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Dear Cold Spring Residents and Business Partners:

As always, I hope this letter finds all well with you and your family. It's hard to believe Summer has come and gone and Winter is just around the corner!

Updates! Your city team is busy!

STRATEGIC STREET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM:

As part of the city's Strategic Plan, our planned Street Construction program is well underway. We are replacing/reconstructing 11 streets and resurfacing 10 this year. Since the establishment of the city's strategic plan in 2004, the city has invested over \$6,200,000 in repair and replacement of over 47 streets. This significant return of taxpayer dollars not only maintains the beauty of our city, it also significantly adds to property values and overall quality of the city.

I would like to thank all affected residents for their patience and understanding. During prior street programs, many residents have mentioned how the reconstruction actually helped in re-acquaintances within their neighborhood. Lemonade out of Lemons! As unfortunate as it is in projects this size, in a couple of instances, "what can go wrong, WILL go wrong" and some residents may be inconvenienced more than others. Please know that much advance planning is in place to avoid these hardships, but they still may occur. For this, please accept my sincere apology in advance.

VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY:

The City will be honoring our country's veterans on Sunday, November 9th at 1:00 pm. The ceremony will be held at the City's Veterans' Memorial located in the beautiful grove of trees to the front right of the City building.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TREE COMMISSION:

The final family movie night was Saturday, September 20th and was a wonderful success.

The "trunk" sale held on City grounds on Saturday, September 6th was also a very enjoyable time. There were many sellers and buyers with the result of extra money for some, extra "stuff" for others and a good time for all.

The City's annual "Day in the Park" will be held Sunday, October 5, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the main grounds of the City building.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is a very vibrant, creative group of volunteers and I sincerely thank them for their hard work. If you would like to join this energetic and fun group, please contact our City office. Volunteering your time not only enhances the "livability" of our community, but your efforts also allow such wonderful events to be presented at a reduced cost to your fellow taxpayers.

SNOW SAFETY / EMERGENCY REMINDER:

Should a snow emergency be declared due to severe weather, our City website (www.coldspringky.gov), our City weather emergency line (859-441-9604), and all local television stations will be updated regarding such.

Also, during "after hours" time periods when City offices are closed, residents can obtain information regarding changes in City services via recorded messages on the City voicemail system. Simply call the City office number 859-441-9604 and press "1".

Please remember: When a snow emergency has been declared by the City - **PARKING ON CITY STREETS IS PROHIBITED.**

In general, not parking on City streets during snow and ice events helps keep our City safe and helps our Public Works crew maneuver easier and clear the streets more effectively.

Your city departments work very hard to bring you excellent services and parks. I am very proud of them. They have great pride in their jobs and are always ready to answer your questions, listen to your concerns and help however possible.

Your city council members continue to work very hard on your behalf. If you get a chance, stop and thank them for their time, commitment and dedication. They have a great spirit of collaboration and strong sense of community service.

Council meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. The second Monday meeting is a "caucus" where city business is discussed, however, no council voting takes place. The fourth Monday meeting is "general" council where city business is also discussed AND council voting does take place. I urge each and every citizen to attend ONE meeting a year. If you cannot attend a meeting, our fourth Monday meeting is videotaped and shown regularly on TWC Channel 16.

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.gov. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully meeting you at a council meeting someday soon!

Wishing you a warm, safe Autumn and Winter.



Mark Stoeber

Mayor

FREE Cold Spring Cooking Demo - This cooking class is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th at 2 pm, and will be held on our Community Room in the lower level of our City Building. The cooking class will feature Convenience Cooking: Cook once and have multiple meals for the week, and the instructor will be Chef Debbie Coulter. Check out her website at www.passioninmypans.com. You must register in advance by calling 859-441-9604.

★ **ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH.** It is your constitutional right to vote and we ★
★ **urge each and everyone of you to exercise your rights!** The polls in Kentucky are open ★
★ **from 6 am to 6 pm.** If you are not sure where your voting location is, call the Campbell ★
★ **County Board of Elections at 859-292-3885** or check the Ky. State Board of Elections web- ★
★ **site, www.electky.gov** and click on the "where do I vote" icon. ★



STORMWATER QUALITY PROGRAM UPDATE

The City of Cold Spring stormwater Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comprised of the Mayor, three city council members, the city attorney and consultants that are assisting the city with water quality compliance is a decision making subcommittee to city council and has met regularly since mid-2013. The TAC has developed the current stormwater program policies, water quality ordinances and related guidelines necessary to meet and comply with the KPDES water quality permit regulations administered by the Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) for the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

As previously mentioned, informing the citizens with our newsletter actually helps the City comply with the water quality regulations and is part of meeting and addressing the 6 minimum controls measures which are part of our stormwater quality plan submitted to KDOW in late 2013. The City will provide a separate running list of stormwater quality and quantity accomplishments completed to with each newsletter. The segregation will simplify the annual reporting requirements that are part of the City water quality compliance each year.

