



Citylines



MEMORIAL DAY Parade & Ceremonies 10 am



The 2016 **Grand Marshal** is **Bill Fischer**. Parade begins at Bluegrass & Electric and proceeds to Blatt, Evergreen, Walnut, Evergreen, and to the Veterans' Memorial Park. Southgate School band will play music and the classic cars with the Country Cruisers will be in the parade. As the remembrance ceremonies conclude, all are invited to the VFW Hall for refreshments.

Monica Rath

1973-2016



Monica Watson Rath served as the Southgate Community Center Coordinator from 2005 until her untimely passing on March 9, 2016. Monica was admired and respected

by firefighters and the general public for her many years of dedicated service. Her extensive expertise of charitable gaming and ABC licensing issues was of tremendous assistance to public and private groups and the effective operation of the City's Community Center. She served as a volunteer at the Southgate Fire Department plus other organizations and she will be greatly missed. Please see Chief Beatsch's article for more detail on her accomplishments.

In her memory, the City will affix a memorial plaque to the wall of the foyer at the Southgate Community Center this summer. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Jim Hamberg, Mayor

A Message from the Mayor...



It's hard to believe that school is or is almost over again for another year and summer is upon us. Before we know it, Memorial Day will be here. I hope you and yours are looking forward to the warmer months ahead.

We recently were awarded a grant, working with Representative Dennis Keene for \$500,000 to help with our streets. The grant funding is due in 2018. Representative Keene worked diligently to help bring this amount to fruition for us. Thanks to Representative Keene.

Recently, we applied for another grant to fix our tennis courts. As you may know, SD1 installed a new pipe under the courts. Prior to that, slipping occurred, causing the large crack across both courts. The amount of the grant is \$98,000. If our application is approved, we will receive half of this amount. We are hoping

construction would commence sometime in early next spring. We should know if the grant was awarded to the City by Sept.

Congratulations goes out to our Park & Tree Board! Because of their efforts, the City of Southgate was recognized as a "Tree City USA" for the 11th year and the City received the Growth Award for the 10th year from the Kentucky Division of Forestry. Be sure to thank them for their efforts.

Donna Kidney has been hired as our Community Center Coordinator with the passing of Monica Rath. Donna will do a fine job for us and for you. Please contact Donna for any upcoming hall rental need. Her number is in this newsletter.

Thanks to all of our staff and City Council who do a wonderful job for our City. I continue to receive positive comments from many residents and visitors which I deeply appreciate. I am impressed with the work and work ethic of all of our staff members and Council. All *(continued on page 3)*

Family Movie Nights

Movies start at 7:00 pm inside the Community Center, Popcorn for 25 cents and drinks for 50 cents will be sold.

Bring the kids & blankets and have a great time!

Movies are for all ages, 1 to 101.

Here are the movies that will be shown.

5/13/16	Peanuts Movie
7/8/16	Good Dinosaur
8/12/16	Movie TBA
9/16/16	Movie TBA

Southgate Volunteer Fire Department Block Party

Summer is here and the highlight of summer in Southgate is the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department Block Party. This year the Block Party will be on Saturday, July 16, from 5:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. in front of the Firehouse. We will have our usual assortment of food and drinks along with our Big Six Wheel, Kid's Games and our famous Turtle Races. The turnout the last several years has been fantastic and once again we are hoping to see all of our friends and neighbors at the Block Party. It really is more of a party than a festival with less emphasis placed on making money and more emphasis placed on making friends.

We at the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department rely heavily on the support and generosity of our citizens to help us do a very dangerous job in a very professional manner. Your support in the past has allowed us to purchase much needed equipment that our budget with the City of Southgate does not provide. We are once again asking for your support of the Block Party and we are especially hoping to see you and your family on July 16.

Rest in Peace

2016 has been a rough year for the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department. Monica Rath succumbed to her battle with lymphoma after a long and valiant battle. Monica was a vital part of our department having served as firefighter, E.M.T., CPR instructor and Treasurer. Her passing leaves a void not only in our department but to firefighters throughout the Commonwealth. Monica served as the Secretary of the Kentucky Firefighters Association. The Southgate Fire

Department and the Rath and Watson families would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support and comfort during the last several months. The Monica Rath fundraiser that was held at the Southgate Community Center in March was a huge success and will help Monica's family with the medical bills that they have incurred.

Retired Southgate Firefighter and former Southgate resident Ralph Beiting died unexpectedly just a few weeks after Monica's passing. Ralph was a firefighter and EMT with the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department. Ralph always had a smile on his face and was respected and loved by everyone he met. He will also be missed.

