January 19th.

Officer Marcus and Ray Shields, a member of the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department were honored at the ceremony for pulling a person out of a burning vehicle on July 14th along I-471. Officer Marcus decided to leave the City's Police Department to join the Campbell County Police Department, congratulations and we wish you well in your new position.



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Scouts, Girl Scouts, church and school organizations, Super Seniors Club, Optimist Club and an active Park and Tree Board, to only name a few.

We have many events planned for this year. I will tell you that Councilmember's Blanchet and Robisch have been working hard on the upcoming events on our Centennial Committee. The first event will be **Historical Day in Southgate**. This is a free event to all who participate. Councilmember Bertsch is working with me on this event, which will occur on **Saturday, April 28** from 12:30 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. This day will begin at the Community Center with a talk from the Campbell County Historical Society. Sites which will be open to the public during this time will include: the VFW, Southgate Independent School, St. Therese Church and School, Immanuel Methodist Church, Southgate Fire Department and at the Community Center will be the Southgate Super Seniors, Optimist Club, Boy and Girl Scouts and the Southgate Police Department. We hope to have a cemetery walk that day as well leaving from the VFW Hall at 1:15 p.m. We will have a bus running from Electric Avenue to Blatt and up Evergreen to the VFW and then onto the Community Center and back during this time. We are planning to have dancers at the Community Center at 4:00 p.m. to help close this event. I want to thank the members of the Historical Committee, including: Fred Espenscheid, Ray Muench, Jim Herman, Howard and Juanita Bittner, Superintendent Jim Palm, Scott Clark, Chief Mike Hall, Scott Fruendhoff, Mike Groesch, Irene Vickers, Mrs. Ware, Glenn Koeninger and all who attended the Historical Committee meeting in January and February. I also want to thank Mayors, Paul, Callahan, Blanchet and Melville for providing me with material needed to complete the last 25 years of history for the City. Plus we want to thank all residents (you know who you are) who contributed historical pictures and items for display. We are still in need of such items and I would ask that if you have anything of historical value for the City, to please bring them to the City Building. We will be happy to make copies of

pictures, news articles, etc. and get the originals back to you for safekeeping.

Our **Memorial Day Parade (May 28)** will begin at the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. The Parade will proceed up Walnut Street turning left on Ridgeway and right on Electric, left on Blatt and right on Evergreen and right on Walnut and finally left on Electric. The VFW will hold their Commemoration at Memorial Park. The Re-Dedication of Southgate will take place immediately following the Commemoration. Many dignitaries have been invited to attend. We hope you will be in attendance as well.

Other events are also planned and we will be getting more details to you in our next issue of City Lines. They include:

Community Day on August 11 (with a rain day on August 12) and an **Oktoberfest** (sponsored by the Muench and Melville families) on **October 13** to close the Centennial.

Any help you would like to offer for any of these events would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to volunteer please call the clerk's office at 441-0075.

We will also be renovating our City Building for the first time in many years. Councilmember's Miller and Speier are working hard to upgrade our building with new energy efficient windows, air conditioning, computer system, and more efficient use of space. Southgate received a grant from the Commonwealth of Kentucky through the help of Senator Katie Stine in 2006 for this purpose. Please bear with us as we go through renovation of the city offices through the rest of this year and into part of 2008. Councilmember Wiefering will be assisting the Centennial Committee as well as the City Building Committee while working with City Treasurer Don Berkemeyer.

I hope you and your family are planning on attending the events in celebration of our Centennial. We look forward to seeing you.

Jim Hamberg, Mayor

New Council Members



Ron Bertsch grew up in Ft. Thomas until he was 14 when he moved to Bellevue for the next 20 years. He graduated from Villa Madonna College and received his Master Degree from the University of KENTUCKY. He met and married Janet Weyer Bertsch in 1962. Together they have six children. Ron taught math, English and was a P.E. teacher and coach. Ron and his wife moved to Southgate in 1972. He retired from full time teaching but does still substitute teach for Newport and Covington. He is very active refereeing basketball and softball games, and he is an avid golfer.



Dan Speier grew up in Southgate on Linden Avenue and attended St. Therese School and Newport Catholic High School. Dan and his wife, Kelly, lived on Linden Avenue for about 10 years next to his parents' home. Dan & Kelly now make their home on Ridgeway Avenue.

Dan graduated from NKU Cum Laude in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. He works at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center as a Facilities Technician II repairing and maintaining electrical and medical equipment throughout the complex. Kelly works in the Accounting & Finance Department of Green Bay Packaging. They have two children who attend St. Therese School. Dan & Kelly are both active in coaching & other volunteer work at St. Therese.

