



COLD SPRING NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

First, I would like to express my many thanks to the past City Council. Together we worked hard to responsibly move the city forward. I am excited about continuing that partnership in 2019 with the newly elected council to provide Cold Spring residents with a city administration who operates as a cohesive unit in managing the city with their best interest in mind. I believe together we can accomplish many good things for the city in 2019! The city currently employs 17 full-time and four part-time employees. Additionally, the city relies heavily on boards and commissions. On behalf of the City Council and myself, I wish to personally thank everyone on the following boards for their time and efforts: Board of Adjustments, Board of Ethics, Code Enforcement Board, Parks Recreation & Tree Commission and the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Residential growth has slowed substantially over the last year. The primary reason is that the city no longer has large tracts of land available on which developers can build subdivisions. The city continues to see commercial growth with several establishments being completed or started in 2018. These commercial establishments contribute to our tax base which enabled the city to keep its property taxes unchanged for the 13th year. The city continues to grow financially. Over the past year the city's revenues from Payroll, Insurance and Occupational taxes have increased 8% allowing the city to maintain its budget. The City of Cold Spring remains one of the lowest taxing entities in Northern Kentucky; with NO increase in any residential taxes.

The city has maintained good control of all city expenses. Although it may be hard to believe, I am happy to share that expenses for the three main areas of the city, Administration, Police, and Public Works, have actually gone DOWN by 7% for the year. The city has been able to maintain our strategic funds over this period and the funds remain healthy. Although, as outlined and accounted for in the city's strategic plan, the city had to use some of these funds in order to continue our road program.

The city continues to invest in our infrastructure. Over the past year, the city has invested over \$900,000 in roadways. This includes rebuilding sections of Springhouse, Henry, Ripple Creek, and all of Winters Lane that lies within the city's boundaries. With these completions, the city has nearly finished its 20 year road plan doing so approximately two years ahead of schedule.

The city has faced a number of challenges and changes over the past year; however, it continues to move forward in a number of areas. In 2018, the City Council and I have accomplished the following:

- Passed or sponsored appropriate changes to aid new business development within the city to meet our resident's needs.
- Passed a \$3.6 million operating budget for the 2018/2019 fiscal year that began July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019 that remained flat to prior years.
- Approved and oversaw the reconstruction and expansion of over 3 miles of city streets.

Department updates:

- Police Department:
 - Last year, Officer Irvin Davis was promoted from within the department to a Sergeant.
 - Hired three new full-time officers to replace officers that retired or resigned for personal reasons.
 - Continues its public outreach to the community through the use of social media and networking.
 - Traffic accidents increased by 8% from 299 in 2017 to 324 in 2018
 - Overall traffic offenses declined 2% from 1541 in 2017 to 1482 in 2018.
 - Now employs an Investigative Officer in order to properly investigate criminal activity in the city; he has already assisted in two major cases handled by the city.
- Public Works:
 - Did an outstanding job managing all of 2018's snow events, our streets were cleared early and often.
 - Significant work was done in the new Lake Park clearing, stabilizing the lake banks and preparing for the upcoming construction on the interior of the park.
 - Replaced various sidewalk sections throughout the city.
 - Replaced various road sections throughout the city.

- Finance and Administration:

- Maintained a flat, year-over-year budget of \$3.6 million for Fiscal 2018/ 2019.
- Through diligence and strict budget oversight, for the first six months of the fiscal year, the city is running \$260,000 UNDER budget.
- Your city clerks, Robin and Ann, sent out city tax bills for 2018 and collected the revenues in November and December. Because of your prompt payment, the city has only a 5% delinquency rate for tax bills – thank you residents!
- Secured a sizable private donation for the Lake Park.
- Secured a donation to the Police Department from the Prosecutors' office to support the DARE program.

- Parks Recreation & Tree Commission:

My thanks to the volunteers on the Parks Recreation and Tree Commission who held the following events for city residents in 2018. All who attended had great fun.

- Arbor Day Celebration
- Trunk Sale
- Senior Event
- Two Movies in the Park
- Fall festival
- Annual Veterans Day Ceremony
- Annual Light Up Cold Spring Contest

Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't cooperate with us this year. Despite the efforts of the Park Board, the Easter Egg Hunt, The Concert in the Park, and the Christmas Festival with Santa had to be canceled.

- Planning and Zoning:

As a special note, I would like to thank the Planning and Zoning Commission for all the hard work that they put in over the past year to complete the Comprehensive Plan for the city; job well done!

In closing, I would like to thank all of you, our residents, for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I continue to be available in the office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. Please feel free to stop in or call the city building at any time.

