



# COLD SPRING NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Fall has arrived and the weather is changing. With the onset of cooler weather and the leaves changing color, we look forward to the many holidays and festivities of fall and winter. Raking leaves, Halloween, with Trick or Treating scheduled on October 31 from 6 pm – 8 pm, Thanksgiving and yes, even Christmas will soon be upon us.

This summer was a productive and fun one! The Public Works Department has made great progress on the Robert J. Barth Lake Park, located behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. The City has received many compliments regarding the improvements that have been done to the Lake and the overall look of the area. If the weather co-operates, it is anticipated that the Park will be available to the public in late spring or early summer 2020. Work that is yet to be completed on the Lake includes the completion of the sidewalks around the Lake, the installation of concrete pads in the overlook area, the extension of the sidewalks along the south side of Buning Lane, additional sidewalks on the north side of Matinee Boulevard and the installation of the driveway into the Park itself. Along with all of you, the City looks forward to the opening of the Park for daily use. Until that time, for your safety, we ask that you please refrain from walking around the park and remember, motorized vehicles of any kind are never allowed on the path.

Summer included many festivals in our Municipal Park. Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed the events put on by the volunteer members of our Park Board. This group of volunteers works very hard in planning and coordinating events for our enjoyment and I can't thank them enough! There are two remaining major events this year at the Municipal Park. First is our annual Veterans Day Memorial which will take place on Sunday, November 10 at 1 pm. Veterans and your families, please come out and join in the memorial service. Second is the Children's Christmas Festival which will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 5 pm to 8 pm. While 2019's events are wrapping up, please be sure to follow us on Facebook at, [facebook.com/ColdSpringKY/](https://facebook.com/ColdSpringKY/) or check out our website, [coldspringky.gov](http://coldspringky.gov), to stay informed of the events scheduled for 2020.

One of the topics on which much discussion has been held over the last few months is traffic! This is especially true of traffic on US 27, which runs through the heart of your city. I had a little research done regarding the volume of traffic on US 27 and found the following interesting facts: According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the traffic count at Matinee Boulevard in 2013 was 29,570 cars per day. In 2018, the study showed on the same corridor a traffic count of 33,415 cars per day. Most of the increase of 3,845 cars per day over this five-year period happened in the last two years, with the opening of the Arcadia housing development in Alexandria. With the ongoing growth in the area, the City will continue to work with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in order to try to improve traffic flow on US 27 and the AA Highway as much as possible.

While on the topics of roads, the City has put out for bid, construction for several roadways over the next eleven months. The City has budgeted up to \$1.8 million dollars for road improvements within this period. Roads which are being considered for redevelopment include roads in the areas of Shadow Lake, Glenridge, Charity Hill, Matinee Boulevard, Barma, Springhouse, Springside, and Cabin Creek. These bids are due the latter part of October and depending upon pricing, the City will start scheduling work for these areas. Once the schedule has been determined

and as the work gets closer to being started, the affected streets will be notified of their specific schedule.

In fiscal news, the City is proud to announce that it finished its fiscal year under budget for the 10th year in a row. Thanks to all department heads for their hard work in maintaining their expenses in order to accomplish this. As I write this newsletter, the City is preparing for our annual audit which will take place in late October.

In other good financial news, as you may have heard, your City Council passed the new tax rates for the next year. The new property tax rate was a pleasant surprise in that the tax rate drops from .164 to .156. This rate will be the 10th year in a row that the City has not raised your property taxes!

Finally, as this will be the last newsletter of the year, on behalf of myself and the City Council, let me extend a wish to each of you for a joyful, healthy, and safe holiday season!



## **COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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The best and fastest way to get assistance from your police department is to call either 911 for an emergency or 859-292-3622 for a non-emergency. If you simply have a question or wish to speak to some at our department then please call 859-441-6289.

School is back in full swing and with this comes school buses loading and unloading along with school zones with reduced speed limits. Please be aware of your speed when driving within an active school zone. Also follow the state mandated rules when it comes to stopping for a school bus that is picking up or dropping off children. If you have any questions in regard to the rules for either of these, please contact our office.

