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# COLD SPRING NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to summer!

It is hard to believe that summer is already upon us and progressing. At the end of June, the city wrapped up its 2016 – 2017 fiscal year, and I am happy to report that again this year the city came in under budget. Thanks goes to the finance committee, council, department heads, and employees for being good stewards of the citizen's tax dollars as we execute the day-to-day operations of the city. Excess funds will be used for the strategic plan as we continue to improve the city's infrastructure.

Summer is a busy time for the city as it is the time of year when construction takes place. The city is undergoing a number of projects and we ask your patience as the "orange barrel season" is upon us. Please be extra cautious when you are in work zones, as workers and equipment will be moving around in them. The city has a number of streets that are slated to be replaced or resurfaced and you may have already seen survey crews or utility markings in your neighborhood. The city plans to do 11 city streets by next spring as we once again undertake an aggressive road replacement and repair program. Provided the weather cooperates, construction will hopefully be completed by June 2018.

Several other exciting events are due to happen in the city within the next 30 to 60 days. The new road at East Alexandria Pike should soon be completed. The state is finishing up the new signals at the intersection of US 27 and East Alexandria Pike. Once this is completed, the final asphalt coat will be laid down and the new intersection and road will be available for use. This will be a welcome change for those who are currently using Matinee in order to enter and exit Granite Springs and the Silverwood Apartments, as the long awaited access (10 years) to the traffic light will finally be available. In addition, after talking with the contractor, we were informed that the new Cracker Barrel should be opening at the corner of Buning and US 27 within the next 60 days. As a word of caution, with the new traffic light and the opening of the new restaurant, traffic patterns in the area will be changing. Please be aware of these openings, practice courtesy, and most of all have patience as we all figure out the new traffic patterns.

The city has officially taken over the lake behind the new Cracker Barrel and we are currently in the process of cleaning up and clearing the property. There are many steps that need to be completed before the lake area can be opened to the public for use.

A sonar survey has been completed to map the depths of the lake, along with a topographic and base map survey of the property. Next steps in the process are to have the city engineers develop a pond section and grading plan which will help determine the stability of the banks of the lake, along with an analysis of the spillway at the rear of the lake to determine if any improvements will be needed in those areas. Unfortunately, while the lake is undergoing its face lift and improvements, due to the equipment and work crews that will be active on the property, it will

## ANIMAL CONTROL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - TERRI BAKER

Hello Cold Spring Residents. I am your Animal Control Officer. I need some help. You may or may not know that our county has revised its ordinances for cats. So instead of trapping and putting stray cats to sleep, like we have done for years and years. We now trap, spay/neuter and release them back into the neighborhood they were from. This process is called TNR (trap, neuter, return). If you feed stray cats please contact me. We will TNR your colony and reduce the kitten population. Thanks to a grant we can offer this for FREE. The cats also get a rabies vaccine and feline distemper vaccine, all for free! Call me on my office phone at 859-572-1211



The City of Cold Spring does have a leash law that applies to both dogs and cats. This ordinance is highly enforced. If you do see someone's pet running loose, please contact the clerk's office at 441-9604 and we will try to send someone as soon as possible to pick this pet up. We also have a pooper scooper ordinance. You are required to clean up after your animals. With summertime approaching we all want to spend time outdoors, but a barking dog can be an unnecessary irritant. Please be a good neighbor. If your dog is outside and barking, please take your pet inside.



be necessary to keep the property closed for public use. Once we have a better plan regarding how many improvements will be undertaken and the schedule for when those improvements will be completed, we can better ascertain when the lake will be made available for use as your park.

The Park Board has been busy planning several upcoming events for the summer. This year’s Movies in the Park are Finding Dory on July 15 and The Secret Life of Pets on September 9. Movies are shown at dusk. Please bring a blanket and come out and enjoy a movie under the stars at Municipal Park. Also this summer, the city is pleased to be hosting the return of the Cruise-In with the Country Cruisers at Municipal Park on August 12. Following the cruisers there will be a concert in the park featuring the band Blue Stone Ivory. Again, bring a blanket, lawn chair, and friends and have a great afternoon and evening in the park. The Park Board also had a brand new event in June which was the senior cookout held at Municipal Park, the turnout was even greater than expected and it was a huge success. All of the park events can be found on the city web site. Thank you to our Park Board for their tireless efforts in coordinating these exciting events for us.

