



# COLD SPRING NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The leaves are changing and that can only mean one thing, fall has arrived and winter is in the not too distant future. Spring and summer were active months in the city and fall will be as well.

Thanks to all who came out for the many summer events that the city sponsored. The Movies in the Park, the Trunk Sale, the Cruise In and Concert, and the Fall Festival were great successes and all had a good time. There is one remaining special event for the city on December 2, the Christmas Festival, and I hope to see you there! I would again like to thank the volunteers of our Park Board who work hard and have done a great job in planning and running these events for all of us.

The new Matinee Drive was officially opened to traffic on September 11 of this year. The project allowed the city to shut down the private drive that was Matinee Boulevard. The new road will assist with traffic flow on US 27, as well as alleviate a safety issue that has existed in that area by routing traffic from the Silverwood Apartments and Granite Springs to the traffic light at US 27. The city would like to thank Kentucky Transportation Department District 6 for working with the city on this project and for paying for the new signals that were installed at the US 27 intersections with Matinee and East Alexandria Pike.

While on the topic of roads, the city is in the process of bidding the 2018 road construction program. There are a number of streets that will be addressed between now and August of 2018. Streets that are being bid are many and scattered throughout the city. The roads that we are accepting bids on are as follows. Section of Sandstone Ridge, East Alexandria Pike to the intersection with Dodsworth Lane, Dodsworth Lane, Goetz Drive, Weaver Lane, West Orchard Terrace, Winter Lane from US 27 to the Bridge at 1998, Ripple Creek from US 27 to Sabre, sections of Springhouse Drive, Creekstone Court, Henry Court and a section of Orchard Terrace. Most, if not all, of the construction will be taking place in the spring of 2018. As the city's contractors prepare to work on these roads, more information will be made available to those residents who will be affected by the construction.

Many of you have probably seen that the new Cracker Barrel Restaurant will officially open on October 30. With the long anticipated opening, there will be some increased traffic and congestion in the area for a month or so while people come in and visit the new restaurant. Please be patient while we all adjust to the new business in the city.

The city continues to work on the donated lake property directly behind the new Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Many people have inquired about when the park will be open to the public. The short answer is probably not until next fall. The long answer is as follows. The project surrounding the lake is broken into three pieces, the first is infrastructure, the second is getting the lake ready to open which will include the sidewalks around the lake itself and the driveway into the lake area parking lot and the final is putting the finishing touches or niceties around the lake. There are a number of projects that are being undertaken to address some unsafe infrastructure conditions along the banks of the lake and spillway. In addition, the city is in the process of getting sidewalk bids that will allow walking access to the lake from both the Buning and Matinee sides of the lake. This phase, depending upon weather and contractor avail

ability, should be completed next spring. While this phase is being executed, the city will be actively pursuing bids and contracts for the next two phases of the project. We are looking for citizen input for phases 2 and 3. We have made a short survey on SurveyMonkey for your thoughts. Please take a moment to complete the short survey. Enter this link into your web browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J3588K6>.

I am pleased to announce that due to good budget management by all city departments, that for the ninth year in a row the city was able to leave property tax rates unchanged. Although the city will face some financial challenges in the coming years depending upon what the state does with financing the shortfall in the retirement system, I am confident that the city remains on solid financial ground.

Trick or Treating will take place on October 31 from 6 pm to 8:00 pm. Please be mindful of the children and pedestrians who will be out that evening; please slow down and be extra cautious while driving in neighborhoods.

Finally, as there will not be another newsletter before year-end, the City Council and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each one of you a happy, healthy, and safe upcoming holiday season!

Looking forward to an exciting 2018!



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## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Public Works Director** Ronnie Hitch

Fall is here and winter is soon to follow. Public Works has been very busy trying to complete as many projects as possible before winter sets in. Always be cautious as you see us working in our construction areas on your city streets. Public Works is very mindful and respectful of our residents and visitors, and we try not to inconvenience or delay anyone as we work in your neighborhood. Safety for the residents and our workers is the ultimate goal everyday.



Once the leaves disappear, we will be shifting gears from construction projects to preparing for inclement weather. The city salt bins are full, and rest assured all city snow equipment is in working order. We will be ready when the first snowflakes start to fall.

Public Works takes huge pride in keeping city streets safe and clear throughout the winter season. In the event of inclement weather, it is always a tremendous help to us if cars are off of the streets and in the driveways or parking pads. This enables Public Works to do a better job for you!