In today's environment we can all be pressed for time in one way or another. We can also be distracted from being safe drivers in many ways. Texting, speeding and disregarding traffic lights are not ways to regain lost time, but they can all be reasons for losing even more time by being involved in a traffic collision or being stopped by an officer. Please drive safely and be aware of your surroundings.

Phone scams continue to be an issue in this community. Do not allow yourself to be a victim by giving out important information that can be used to steal your identity or finances. Never mail cash, gift cards or checks to an unknown source. Remember that you cannot win a sweepstakes or a lottery that you have not entered, and the Social Security Department will not call you to seek payment.

Our two newest officers, Jared Dornheggen and Brian Coleman, have finished up their field training and are now on the road as independent patrol officers.

Again, please contact us if you need us. We are here for you.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

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After a very wet start to the year (that didn't end till late June), we have accomplished quite a bit of work at the new Lake Park, while still doing regular maintenance throughout the City. All of the bank restoration was finished, new spillway control valve was installed as well as another storm water structure with additional pipe. Most of the interior sidewalk around the lake has been installed and has been backfilled with dirt and sown with grass seed. Much progress has been made at the Lake Park, but we aren't quite done yet.

Sunshine Park has a new look. As a result of the electric utility company cutting down several trees, Public Works installed several low growing shrubs and flowers that are compliant in the utilities right-of-way. We also planted several new plantings this year (trees, shrubs and flowers ) in three of the city's parks. We continue to do as much work in house as we can.

Construction season will most likely be slowing down soon and we will continue to accomplish as much as we can until the weather no longer allows for it.

As winter approaches, just a reminder it's always helpful to have cars in driveways, this makes it much easier on us to treat the streets. The Public Works Department works hard to keep streets clean and safe. However, some streets are more complicated to clear for a couple reasons. For example, cars being parked on the street, snow and ice melt differently on concrete than they do on asphalt, and location also plays a part. Please be cautious and mindful and we will do the best that we can to keep the roads cleared for your safety.

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## **STORMWATER**

*Stormwater Hotline 859-441-6863*

### *What is MS4?*

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is a system of conveyances including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains. As stormwater runs over driveways, lawns, rooftops and sidewalks it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Polluted stormwater runoff is often conveyed to MS4s and ultimately discharged into local rivers and streams without treatment. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged into the water bodies we use for recreation and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

### *How Can Your Household Help?*

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater.

### *What Are Illicit Discharges?*

An illicit discharge is defined as any unauthorized discharge other than clean stormwater released into the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Illicit connections may be intentional or may be the result of connections made years ago when water quality issues were not a concern.

The types of illicit discharges vary widely with some examples being:

- Waste oil, antifreeze, paint, trash or other household chemicals
- Car wash, laundry, and industrial wastewater
- Pool water discharge (chlorinated and dechlorinated)
- Spills on roadways and other accidents
- Failing septic systems and illegal dumping practices
- Improper disposal of sewage from recreational practices such as boating or camping

Common indicators of illicit discharges include abnormal odors, strange colors, or oil sheen present around or inside storm inlets or pipes. Keeping harmful substances out of our water benefits everyone; environmentally and economically.

**Remember Only Rain Should Go Down the Drain!**

## CLERK'S OFFICE

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Tax time is here! You should have received your tax bill by now unless your escrow company requested it. If that is the case, we sent the bill directly to them. If you wish to have a copy, you can find it on our website [www.coldspringky.gov](http://www.coldspringky.gov), or you can stop in the office, call or email me to request a copy.

Please make note of the remaining events on the back page, we hope to see you there! The last event of the year is Light Up Cold Spring. For those of you that may be new to the area, this is a Christmas decoration contest so be sure to have your best decor out and lit up by 6 pm when the judges will be driving around town!

If you haven't already, 'Like' us on Facebook so you can keep up with city news and events. If you're not a Facebook user, we also have an email blast that we use to share important information. Please email me to be added to the list.

Please make note that there will be trash pickup changes during the weeks of Christmas and New Years. Trash will be picked up on Saturday instead of Friday.

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## REMAINING 2019 EVENTS

Sun. November 10 - Veterans Day Memorial 1 pm @ Municipal Park

Sat. December 7- Christmas Festival 5 pm to 8 pm @ Municipal Park

Sun. December 8 - Light Up Cold Spring - 6 pm