



Citylines



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Southgate, Kentucky – City of Friendly Homes

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New Hope Church



New Hope Church is located at 22 William Blatt Ave in Southgate. The pantry will be open on Sat. 11/19 and Sat. 12/17 to the community. If you are in need of items (food, detergent, soap, toiletries), please visit the food pantry. Visitors can shop in a grocery store setting. In November, shoppers may sign up their children to receive Christmas gifts which can be picked up in December.

An average of 1,200 families (5,000 people) are fed each year from the pantry. Volunteers from local churches, schools, and scout troops assist & work at the pantry. To donate items or volunteer your time, please contact Nancy Bay at 442-5559. Thank you to Southgate residents for the donations collected at the City Wide Yard Sale in September.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual lighting of the Christmas tree will take place on **Saturday November 26, at 6pm.** Come join us for a few Christmas carols to put you in the holiday spirit and see Santa. Afterwards, hot cocoa and cookies will be served at John R Little VFW. Everyone is welcome!

Southgate Volunteer Fire Department

Casino Night

Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016

Community Center

6pm-11pm

A Message from the Mayor...



Good Morning, Good Evening or Good Afternoon:

On behalf of Joyce and me and our family to yours, we would like to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving

and a Merry Christmas. I hope that you have a safe and healthy Happy New Year and that you and all of us have the best year ever in 2017! Please call me whenever I can be of assistance to you. My phone number is 859-781-1658.

I hope you enjoy the following articles about what is going on in the City of Southgate.

Jim Hamberg, Mayor

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 if paying in person. Bills are available on the city website at www.southgateky.org Thank you!

New from Southgate Fire Department

Fire Chief John Beatsch

Change your clock,



CHANGE your batteries

Department reminds everyone to change their clocks and change the batteries in your smoke detector. It is also helpful to dust the smoke detectors if dust has accumulated. A working smoke detector in your home is your first line of defense in the event of a

The time changes on Sunday November 6th this year. Each fall the Southgate Volunteer Fire

Department

fire. A fire in your home doubles in size every minute it burns. Studies show that even with a working smoke detector you have less than 5 minutes to escape the deadly smoke and heat of a fire in your home. Modern home furnishings and construction materials make your home a death trap if you are caught in a fire. Here are some helpful hints to help protect you and your family:

- Make a plan and know two ways out of every room.
- Pick a meeting place outside where everyone knows where to go (example neighbors porch)

- Practice your fire drill- practice waking up to your smoke detector, keeping low, and meeting outside at your meeting place.
- If you need help with your smoke detector or making your escape plan please contact the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department (859 441-1422) our firefighters are trained to assist you in your fire prevention activities and protect you, your family and your property.

Thank you for supporting the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department. Please do not hesitate to call us for assistance.

Park and Tree Board News

The Southgate Park and Tree Board members remain busy working with the City Maintenance Staff to prepare the flower beds for fall and inventory needed improvements. Plans are to add another fitness station or possibly another park bench to provide more services to our residents. We are investigating grant opportunities to upgrade the trail, and we are preparing the renewal application to retain our status as a Tree City USA (12 years) with the Growth Award (11 years). These are due in December and are awarded through the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

Terms for board members, Juanita Bittner and Vincent Rizzo, were renewed for a three-year term beginning October 16, 2016 and ending on October 16, 2019. Other board members whose terms are on a staggered appointment schedule are: Joyce Hamberg, Harold Kremer, Bill Theis, Jean Theis, and Nora Williams. Council member, Sue Payne, remains on the board as a liaison from City Council.

Several board members and City Council members represented the City of Southgate on November 3rd at the annual Trees in Our Community Forum and annual dinner sponsored by the Northern KY Urban Forestry Council and the KY Division of Forestry. The Southgate Park and Tree Board contributed a nice item, selected by Bill Theis, for the silent auction.

During the week of December 12, the Park and Tree Board will be choosing homes for the Holiday Decorating Contest. Residents who want to be considered need to have their Christmas lights aglow at dusk so that homes can be showcased to look their best. Winners will be announced at the Community Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18, 2:00 p.m., at the Southgate Community Center. Awards will be given in the categories of Fantasy Land, Toy Land, Classic Christmas, and Multi-Family.

The Park and Tree Board meets on the second Monday of each month, at 6:00 p.m., in the Mayor's Office at the City Building. Persons interested in becoming a member can call 859-441-0075 for information.

Message from the Chief of Police



John M. Christmann
Chief of Police

I would like to make everyone aware of a program that we are utilizing for our elderly citizens. We have created an emergency contact form that will contain vital contact information. This information will be used if the police officer needs to check the welfare of an elderly or special needs citizens. This form contains the name of a person who has a key to your home so that we can call them in case we need to check on your loved one. These forms are available at the police department, city building and on the city web site. The information on the form is strictly confidential and will be for emergency use only.