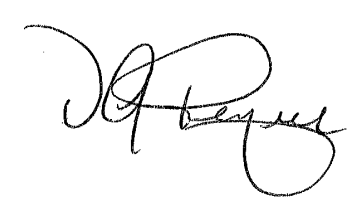
Speaking of the web site, if you have not visited the city’s web site for several months, you should take a look. The city launched a new web site in April of this year, many thanks to Councilwoman Brenda Helton on being a driving force in getting this done. The web site although functioning, is still being enhanced and several additions are on the way, we will have more information regarding those changes and enhancements in our fall newsletter. One of the new features that we are very excited about is the “See it – Tell us About It” feature on the home page of the web site. This gives us all a chance to easily let the city administration know if things need attention in the city. You can report potholes, missing stop signs, streetlights that are out, or a general concern or problem that you would like us to know about. Several people have already taken advantage of the new feature and we look forward to hearing from more of you when something needs attention.

A few closing comments. As always, I ask that you be mindful of your speed as you traverse the city streets. Speeding remains one of the biggest concerns that I hear about from you, the residents, in every neighborhood in the city. The Cold Spring Police Department has added a new officer to its ranks and we would like to welcome Officer Bryan Smith to the force. If you see a new face out and about in a police cruiser please takes a moment to say hello to Officer Smith, however, just try to be sure the first time you meet Officer Smith isn’t as a result of speeding!

I also ask that as the city faces several challenges in months ahead, such as the proposed rehab center on Skyline Drive, that we all remind ourselves that we can have differences of opinion, and that they can be healthy and okay. Differences and dialogue can make us stronger as a community and a city. But please remember that we are all citizens of the same city, and that we need to disagree with civility, and to voice our opinions respectfully regarding the issues that the city faces to both each other as well as your elected officials.

Finally, I would again like to thank you, the residents of Cold Spring, and the City Council for all of the support for the work that has been done in moving the city forward since the last time we had a chance to talk. My door remains open and I always enjoy hearing from you with your input and any questions. Please feel free to stop by or call me at 859-441-9604 ext. 126. If I am not available, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

In the meantime be safe and enjoy the summer!



## POLICE CHIEF'S NOTES

**Police Chief** Brian Messer

The department has added a new officer to its ranks, I would like to welcome Officer Bryan Smith to the force. Bryan has just graduated from the police academy on June 30th and is now starting his in-car training.

On another note, it is with regret that I announce that Sergeant Chris Ratcliff is retiring after 22 years with the department. We would like to wish him good luck in his retirement and thank him for his hard work and dedication to the city.

As an FYI the St. Joe’s 5K Race will be held August 5th, therefore one lane of East Alexandria Pike will be closed along with Uhl Road and southbound US 27, from approximately 9:00am - 10:30am.

As always, obey the speed limit and buckle up!

## PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department has been hard at work cleaning up and clearing out the property around the lake behind Cracker Barrel. They have also been working diligently to keep our parks mowed and looking good!

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

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.
- Commercial trucks in a residential area are prohibited, unless they are in a completely enclosed building.
- 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 proprty being sold. Any signs placed in the city right-of-way are illegal and will be removed!
- Political signs, no larger that 40 square feet are also allowed without a permit and are limited to one per lot with permission of the property owner. They are allowed 60 days prior to election day and must removed within 10 days after election day.
- Mobile signs on wheels, carts or free standing devices, with or without illuminated messages are not permitted in any zone.

**VIOLATION**

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 ocured. 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.



## Batteries Cause an EXPLOSIVE Situation for Recycling

Rumpke is issuing a reminder to residents that batteries don't belong in recycling bins.

