



# Citylines



## A Message from the Mayor...



Good Morning, Good Evening or Good Afternoon: I hope this Newsletter finds you and yours healthy and looking forward to the upcoming Holiday Season!

First of all, thank you for allowing me to continue as your Mayor. I very much appreciate your confidence and comments, no matter what they may be.

Most recently, SB Comp moved into Southgate at the corner of Evergreen and US 27. Be sure to visit this company for all your family or company computer needs. This company moved into our City from Bellevue. We also have other fine businesses in Southgate such as: Pangallo's, Roger Jones Chiropractor, Minuteman Printing, Papa Johns, Espenscheid Plumbing, Case's Golden Leaf, Alexandria Pike Animal Hospital, Mark's Garage, Waldemeyer's, CarStar, Regal Maid, The Office, Al's Cottage, Antone's, Dupont Plumbing, Sherwin Williams Paints, The Colour Studio, Connection Hearts, Regal Salon, Mr. Car Wash, John R. Little VFW Post, New Hope and St. Therese Churches, Evergreen Cemetery and Fast Payday. I hope you will support our businesses by patronizing them as much and as often as possible.

### STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS:

It's important to note a few of the items we've accomplished through grants (not direct tax allocations for we as tax payers).

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## Fire Department receives grant from Firehouse Subs

Fire kills over 3,500 persons per year in our country. Kentucky ranks 7th in the nation in fire deaths per one million of population. The risk of dying in a house fire without a working smoke alarm is twice as high as the risk of dying in a home equipped with at least one working smoke alarm. The Southgate Volunteer Fire Department has initiated the "Fire Safe Southgate" program. Our goal is to visit every home in the city of Southgate and promote fire safety to every resident in the city. Our plan is to ensure that every home in Southgate is equipped with a working smoke alarm and a fire safety plan to protect them from the dangers of fire. To accomplish this objective, we at the fire department applied for and received a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase 1,002 Kidde smoke alarms. Over the next several weeks we will go door to door throughout Southgate visiting residents, presenting them with their free smoke detector and promoting fire safety to every family in the city.

Tom Whitehead the owner/operator of Firehouse Subs in Highland Heights Kentucky and a resident of Southgate was instrumental in helping us secure this



grant from Firehouse Subs. Tom and one of his employees, Chase Warren assisted me in applying for the grant and sent supporting documentation to Firehouse Subs on our behalf.

We at the Southgate Fire Department wish to thank Mr. Whitehead for his assistance in securing this grant which will make it possible for us to promote fire safety in our city.

*Fire Chief John Beatsch*

## Annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The Annual Lighting of the Christmas tree will take place on **Saturday, November 29, at 6pm**. Come join us for a few Christmas carols to put you in the Christmas Spirit. Fr Heitzman will be there to bless the Christmas tree and the manger. Santa may pay us a visit. Afterwards, hot cocoa and cookies will be served at John R Little VFW. Hope to see you there.

*Sue Payne, Councilmember*

## Message from the Chief of Police



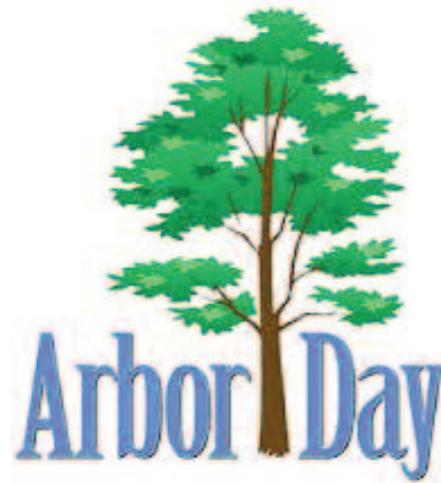
As the cooler weather begins, I want to give you a few tips for keeping your family safe and a few tips on driving during the winter months;

- Driving during the winter can be more stressful but if you take your time and follow these few tips we can all arrive at our destinations in a safe manner:
- make sure your tires are properly inflated
  - always wear your seat belt
  - watch out for black ice, especially early in the mornings
  - if you do have an accident, call 911 and the police will respond to assist you
  - it is always a good idea to have a blanket, flashlight, reflectors and other emergency gear with you in your vehicle in case you break down or have an accident.
  - Please keep in mind that the City of Southgate does have a City Ordinance for snow emergencies. When a snow emergency is declared and the roadway is marked as a designated snow emergency route, you must move your vehicle. This will allow the public works crews access to remove the snow but it will also help emergency personnel get to the scene of an emergency in your neighborhood during a snow storm.
  - please make sure that you do not block the sidewalks with your vehicle and pay attention to the yellow curb and no parking signs as we have been receiving complaints about improperly parked vehicles.
  - if you see a potential problem or need the police, don't hesitate to call us at 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 business hours. Feel free to contact us via email with your thoughts or concerns [police@southgateky.org](mailto:police@southgateky.org)
- Sincerely,

**John M. Christmann**  
Chief of Police

## City Wide Yard

City Wide Yard sale was held on Sat. Sept. 13th and was successful with over 40 families participating this year. Donations were accepted and loaded on the St. Vincent De Paul truck that was parked at the City building on the day of the sale. In addition, the Boy Scouts received items for Owsley Co. KY Outreach program. Non-perishable food items were collected with applications for the sale and donated to New Hope Methodist Church Food Pantry. Many people were helped through this event. Hope you join us next year.

