

# COLD SPRING NEWS

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August, 2015

Dear Cold Spring Residents and Business Partners:

I hope this letter finds all is well with you and your family. Summer, so far, has been unusually rainy/stormy. Hopefully, August will not live up to its "dog days" reputation.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE: COLD SPRING MAYOR Election-- November 3!**

This may possibly be my last newsletter to you as interim Mayor. I greatly appreciate Council's faith in asking me to return, as well as their and YOUR support during this transition period. Much has been accomplished for which I will speak to a bit later in this newsletter.

The most important piece of information to remind you about is the upcoming election on November 3, 2015. The Cold Spring Mayor election once again will be on the ballot.

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On to City business.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATION:**

The vacated positions of City Attorney and City Administrator were promptly filled in April and May. I am very grateful previous incumbents Brandon Voelker and Steve Taylor accepted the City's offer to return to their former responsibilities. Both are fully engaged in their jobs. However, both are on temporary contracts that are subject to the review and final decisions regarding permanency following the upcoming November Mayoral election.

As I announced in late May, the vacated position of Police Chief has been filled via internal promotion of Sergeant Brian Messer. Brian assumed the rank of Colonel and the Police Chief position effective June 1, 2015. Brian brings to the position extensive history with the City of Cold Spring, supported by his overall experience and a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership. I am confident he will serve the residents of Cold Spring very well.

### **CITY BUDGET:**

As always this time of year, using the City's Strategic Plan as a guidepost, the City's budget was approved in June, 2015. The 2015/2016 year budget of \$3,332,000 reflects the City's proposed plan for generating and allocating funds for specific programs, activities and objectives during the coming year. Consistent with prior years' budgets, our core three areas of revenues (property, payroll and insurance taxes) account for 75% of our budget. Budgeted allocation to the police department continues at approximately 43% of total expenditures. The City continues to invest in long-term infrastructure repairs and replacements at no additional cost to residents. Since the establishment of the City's strategic plan in 2004, the City has invested approximately \$6,000,000 in repair and replacement of 54 streets (over 50% of all city streets). This significant return of taxpayer dollars not only maintains the beauty of our city, but also significantly adds to property values and overall quality of the City.

Your City officials work very hard to be accountable custodians of your hard-earned tax dollars and strive to be open and transparent with all City expenditures. As a reminder, you can review the City's monthly financial activity, as well the 2015/2016 budget, by visiting [www.coldspringky.gov](http://www.coldspringky.gov).

**WASTE COLLECTION VENDOR CHANGE:**

As part of the City's effort to watch and control costs, the City requested competitive bids for solid waste (garbage) and recycling collection services, since the current 3-year contract is expiring. As a result of careful review of the submitted bids by the City Administration and Council, effective September 1, 2015, the City will be changing its waste collection vendor to Rumpke Waste and Recycling.

Some notes on the change:

1. Recently, the City Administrator Steve Taylor mailed to you a "Frequently Asked Questions" letter regarding questions you may have about the transition to Rumpke.
2. Additionally, Rumpke Waste & Recycling mailed a flier containing important information directly to all residents and businesses.
3. Best Way Disposal's LAST PICK up will be Friday, August 28.
4. Best Way will be collecting waste/recycling containers starting August 28 and continuing the week of August 31.
5. Rumpke will be placing their waste/recycle containers during the weeks of August 24 and August 31.
  - A. The City, Best Way and Rumpke will be making every attempt to collect/replace the containers in a manner so as to minimize resident inconvenience. Your patience is appreciated.
6. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Steve or Rita in our Administrative office at 859-441-9604

**PARKS, RECREATION & TREE COMMISSION:**

I would like to thank our Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission for all their hard work, especially during the Summer months. The Movie in the Park series has been a lot of fun. A City yard sale in Municipal Park will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Our annual family "Day in the Park" will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the City office for additional details.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR CITY EVENTS. WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER THESE FUN ACTIVITIES TO OUR RESIDENTS. IF YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAN DONATE SOME TIME, EVEN IF ONLY FOR AN HOUR OR TWO, PLEASE CALL OUR CITY OFFICE AT 859-441-9604**

**STORMWATER EDUCATIONAL TRAINING MEETING:**

As you know, the City has assumed full responsibility for all compliance with EPA stormwater regulations.

Additional stormwater information is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

On Monday September 14, 2015, at 7:30pm, as required by state regulation, the City will conduct a brief but informative educational stormwater illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) training program for Cold Spring residents and business owners. The intent of the training is to provide Cold Spring citizens simple ways they can help the City with keeping our waterways clean, safe and pollution free. All are invited to attend and learn about the key elements of the City's IDDE program, related strict City enforcement regulations and how to detect & report illicit discharges. As an FYI – the training program is also posted on our City website.

Please pay particular attention to information relating to proper containment of grass clippings.

**SUMMER REQUESTS:**

**SPEEDING** – Please STOP speeding. 80% of the speeding that occurs in our City is by OUR residents. YOU can make a difference.

**STOP SIGN** running is RAMPANT. Near misses are numerous. It is SO very dangerous.

Please care enough about your neighbors, our children, and your community to SLOW DOWN.


**"SEE IT/CALL IT":**

Our Police Department does an excellent job in keeping our City safe; however, your involvement greatly helps our community be even safer. If you think something is suspicious, it most probably is. If something appears "not right", it probably isn't. You are the "eyes and ears" of our City. If you see something that you think our Police Department should know – **WHATEVER IT IS!** – simply call the Campbell County Dispatch at 859-292-3622. Our officers will be advised and respond quickly. Of course, 9-1-1 should be used for emergency calls for service.

I have always been very proud of all City departments and now even more so upon my brief return. The City's staff take great pride in their jobs and are always ready to answer your questions, listen to your concerns, and help however possible.

Please remember that Council meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30pm. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any issues or suggestions. I can be reached at 859-441-9604, Extension 126, or mayor@coldspringky.com. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully meeting you at a Council meeting someday soon!

Wishing you a wonderful, fun and very safe Summer,



Mark A. Stoeber, Mayor

P.S. – Oh, by the way, on November 3:

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## STORMWATER INFORMATION

### Prevent water pollution in our community

As reported in previous newsletters, our stormwater quality program is an opportunity for the citizens of Cold Spring to participate in a greener community, cleaner water and a better quality of life. If you see pollution please call the stormwater hotline at 859.441.6863. As part of the City stormwater quality permit regulations, we are required to report and Illicit Discharges that occur anywhere in the City. Therefore:

### Please Report Illicit Discharges

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.

### What is an illicit discharge?

An illicit discharge is an unlawful act of disposing, dumping, spilling, emitting, or other discharge of any substance other than stormwater into the stormwater drainage system. The stormwater drainage system includes streets, ditches, catch basins, yard inlets, lakes, and streams. Below are some helpful hints that will avoid creating illicit discharges:

- \* Have your septic tank pumped and septic system inspected regularly
- \* Pick up after your pet. Do not let your pet waste wash into any of the drainage system and do not dump the pet waste into any unauthorized areas of the City
- \* Do not dump paint into or near the storm drainage system
- \* Check your vehicles for leaks and do not dump motor oil or antifreeze into or near a stormwater structure
- \* Do not dump any waste into or near the stormwater drainage system
- \* Do not wash your vehicle where the runoff could drain into the storm drainage system
- \* Plant grass plants or vegetation on the bare spots of your lawn
- \* Minimize pesticides and learn more about BMP's (best management practices) that will be topics of future storm water articles
- \* When possible compost yard wastes and leaves and grass clippings. Do not dump them into the local ditches, creeks, streams and river waterways
- \* Direct your downspouts onto the lawns and away from paved surfaces
- \* Follow directions on fertilizer labels and sweep off driveways sidewalks and roads so that the chemicals won't get into the stormwater drainage system

Illicit discharges cause water pollution by sending pollutants right into creeks, streams, ponds, and rivers. Be sure you know what illicit discharges are so you can help prevent water pollution and keep our streams clean!

### **What information should be reported when calling in an illicit discharge to the Stormwater hotline?**

**What time did you see the discharge?**

It is important that illicit discharges are reported immediately so the person(s) responsible can be found and the discharge can be cleaned up and corrected as soon as possible. We want to respond as quickly as possible to prevent pollution to our environment.

**Where did you see the discharge?**

Please give us an address, intersection, business name, or landmark to help us quickly find the illicit discharge.

**What do you think the discharge is?**

Please let us know if you think it was a paint spill, oil spill, sewer leak, or another type of illicit discharge.

**Was there a business involved?**

Please tell us the name of the business involved to help us eliminate the discharge as quickly as possible and provide enforcement action when needed.

### **Is yard waste considered an illicit discharge?**

Large amounts of yard waste can actually become harmful to our streams and creeks. Dumping yard waste into the storm drainage system can be considered a violation of Cold Spring's Illicit Discharge Ordinance.

### **Is trash in the creek considered an illicit discharge?**

Large amounts of debris (such as construction waste) or individual items (such as furniture, washing machines, and refrigerators) can be considered an illicit discharge if they are degrading water quality and creating a harmful effect on the environment. These types of illicit discharges can only be enforced if the person(s) responsible for the illegal dumping can be found.

### **Are there some things that are exempt from the illicit discharge violations? Yes**

- \*Water line flushing or other potable water sources
- \*Landscape irrigation or lawn watering
- \*Diverted stream flows
- \*Rising ground water
- \*Ground water infiltration to storm drains
- \*Uncontaminated pumped ground water
- \*Foundation or footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems)
- \*Crawl space pumps
- \*Springs
- \*Air conditioning condensate
- \*Firefighting activities
- \*Nonprofit or non-commercial car washing, including charity car washes and residential car washing
- \*Natural riparian habitat or wetland flows
- \*Swimming pools (if Dechlorinated – typically less than one PPM chlorine)
- \*Groundwater discharges from sump pumps
- \*Street wash water from municipal cleaning operations
- \*Any other water source not contained pollutants

### **What is an illicit connection?**

An illicit connection is an unlawful connection from the sanitary sewer system into the stormwater drainage system or directly into lakes and streams. Below are some examples of Illicit Connections:

- \*Floor drains from inside a building going into the storm drain system instead of the sanitary sewer system
- \*Providing a washing machine connection into a ditch or storm drain structure instead of the sanitary sewer system
- \*Installing a new plumbing line from a toilet into a stormwater drainage structure instead of the sanitary sewer system

# Grass Clippings and the City Stormwater System

With all of the heavy rain we are experiencing this summer, most of us have had to mow our lawns much more frequent. These heavy rains have contributed to additional grass clippings that are ending up in the City storm water system. Grass clippings that are blown into the street eventually enter the street storm drains and inlets.

When lawn clippings, fertilizers, soil, leaves, or animal wastes, are picked up by storm water runoff, or enter in the storm drains and inlets, they are carried directly to our local rivers, streams and lakes. All of these materials including grass clippings contain phosphorus. According to the U.S. EPA, phosphorus is one of the most troublesome pollutants in storm water runoff and it is considered the primary cause of water quality problems in our rivers, lakes, ponds and streams.

Grass clippings contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in the waterways. Increased algae growth is observed as green algae blooms or "scums" on lakes and ponds. Too much algae is harmful to a the local water systems. It blocks sunlight and prevents other plants from growing. When it dies and decays, it also takes much needed oxygen away from fish. Limiting phosphorus reduces algae blooms. According USEPA, one bushel of fresh grass clippings can contain 0.1 pounds of phosphorus which if it ends up in local rivers, lakes or ponds is enough to produce 30 to 50 pounds of algae.

When mowing your lawn, make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street. When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn not directly into the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains. Keeping your leaves and lawn clippings out of the streets and gutters will have significant benefits for our local rivers, lakes, streams or creeks. You can do your part to reduce the amount of phosphorus entering our local rivers, lakes, streams or creeks by following these water quality tips and encouraging your neighbors to do the same.



You should apply only the amount of fertilizer your lawn needs. A soil test will tell you how much-if any-fertilizer your lawn needs. A soil test will inform you of the amount of phosphorus in your soil and the appropriate application rate. Excess fertilizer may harm your lawn or pollute surface water. Fertilizer applied to your streets or sidewalks will get into the nearest lake or stream.

You should mow your lawn when the grass is dry, to avoid clumping. Set the mower cutting height up to 2 to 3 inches to hide clippings better, and make a healthier lawn. Try to remove only one-third of grass length per mowing. If the grass is very overgrown, mow twice: first at a high setting, then wait a few days and mow lower. Mow every five to seven days in the spring. (Every two weeks may be enough in the summer.) You'll still save time over bagging and dragging clippings to the curb, water and fertilize less. Sharpen mower blades twice a year.

Control soil erosion around your house. When soil is left bare, rain water will run quickly over it. The moving water picks up soil particles. These soil particles have phosphorus attached to them. Some soils are high in phos-

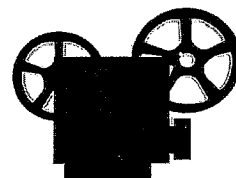
phorus and are another source of phosphorus in storm water runoff.

Keep your grass clippings on the lawn and not in the street or gutter. Remember, when you leave your grass clippings on the lawn, you add free fertilizer to your lawn. According to the U.S. EPA, leaving your grass clippings on the lawn doesn't cause thatch buildup. Grass clippings are about 90 percent water, so they decompose very quickly. Leaving your grass clippings on the lawn can reduce your lawn's annual fertilizer needs, reduce your fertilizer costs and reduce water pollution.

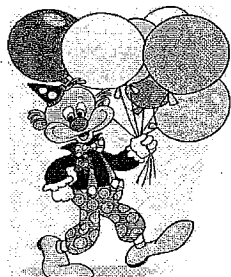
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### PARKS RECREATION & TREE COMMISSION

**Movie in the Park**—The third movie in this series will be “Despicable Me 2”, and it will be held on Saturday, August 22nd at dusk in the rear of Municipal Park. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Soft drinks and popcorn will be available.



**Trunk Sale**— The Trunk Sale will be held on Saturday, September 12th, from 9 am to noon at the Carole Huber Municipal Ballfield. You can sell your goods from the trunk of your vehicle, or you can bring tables to set up beside your vehicles. Residents can reserve a spot by calling the City Clerk's office at 441-9604.



**Day in the Park**— This popular annual family event will be held on Sunday, September 27th from 1 pm to 4 pm at our Municipal Park. This is a FREE event and will feature food and drinks, games, prizes, inflatables, face painting and more. Join us for this fun event!

**Volunteers are always needed for our city events. If you can donate some of your time, please phone the city clerk's office at 441-9604.**



# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Col. Brian Messer, Chief of Police

Exciting changes have taken place within the police department. On June 1, 2015 I assumed the role of Police Chief for the City of Cold Spring. It has been a pleasure serving the city for the past 16 years and I look forward to leading the department for many more. The police department will continue to work closely with residents and businesses to build relationships and provide the type of service that we all desire.

The current heroin epidemic in Northern Kentucky challenges all of us. This is a growing concern not only for the police department but communities. The police department is working diligently with local groups and organizations to try and help with the spread of the outbreak. Many of us know someone or some family that has been affected by this and we must all work together. Unfortunately we have found discarded items around the community. If at any time you find such items or suspicious things, please do not touch. Contact the police department immediately and allow an officer to remove the items safely.

This question is often asked of the police department, "What are Kentucky's Child Seat Laws?"

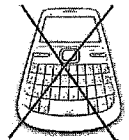
The booster seat changes went into effect on June 24, 2015

- Any child under 40 inches tall must be in a child and/or infant seat.
- Any child, who is younger than eight and between 40 and 57 inches tall shall be secured in a booster seat.
- All children over eight years of age or over 57 inches tall must be secured in a seat belt.

Unfortunately we often see motorists in violation of other traffic laws involving cell phones. Please take note of the specifics of the laws below.

• Text messaging is prohibited for **all drivers** while the vehicle is in motion. Three points vs. driver's license. This also includes sitting at a traffic light or stop sign.

• **Use of personal handheld electronics banned for drivers under 18 years of age** (drivers with restricted licenses must wait 180 days to apply for regular license.) No phone calls or texting



The Campbell County Citizens Police Academy is in the process of being organized once again to begin after the first of the year. More information will be available as the details emerge for those interested.

If you have not liked our Facebook page please do so, we currently have 2126 "likes." Important information can be found on the page and many times followers are able to provide information to help with cases.

Important numbers to write down and keep in an accessible location:

Cold Spring Police Department

441-6289 (Office hours Mon-Fri 8am-4pm)

Campbell County Dispatch

292-3622 Non-emergency 911 Emergency

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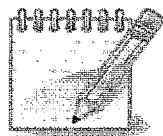


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CITY CLERKS NOTES:



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**Lost and Found:** If you have lost or misplaced an item in one of our city parks, we do have a lost and found box at the city clerk's office where you may find your items, such as a child's baseball mitt, clothing, gym bags etc. Please check with us at 441-9604.

**Trash Pickup:** Curbside trash pickup is held on Friday mornings, anytime 7 am or after. Please set your trash out before 7 am or the evening before. If it is not set out when their truck goes through your neighborhood they are not obligated to return to pick it up. If your trash was set out on time but was missed, please contact our office at 859-441-9604.

**COLD SPRING'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

We are very excited to announce that the City of Cold Spring will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2016. The scheduled ceremony date will be June 25, 2016 and we are in the process of planning some very fun activities, including the Country Cruisers car show, music, food, games and more.

We are looking for any photos, historical documents or just stories passed along by elders about the history of Cold Spring.

We would also appreciate any suggestions about additional activities or volunteers to assist us with this event. Please contact Councilwoman Lisa Cavanaugh, by phoning the city office at 859-441-9604.