In recent months, Rumpke has experienced a number of truck fires and fires at its recycling center. Almost all of these events have been tracked back to batteries – specifically lithium ion batteries – that have been tossed into recycling containers.

Batteries of any kind are not accepted in Rumpke's recycling program, but lithium ion pose the most problems. When broken, these batteries become explosive, making a hazard for Rumpke employees, equipment and facilities.

Lithium ion batteries are used in most home electronics and portable electronic devices such as laptops and cell phones. It is also commonly used in lawn equipment like trimmers.

Several stores and specialized steel recyclers have options to recycle batteries, but please don't include in your Rumpke container.

To see a full list of items that Rumpke does accept, visit [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com).

## PARK EVENTS 2017

### Sat. July 15th - Municipal Park

Movie in the Park - Finding Dory  
Dusk

### Sat. Aug 12th - Municipal Park

Cruise In 4:30-7:30  
Food Trucks 4:30-10:00  
Concert 8:00-11:00



### Sat. Sep 9th - Municipal Park

Movie in the Park - Secret Life of Pets  
Dusk

### Sat. Oct 7th - Municipal Park

Fall Festival  
Kids Events 3:00-6:00  
Adult Events 7:00-10:00



### 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

## CITY CLERK'S NOTES

During the summer months all of us like to enjoy the outdoors. Please be a considerate neighbor. Clean up after your pets. Also as a reminder, we do have a noise ordinance which does not allow overly loud noises or music between the hours of 10:30pm and 7:00am.

If you plan on having a yard sale, please visit the City Building for a permit. The cost is \$5. It is an additional \$10 if you wish to put up a sign to advertise, but \$5 is returned to you if you bring back the sign permit sticker. If you chose to have a sign, the permit is for one sign ONLY and it must be on the property of where the sale will take place,



We have a brand new website, go take a look at [www.coldspringky.gov](http://www.coldspringky.gov).

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# STORMWATER

## STORMWATER POLLUTION & YOUR PETS



It might not seem like a stormwater problem, but animal waste is one of the many seemingly small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality, and even human health.

Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients and pathogens. When this waste ends up in water bodies, it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. This reduces oxygen levels and makes the water murky, green (see Figure 1), smelly, and even unusable for swimming, boating, or fishing. The pathogens, disease-causing bacteria and viruses, can also make local waters unswimmable and unfishable, and have caused severe illness in humans.



Figure 1 Algae-contaminated water

### Dangers to human health and the environment

Pet waste left on streets, yards, driveways, or along the sides of roads does not magically disappear or fertilize the ground. Improperly disposed animal feces can be picked up by stormwater runoff and carried into storm drains. Locally, storm drains do not connect to sanitary sewer systems and treatment facilities, so pet waste can be the cause of significant stormwater pollution and present health risks to adults, children and other pets.

They also present serious health risks. Pets and children playing in yards or parks where pets defecate are at risk for infections from disease-causing viruses, bacteria, and parasites found in pet waste. Diseases and parasites that can be passed from pet waste to humans include:

- Campylobacteriosis – a bacterial infection carried by dogs and cats that frequently causes diarrhea in humans.
- Salmonellosis – the most common bacterial infection transmitted to humans by other animals. Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Toxocariasis – roundworms usually transmitted from dogs to humans, often without noticeable symptoms, but may cause vision loss, a rash, fever, or cough.

Do your doody and dispose of your pets waste.

The risk of storm water contamination increases if pet wastes can accumulate in animal pen areas or are left on sidewalks, streets, or driveways where runoff can carry them to storm drains or surface water. Wastes that are not mixed with litter or other materials can be flushed down the toilet. Or, feces may be bagged or wrapped and put into the garbage for disposal.

Take a plastic bag or paper cup along when walking your pet. Dispose of the waste properly in the household trash after securely wrapping it. Inform other pet owners of why picking up pet waste is important and encourage them to do so.

### Sources:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- County of Pima, AZ
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### Resources:

- <https://www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution>