# **COLD SPRING NEWS**

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#### Note from the Mayor's Desk:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of Cold Spring for entrusting me with the privilege of serving as your mayor. This is a wonderful community and your council and I will work hard to move the city forward in a responsible way.

#### Financial highlights:

\*Cold Spring continues to be in very good financial shape with current reserves in excess of \$5 million. Our budget for the fiscal year 2015/2016 is \$3,622,000. For the first six months of the fiscal year, we are running under budget by \$265,000.

#### City Personnel:

- \*Cold Spring personnel is currently at 16 full-time employees, 10 of which are employed in the Police Department, 4 of which are employed by Public Works, and 2 in City Administration.
- \*In addition, we have a professional staff which includes a city attorney, administrative officer, accountant, Campbell County Planning & Zoning, and Bayer Becker Engineers.
- \*The city relies heavily on our volunteer boards and commissions. They include the Board of Ethics, Board of Adjustment, Code Enforcement Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, and the Parks Recreation & Tree Commission. I can't thank them enough for their service to our community.

#### Accomplishments in 2015

- \*Council: Approved a new road project at Matinee Boulevard and US27; approved the reconstruction in the cul-de-sac area of Madonna subdivision this spring; passed the fiscal 2016 budget; greatly assisted in the transition between administrations; completed the road projects in Springhouse, Springside, Sturbridge, Madonna, and Downing; and continue to represent the citizens in raising issues & concerns for the city to address.
- \*Police: We have new Police Chief, Brian Messer and under his supervision the department has-hired another fulltime police officer; had the largest bust of Grow Operations (drugs) in northern Kentucky and made numerous arrests for drugs and other crimes; purchased body worn cameras, new firearms and portable radios; increased its public outreach through creation of a Facebook page; continued to support local schools with the DARE program and the RAD Women's Self Defense courses.
- \*Public Works: Did an outstanding job keeping our streets clear during last winter's snowfall and maintaining your parks all spring summer and fall. In addition they have assisted the Park Board in setting up and running city events.
- \*Administration: has been very busy collecting real and tangible property taxes, along with providing administrative assistance for all city departments.

#### Looking forward to 2016

We are excited about the possibilities and opportunities that are in front of us. As promised during my campaign, one of my main priorities is keeping our city and its citizens safe. Working in conjunction with our police department we are busy reviewing current coverage and looking at ways to provide even better services including the continuation of our successful DARE program and ongoing community policing programs.

Another campaign pledge was to bring more "Unity to the Community." With the geography of our city and its being divided by US27 and the AA Highway, I plan to include the implementation of a volunteer Mayor's Advisory Board who will go out into their neighborhoods and gather feedback from you to determine what you want from your city. The members will be ambassadors for the city, providing you another way to stay updated on city events & happenings. Due to our 75th Anniversary and budget implementation, I am delaying setting up this Advisory Board until the third quarter of 2016. Look for more details in future newsletters.

In an attempt to bring you a more robust informative website, we are looking into a redesign. Updates on our progress will be made available in the quarterly newsletters.

The "Coffee with the Mayor" sessions which were held last November and this March were very successful and other such sessions will be scheduled throughout 2016, and will include members of your administration and outside guests. Information will be posted on our website and city marquee as they are scheduled.

Your Park Board has been very busy scheduling 2016 events. A list of events is included in this newsletter and updates will be posted on our website. One exciting and important event that we want all residents to know about is the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Cold Spring. Many fun activities are planned so mark your calendar for Saturday, June 25th. Please plan on coming out and showing your Cold Spring pride!

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Mayor

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#### CITY CLERKS NOTES:



Animal Control: As we do every year, this is a reminder that we do have a leash law that applies to both dogs and cats. We also have a pooper scooper ordinance. You are required to clean up your animal's excrement. Also, we love our dogs but if you keep them outdoors, please be considerate of your neighbors and try to keep your dog from barking continually during the day.

Planning a Yard / Garage Sale: You are required to purchase a yard /garage sale permit from the city clerk's office. Cost is \$5. If you are planning on putting up a sign advertising your yard sale, you must also obtain a temporary sign permit. Cost is \$10 (\$5 is refunded when you return the permit sticker). The sign can only be placed on the property of the event.

