



Citylines



A Message from the Mayor...



Good Morning, Good Afternoon or Good Evening:
Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. I hope this Newsletter finds you and your family well.

Congratulations to our Park and Tree Board. Because of their efforts, we were recently recognized for “Ten Years” as a Tree City USA. Thanks to Co-Chairs Joyce Hamberg and Nora Williams as well as Secretary Jean Theis, Bill Theis, Harold Kramer, Juanita Bittner and Vinnie Rizzo and Council representative Sue Payne. Congratulations for the Tree City designation and also for our city being recognized for 9 years with the Growth Award. Both were presented to our City on Arbor Day, April 24. Thanks also to Boy Scout Troop 751 for their help in packing the trees to handout to the students from both schools. Thanks, Sue for your help in sponsoring the purchase of the commemorative rock for this occasion. Please be sure to congratulate the Tree Board Members and thank the Boy Scouts and Sue for their hard work.

As you know, the cold and snowy weather over the last two winters and various utility work have wreaked havoc on many of our streets. We are in the bidding process for Harvard as well as the section of North St. (which we worked on last year) and a section of Bluegrass Avenue. The main parking lot at the Community Center should be completed towards the end of spring. Other streets which Council is considering repairing are: Sections of Electric and Evergreen. The Northern Kentucky Water District is looking at replacing the fresh water main
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Southgate Volunteer Fire Department

Block Party

Summer will be here soon 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 18, 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. Live music will be provided by the Nashville Recording Group “Skallywags.” 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 18.

Smoke Detector Blitz

This past fall, members of the Southgate Fire Department went door to door throughout the city distributing smoke detectors to residents. These detectors were obtained through a grant from Firehouse Subs. Several hundred detectors were distributed free of charge. This spring we will attempt to contact those residents who were not home during our last blitz and provide them with their free detector. The Southgate Volunteer Fire Department believes that working smoke detectors are extremely important in protecting our citizens from the ravages of fire.

If you were not contacted in the fall, you can expect to hear from us this spring. For more information contact the Southgate Fire Department at 859-441-1422.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONIES

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015 at 10 am

Congratulations to Al Schumacher, 2015 Grand Marshal. 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.

InSaneXFit/Insanity Workout

Insanity workout is known as one of the toughest fitness programs on the market because it focuses on max internal training: short bursts of high intensity effort with compound movements to produce metabolic disturbance within the body, followed by short periods of rest. InSaneXFit is a boot camp style 50 minute workout at the Southgate community center on Mon., Tues., and Thurs. at 6:10 pm. There are 3 class instructors who are Insanity Certified. The first class is free, come check it out.

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.

Call Vivian Auteri for further information at 859-491-1878.

Message from the Chief of Police



John M. Christmann
Chief of Police

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

- please remember to lock your vehicles and homes.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 your home extra patrol while you are away!

Thanks and be safe.

Southgate Optimist News

We held our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 5 at the Southgate Community Center. The event is a popular one and is always well attended. The Easter Bunny visited and fun was had by all. Please plan to join us next Easter Sunday at 2:00 pm.

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 Allyson Bridewell of Southgate and Amelia Beatsch of Bellevue. Amelia will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the fall and Allyson will be attending Eastern Kentucky University. We wish them both the best in the college careers.

We will also soon be announcing the winners of our Edward "Sonny" Schumann High School Scholarship. An 8th grader from both St. Therese and Southgate Elementary will a \$500 award to further their high school education. Once again, we are working on plans to make improvements to the Optimist Playground. We will be adding additional equipment. Our playground is located adjacent to Southgate School and is owned and operated by the Southgate Optimist Club

The Optimist Oratorical Contest was held April 16 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 Hannah Boden and Nick Osburg

Our Annual Fishing Derby was held May 9 at the Southgate Community Center. Fishing started at 8 am and continued until noon. Lunch was served and prizes awarded. This event is always the second Saturday in May – mark your calendar for next year.