New faces in Southgate!

We would like to welcome Office Jason Compton and Miles McMillion to our city staff. Jason joined the police department and comes to us from the Boone County Police Department. Miles will be working in our public works department and is a welcome relief for Arvil and Jeff! Welcome Jason and Miles!



City of Southgate

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March 7, 2007

Dear Resident,

At the February 21st City Council Meeting, Council approved the proposal for the "Pipe Project" which you may have read or heard about before now. This project includes excavation of the current storm sewer pipe and construction of a new storm sewer pipe. The part of our City which is affected by this construction is the east side of Electric Avenue through Bluegrass Avenue between Electric and US 27 and Bluegrass Commons. Residents and businesses in this area provided the City with easements for us to perform this work. It is estimated that construction will begin as early as mid March and may take approximately as much as 9 months to complete.

During construction, expect street closures on Bluegrass Avenue between Electric Avenue and US 27. Please keep this in mind for travel to and from the City during this time. TANK will reroute the bus through the City when this portion of Bluegrass closes. Contact TANK at 331- TANK or the City offices at 441-0075 for confirmation of the route during construction. During construction, please adjust your daily routine to accommodate the closure of Bluegrass Avenue at Electric Avenue (through US 27) once construction in this area begins. We anticipate this closing to be temporary during construction and this portion of Bluegrass Avenue may re-open in the evenings. For safety reasons, we ask that you please keep away from the construction site and encourage your children to do the same.

Suggested Routes: Traveling to south US 27 towards I-471 coming down Bluegrass, Ridgeway or Beech – turn right onto Electric Avenue and left on Temple Place and right onto US 27 south. (You cannot turn left coming out of Temple onto US 27 North.) If traveling to Newport from Bluegrass, Ridgeway or Beech – turn right onto Electric Avenue, left on Walnut and left onto Evergreen and left onto US 27 north. Obviously, use the opposite route when returning. Due to safety concerns for Southgate Independent School, please do not use William Blatt Avenue as this street travels directly past the school. Also, please be careful during school hours in the area near Electric and Evergreen Avenues and near Temple Place due to St. Therese School. Police will be monitoring traffic to and from the city during this time. Other routes to consider would be to travel on Bluegrass Avenue to Kentucky Drive in Newport and turn right onto Kentucky Drive if traveling to Newport. You may also turn left onto Kentucky Drive and right onto Grandview to travel to downtown Newport.

Russell Craft Hair Consultant and the Alexandria Pike Animal Hospital are open during construction. Accommodations for temporary parking for these businesses will be provided during construction. Please look for signs directing you to temporary parking within the area to accommodate these businesses during construction.

We ask for your patience and recommend allowing additional time for your daily routine, especially when leaving the city during school hours. Please contact the City at the above number for any questions or concerns during this time.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation through the construction period.

Mayor Jim Hamberg & Public Works Director Arvil Bowman

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Animal Control Officer

The City has hired an Animal Control Officer. Reminder to residents - keep your dogs and cats under your control! Terry Baker will be patrolling our streets on a regular basis starting February 12th. Please remember dogs must be leashed and under control of the owner. Stray animals will be picked up and taken to the Campbell County Animal Shelter and fines levied. Fines must be paid at the City Building before you can have your animal released.

Terry is a Certified Animal Control Officer and also works will rescue groups. She is helpful if you have a problem with raccoons or other wildlife. Welcome to Southgate Terry!

Northern Kentucky Talking Book Library

Anyone unable to read standard print materials is eligible for this free service. To learn more, residents of Campbell, Boone, Kenton, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Owen & Pendleton Counties should call 859-962-4065 or toll free in Kentucky 1-866-491-7610 for information. E-mail: nktbl@kentonlibrary.org.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS


Council Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Southgate Celebrates 100 Years! Centennial Events

4/28/06 12:30 p.m.	Southgate Historical Day Southgate Community Center
5/28/07 9:30 a.m.	Annual Memorial Day Parade Start @Southgate Community Center
5/28/07 11:00 a.m.	Re-Dedication of City Memorial Park on Electric Ave
07/21/07 5:30 p.m.	Volunteer Fire Department Block Party Electric Ave @ Walnut St
8/11/07 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Southgate Community Day (rain date is 8/12/07) Southgate Community Center Community Picnic & Celebration
10/20/07 2:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Oktoberfest in Southgate - Centennial Closing Southgate Community Center

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY EVENT CALL 859-441-0075!
COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

If your group or organization would like to submit an article in the next issue of *Citylines*, please send noteworthy information for consideration to be included to the City Clerk's office or e-mail to jodyanderson@southgateky.org.



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