#### 75th Anniversary

The City of Cold Spring will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of our incorporation as a city on Saturday, June 25th.

- \*We will have a car show by the Country Cruisers, as well as a concert by The Belairs Show Band.
- \*We will have a 5K Run, as well as games and activities for all ages.
- \*We will have food and vendor booths, and beverages and beer booths.
- \*We will have a formal historical presentation, and we are looking for our founding families to put together a commemorative keepsake program—each family can have one page front and back to share your family history.
- \*We are gathering items to create a time capsule, and are still looking for old photos, memorabilia, or anything that you can share. We need lots of volunteers.

Please contact the city clerk's office at 441-9604 and we will put you in touch with Councilwoman Lisa Cavanaugh if you have information to share or can donate some of your time to help on this important milestone for our city.

#### **ATTENTION COLD SPRING VETERANS:**

Mike Disney, who has been involved with Veterans Services for over thirty years, has volunteered to assist <u>Cold Spring veterans only</u> with any questions and/or help with their VA benefits. He will be available on the third Thursday of each month, from 10 am to 2 pm and will meet with you at the City Building This service is by appointment only. Call the city clerk's office at 441-9604. to set up your appointment.



#### **Shred Day**

This will be held on April 23rd, between 9 am and 1 pm at the DAV Headquarters, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring. Campbell County residents may have their personal documents shredded in a safe and secure manner. Limit 5 boxes per vehicle.

For more information, call 859-547-1866.

#### Arbor Day

The City of Cold Spring will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, April 23rd at the Municipal Park Shelter in the rear of the City Building.

The event will begin at 10:30 am. We will be handing out flowering shrubbery. Light refreshments will be served.



#### **STORMWATER**

### **Spring Lawn Care**

Lawn maintenance can make a house and a yard into a beautiful home. But what we do to maintain our lawns could be harmful to our environment. Anything mixed with rain becomes stormwater.

When fertilizers and pesticides are over used or sprayed on impervious surfaces like driveways and sidewalks, they are no longer doing the job they were intended for. The portions not used by the plants end up running off into the storm drain system. Pesticides and fertilizers contribute to algae bloom and vegetation growth in waterways, which can destroy aquatic habitats and fish.



It is not just rain that causes stormwater pollution. Water from garden hoses and sprinkler systems can just as easily create the run-off, as discussed above, into our streams, ponds, and rivers.

#### Helpful hints:

- \* Reduce the amount of fertilizers you need to apply by having our soil tested to determine correct amounts to be applied.
  - \* Apply fertilizers and pesticides exactly where you want them—do not overspray onto sidewalks, driveways, and roadways.
  - \* Adjust your sprinklers so that you are not watering the sidewalk, driveway, or street to reduce run-off.
  - \* Consider alternatives to pesticides and fertilizers. There are many natural ways to get rid of pests and weeds.

Remember only Rain belongs in the Drain!!



## CITY OF COLD SPRING 2016 EVENTS CALENDAR

§ <u>Date</u>	Event	Location	Time
Sat. Mar. 19	Easter Egg Hunt Ages 0-9 Bring your camera fo Treat bags for all children, spe	Municipal Park or pictures with the Easter Bunny ecial prizes for each age group	1 pm
Sat. Apr. 23	<b>Arbor Day</b> Free shrubbery to be distribute	<b>Municipal Park Shelter</b> ed.	10:30 am
Sat. May 14	Senior Get-Together/Brunch	Municipal Park	To be determined
Sat. June 11	Trunk Sale	Carole Huber Municipal Ballfield	9 am – noon
Sat. June 25th	City's 75th Anniversary	Municipal Park	All Day Event
Sat. July 16	<b>Movie in the Park</b> To be determined	Municipal Park	Dusk
Sat. August 6	Senior Dance	Municipal Park	To be determined
Sat. Aug. 27	Movie in the Park To be determined	Municipal Park	Dusk
Sat. Sept. 10	<b>Trunk Sale</b> Cold Spring residents – call city Limited availability – first com-	Carole Huber (Municipal) Ballfield y office at 441-9604 to reserve your space e first serve	9 am - Noon
Sun. Sept. 25	Day in the Park Free Games, Prizes, Inflatables,	Municipal Park Pony Rides, Face Painting, Magician, Food	1 pm - 4 pm
Sat. Oct. 8	Movie in the Park To be determined	Municipal Park	Dusk
Sun. Nov. 6	Veterans Day	Municipal Park	1 pm
Sat. Dec. 10	Visit with Santa Free to all, prizes, pictures with	Cold Spring First Baptist Church Santa, treat bags for all children	12 pm - 3 pm
Sun. Dec. 11	<b>Light Up Cold Spring</b> Winner will be picked for best h	<b>Citywide</b> noliday light display	6 pm