With your support, the Council, the City Administration teams, and I look forward to 2019. There are many exciting possibilities and opportunities in front of us!



D. Angelo Penque
Mayor
City of Cold Spring

CITY CLERK'S NOTES

Have you noticed a street light out in your neighborhood? Duke has an upgraded tool on their website to report outages! The website is <https://www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair>. It is user friendly, only takes a minute, and Duke will keep you informed of when the repair is finished.

In an effort to provide you with pertinent and timely information between newsletters, my office has created an email distribution list. If you are interested in receiving emails regarding topics such as Coffee with the Mayor dates and times, construction schedules, changes or cancellation notices of special events, delays in garbage pickup, etc., please send your email address to me at robin.s@coldspringky.gov.

Campbell County Clean-Up will be held on May 17th and 18th from 8am to 5pm. The drop-off locations are: Campbell County Police Department, Pendery Park, and the Campbell County Transportation Center. This is FREE for Campbell County residents (must bring ID). For more information call 859-547-1866 or visit www.campbellcountyky.org.

Keep in mind the City Building will be closed on the following holidays:

- Good Friday- April 19th
- Memorial Day- May 27th
- July 4th- Independence Day



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COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Steve Collinsworth

There will be a Shred Day Event on Saturday April 6th from 8:00am – 1:00pm at Furniture Fair. Not only will they be taking paper documents for shredding, they will also be taking medications for disposal, no liquids or needles will be accepted. There is also a Drug Drop Box at the Police Department that is available any time you wish to drop off any unwanted prescription medications, again no liquids or needles will be accepted.

As vacation season arrives please remember to notify our office and we will gladly keep watch over your residence while you are away.

Please be aware of the ongoing surge in scams that have been circulating. These individuals will attempt to gain your Social Security number, bank account number and credit card number through a variety of means. They will also attempt to get you to pay with gift cards or other means that cannot be traced or refunded. Do not hesitate to contact our department with any questions about possible scams.

You will be seeing some new faces on our department. Officer Jared Dornheggen will be graduating from the Police Academy in April and will begin his Field Training Program. Officer Aaron Adams joins us after serving with the Pendleton County Sheriff's office for the past four years.

Our weather will be breaking soon, with that will come school breaks as well. Please be aware of your surroundings and do not allow yourself to be a distracted driver. Pay attention to traffic laws and watch for children who will be out and about.

As always, I will remind everyone to please contact us if you need us. If it is an emergency use 911, but if it is not you can call the non-emergency number at the dispatch center, 859-292-3622. If you wish to speak with me or any member of the department, the number is 859-441-6289.



CENTRAL CAMPBELL COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

Fire/EMS Chief Dan Schultz

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To the Citizens of the Central Campbell Fire District,

Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Center (911), in conjunction with Kenton County and Boone County Dispatch Centers, are implementing Smart911. Central Campbell Fire District covers the areas of Cold Spring, Highland Heights, NKU and the City of Crestview. These areas and any area in the three Northern Kentucky counties will have this available to them. This program is being utilized nationally to aid public safety officials (Police, Fire, & EMS) of critical information. With the transition to cellular phones, the information that was gained from the traditional landline is not available with the use of a cell phone, in fact approximately 80% of calls to 911 are via cell phone. Smart911 helps address and supplement that downfall. In the event that a person calls 911, Smart911 gives dispatchers critically important information that you want public safety officials to have in the event of an emergency. This information travels with you, so if you are in an area that has also implemented this system they will receive your profile. The cities of Atlanta, Chicago, Nashville, Seattle, and Cincinnati, to name a few are already participating with great success. We highly encourage everyone that lives, works or travels here to sign up.

Below is a list of information that can be provided:

- People living in your household
- Phone numbers associated with your family
- Pets, service animals, and livestock
- Medical conditions and allergies
- Medications and medical equipment
- Property details, layout, and utility information
- Vehicle descriptions
- Emergency contacts



The amount of information provided is at your discretion, it can be as much or as little as you want. All information is kept secure, and the information is only displayed if you call 911. There is no cost to sign up and provide your information!

Smart911 is also a resource for alerts in our community. Through the Smart911 app, it can provide weather, traffic, and other area emergencies. This gives you early notice to help keep yourself and your family safe. Additionally, through the technology a 911 call taker can initiate two way SMS/text messaging to mobile phone callers who are unable to communicate verbally.

Sign up at www.smart911.com. Smart911 app is available at the Google Play and the Apple Store.

If you have any questions you may contact me at (859) 441-7631.

