



# COLD SPRING NEWS

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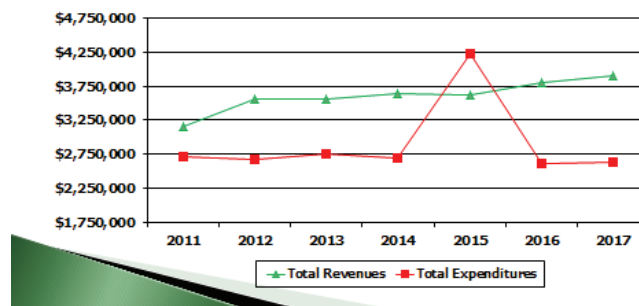
## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Well, unbelievably here we are in summer! Winter seemed to hang on this year with spring making just a short visit, but summer has definitely arrived.

### *Fiscal News:*

With the fiscal year coming to an end, which ends June 30, 2018, I am happy to inform you that the city's financial health is strong. At the May caucus meeting, the city auditors presented their findings to council and the public. A full presentation was given that evening, and I would like to share the slide below with you, as it is a good snapshot of the city's financial health.

**City of Cold Spring, Kentucky**  
Revenues vs. Expenditures  
Governmental Funds – General Fund Only  
For the Years Ended June 30th



It is encouraging to see that the revenue line, after having been relatively flat for four years, increased in 2016 and 2017. Growth is indeed happening in Cold Spring! The city has been very successful at holding our expenditures flat year over year, with a slight decrease the past two years. Please note, the spike that you see in 2015 was the result of funds being transferred from the general fund to the road fund in order to pay for road construction projects throughout the city.

The increase in revenue and decrease in expenditures has allowed for growth in the city's strategic fund. The city's strategic fund is the one that allows the city to put in new roads and to repave existing roads without having to assess residents who live on those roads or raise taxes. It is because of the strong fiscal management by council and the administration that your property tax rates have not been raised over the past 14 years, and it is anticipated that they will not have to be raised for the upcoming year.

### *Park Board News:*

Summer brings with it exciting outdoor events in the city. We had a great time at our Senior Picnic on June 2 listening to the Beatles Tribute Band, Sweet Beats, and your Park Board has been working hard to bring you several more great events over the next several months.

Please be sure to come out this summer and participate in all the events that the city is sponsoring for your enjoyment, the city council and I hope to see you there!

### ***Planning and Zoning News:***

Your Planning and Zoning Commission has been hard at work this spring and has reviewed and approved applications for two new restaurants in our city. The first is Raising Cane's which is scheduled to start construction in the next month or so. They will be located on US 27 by Martha Layne and the County Square Shopping Center. The second is Panera Bread that is due to start construction in the next few months. They will be located at Matinee Boulevard and US 27.

### ***Road Work News:***

A number of roads have seen improvements so far this summer, and we aren't done yet. East Alexandria Pike, Weavers, Goetz, and Dodsworth have all had new asphalt applied to sections of them. New concrete streets were laid in areas at the Springhouse Condominiums and on Henry Court.

Upcoming projects will include the following:

- West Orchard Terrace, which will be asphalt.
- Orchard Terrace, which will be concrete.
- Winters Lane from US 27 to the bridge at 1998 which will be done in asphalt.
- Upon completion of the installation of new mains by Northern Kentucky Water District, Winters and Ripple Creek, from US 27 to Sabre, will be repaved in asphalt.

This will conclude our fiscal year 2018 road program. The city has started the process of reviewing streets in order to determine the fiscal year 2019 road program.

Finally, it would not be a summer newsletter if I did not mention speeding. With school out and the warm weather, more people are out in our neighborhoods. Please be mindful of your speed and please slow down.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for the privilege of serving as your Mayor. I am available in the office, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9AM and 4PM. Please feel free to stop by or call, I appreciate and value your thoughts and feedback. Enjoy your summer and I hope to see you at this summer's Park Board Events!



D. Angelo Penque  
Mayor  
City of Cold Spring

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## **CITY CLERK'S NOTES**

As some of you may know, we do have a 'No Knock List' that you can request to be added to. If you wish to do so, you can find the form on our website [www.coldspringky.gov](http://www.coldspringky.gov) under the forms tab, you can also call the office or stop in. Solicitors are required to purchase a permit from the City Building, and they are provided the 'No Knock List'. They are required to show ID and give their license plate number. That information is then given to the Police Department so they can run background checks. Always ask to see their permit, if they do not have a permit, you should call Campbell County Dispatch at 859-292-3622.

We have been adding updates to our website! Visit [www.coldspringky.gov](http://www.coldspringky.gov) to check the shelter and community room rental availability. You can also report things such as potholes, missing street signs, or any other concerns at the See It Tell Us About It section on the homepage. We have also added a 'Forms' tab for your convenience, so if you need a sign permit, yard sale permit, right-of-way permit, temporary storage permit, or a solicitation permit, please visit our website or you can call or stop by the City Building. Like us on Facebook so you can stay up to date on city news and events.

As a reminder, 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.



## COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Steve Collinsworth

The Police Department has added two new officers, Patrick Feldman and Billy Linkugel. Patrick is currently attending the Police Academy and Billy has just begun his in-car training.

As a reminder there are still plenty of scams around attempting to defraud you of money via the phone, e-mail and sometimes the mail. If you are solicited and are unsure if the organization is legitimate or not, please do not hesitate to contact our office for clarification.