For more information about our events, or to check for additional events

Our website is: <a href="www.coldspringky.gov">www.coldspringky.gov</a>

Phone the city clerk's office at 859-441-9604

E-mail: rita.s@coldspringky.gov

If you would like to volunteer to assist at any of our events , please phone the city clerk's office at 441-9604

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Colonel Brian Messer, Chief of Police

Recently, our department posted video footage of a patrol car stopped on the side of the AA Highway during a motorist assist. The patrol car's lights are on, but several vehicles can be seen passing at high speed and not changing lanes. This puts many people at risk unnecessarily and illegally.

Kentucky has a law (KRS 189.930) that tells drivers to change lanes away from a stopped emergency vehicle with lights activated. The law also mentions that if a lane change cannot be done safely that drivers are required to slow down. To be honest, my concern has little to do with the law and more to do with the lives of the people near the emergency vehicle.

Many people are involved in handling situations around emergency vehicles that are stopped on the road. Not just your police officers, fire fighters and paramedics. These events often involve injured people, children, witnesses, and tow truck drivers; people with families, loved ones and pets counting on them to come home safely. As the driver of that car, you must do your part to protect the lives of people around stopped emergency vehicles. Please remember to move over and slow down when you approach them.



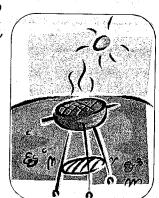
**TRAFFIC NOTICE**: The State Highway Department will be resurfacing US27 near Ripple Creek Road to NKU in Highland Heights beginning approximately April 18th. Be aware that this may cause some traffic congestion in these areas.

## Central Campbell Fire District— 4113 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076 Phone: 859-441-7631 Fax: 859-781-5115

Greetings from Central Campbell Fire District. Hopefully as you read this, spring has sprung and old man winter is behind us. As a reminder open burning will end on April 30th. Open burning is permitted after obtaining a burn permit from the fire station located at 4113 Alexandria Pike. These permits are issued for a period of 7 days in length. All other restrictions are explained on the copy of the permit which you will receive.

Also, we would like to pass on some information regarding grills used for cooking. This is from the National Fire Protection Association 2012 edition, which is the fire code that the State of Kentucky and our

fire district adopted and follows. It states as follows: For other than one and two family dwellings, no hibachi, grill or other similar device used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within ten feet of any structure. Your property management company will be enforcing this. Any questions, feel free to give us a call at 441-7631. Have a great spring!





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#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS**

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- \*If you have a boat, trailer, camper or any other recreational vehicle that you wish to keep on your property, they must be parked to the rear of your home on a paved concrete or asphalt surface or in a completely enclosed building. They are not allowed to be parked in your front or side driveway or yard, and not in the street. If you need to park these in your driveway for just a day or two to load, unload, or the like, please advise us by calling 441-9604. This may prevent you from receiving a violation notice.
- \*No vehicles are permitted to be parked in grassy areas of your property at any time.
- \*The exterior of your home must be maintained. Grass must be cut, shrubbery trimmed back, and home exteriors, and appurtenances must be maintained.
- \*If you wish to put in a shed, fence, swimming pool, deck, etc., you must obtain a building permit through the Campbell County Planning & Zoning Commission. Phone them at 859-292-3880 for more information.
- \*If you plan on using a portable storage unit or dumpster, you must obtain a permit from the city clerk's office. There is no charge, but there are time restrictions. You are permitted only 14 days to have one in place on your property, but with the option to renew the permit for another 14 days period.