

COLD SPRING NEWS



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Dear Cold Spring Residents and Business Partners:

I hope this letter finds all well with you and your family. We've moved rapidly from spring monsoons to the "dog days" of summer!

As always this time of year, using the City's Strategic Plan as a guidepost, the City's **BUDGET** was approved in June, 2013. The 2013/2014 year budget of \$3,296,000 reflects the city's proposed plan for generating and allocating funds for specific programs, activities and objectives during the coming year. Consistent with prior year's budgets, our core three areas of revenues (property, payroll and insurance taxes) account for 75% of our budget. As mentioned in my previous budget messages, base city revenues have now stabilized and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. The city continues to significantly invest in resident safety. Budgeted allocation to the police department continues at approximately 49% of total expenditures.

Your City officials work very hard to be accountable custodians of your hard earned tax dollars and strive to be open and transparent with all city expenditures. As a reminder, you can review the City's monthly financial activity, as well the 2013/2014 budget, by visiting www.coldspringky.gov.

As you know, the city is in the process of assuming full responsibility for all compliance with EPA **STORMWATER** regulations. A working subcommittee has been established comprised of councilmen Lou Gerding, Dave Guidugli and Rob Moore, city attorney Brandon Voelker and myself. During July, the city will file its "Notice of Intent" (NOI) with the State of Kentucky to begin the process of assuming full stormwater responsibility. Upon official state acceptance of the city's NOI, the city will notify Sanitation District #1 to discontinue billing Cold Spring residents and businesses for stormwater fees. The city will keep residents fully apprised of this process. In addition to the NOI preparation, the city has engaged Environmental Rate Consultants, Inc. (ERC) to assist with technical compliance. ERC is currently reviewing and finalizing the required data base containing all city properties, stormwater infrastructure, easements, streams, retention / detention and impervious surface areas, etc. All such is necessary for 1) identification and definition of city responsibilities, 2) development of the official city stormwater management plan, and 3) current and future cost liability development. Once all information is compiled, based in an overriding desire for long-term stormwater fee stability, residential and commercial stormwater fees will be developed and communicated to all residents and business partners.

The City's 3rd annual **ART SHOW** on May 25 was a tremendous success. The City partnered with Cline, Crossroads and St. Joseph elementary schools who once again presented over 100 pieces of wonderful artwork from Pre-Schoolers to Eighth Grade! Our City is very fortunate to have such tremendous schools and all of their dedicated teachers. I am continually inspired by their leadership and ability to "get things done".

The **KENTUCKY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** will be performing for city residents on Saturday August 10 at 7:00 pm in our beautiful natural amphitheater behind the City Municipal Building. I would like to thank our Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission for all their hard work especially during the summer months. The Movie in the Park series has been a lot of fun. It was great to see all the children, friends and parents join in the fun watching *Escape from Planet Earth* (June 15), and *Wreck It Ralph* (July 27) and *Jack and the Giant Slayer* (to be held on September 14)! A City yard sale in Municipal Park will also be held on September 14. Our annual family "Day in the Park" will be held on October 6. Please contact Teresa or Rita in the City office (441-9604) for additional details.

NOTE: A couple of summer requests:

SPEEDING – Please STOP speeding. 80% of the speeding that occurs in our city is by OUR residents. YOU can make a difference.

STOP SIGN running is RAMPANT. Near misses are numerous. It is SO very dangerous.

Please care enough about your neighbors, our children and your community to SLOW DOWN.

I am always very proud of all City departments. The City's staff takes great pride in their jobs and they are always ready to answer your questions, listen to your concerns and help however possible.

Your Council members continue to work very hard and show terrific vision, enthusiasm and dedication for the City. It is a pleasure and privilege to work with each of them.

Please remember that Council meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any issues or suggestions. I can be reached at 859-441-9604, Extension 126, or mayor@coldspringky.com. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully meeting you at a Council meeting someday soon!

Wishing you a wonderful, fun and very safe summer,



Mark Stoeber

Mayor

PARKS RECREATION AND TREE COMMISSION

TRUNK SALE



This popular event will be held again on Saturday, September 14th at the Carole Huber Municipal Ballfield, from 9 am to Noon. Residents are invited to register for a spot by calling the city building at 441-9604. Just pull up your car and sell items from your trunk or bring a couple of tables or blankets and set up your goods there. While only residents may sell, the general public is invited to purchase your household goods.

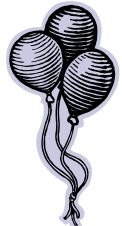
MOVIE IN THE PARK



The movies are held in the grassy field to the rear of our Municipal Park and they begin at dusk. Popcorn and soft drinks are available for a minimal fee. On June 15th *Escape from Planet Earth* was shown and on July 27th *Wreck It Ralph* was shown.

Our next scheduled Movie in the Park is *Jack and the Giant Slayer* on September 14th

DAY IN THE PARK



This fun-filled family event will be held on Sunday, October 6th. This year, the time for the event will be from 1 pm to 4 pm. This event is held at our Municipal Park.