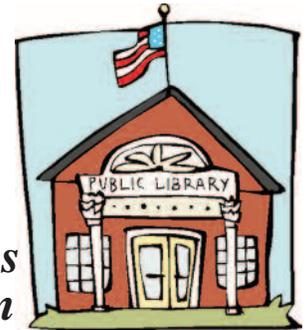


Arbor Day in Southgate next year will be a special one. The Southgate Park & Tree Board will be celebrating 10 years as a "Tree City USA" recipient. This award is not easily acquired and maintained. It takes a lot of hard work. Co- chair women Dr. Joyce Hamberg and Nora Williams announced the tentative date for the Arbor Day Celebration as **Friday, April 24, 2015** at 12 noon at the **Southgate Community Center**.

This is a Community Event and everyone is invited. There will be several activities and guest speakers in addition to the Poster Contest by the 4th and 5th graders of St Therese and Southgate Independent Schools. Further details will be coming.

**Sue Payne, Councilmember**

**City of Southgate Taxes Due Nov. 30th**  
Payments must be post marked or dropped in night slot at City Bldg by Nov. 30th. Office hours are 8:00-4:00 if paying in person. Last day office is open to take payments is Nov. 28th. Thank you!



## Little Free Libraries Program

At the October 1st Council meeting the Campbell Co. Library presented the "Little Free Libraries Program" (LFL). This program encourages literacy in communities. It has been implemented in Bellevue and been successful by offering free books housed in a small container box in the yards of homeowners. It works like a book exchange where people can take a book or leave one.

LFL are the responsibility of the property owner. If you are interested in this program contact John Yung at 431-8866 or [John.yung@bellevueky.org](mailto:John.yung@bellevueky.org). More info on the libraries can be found at [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org).

## Southgate welcomes SBcomp

After nearly 20 years in business, SBcomp has relocated its computer store from Bellevue to 2400 Alexandria Pike in Southgate. SBcomp provides all your computer needs including repair, sales, and service including:

- Virus removal
  - Onsite service to setup and networking
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## Message from the Mayor *(continued from page 1)*

### STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS:

Those include:

- Received a \$250,000 grant from the Commonwealth for the overdue renovation of the city building and excavation for the new firehouse.
- Obtained \$100,000 from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to replenish our engineering overrun on Electric and Bluegrass storm sewer project.
- Pursued and obtained a grant of \$400,000 for the reconstruction and restoration of the north end of Linden Avenue
- Reconstruction and improvements of the barriers to our tunnel under US27 at St. Therese Church at a cost of approximately \$65,000 and paid for by the Kentucky Department of Transportation.
- Mooock Road at the Fox Chase intersection was re-engineered for reduction of the slope in that curve to alleviate accidents especially in the winter through working with the Kentucky Department of Transportation.
- We pursued and received \$125,000 from the Commonwealth's Rural Road Aid Fund for the reconstruction of Beech Road.
- We secured our Safe Routes to School Grant for the sidewalk running from Temple Place to Mooock Road totaling \$240,000.

The total amount of grants for improvements we were able to receive equals \$1,180,000 which our city received through lobbying and direct involvement from our state legislators. The \$1,180,000 represents improvement funds for our city that allowed us to address and complete projects which were long overdue. The \$1,180,000 represents improvements for Southgate that would have gone elsewhere in the Commonwealth had we not pursued the funds when they were available. These are improvements that we, the people of Southgate did not have to pay for through taxes directly and that were allocated from various departments from within the Commonwealth. We will continue to pursue similar funds as they become available and have another opportunity in 2015 for street improvements.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** One of our full time officers, BT Pickett will be going part time. Dave Fillhardt will move from part time to full time to replace BT.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** In October for safety reasons, Council approved the resurfacing of one half of the parking lot at the Community Center using a 9" base. We will seal the other side when we complete the paving on the left side of the lot. **NORTH STREET:** Council also has plans to secure a portion of North Street with a contract which should be "let" and completed by the end of the year. We will also repair an area on Bluegrass Ave at that time as well. **HARVARD PLACE:** At the present time, the Northern KY Water District is installing new water lines and connections for the residents on Harvard Place. Council also has plans to repave this street in 2015 or at the latest in the 2015-16 budget. **MEDIANS:** We continue to work with the Commonwealth and the Kentucky Department of Transportation trying to get them to clean up the medians on US 27. We are told these are our responsibility, even though this is state property. We are working with them for more expense outside of being reimbursed for the curbs surrounding the medians. We will do this work on our own if necessary. **SALT:** We will have 200 tons available this year if necessary – let's hope we don't need to use "any" salt. However, I want you to know that we nearly did not receive acceptance of our order this year. The cost of salt last year was \$61.56 per ton and this year it is \$125 per ton from Morton Salt. A shortage for cities our size has developed nationwide as the larger cities have laid claim to most of the available salt based on last year's snowfall. Because of this, the larger cities purchased most of the orders of salt, nearly doubling their orders from last year, causing the market/price to rise due to an artificial shortage. We are pursuing other outlets and planning for 2016 for both availability and less expense per ton. We feel we are very lucky to have an order in place this year as many of our surrounding cities have yet to secure salt for this winter.