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 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 27. Mail or drop off entries at the Southgate City Building. We thank the City Staff for their help with this event.

Save the Date: October 10, 2015

The Optimist Club will be having a Casino Night fundraiser at the Southgate Community Center. More information to follow. Your support of this fundraiser enables our Club to continue to host youth events each year.

Did you know that the Optimist Club started in 1946 and has served the youth of Southgate for over 65 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 Gene Blanchet if you are interested in joining or would like additional information, send e-mail to: lgeneblanchet@gmail.com. Or please visit our website at southgateoptimist.org.



Sanitation District Meetings

Sanitation District's board meetings are now available online. There is a link on SD1.org website to view recordings. The board meets on the third Tues. of each month at 2:00 pm.

City of Southgate Celebrates Ten Years as a Tree City USA



On April 24, 2015, the City of Southgate celebrated our tenth anniversary as a Tree

City USA and our ninth year as a recipient of the Growth Award. Celebrating with us were Sarah Gracey, urban forestry coordinator for the Kentucky Division of Forestry, who presented the ten year award to Mayor Jim Hamberg, and Jenny Gulick, a natural resource consultant and certified arborist for Davey Resource Group, who gave a motivational talk on the importance of and how to preserve the urban forest. Jenny shared, "Trees can live without us. We cannot live without the benefits trees provide." Pastor Shane Brewer, Fort Mitchell Baptist Church, shared an Arbor Day prayer and gave advice from a tree: Stand up straight; Go out on a limb; Remember your roots; Drink plenty of water; Be content with your natural beauty; and Enjoy the view. These important messages were shared with 4th and 5th grade students and teachers from Southgate and St. Therese Elementary schools, city council members, city staff, and interested citizens at the celebration which was held at the Southgate Community Center.

Special activities to celebrate our tenth anniversary as a Tree City USA included having all the 4th and 5th grade students write on a paper tree, "We celebrate trees because....", and students from each school read the message on the leaf before placing it in a display case to

be re-located to a time capsule which will be opened in 10 years. One message read, "We celebrate trees because without the oxygen trees give us we wouldn't be here today." Other important commemorative activities included the dedication of a rock engraved with, "Celebrating Ten Years as a Tree City USA, April 24, 2015." The rock has been placed at the trailhead for all those who hike the trail to enjoy. Appreciation is extended to council member, Sue Payne, for her fastidious efforts to acquire the rock and have it



engraved. A Cherry Palm tree was selected as the 2015 Arbor Day tree and has been planted near the baseball field at the Southgate Community Center. As is our custom, students from both of our local schools participated in a poster contest, and winners were announced at the ceremony.

This year, Luke Saunier, with the Kentucky Division of Forestry, secured oak plaques crafted by a carpenter at the University of Kentucky. Winners of the 2015 poster contest with the theme of, "Celebrating Trees", were:

Southgate Elementary:

1st Place Winner: Elle Ehrman, 4th Grade
2nd Place Winner: Sanaa Howell, 4th Grade

3rd Place Winner: Bronson Ormez, 5th Grade
Honorable Mention: Destany Jett, 5th Grade

St. Therese Elementary:

1st Place Winner: Kristen Egan, 5th Grade
2nd Place Winner: Madison Quandt, 5th Grade
3rd Place Winner: Amaya Fallhardt, 5th Grade
Honorable Mention: Jocelyn Bin, 4th Grade

Appreciation is extended to St. Therese Elementary teachers, Angie Wolfe and Mary Carol Levermann and Southgate Elementary teachers, Melissa Herald and Shelly Hamberg, for their continued support of the efforts made by the Southgate Park and Tree Board to educate our 4th and 5th grade students about the importance of preserving the urban forest.

Two hundred American Redbud seedlings with planting guidelines were distributed to students and interested citizens. Thanks to Boy Scout Troop, Number 751, who assisted in bagging the trees for distribution.

