



COLD SPRING NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to 2018!

As is the city's custom, and as required by Kentucky Revised Statute, I am pleased to deliver 2018's State of the City Address.

First, I would like to express my many thanks to the City Council. Together we have worked hard to responsibly move the city forward. I am excited about our continued partnership and working together in 2018 to provide Cold Spring residents with a city administration who operates as a cohesive unit in managing the city with their best interest in mind.

Overview of the City:

Currently the city employs 16 full-time and 2 part-time employees the city also uses professional staff on a contractual basis.

Additionally, the City relies heavily on boards and commissions. These boards are comprised of dedicated volunteers who greatly assist the city in conducting its business. On behalf of the City Council and myself, I wish to personally thank everyone on the following boards for their time and efforts: Board of Adjustments, Board of Ethics, Code Enforcement Board, Parks Recreation & Tree Commission, and the Planning & Zoning Commission

2017 Review:

The questions most asked of me when I am out and about is "How is the city doing"? Or "Is the city really moving forward"? I would like to take a few minutes to answer both of those questions:

Is the city still growing?

After experiencing double-digit growth for many years, and with the final build out of the Granite Springs Subdivision complete, the city's residential growth has slowed, but it has not stopped. Over the last three years, the city has added an additional 1% to our residential growth. In addition, several new businesses have moved into the city. The new business have not only contributed to our overall job growth, but are providing more amenities for your use.

What about our Financial Stability?

There is good news on this front as well. The city continues to grow financially. Over the past three years, the city's revenue, with NO increase in property taxes, from Property, Payroll, Insurance and Occupational taxes has increased 3.3%. Growth in new residents, growth in jobs, and growth in property values as Cold Spring remains a desirable place to reside and conduct business is what has allowed this to happen.

How are the City's Expenses?

The city has maintained good control of all city expenses. Expenses for the three main areas of the city, Administration, Police, and Public Works have actually gone DOWN BY 3.5%

How are the City's Strategic Funds?

The city has been able to maintain our strategic funds over this period and these funds remain healthy.

Is the city really moving forward?

The city has faced a number of challenges and changes over the past year; however, it continues to move forward in a number of areas.

In 2017, the City Council and I have accomplished the following:

- Moved the city forward by sponsoring and/or passing appropriate changes in order to help new business development



COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE CHIEF Steve Collinsworth

There will be a Shred Day Event on Saturday April 7th from 8:00am - 1:00pm at Furniture Fair in Cold Spring sponsored by Crimestoppers and April 28th from 9:00am - 1:00pm at the DAV. They will be accepting paper documents for shredding along with prescription medications for disposal. There will be a five (5) box limit on paper and please keep in mind that any needles, liquids or vitamins will not be accepted. We have a Drug Drop Box here at the Police Department any time you wish to drop off any unwanted prescription medications.

As our weather breaks so will our schools, please be aware of the children as they will be out and about. Pay attention to your speeds and do not allow yourself to be a distracted driver!

We will gladly keep an eye on your residence as the upcoming vacation season arrives. Contact our office before your departure and we will get all of the appropriate information to watch over your property while you are gone.

Finally, I will remind everyone, if you need the Police, please call us. If it is an emergency use 911, but if it is not you can reach the dispatch center at 292-3622. If you have any other questions or wish to speak to anyone at the department please call us at 441-6289.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DIRECTOR Ronnie Hitch

I want to start by thanking the residents for your cooperation this winter, our job treating streets and plowing snow is much easier when cars are in driveways and traffic is at a minimum while we are doing our job, so thank you! Although we never had a big accumulation of snow at one time, we had several snow events that required treatment of city streets. Public Works appreciates everyone who has commented to us this winter; phone calls, sent emails, etc., good or bad. We hold each other to a very high standard in the Public Works Department. We learn from the bad and try to make the good, great! Every snow event is different; so many variables can have an impact on how we treat city streets. Public Works is very dedicated in having the safest streets possible during inclement weather.

As winter slowly leaves, we change our focus to managing city landscapes and construction projects.

Public Works manages 5 city parks right now, soon to be 6 with the addition of the lake behind Cracker Barrel. Mowing the grass, weed trimming, pruning trees and shrubs, mulching landscape beds, planting flowers, and picking up trash is just a few of our tasks in the parks. We hope everyone enjoys our city parks, as we take a lot of pride in the maintenance of them. You can help us by making sure trash goes into designated containers and make sure you **CLEAN UP** after your pets! Please let us know if you see ANYTHING in our parks that is of concern!

Public works has quite the line- up of work this summer. You will see us doing more work on and around the lake project continuing to improve the property. Residents will see us replacing some sidewalk sections in town as we continue to address any that could pose as trip hazards in your neighborhoods. Let us know by calling and giving us your address to report any broken or uneven sidewalks within your neighborhoods. I will come out and assess how bad the sidewalk is and where it will land on our replacement list. Obviously, sidewalks that are in desperate need of repair are higher on the priority list.

Replacing street sections is also high on our list at Public Works. Streets that have deteriorated sections, we will fix. We will tear out the deteriorated sections and replace them with new concrete. We strive to give the best product we can, to prolong the life of your street. We expect safety of our workers and the general public to be our top priority while we are working on or near city streets!

Throughout the course of the year, Public Works will also be participating in Cold Spring's Park Events. Join the community at these events, come up and ask questions or just say hello to us. It's a great time! I sincerely hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Chuck Taylor

A couple of reminders- temporary signs will be pulled if a permit was not issued from the City Clerk's office. Weeds and unmowed lawns are not acceptable. Unkempt and deteriorated buildings are not allowed. Feel free to call the City Building with any questions!





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2018 PARK EVENTS

- Sat. April 28 - Arbor Day 10:30am - 11:30am @ Municipal Park
- Sat. May 12 - Movie in the Park for Adults (Top Gun) Dusk @ Municipal Park
- Sat. June 2 - Senior Event 5pm - 8pm @ Municipal Park
- Sat. June 30 - Trunk Sale 9am - 12pm @ Carole Huber Ball field
- Sat. July 14 - Movie in the Park for Kids (Coco) Dusk @ Municipal Park
- Sat. August 11 - Cruise In & Concert 4:30pm - 11pm @ Municipal Park
- Sat. September 8 - Movie in the Park for Kids (The Lion King) @ Municipal Park
- Sat. September 22 - Concert in the Park 7pm - 11pm @ Municipal Park
- Sat. October 13 - Fall Festival 2pm - 6pm @ Municipal Park
- Sunday November 11 - Veteran's Day Memorial 1pm @ Municipal Park
- Sat. December 1 - Christmas Festival 5pm - 9pm @ Municipal Park
- Sat. December 9, 2018 - Light Up Cold Spring - Citywide



***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENTS OR ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING OUR EVENTS,
PLEASE CALL THE CITY BUILDING 859-441-9604***

within the city to meet the needs of our residents

- Passed a \$3.6 million dollar operating budget for the 2017/2018 fiscal year that began July 1, 2017 and ends June 30, 2018. The budget remains flat to prior years.
- Approved and oversaw the construction and completion of the new Matinee Boulevard.
- Worked with the Kentucky Transportation Department to receive approval and installation of a dedicated left turn arrow for Bunning Lane.
- Continued to aid in the management of the city by their participation on the various sub-committees, of finance, personnel, public works, and safety.

Police Department Update:

- Hired three new full-time officers for the city to replace officers that retired or for personal reasons left the city.
- Increased its public outreach to the community through the use of social media and networking
- Traffic accidents declined by 17% going from 351 in 2016 to 299 in 2017.
- Overall traffic offenses also declined 2% from 1571 in 2016 to 1541 in 2017.
- Experienced a slight increase in crimes from 2016 to 2017 with seven (7) more crimes being committed increasing year over year. This increase is strictly in non-violent crimes, such as shoplifting with no increase in violent crimes in the city.

Public Works Update:

- Did an outstanding job managing all of 2017's snow events. Our streets were cleared early and often.
- A new employee, Landon Webster, was hired to replace someone who left the department.
- Worked on clearing and preparing the new Lake Park for the upcoming construction.
- Replaced various sidewalk sections throughout the city.
- Replaced various road sections throughout the city.

Finance and Administration:

- The city council passed a \$3.6 million dollar budget for Fiscal 2017/ 2018, which remains flat year over year.
- Through diligence and strict budget oversight, the city administration and department heads have done a very good job of managing the expense budget for their respective areas, and finished fiscal 2017 under budget and are running favorable for fiscal 2018.
- Worked with the new Storm water Engineers to significantly lower the storm water expenses for the city.

Parks Recreation & Tree Commission:

My thanks to the volunteers on the Parks, Recreation Commission who held the following events for residents in 2017. All had great fun and we hope to see you at our 2018 events!

- Arbor Day Celebration
- 2 Trunk Sales
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Senior Dance (an exciting new event in 2017)
- 2 Movies in the Park
- Cruise in and Concert
- Fall Festival
- Winter Festival/Visit with Santa

In addition to these events, the city sponsored the annual Veterans' Day Ceremony and the annual Light up Cold Spring Contest.

In closing, I would like to thank City Council for its support and input. I would also like to thank all of you, our residents, for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I continue to be available in the office, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM. Please feel free to stop by or call the city building at any time.

With your support, the Council, the City Administration teams, and I look forward to 2018. There are many possibilities and opportunities in front of us!



D. Angelo Penque
Mayor
City of Cold Spring

ANIMAL CONTROL

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – Terri Baker

Spring Tips:

It is baby time. Soon you may see kittens, baby birds, deer etc. outside. Wild babies, for the most part, do not need any intervention from us; kittens, however, we want to know about. Let's talk about how to handle a wild baby situation and know if that baby needs our help or not.

A baby bird that has fallen from the nest is very common. Most mamma birds will kick them out when it is time for them to go. They might spend 2 days or more on the ground before they take to flight. The parents will still come to feed the baby until it learns to fly. Baby birds are not professionals in the beginning. The 'wait and see' attitude is fine if the baby is not in danger. If you can reach the nest safely feel free to put it back. It and its siblings may be back on the ground a few minutes later, but you tried. If cats are prevalent in your area or if the baby is already injured, then a wildlife rehabber is your answer. We only have one bird rehab in our area at this time. Her name is Ginger Rood and her number is 859-384-4022.

Baby bunnies and baby deer are frequently found lying alone with "no mother in sight". That is the master plan for these animals considered "prey" animals. Their moms' are always in fear of them being eaten. So they do not lay with their babies. They do not want to draw attention to them or make them have too much of an odor. If you have to chase a bunny to "save it", then it does not need to be saved. It is on its own. If they have hair and their eyes are open, they are not in need of your care. Injured bunnies most of the time do better without us. Mother Nature heals her own animals, for the most part. Since there is only one antibiotic you can give a rabbit and they can stress and die just from being handled; you can help most by not helping. Fawns need intervention when they are crying aka "bleating", the grass has died under where they are laying or they have maggots/flies all over them. If you feel a baby fawn needs rescue please call Animal Control or a Wildlife rehabber. I have created a Facebook Group for anyone interested in becoming a rehabber or assisting wildlife by transporting them etc. it is called NKY Wildlife Rehab. There is a desperate need for bird and mammal rehabbers in our area. We get calls for baby squirrels, raccoons, opossums etc. all of the time. Please remember that unless you are a licensed rehabber, or in the process of being one, you cannot raise these babies. Never feed a baby when it is cold and never give milk products to one. If you absolutely have to give the baby something once it warms up, and just until you can get it to rehab use Pedialyte only. A baby bird could be fed dog food kibble which has been soaked in water. Put small pieces behind the tongue every 30 minutes.

Domestics/feral/stray kitten season is almost here too. Our county has adopted a new program to help our county shelter be a no-kill shelter. This means if there are feral or stray cats reproducing, spraying and causing problems in your neighborhood, we will trap them have them vaccinated, spay/neutered and an eartip inserted and then release them back into the area. This keeps new cats from vacuuming (moving into) the neighborhood and your area cats are healthier (not spreading disease) and no longer spraying, fighting etc. because they have been altered.

Although some kittens might be able to be placed up for adoption, for the most part, mom will keep them hidden until after the prime socialization period is over. This means these kittens will never be the sweet, tame, indoor cats your kids can pet. Those kittens will at least be altered with this program. We have had this program in place since October 2016 and we have dramatically reduced the number of cats being euthanized. Only terminally injured/sick cats are euthanized now. Please be proactive and help us continue to save lives. Call 859-572-1211 and we can discuss trapping in your area. If it is an emergency please call me through dispatch 859-292-3622

Your cat can get spayed/neutered for free if you qualify for low income. But even if you do not qualify there is only a \$20 co-pay. Since this is a Campbell County Grant, you will also need proof of residency to receive this service. If you have friends that need cats spayed or neutered in surrounding counties, have them check with their local shelter. The grant incorporates 5 NKY counties.

LOW COST SPAY/NETUER FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY

1. UCAN 2830 Colerain Ave. Cincinnati Oh. 45225 (513) 721-PETS(7387) www.ucancincinnati.org
2. OAR 5619 Orlando Pl, Cincinnati, OH 45227 (513) 871-0185 www.ohioalleycat.org
3. Dr. Heineke 5 Orlando Dr. Alexandria, KY. (859) 635-3783

There is not a true "puppy season"; however there is also a grant for dogs to get spay or neutered thru UCAN. You can use the once a month mobile service for this as well. If you cannot provide proof of residence, there will be a \$25 charge for spay/neuter and a \$10 charge for rabies vaccine.

I hope you find this article was helpful. **Please spay/neuter your pet!**

STORMWATER

The Public Works Department of Cold Spring is responsible for the storm system within the City. Cold Spring has its own permit with the Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) to preserve and protect the environment. In accordance with the permit, the City has a total of six minimum control measures under the permit to aid in enhancing storm water quality.

Six (6) Minimum Control Measures (MCM):

Public Education and Outreach, Public Participation and Involvement, Illicit Discharge Protection, Construction Site Runoff Control, Post-Construction Runoff Control and Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination is a very important MCM. Figure 1 below illustrates a pollutant flowing in a stormwater drainage swale.



Figure 1- example of pollution flowing in a storm water swale

If you see an illicit discharge please call the stormwater hotline at 859.441.6863 to report the illicit discharge or any type of water pollution in our creeks and streams, or if you see pollution in the city stormwater system infrastructure, such as in the catch basins and inlets. In case of emergencies, call 911.

For more stormwater information visit our website www.coldspringky.gov



CENTRAL CAMPBELL COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE/EMS CHIEF Dan Schultz

ASSISTANT CHIEF Trent J. Hanson

p. 859-441-7631 | f. 859-781-5115

Hopefully as you read this you will have received your permit by April 30th. Open building permits are required by April 30th. These permits are issued by the City and you will receive a copy of. Please make sure you change your clock. This is from the National Fire Protection Association. Our fire district adopted a similar device used in the hanging portion, or if you have any questions

CITY CLERK'S NOTES

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- Coffee with The Mayor & Judge Zalla is on April 14th from 9am to 12pm, at the City Building 5694 East Alexandria Pike.
- Campbell County Clean Up will be held on April 13th and 14th from 8am to 1pm at multiple locations, Campbell County Police Department, Pendery Park, and the Campbell County Transportation Center. Call 859-547-1866 with any questions.
- We have been adding updates to our website! Visit www.coldspringky.gov to check availabilities for the shelter and community room rentals. You can also report things such as pot holes, missing street signs, or any other concerns at the See It Tell Us About It section on the homepage. Like us on Facebook so you can be aware of city news and events.
- If you have a large item that you want Rumpke to pick up from your home, call them at least 24 hours in advance at 859-472-7339.
- If you need a sign permit, yard sale permit, right-of-way permit, temporary storage permit, or a solicitation permit please call or stop by the City Building.