Free games, prizes, inflatables, magicians, food, and much more are available. We look forward to seeing you on October 6th.

KENTUCKY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

We are very pleased to announce that the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra will give a performance at the city of Cold Spring on Saturday, August 10th, beginning at 7:00 pm. Their "We are Family" program will be held at the Cold Spring Municipal Park, in the field behind our City Building. This production includes a variety of music covering 55 years of Rhythm and Blues, Soul and Funk. The 21 piece orchestra also includes 8 singers.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and coolers and enjoy the show!





POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Colonel Edward Burk III

Residents,

There has been a great deal of information in the press lately regarding the increase of heroin use, overdoses and deaths resulting from the addiction. The city is not immune from the ancillary issues that arise from that abuse and addiction. The department has observed an increase of arrests as a result of the area epidemic. For the most part, we are arresting people that are either travelling through the community or are using the city as a place to steal and leave with the loot.

Conversations with the individuals arrested have indicated that in the effort to maintain their heroin addiction, a great many commit other crimes to get the money to buy the drugs. Shoplifting, theft from family members, theft from vehicles, scrapping metal, etc. all are means of obtaining money or things to trade and barter for drugs.

In general those individuals who are stealing, particularly those with drug issues, are looking for easy targets of opportunity. If your car is locked and your neighbor's is open, your neighbor will be the victim. And in all probability all the vehicles that are parked on the street that are locked are left alone and in those that are unlocked, the vehicles are gone through and things are stolen. It is rare that a vehicle will have a window broke to steal the contents.

Police officers get frustrated when they go to someone's home or place of business to take a report of a victim whose stuff has been stolen. The part of the frustration is the fact that the officer was not there when the theft took place to prevent and/or catch the thief. Officers take pride in their work and profession. They do not want crime to occur on their watch.

Another part of the frustration is due to the fact that in nearly all the cases, the crime could have been prevented by simply locking doors and removing the contents from sight. An example would be October 2011, four cars were stolen from the city on the same night. All four vehicles were taken from in front of their respective homes and the keys were left in the cars. Virtually all the thefts of the contents from vehicles in the city were left unlocked. We have taken reports of computers, phones, cameras, GPS units, radar detectors, gifts, etc. being taken from cars. The most surprising are guns being taken from cars.

We can all work together to help reduce the opportunity of being the victim of a crime. You do not have to have an expensive alarm system to keep thieves at bay. The simple thing of locking your home when you leave and make sure that all windows are secure helps prevent crime. This may even be when you are taking a walk in the neighborhood for exercise.

Lock your car when it is parked at your home or business. Remove all things that may be items that can be stolen from the visible interior of the vehicle and either place them in the trunk or take them into the house—Items such as GPS devices, portable DVD players, radar detectors, purses, wallets, phones, etc. Also remember to remove the mobile mounts for the devices from the windows, as they also are signs of other items to steal. Turn on your homes lights outside to light up your home and vehicles at night.

The final part of the frustration is that on occasions while taking a report the victim, sometimes a neighbor will tell the officer that they saw something suspicious before the crime but did not call.

We continue to ask your help and call if and when you see suspicious activity or a strange car in your neighborhood. Please call when you see something out of place. Simply put, **"See it, Call it"**. Call the dispatch center at **292-3622** or if critical, call **911**. That way we send an officer to investigate the issue, perhaps before something is an issue. The person(s) may not be up to anything or they may be involved in a crime. We will not know until we arrive to investigate or till the crime is reported. By calling you may keep yourself or your neighbor from being a victim.

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CITY CLERKS NOTES:

During the summer months all of us like to enjoy the outdoors. Please be a considerate neighbor. Keep your dogs and cats on leashes when you let them out of the yard. The City of Cold Spring does have pooper scooper laws. Don't let incessant barking disturb your neighbors. Our noise ordinance does not allow overly loud noises or music between the hours of 10:30 pm and 7:00 am.



As a reminder, if you plan to have a Yard Sale this summer stop by the City Building for a permit, cost is \$5. If you wish to put up a sign (only allowed on the property of the event), you must purchase a temporary sign permit - cost is \$10 but \$5 is returned to you when you remove your sign. These are also purchased at the City Building.

If you are cleaning house and wish to set up a temporary storage unit or dumpster on your property, you must obtain a permit so we can monitor the length of time the unit is on your property. We allow this type placement for 14 days which then may be renewed another 14 days if necessary. There is no charge for this permit.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

As the heat of summer bears down on all of us, your Public Works Department has been busy with many projects in addition to the routine maintenance. It is orange barrel season and just as barrels have appeared on the major highways, please be aware that they may appear on your street or sidewalk. Many of our upcoming projects include repairing several small street and sidewalk sections. A typical repair includes removing the failed section and prepping it for replacement on the first day and replacing the concrete or asphalt on the second day. Then we wait! If it is an asphalt repair, the street section will be reopened the same day it is replaced. If concrete, the concrete must cure seven days before it is opened to vehicle traffic. Sidewalk sections will be reopened within a few days of pouring after the dirt is restored on the edges. While we do our best to schedule around the weather, there are times weather may extend the process. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