Deputy Chief Myron Born of the Campbell County Fire District #1 succumbed to the burden of P.T.S.D. in late April. Myron was a forty year veteran of the fire service and a good friend of the Southgate Fire Department. He and his wife Donna are well known in Northern Kentucky and his death left the firefighting community shocked and deeply saddened. It served as a reminder to us all that P.T.S.D. is a real and present danger to emergency responders who often times see things that are difficult to comprehend and cope with.

Our prayers and hopefully yours go out to the families of these fallen heroes. Let's hope that the rest of the year brings only good news.

Submitted by Fire Chief John Beatsch



The Southgate Super Seniors were founded in March of 1981. Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Southgate Community Center, 301 West Walnut Street. Doors open at 11:30 am. Cake, coffee and soft drinks. Meeting at 1:00 pm followed by bingo. We play cards, bingo, have "white elephant" exchange & soup day, go on trips and enjoy our friendships. Please join us.

Call Pat Hayley for further information at 859-442-7010.

Message from the Chief of Police

John M. Christmann



As the summer begins, I want to give you a few tips for keeping your family safe:

- 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. -For administrative help, you can call our office at 441-7473 during normal business hours.

- Please remember to lock your vehicles and homes, and don't forget about open windows and especially garage doors. These are easy ways for thieves to enter your home. With the nicer weather upon us, kids will be more likely to be out and about so watch your speed and watch out for kids on bicycles.

- The Department is currently utilizing "NIXLE" to notify residents in case of an emergency or simply a community advisory or notice. You choose what you want to be alerted to. Sign up at www.nixle.com. It is free and easy to use.

- Remember, there is a prescription drug drop off box in the lobby of the city building on Electric Avenue. If you have unwanted pills or medicine you can safely dispose of them here. This keeps them out of the hands of unintended individuals and helps prevent drug abuse.

- Don't forget to call the police department to let us know that you will be on vacation. We will fill out a form and give you home extra patrol while you are away! Have a great summer!



The City Wide Yard sale will be held on Sat. Sept. 10th from 8:00-4:00 this year. Applications to join the yard sale will be taken at City building in Sept. with non-perishable food items which will be donated to local food pantry.

Public Works News

Arvil Bowman, Public Works Foreman

With all the rain that we are having lately, please remember when you cut grass to not throw it or otherwise deposit it into the street. It can collect at the bottom of the storm catch basins of the streets. Backups due to clogged catch basins can become a large expense to the City. An ordinance prohibits throwing grass and debris into the streets and sidewalks. Please see Ordinance 15-05 on the City's website for more information.

Southgate Optimist News



March 27 at the Southgate Community Center. We were blessed with great weather and one of the largest crowds in recent memory. The Easter Bunny visited and fun was had by all. We even had channel 5 WLWT visit and film the festivities

appearing briefly on the 11 o'clock news that night. Please plan to join us next Easter Sunday at 2:00 pm.

The Optimist **Oratorical Contest** was held on April 17 at the Southgate Community Center. Participants gave speeches and the winners have the opportunity to move on to the regional contest and receive a chance at a college scholarship. This year's winners were Maggie Schlosser and Adam Bacon

Did you know that the Optimist Club started in 1946 and has served the youth of Southgate for over 70 years? Our club is always interested in new members. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the John Little VFW at 6:30 pm. Please contact Ken Paul if you are interested in joining or would like additional information. kenpaul@fuse.net. Please visit our website southgateoptimist.org/ to learn more about the Southgate Optimist and our upcoming events.

Cruise In 2016



The 3rd Annual Cruise In will be on Sunday, July 24th from 4-8pm. The classic cars will be lined up on Electric Ave. The Country Cruisers will provide music and prizes. Additional prizes will be raffled which were donated from local businesses. Food and drinks will be available at the Southgate Firehouse along with Kona Ice. Parking is available at St. Therese parking lot. Bring the family and come enjoy a fun afternoon.

Message from the Mayor

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are committed and dedicated to providing the best service for you and your families. Never hesitate to contact me or any of our staff members if we can assist you. My home phone number is 781-1658. So on behalf of the City Administration, all of our staff, City Council and from Joyce and our family to yours, I hope you and your family have a wonderful, safe and enjoyable rest of the spring and summer.

Jim Hamberg, Mayor



Upcoming Events

Our annual **Kash for Kids fundraiser** is currently underway. This annual raffle offers tickets for \$5 dollars each with the chance to win the grand prize of \$500. Each house in the Southgate received an envelope at their home with raffle ticket included. We thank you for your support and look forward to announcing the winner on May 25. Mail or drop off entries at the Southgate City Building.

Our **Annual Fishing Derby** will be held **May 14** at the Southgate Community Center. Fishing starts at 8 am and continues until noon. Come and enjoy the day fishing with us. Lunch will be served and prizes awarded. This event is always the second Saturday in May – mark your calendar.