In upcoming newsletters in 2015, the city plans to provide more information about the stormwater policies developed by the TAC including discussions about the three water quality ordinances developed for the program that are critical to the success of the stormwater quality program and how the ordinances are written and designed to reduce pollution and increase the quality of water in our rivers, creeks and streams within the City of Cold Spring.

STORMWATER QUALITY COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY UPDATE

Some of the stormwater quality (permit compliance) activities the City has completed since the last newsletter in July of this year include:

- ◆ Developed and City Council approved the construction site (erosion and sedimentation) ordinance and post construction ordinances that is required for compliance and are posted on the city website
- ◆ The City is now responsible for new development and redevelopment review and approval for
 - ⇒ Storm Water Management
 - ⇒ Construction erosion and sediment control
 - ⇒ Post Construction runoff control
- ◆ Training city staff regarding the KPDES water quality permit regulations and the stormwater management activities regarding new construction and redevelopment site approval process referenced above
- ◆ The new construction site development and redevelopment stormwater documents for the development community and are posted on the city website include
 - ⇒ Application / Certification Form
 - ⇒ The New Storm Water Fee Schedule
 - ⇒ Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
- ◆ Updated the City website and added a stormwater page where we will post many of the documents and accomplishments for the stormwater program

Some of the stormwater quality (permit compliance) activities the City will be working on during 2014 include:

- ◆ Newsletter articles and water quality improvement tips for the citizens to help the City with water quality compliance
- ◆ Creating a Storm Water Advisory Committee (SWAC) of key stakeholders comprised of a cross section of Cold Spring citizens and business representatives to help the City with the water quality program
- ◆ Develop and submit the water quality compliance annual report for calendar year 2014 due April 15 2015.

STORMWATER QUANTITY (FLOODING AND DRAINAGE) ACTIVITY UPDATE

Some of the stormwater quantity (flooding and drainage) activities the City has completed since the beginning of the year include:

- ◆ The City Clerk has received 16 customer service inquiries regarding the stormwater system since the beginning of the year
- ◆ The stormwater Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is currently reviewing and discussing all 16 inquiries and developing policies and procedure to address and reconcile each of the customer service inquiries

Some of the stormwater quantity (flooding and drainage) activities the City will be working on during 2014 include:

- ◆ The TAC is announce a very limited annual budget to assist certain homeowners with drainage and flooding issues that will be included in the next newsletter

STORMWATER QUALITY PROGRAM TIPS

- 1.) Storm water runoff can damage your property and cause problems of soil erosion in your garden or surrounding areas. Proper management and utilization of storm water will protect your property and your immediate environment. For example, the use of rain barrels can be used and installed for collecting rainwater and provide a source of irrigation. This can be used in lawn maintenance or home gardening. You can create a rain garden that will capture excess water from your driveway or other areas and control the water flow on your property. A rain garden is a small depression in the ground that is meant to hold rainwater for approximately four hours after a one-inch rainfall. This will allow the rainwater to slowly absorb into the ground. Rain gardens help reduce soil erosion and can be made in a short amount of time.
- 2.) A household waste collection day will be held at UC Health Stadium, home of the Florence Freedom at 7950 Freedom Way in Florence, KY on November 1 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Northern Kentucky residents can dispose of electronics, computers, TVs, oil, florescent light bulbs, antifreeze, car batteries, toner, ink cartridges, paint and more. Some exceptions apply. You can find the brochure for this recycling event at <http://www.nkyhhw.org/Recycling.aspx>

CAMPBELL COUNTY FALL LITTER CLEAN-UP AND ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Campbell County will hold their Fall Litter Clean-up and Abatement program on Oct. 24, 25th, and 26th. Fri. and Sat. hours are from 8 am to 5 pm and on Sunday from 8 am to 4 pm. The Campbell County Police Station off of US 27 in Alexandria and Penderly Park off of Route 8 in Melbourne will ONLY take trash and debris. The Campbell County Transportation Department on Race Track Road will accept trash and debris and is the only location to also accept scrap metal, appliances (including those with Freon), 4 to 6 tires only (no tires larger than tractor size), batteries, electronics (they do not recycle TV's) and propane tanks with valves removed. If you have questions, call 859-547-1802 before the event, or visit www.campbellcountky.org.

Note that they will NOT accept liquid of any type at any of the above locations.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

This event will be held at the UC Health Stadium (Florence Freedom), on Saturday November 1st from 9 am to 2 pm. See the description of this event in our above Stormwater Quality Program Tip #2.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Colonel Edward Burk III

The Cold Spring Police Department has a Facebook page. Connect to us to keep up to date on events and what is going on in the city. We try to keep it updated with current issues in the city and concerns of the residents and businesses. Currently we have 1168 "likes" and we could always use more!