On behalf of Joyce and me and from the two of us and our family we wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry

Christmas and hope you have the a safe and healthy Happy New Year. Call me whenever I can be of assistance to you. My number is 859-781-1658.

*Jim Hamberg, Mayor*

### *Boy Scouts collect for Owsley County KY*

Owsley County is one of the poorest counties in the US. 55% of the children there live at or below the national poverty line. The Boy Scout Troop 751 collected food, clothing, and household items to take to Owsley County Outreach. This non-profit corporation assists families in that area. There was an abundance of donations from the City Wide Yard Sale of which some went to this Outreach program.

Thank you Southgate residents!

### **LEAF PICKUP:**

Leaf pick up will be done in November, please rake leaves to the curb, not in the street.

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# Southgate Optimist News

*President Gene (Geno) Blanchet*

The Southgate Optimist Club has another great year of activities planned for the youth of Southgate. We will continue our tradition of providing academic scholarships to graduating 8th graders to help cover high school expenses as well as college scholarships for high school graduates.

Our first event is held in conjunction with the City and is our annual **Youth Appreciation Night**. It will be held on **December 3, 2014**. This is an enjoyable event for the kids and Council alike. Youth are selected by Southgate Public and St. Therese schools to preside over our City Council Meeting.

The **Tri-Star Basketball** competition will be held **January 15, 2015** at 6:30 pm at St. Therese Gymnasium. Look for additional information distributed at your school at the beginning of 2015. Optimist member Steve Bridewell handles this event as our chair-person and does a great job.

We will hold our **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Easter Sunday April 5, 2015** at 2:00 pm at the Community Center. We appreciate the great job Optimist Member Glenn Koeninger does in handling this event each year.

The **Oratorical Contest** takes place in April - still working on dates for this event. Both schools will have information on this later. Optimist member Jay Paul has coordinated this event for many years.

The **Fishing Derby** will take place on **May 9, 2015** at 8:00 am at the Community Center. Optimist members Ray and Jim Beatsch have run this event for many years.



Please plan to join us on **February 7, 2015** for our **fund raising event** at the Southgate Community Center. More information to follow. Your support of this fund raiser enables our Club to continue to host youth events each year.

This past summer we added new equipment to our playground. We have just purchased **\$2000.00 of additional equipment for this upcoming summer**. Our playground is located adjacent to Southgate School. This playground is owned and maintained by the Southgate Optimist Club.

Do you know that the Optimist Club started in 1946 and has served the youth of Southgate for 68 years? Our club is always interested in new members. We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Southgate V.F.W. at 6:30 pm. Please contact Gene (Geno) Blanchet if you are interested in joining or have questions.  
1geneblanchet@gmail.com.

Please Support Your Local Optimist Club  
**Bringing Out The Best In Kids**

## Calendar of Events

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

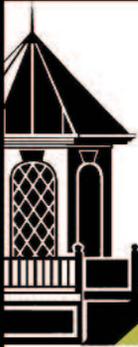
- Nov. 4 – Election Day
- Nov. 7 – Movie Night 7:00 Comm. Ctr.
- Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
- Nov. 28 – Office open – last day to pay taxes in person!
- Nov. 29 – Christmas tree lighting 6:00
- Nov. 30 – Tax bills are due & need to be in night slot
- Dec. 24 & 25 – Christmas -Office closed
- Jan. 1 – Happy New Year – Office closed

### City Administration:

Mayor:	Jim Hamberg
Community Events & Ballfield:	Sue Payne
Finance:	Pat Hayley
Public Safety:	Dan Speier
Blight & Code:	Paul Riddle
Public Buildings, Parks & Recreation:	Joe Anderson
Public Works & Waste:	Chris Robisch
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



Movie 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!  
The next movie will be:  
**November 7th - Frozen**  
"Encore Presentation"



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