College and High School Scholarship

The Southgate Optimist are please to once again award the James P Callahan Memorial College Scholarship. The winners each receive a one-time \$1000 scholarship to be used at the College of their chose. This year's winners are Christopher Reihl and Lillian Welcher. We wish them both the best in the college careers. To apply for next year's scholarship visit our website southgateoptimist.org or call Brock Muller at 513-240-0733 for additional information.

We will be announcing the winners of our Edward "Sonny" Schumann High School Scholarship at 8th grade graduation of local schools. An 8th grader from both St. Therese and Southgate Elementary will receive a \$500 award to further their high school education. For those entering the 8th grade, contact your school's principal to apply for next year.

News Items

We held our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on

Southgate Community Center Part-time Staff needed:

Monitors for events
Laborers for setup/cleanup of events

Call Donna Kidney
Community Center Coordinator
for further information
859-781-8878

Calendar of Events

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS
6:30 PM AT THE CITY BLDG**

May 30	Memorial Day – Office closed Parade at 10:00 am
June 17-18	St Therese Festival
July 4	July 4th – Office closed
July 16	Fire Dept Block Party 5:30 pm
July 24	Cruise In Car Show 4 pm
Sept. 5	Labor Day – Office closed
Sept. 10	City Wide Yard Sale

Arbor Day Celebration - 2016



On April 22, 2016, the City of Southgate celebrated Arbor Day at the Southgate Community Center, with the theme of, "A World With Trees - A World Without Trees." Mayor Jim Hamberg welcomed the 4th and 5th grade students from Southgate and St. Therese Elementary schools, their teachers, administrators, and other guests, then he read the Arbor Day Resolution for 2016. Mayor Hamberg and Dr. Joyce Hamberg, Co-chair of the Park and Tree Board, presented the poster winner awards to first, second, and third place winners from the 4th and 5th grades at each of the schools. In addition, there were sixteen Honorable Mention awardees.



Mayor Hamberg shared that the 2016 Arbor Day ceremony was dedicated to Monica Rath, former Southgate Community Center Coordinator, Firefighter, and EMT who recently passed away. The beautiful dogwood tree planted during the 2016 celebration is in memory of Monica, who loved helping us celebrate Arbor Day each year and whose absence leaves a major void in our celebration and in the lives of those who knew and loved her. Mayor Hamberg made a special presentation to Monica's husband, Steve Rath, and to her mom, Marlene Watson.

The guest speaker this year was our

favorite, Luke Saunier, from the KY Division of Forestry. Luke's energetic, interactive presentation on how trees communicate with each other was both engaging and inspiring. All those present went away with a better knowledge of the importance of caring for the urban forest. Luke also presented Mayor Hamberg with the Tree City USA flag for achieving 11 years as a Tree City USA and a certificate commemorating the City of Southgate on being recognized as a Sterling City for receiving our 10-year Growth Award. After his contribution to the program, Luke was presented a framed certificate acknowledging him as a Friend of Southgate and appreciation for his interest in and assistance with our annual Arbor Day Program. Each year Luke donates a tree to the City, and this always is an enhancement to our urban forest.

Two hundred American Redbud seedlings, with planting instructions, were delivered to the schools, and those present who wanted a seedling, had an opportunity to take one.

At the close of the ceremony, students and guests were treated to punch and cookies. The Arbor Day 2016 tree was planted, and Monica Rath's family took part in the memorial planting ceremony.

Appreciation is expressed to all the Park and Tree Board members who assisted, the local Boy Scout Troop who helped to bag the seedlings, the Mayor and City Council members, City maintenance and community center staff, teachers and

Arbor Day April 22, 2016 Poster Winners

1st Place Winners

Jocelyn Bin – 5th grade St. Therese
Elle Ehrman – 5th grade Southgate Independent

2nd Place Winners:

Kollin Hunter – 5th grade St. Therese
Adam Dickerson – 4th grade Southgate Independent

3rd Place Winners:

Kaylin Myers – 4th grade St. Therese
Ella Pieper – 5th grade Southgate Independent

administrators from the local school, and all who helped to make this a wonderful and memorable event.

*Submitted by,
Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg, Co-Chair,
Southgate Park and Tree Board*

Southgate Community Center & Picnic Shelter Rentals

Contact Donna Kidney for availability.
Phone: 859-781-8878
Email: center@southgateky.org

City Administration:

Mayor:	Jim Hamberg
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Public Safety:	Dan Speier
Code Enforcement:	James Enzweiler
Public Buildings, Parks & Recreation:	Chris Robisch
Public Works & Waste:	Joe Anderson
City Attorney:	Mary Ann Stewart
City Treasurer:	Terri Hudson
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Fire Chief:	John Beatsch 441-1422
Public Works:	Arvil Bowman 441-8009
City Clerk:	Brandi Barton 441-0075
Community Center:	Donna Kidney 781-8878