Please, as a reminder, per city ordinance that debris, including snow, be shoveled, blown, or pushed into any city street. This slows down our efforts in cleaning streets and poses safety issues for everyone.

Public Works snow plan remains the same every year. We salt and/or plow the hills and main streets first, secondary and side streets last. We are broken down into four different snow routes, one for each employee. All snow gets plowed to the curb on both sides of the street. I want to thank all of our residents for your patience and cooperation throughout every season!



## Smart Meters coming to Northern Kentucky

In September, Duke Energy will start installing digital smart meters across our Northern Kentucky region. Here are details about what this may mean to you.

- Remote meter reading: After installation, we will no longer have to access inside a homeowners property for our monthly meter reads.
- Faster moves: With smart meters, you may not have to wait for a Duke Energy representative to come to you to connect or disconnect your energy service – because requests can be performed remotely.
- Choose your due date: Expanded billing options will be available including the ability for you to pick your own due date.
- Energy info at your fingertips: You will have greater control of your energy use via Online access to your daily usage data. You can also get enhanced alerts that notify you when your monthly energy usage may be higher than average.
- Quicker responses to power outages: Since smart meters are capable of two-way communication, we will know more about an outage when you notify us, and this speed up power restorations.

### What to look for:

- Work is underway to change out the meters of customers who only receive natural gas service from Duke Energy. This will continue through Sept. 2018.
- For electric-only customers and customers who receive both electricity and natural gas from Duke Energy, here's the installation schedule:
  - o Kenton County – Sept. 2017-March 2018
  - o Boone County – Feb. 2018-June 2018
  - o Campbell County – May 2018-Sept. 2018
- Workers from Grid One Solutions will complete the meter installations on behalf of Duke Energy. These workers will have badges specifying that they're Duke Energy contractors. Also, their trucks will carry signs that read "Contractor for Duke Energy."



More information about smart meters is available at [Duke-Energy.com/smartmeter](http://Duke-Energy.com/smartmeter).

## PARK EVENTS 2017

**Sun. Nov 12th - Municipal Park**  
Veteran's Memorial Ceremony 1:00



**Sat. Dec 2nd - Municipal Park**  
Christmas Festival 4:00-8:00

Train Rides through lit up Park, Visit with Santa, Fire Pit & Christmas Carolers



**Sun. Dec 10th - Municipal Park**

Light up Cold Spring: Citywide 6pm - A Winner will be picked for the best holiday display!



Check out our Facebook to see pictures from our recent events!  
For any questions about our events please call 859-441-9604



# STORMWATER



## Good News for Cold Spring Stormwater Program!

As part of EPA Phase II regulations for Municipal Separate Stormwater Systems, in 2013 the City of Cold Spring started its own storm water utility. This was necessary to comply with the Phase II Stormwater permit issued to the city for managing and discharging stormwater throughout the watershed area. On Tuesday, September 12th a Kentucky Department of Water official visited Cold Spring, performing a storm water compliance inspection. The inspection criteria consist of a seven (7) page check list specific to six (6) Stormwater categories. The City of Cold Spring received high marks passing the inspection without any problems.

The six (6) categories are: Public Education and Outreach, Public Participation/Involvement, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Runoff Control, Post-Construction Runoff Control and Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping.

Construction Site Runoff Control is very important category. Construction site excavation can cause soil loss and erosion to downstream areas which causes sedimentation. Erosion prevention systems include use of silt fence, straw bales, sedimentation ditches, gravel/rock berms and engineered filter systems to protect downstream areas. Cold Spring conducts inspections to make sure rules are being followed.

See Examples photo's at the new Cracker Barrel site on Alexandria Pike.



Rock berm, silt fence and straw bale system



Catch basin inlet cover installed

For more information about stormwater please visit the City of Cold Spring Website and select Stormwater from the menu.



# POLICE CHIEF'S NOTES

**Police Chief** Steve Collinsworth

I would like to begin by introducing myself. My name is Steve Collinsworth and as of September 1st, 2017 I am your new Police Chief. I am a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and have over 25 years of experience in law enforcement. In 1992, I started my career with the Boone County Police Department which then merged with the Boone County Sheriff's Department in 2001. After working my way through many responsibilities and titles, I retired as a Lieutenant in 2012. Upon my retirement, I continued to work in law enforcement with the City of Southgate as the Assistant Chief of Police for the past 4 years. I am extremely happy to be here and I am looking forward to working for the citizens of Cold Spring.