One thing that I would like to remind the residents of the city is beware of scams. Thieves have discovered that it is easier to have people give them money as opposed to take their money. Also they are less likely to be caught and can get much more money.

We get calls and requests about potential scams that may come in the mail, email, or phone calls. Sometimes it is before money is sent (via money orders, or prepaid credit cards, etc.). In those cases, those that are asking about the particular scam are saved a great deal of money and aggravation. Unfortunately on occasion some come to the department after they have sent money, usually out of the country and we have no way of getting the money back or prosecuting the individuals.

Some tips to avoid being scammed.

Don't update ANYTHING you are asked for in an email; that is, Social Security, banks, credit cards, any accounts, anywhere. If you have gone to a company independently, to a site you KNOW is legit, then you may be asked for some updating. That may be ok. But never respond to a request made to you by email for updating anything. If you have any questions about the request, you can go to the internet and query about the request. Normally you will get a quick response from a number of different sources that will tell you it is a scam.

The same applies to phone calls. If you called them, at a number you know is accurate, you may be asked for some personal information to access something. If you GET, rather than MAKE the call, hang up, then call the company from the phone book to tell them about the earlier call you received.

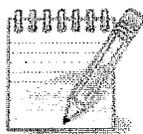
Another recent phone scam is going to more elderly individuals. A person will get a call from an unknown number saying that a grandchild has been involved in an accident, in the hospital, arrested, etc. somewhere out of the country. The person calling will have the name of the grandchild and they will tell you that the grandchild asked this person to call you for assistance and don't want their parents to know. Another twist to this is they may say they are the grandchild. They will be told that they will need money to be sent for the hospital, attorney, bail, etc. They will be very convincing because they know grandparents want to help their loved ones.

Other scams involve get rich quick schemes. People need assistance getting money out of a country, that they won a lottery, car, vacation, etc., that they have a long lost relative in another country or benefactor that has money for them. They will always involve some upfront money for processing, fees, etc. before they get whatever is mentioned. Bottom line is that if it sounds to good to be true, it probably is.

Thieves get more clever every day. Don't be fooled. Again, if you are uncertain, call our office.

Finally if you see something that is suspicious call dispatch to have an officer check it out. That number is 859-292-3622 or 911. We would rather check something out before we may have a victim of a crime.

CITY CLERKS NOTES:



City offices will be closed for the Holidays on the following days:

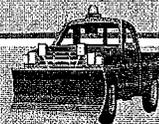
- November 27th and 28th —Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 24th and 25th—Christmas Holidays
- January 1st—New Years Day

Holiday Trash Pickup:

There will be **NO CHANGE** to your regularly scheduled trash/recycling pickup during the holiday season. Best Way Disposal will continue to pickup your trash and recycling on Fridays during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years holidays.

COLD SPRING PROPERTY OWNERS: Your 2014 property tax bills are included in this mailing. Please note that **all tax payments are due by December 31st.** After that date, a 10% penalty and 1% interest per month (12% annum) will be applied. You may make your payment (cash, check, or money order) by mail or by stopping by our office. Office hours are from 9 am to 4 pm Monday thru Friday.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



As we transition from Summer to Fall to Winter, your Public Works Team has been very busy with routine maintenance and preparation for Old Man Winter.

Please drive slower in adverse conditions and allow for greater stopping distances; when encountering a snow plow, please be patient and for your safety stay back 50 feet.

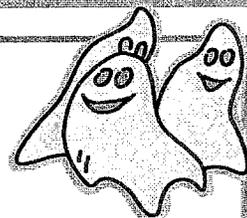
City Ordinance 91.50 states that residents must "NOT encumber any street or sidewalk with any substance", which would include any snow plowed from a resident's driveway onto the city street.

When a snow emergency has been declared you must remove your vehicles from the city streets. This protects our residents and property by allowing our public works team to plow from curb to curb to clear as much snow as possible from the streets.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treat will be celebrated in the City of Cold Spring on Friday, October 31st, between 6 and 7:30 pm. Motorists should be very alert and watch out for excited children darting out into the streets of your neighborhood .



PARKS RECREATION AND TREE COMMISSION

VISIT WITH SANTA

Mark your calendars for the popular Visit With Santa event, which will be held on **Saturday, December 13th** at the Cold Spring First Baptist Church, 4410 Alexandria Pike, in their Activity Center. The hours are from noon to 3 pm.



Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa, and there will be free games, prizes, and treat bags along with refreshments for the children. Bring your own camera and take photographs.

LIGHT UP COLD SPRING

The annual Light Up Cold Spring Contest will be held on Sunday, December 7th, beginning at 6:00 pm. This year, our Park Board members will tour the city and view the various Holiday light displays on our residents' properties.

A winner will be selected for the best Christmas light display, and a small token of our appreciation will be awarded. Runners up will also be named. Remember to turn on all of your outside lights by 6 pm on December 7th.