Appreciation is extended to Mayor Jim Hamberg; City Maintenance Director, Arvil Bowman and his staff; City Event Planner, Monica Rath; City Council Liaison to the Park and Tree Board, Sue Payne; and the Park and Tree Board members, Nora Williams, Harold Kremer, Juanita Bittner, Vincent Rizzo, and Jean and Bill Theis, for their continued interest in and support of our Arbor Day celebration.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg, Co-Chair
Southgate Park and Tree Board

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on Evergreen. We are waiting to learn of their schedule and determine if the timing of their project and the estimated costs are conducive to next year's budget.

SD1's project to replace the sanitary line on the west side of Electric between Beech and Bluegrass is complete. In March, SD1 called the contractor for this project to help with an emergency on US 27 at the AmeriStop lot in Newport. Once completed, the contractor will be back in Southgate to perform a "push pipe" under the tennis courts. Hopefully,

this will be completed by the end of May.

As a matter of safety, I would ask that you let your children out of the car on the passenger side if possible. I know this can be tough with a car seat. With our narrow streets, there is always a fear that a child will inadvertently dart out in front of traffic. Also, please do not cut through the private lot at the corner of Bluegrass and US 27 (next to Minuteman Press). The police have been citing individuals and giving the maximum fine for this act. Wait for the light and then turn left or right.

Be safe over the summer! From Joyce and our family to you and your family, we wish you the "Best Summer Ever!" Thanks for allowing me the privilege to serve you and yours as Mayor of our fine City. Hope to see you on Memorial Day and/or the Block Party!

Sincerely,
Jim

Cruise In 2015

The 3rd Annual Cruise In will be on Sunday, July 26th 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.

Stay connected to the information that matters most to you!

Register to receive trusted, neighborhood-level public safety and community information at no cost, by text message, email and web.

[Register Now www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

Our city is now a part of the Nixle Community! Nixle is a very quick and efficient means of communicating important information that may or is currently impacting the community. The information is supplied by the Southgate Police Department, so please sign up today!!

Bits 'n pieces...

Please visit the City's website at www.southgateky.org.

On the website you can find council meeting minutes, tax information, city activities and events, community center info, ordinances, newsletters, and much more.

The City Wide Yard sale will be held on Sat. Sept. 12th from 8:00-4:00 this year. Last year there were over 40 families that participated. 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.

City Council meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the City building. Please call ahead if you need reasonable accommodations for handicap accessibility.



Movies starts 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! Here are the movies that will be shown:

- May 8 - Lego Movie
- Aug. 14 - Big Hero 6
- Sept. 4 - TBA
- Oct. 2- TBA

Reality Strikes Self-Defense

Reality Strikes Self-Defense is a Krav Maga based self-defense system. Owner and instructor Bill Risch has been a certified Krav Maga instructor for 18 years. This is a practical self-defense system for individuals of all skill sets and levels of experience. From striking and grappling to gun, knife, and weapons defense. Students will encounter real life scenarios and learn to defend themselves against them. While training at Reality Strikes you will not only gain knowledge on self-defense technique but will experience a full body workout with every class.

- Monthly Special \$60
- Punch Cards Now Available
- 20 classes \$120.00
- 10 classes \$75.00
- 5 classes \$40.00

Southgate Community Center & Picnic Shelter Rentals

Call Monica Rath, Coordinator
For information on costs and availability
859-781-8878 or
859-743-1951

Calendar of Events

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

- May 25 Memorial Day – Office closed
- June 19-20 St Therese Festival
- July 4 July 4th – Office closed
- July 18 Fire Dept Block Party 5:30 pm
- July 26 Cruise In Car Show 4 pm
- Sept. 7 Labor Day – Office closed
- Sept. 12 City Wide Yard Sale

City Administration:

Mayor:	Jim Hamberg
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Finance:	Pat Hayley
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