You will also be seeing another new face in Officer Steven Robb. Officer Robb comes to us from the Kentucky State Police and has over 10 years of law enforcement experience. Officer Robb has completed his in house training and is now working on his own. You will also see that Officer Bryan Smith has completed his in house training as well, and will begin working on his own in October.

Please be aware of some scams that have been going around the area lately. Remember that the IRS will send you a letter in regards to any money owed; they will not call you over the phone to try to get you to pay any owed taxes. Also, the local Sheriff's Department will not call you and ask for any money for missing jury duty; they will also notify you in writing. If you are solicited in any way and are unsure if they are legitimate or not, please do not hesitate to contact our office for some clarification on these matters.

Halloween is upon us and will be on Tuesday, October, 31st from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The safety for all is our priority. Please be alert for children and adults that will be walking around in our neighborhoods.

On a final note I would like to remind everyone, if you need the Police please call us. If it is an emergency use 911, but if it is not you can call the dispatch center at 292-3622 and request to speak to an officer and one will be dispatched to handle the situation. You can also call our office at 441-6289 if you wish to speak to someone. Again, I am very excited to be here and look forward to serving this great community.

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT



There are many different ordinances that relate to maintaining our city in a neat and orderly condition. The following seem to be the issues with the most complaints here recently:

- 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
- 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
- Weeds and unmowed lawns are not acceptable
- Unkempt and deteriorated buildings are not allowed
- PLEASE KEEP IN MIND: when doing work on your driveway you may need a permit! If you replace your driveway and it is exactly the same there is no building permit needed. If you alter the driveway in any way you must get a building permit from Campbell County Planning & Zoning. Whether you are replacing or altering, if any work touches the street, you must obtain a right-of-way permit from the city. If you do not, you could face a fine. Don't hesitate to call the city building with any questions.

# CITY CLERK'S NOTES



Cold Spring property owners: Your 2017 property bills are included in this mailing. Tax bill payments are due December 31st! After that date a 10% penalty and 1% interest per month will be applied to your bill. If you wish to drop off your payment, our office hours are Monday - Friday 9am to 4pm. Cash, check or money order is accepted, we do not accept credit card payments.



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Thanksgiving Day - No changes

Christmas Day: Trash services will not occur on Monday, Dec. 25th so all pickup days will be pushed back one day. Trash pickup for Cold Spring will be on Saturday, Dec. 30th. Trash pickup will resume as normal the following week.

New Year's Day: Trash service will not occur on Monday, Jan. 1st so all pickup days will be pushed back one day. Trash pickup for Cold Spring will be on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Trash will resume as normal the next week.

Go check us out on Facebook to keep up with news and events in the city!  
Enjoy the holidays!

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## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - TERRI BAKER**

#### **COEXISTING WITH COYOTE**

It is important that we learn how to coexist with the wildlife in our area. They are not going anywhere. If you trap and remove some, more just move in to the neighborhood and the females will increase heat cycles, size of litters etc. Coyote sightings can cause panic. If you want to know if you have coyote in your area, just answer the question: Do you have deer in your neighborhood? If you answered yes, then you definitely have coyote. The coyotes help us by cleaning up dead, dying, sick or injured deer. They also eat rodents, squirrels etc. They will try to find easy prey. They do not want to fight, it takes too much energy and they don't want to get hurt.

It is also safest to not feed them or provide food accidentally. Getting fed by humans takes a wild animals' natural fear away. They become dependent on that handout and they visit more than they should and begin demanding and expecting food. This means dog or cat food left outside, grills that are not cleaned, garbage that is not kept secure and bird feeders. The seeds from bird feeders fall to the ground and small rodents come to eat. This will attract coyote.

Another item that will bring a coyote closer to your home is a dog in heat. Coyote have the same anatomy dogs do. So if your female dog is in heat you are bringing coyote into your yard, on your deck etc. Don't allow your dog whether male or female to venture into the woods without a leash. When you keep your dog close to you, the coyote view that as an extension of you. You will not be approached by coyote that has natural fear of humans.

Keeping yards cleared of any wood piles, debris, old dog houses, and over growth will help keep them away. If there are coyote coming too close for comfort you can use air horns, paint ball guns, or just pots and pans to shoo them away. You can bang the pots and pans together or throw one in its direction if needed. Try not to act afraid and retreat into the house. You don't ever want to make them feel like they claimed the property and ran you off. Some coyote have lost the fear of humans, so you need to put it back.

Wildlife has been here long before us, lets try to live life together.