Please pay attention to your driving and be aware of your surroundings. We have received some complaints in regard to slightly excessive speeds and some stop signs being ignored. Also remember that a properly used seatbelt will protect all who use them and the law requires it.

An easy way to not become a victim of theft is to simply lock your homes and vehicles when they are unoccupied. Don't forget our service of providing extra patrol for you while you are on vacation.

The St. Joe's 5K race will be on Saturday, August 4th. One lane of US 27 from St. Joe's to East Alexandria Pike, Dodsworth, Uhl, and Circle will be closed from 8:15 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

As always, I will remind you to please contact us if you need us. If it is an emergency use 911, but if it is not you can call the non-emergency number at the dispatch center at 859-292-3622. If you wish to speak to anyone at the department, the number is 859-441-6289.

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## ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control officer- Terri Baker

Take care of your Pets in the Summer!

I know most of you are going to think this information is common sense. However, if I can reach one person and change a habit or an action that can save an animal's life, it is worth the time to write this article.

**Hot cars and your pet:** Please do not leave your animal in your vehicle during the summer. The heat inside the car will rise to a dangerous level very quick. The animal could suffer a heat stroke and/or death. Also, when an animal's body temperature is raised higher than normal, internal damage to the organs can occur. This could result in medical issues that are not immediate but may cause failure to occur earlier than normal in the animal's life, such as heart, liver or kidney failure. The problems with leaving an unattended animal in the car with the air conditioner on are many. The animal could knock the car out of park, lock the doors, your car could be subject to theft. Please keep safety in mind for you and your pet.

**Animals left outside:** Please ensure there is adequate shade and water and that the animal can get to it. Never chain an animal outside with a training collar or choker collar. Never chain more than one animal within reach of another. They can become entangled and choke. I did have a case where two dogs became entangled and the smaller dog was no longer able to reach the water or shade. It was not choking but was suffering from heat stroke. Make sure the stool is picked up often. The flies that feed on the stool will multiply and begin to settle on the dog's ears, not to mention become a nuisance to you and your family. It is miserable for a dog to get their ears eaten by flies. The more flies that bite, the more open the area becomes, and the more flies are attracted to it. It becomes a snowball of a problem. It would be more humane to put the dog in the basement or even better a kennel/cage inside the home. If you don't want to be out in the weather your dog should not be left out in it either.

**Short nosed breeds:** These dogs are "special." They can not handle half the time in the heat that other breeds can. I had a case of a great owner, which had their Bulldog on the deck with a huge bowl of water and shade. The dog was not active but died of heat stroke. If you have any doubt about your short-nosed dog handling the heat, leave it home in the A/C!! This goes for Pugs, Bulldogs, Boston Terriers, Pekinese, Brussels Griffons, and any other breed that snores while sleeping and/or awake.

**Fireworks:** Summer can be full of celebrations and fireworks. Keep your pets contained. Many dogs get away during fireworks and just keep running due to fear. They get hit by a car, they get lost and sometimes never found. When crowds gather your dog can get picked up by someone not from this area and taken far away. Having your pet micro-chipped and the current information is a great idea just in case.

Thanks everyone for taking time to read my article, keep your pets safe!



Just a quick reminder that all Cold Spring residents, those that pay property tax to the City of Cold Spring, should not be being charged a stormwater fee by Sanitation District 1 (SD1). It has come to our attention that some residents who either re-activate an account or establish a new account with Northern Kentucky Water District and or SD1 may be being charged by SD1 for stormwater. This can happen due to the billing systems which are used by Northern Kentucky Water District and SD1. As a resident you already pay a stormwater fee to the City of Cold Spring. So if you have recently purchased or built a home in Cold Spring; or re-established an account with either entity you may want to check your billing from them just to be sure.

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Taylor



It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, your liable to step in one such reminder! Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

**When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed.** Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

There are many different ordinances that relate to maintaining our city in a neat and orderly condition. Some of the most common violations are listed below:

- Unlicensed and inoperable vehicles in a residential zone shall not be stored unless it is in a completely enclosed building.
- Parking in the yard is prohibited.
- Recreational vehicles, including campers, boats and trailers etc. shall be stored in the rear yard on a hard surface, or in a completely enclosed building.
- Unkempt and deteriorated buildings are not allowed.
- Debris, litter, rubbish salvage materials, motor vehicle tires, or miscellaneous refuse shall not be openly stored.
- Weeds and unmowed lawns are not acceptable.
- Temporary signs will not be allowed unless a permit is issued from the City Building.
- Signs attached to lamp posts, telephone poles etc. or in or upon any portion of a public sidewalk, street, or right-of-way are prohibited.
- Real Estate signs are allowed without a permit, but only on the property being sold. Any signs placed in the city right-of-way are illegal and will be removed!

The obvious reasoning for these is to maintain the value of surrounding properties and make living in Cold Spring a pleasant experience. It is also to protect the public safety and health in the city. Often, it is due to lack of understanding that a violation has occurred. Thus, a letter will be sent to the address of the violation informing the occupant of the need to conform to the code. A reasonable time will be given for compliance. **If the violation continues, a formal order and fine will be imposed.** The Code Enforcement Officer has the authority to impose such fines.

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director Ronnie Hitch

Summer is in full swing so that means you will be seeing construction throughout the city. Street reconstruction always requires residents to drive more defensively and safely, so please be cautious and try to be patient as crews are out and about.

Please call 859-441-9604 or visit the 'See It Tell Us' section of the website to let us know of any sidewalks or potholes that need attention.



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## 2018 PARK EVENTS

- 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**