-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.

-I want to reiterate that "If you need the police, call the police". Remember, we are here to protect and service YOU. So please call when you need us.

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

- Remember while Christmas shopping, to lock your car doors and place any presents or valuables out of sight in your trunk.

-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.

Thanks and be safe.

Animal Control News - What is TNR?

by Terri Baker, N KY Animal Control Officer

I have been an Animal Control Officer for 14 years. I use to think I would work myself out of a job. I'm glad I did not, but where are all the animals coming from? I would trap feral cats and they are put to sleep, but more always come. So beginning October 1st Campbell County has made some changes to their policies and procedures on cats. We will begin to Trap feral cats, Neuter them and Return them. The idea behind this is to reduce euthanasia in the shelter and control the population, by letting the cats live out their lives. Studies have shown that if you trap and remove cats more strays come to that area. This I have seen over the years. If you neuter and let them stay, cats are less likely to move into an already existing group. We are fortunate, because our shelter accepts cats. There are many shelters in Kentucky that do not accept cats. Our state laws do not say we HAVE to. It states they have to be vaccinated for rabies and quarantined if they bite someone. Of course cruelty laws protect

them from harm, but nothing says a shelter must accept them and/or put them up for adoption. I work for 9 cities in the county and each one of them have containment laws for cats. So that means your pet can not roam free. However, beginning October 1st that is no longer true for your feral free roaming cats. So you will not get in trouble for feeding strays: As long as you work with Animal Control or the shelter and get them spayed/neutered. The feral cats are going to be ear tipped to identify that they are altered. I hope everyone will be excited and help us get as many cats altered as we can. If you already feed strays give me a call and I will get you on the list for a trap. 859-292-3622. I am not trying to work myself out of a job, but if we had no more homeless kittens or cats in Campbell County that would be a blessing! Animal control and the shelters do not want animals to be euthanized. We want them cared for. Be part of the solution!

News from Southgate Independent School

From the desk of Superintendent Greg Duty

“Excellence, Character, and Growth”

The vision statement in the Southgate Independent School District states “Pursuing Academic Excellence and Developing Strong Character for Every Student...Every Day.” We are excited about the possibilities that come with each new school year and the new heights that we aspire to reach. The students and staff have been working very hard together to ensure that academic excellence is achieved, strong character traits are exhibited in and out of the classroom, and continuous growth is occurring with every student...every day. We’re very proud of our recent accomplishments and look forward to our continued progress as a school community.

Great things happening in the Southgate Independent School District include:

- A new “Book a Week Program” has begun in preschool with each family receiving a new book each week that has been integrated into the classroom instruction (fully funded through a grant written by the preschool team).
- The district was awarded approximately \$25,000 through the Preschool Partnership Grant to assist in growing our early childhood development efforts.
- All students in grades K-8 have access to their own iPad or Chromebook in order to reinforce skills and concepts that promote continuous student growth.
- All 2nd graders are learning to play chess through the Chris Collinsworth ProScan Fund’s Chess in Schools Program where we focus on intellectual growth while sharpening reasoning skills and enhancing feelings of empowerment in our students.
- Sixteen students in grades 1-3 have been paired with a One to One Reading Coach who will meet with them once a week to improve their fluency and comprehension skills.
- Our cross country team finished the season strong with an individual regional runner-up finish and individual state medalist at the state meet held in Lexington.
- The school district earned an overall score of 65.3 on the Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) assessment putting

us only nine-tenths of a point away from the classification of proficiency determined to be 66.2.

- The middle school earned a 64.3 on the K-PREP assessment putting us only one and a half points away from the classification of proficiency determined to be 65.8.
- The elementary school earned a 66.3 on the K-PREP assessment putting us only nine-tenths of a point away from the classification of proficiency determined to be 67.2.
- The middle school earned a score in the Achievement category on the K-PREP assessment that was 5.1 points above the state average meaning our students are excelling academically.
- Both the elementary school and middle school earned scores in the Growth category on the K-PREP assessment that were above the state average meaning we are growing our students at a sufficient rate.

We will continue to work together to achieve academic excellence while developing strong character in every student...every day. It’s a great day to be a Southgate Lion!

News from the Park & Tree Board

Green Thumb Award Winners

October 2016

- Mike Lycans Patty Hollan 103 Havard
- Bridget and Paul Payne 11 West Walnut

September 2016

- Jennifer and Paul Riccobene 308 Snowshoe Drive

- Pamela Stallard 110 Tracy Lane

Aug. 2016

- Jeff Strickley 134 West Walnut St.
- Franz Delemos 314 Linden Ave.

July 2016

- Rita Brockman 106 Blossom Lane
- David & Tonia Schwegman 216 Evergreen Ave.
- Multi-family 107 Electric (Larry Kidney-owner)
- Business: Ted Dupont

June 2016

- Glenn Koeninger 120 West Walnut St.
- Vince Zimmerman 102 North St.

May 2016

- Bill Hartman 28 Retreat Street
- Chris and Karly Meyer 320 Electric

News from the Public Works Department

Arvil Bowman, Foreman

Leaf pick up

Please rake leaves between sidewalk and curb. Do not place them into the street because leaves can get into the storm water drain which can cause problems. Leaf pickup is determined by the weather. Check the City Building marquis and the website for when leaf pickup will be done.

Pet Waste stations

Pet Waste stations have been installed in the parks. The City of Southgate has an ordinance requiring pets be on a leash and owners to clean up animal feces and dispose of in a sanitary manner. The penalty can be a civil fine of not less than \$50 but not more than \$100 per day per violation.

Snow Emergency

Winter will be here before you know it. Please keep in mind that there is no parking on designated streets when snow exceed three (3) inches or during a declared snow emergency. Any vehicle parked on the pavement or right-of-way of any designated street at the time of the snow emergency should be removed within three (3) hours if a snow emergency is declared between 6 am and 8 pm. If an emergency is declared between 8 pm and 6 am, then the vehicle shall be removed prior to 9 am that morning. The City will be broadcast snow emergencies on local TV and radio stations. You can visit our website to see if a snow emergency has been declared. Vehicles may be towed at the owner’s expense if not moved when a snow emergency has been declared. Thank you for your cooperation.

WASTE COLLECTION

Rumpke waste and recycling service started on 7/1/16

Every resident was provided with a waste can and a recycling can. If you did not receive one or if you want to switch to a smaller size, please call the Clerk's office at 441-0075.

Recycling items accepted:

Paper: cardboard, office paper, magazines, newspaper, telephone books

Metal: aluminum beverage cans, steel cans, aerosol cans

Glass: jars, bottles (remove lids)

Plastic: bottles, jars (empty) flatten if possible

Cartons: remove lids/straws

Please do not place items inside plastic bags-just throw in can

Large item pickups:

1-2 items can be placed at curb for regular pickup. Mattresses and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic. If resident has more than 1-2 large items, please call Rumpke 24 hours in advance before large pick up date at (877)-786-7537.

Items not accepted:

Federal law does not allow pick-up of batteries, tires, liquids (paint), hazardous items. No drywall, concrete, dirt, or rocks.



School Crossing Guard

At the corner of Willow & Alexandria Pk.
Mon-Fri from 7:15-8:15am & 2:15-3:15pm

Southgate Super Seniors



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, go on trips and enjoy our friendships. Please join us.

Southgate Community Center & Picnic Shelter Rentals

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

Calendar of Events

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

- Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
- Nov. 25 – Office Closed
- Nov. 26 – Christmas tree lighting 6:00 pm
- Nov. 30 – Tax bills are due & need to be in night slot or post marked
- Dec. 18 – Community Christmas Party 2:00 pm Southgate Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Dec. 23 & 26 – Christmas - Office closed
- Jan. 2 – Happy New Year – office closed
- Feb. 20 – Presidents Day – Office closed
- Apr. 14 – Spring Holiday – Office closed

City Administration:

Mayor:	Jim Hamberg
Community Events & Ballfield:	Sue Payne
Finance:	Pat Hayley
Public Safety:	Dan Speier
Code Enforcement:	James Enzeweiler
Public Buildings, Parks & Recreation:	Chris Robisch
Public Works & Waste:	Joe Anderson
City Attorney:	Mary Ann Stewart
City Treasurer:	Terri Hudson
Police: Chief	John Christmann 441-7473
Fire Chief:	John Beatsch 441-1422
Public Works:	Arvil Bowman 441-8009
City Clerk:	Brandi Barton 441-0075

News from the Optimist Club

The Southgate Optimist Club participated in the "Shoes for Kids" Campaign sponsored by the Kentucky/West Virginia District of Optimist International. Our club matched the donations collected by



it's members and were able to purchase 38 pair of shoes to be distributed to needy children in our area. Thank you Southgate community for your continued support of our programs and fundraisers, your help is greatly appreciated! We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at the Southgate VFW at 6:30 if you are interested in finding out more about our club.

John R. Little VFW Post
BINGO

Tuesday/Sunday 6 pm

BIG SCREEN TV's

Football - Basketball

KARAOKE

with Gina on FRIDAYS

PUBLIC WELCOME