Respectfully,

Daniel I. Hildebrand II

Lieutenant/Paramedic

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director Ronnie Hitch

The flashing lights and sounds of a snow plow coming down your street should be behind us now. Public Works had several snow events that required treatment of salt application and/or plowing. When we were not treating streets we were preparing for the next snow event by servicing city equipment. All Public Works personnel are on call 24 hours a day year-round. The guys at Public Works take extreme pride in delivering the best possible job on snow removal! Inclement weather is very challenging and changes quickly. We always review a storm and try to improve ourselves for the next one. We used approximately 150 tons of salt this winter to keep streets safe for travel.

Spring projects are underway. Public Works has already been installing new playground mulch at city parks. All landscaped areas will get decorative mulch, and spring flowers will be planted soon. Public Works manages and maintains approximately 20 acres of parks and grounds that need edged, mowed, trimmed, etc. A few routine duties that we take care of, in and around city grounds throughout spring, summer and fall are: tree, shrub and flower care, picking up trash, and cleaning and maintaining public restroom facilities. We have also started working at the Lake Park again. Juggling city projects, customer service needs, necessities, and emergencies are part of our everyday work. You may notice a new face around the city, we welcomed a new guy to the Public Works team, welcome Michael!

Public Works will continue to do as much construction work in-house as practicable, such as sidewalks, concrete street sections, pothole repair, and storm water work as needed. Our sidewalk plan is still the same, if the sidewalk has a trip hazard, let the city know and we will determine the severity of it. The worst sections of sidewalks have higher priority in. Also, the city does NOT replace the section of sidewalk that is in your driveway apron. That is the home owner's responsibility.

FYI: The following roads are maintained by the state. If you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding these roads, please contact Kentucky Department of Transportation District 6 at 859-341-2700.

- US 27 aka Alexandria Pike
- AA Highway aka State Route 9
- Pooles Creek aka Geiman Connector
- 1998 aka Industrial Road
- Mary Ingles Highway aka Route 8
- Parts of East Alexandria Pike



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Taylor



It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, your liable to step in one such reminder! Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter. **When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed.**

Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

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.
- 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 property being sold. Any signs placed in the city right-of-way are illegal and will be removed!



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 occurred. 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.



CITY OF COLD SPRING

2019 PARK EVENTS

Sat. April 13, 2019- Easter Egg Hunt @ Municipal Park

1:00pm

Ages 0-9 **RAIN WILL CANCEL EVENT!**

Sat. April 27, 2019 - Arbor Day Event @ Municipal Park

10:00am

RAIN WILL BRING EVENT TO THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Sat. June 8, 2019 - Senior Event @ Municipal Park

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Grill out & music from the Marty Conner Band **RAIN WILL CANCEL EVENT**

Sat. July 13, 2019 - Trunk Sale @ Carole Huber Ballfield

9:00am - 12:00pm

Call city office at 441-9604 to reserve your space. Limited availability – first come first serve.

Rain out date Sat. July 20, 2019

Sat. Aug. 17, 2019- Cruise In & Concert @ Municipal Park

4:30pm - 11:00pm

Music by the Derek Alan Band **RAIN WILL CANCEL EVENT**

Sat. Oct. 12, 2019 - Fall Festival @ Municipal Park

2:00pm - 6:00pm

Details TBD **RAIN WILL CANCEL EVENT**

Sun. Nov. 10, 2019 - Veteran's Day Memorial @ Municipal Park

1:00pm

Sat. Dec. 7, 2019 - Christmas Festival @ Municipal Park

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Details TBD **RAIN WILL CANCEL OUTDOOR EVENTS ONLY**

Sun. Dec. 8, 2019 - Light Up Cold Spring - Citywide

6:00pm

Judged by City Council

For any questions about our events, or to volunteer please call 859-441-9604



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Recycle Your Cardboard, Not Garden Hoses

Rumpke's regional recycling center processes more than 600 tons of material per day. That's a lot of bottles, cans and paper. However, not everything that comes to the recycling center can be recycled. In fact, nearly 20 percent of the material coming in the plant is material that Rumpke can't.

Items like plastic bags, garden hoses, chains, batteries, clothing and plastic toys continue to be placed in Rumpke Recycling containers. While it may seem harmless putting these types of materials into your recycling cart, they can actually cause damage to recycling equipment, collection vehicles or cause other material not to be recycled.

Rumpke wants customers to recycle by making the process easy, accessible and affordable; however, there has to be some parameters on what is accepted in its recycling programs to ensure the material can be recovered and recycled. As a reminder, the following items are accepted for recycling:

- Bottles (plastic and glass)
- Cans (aluminum and metal)
- Cartons
- Paper and paperboard
- Cardboard

All items should be empty and placed in recycling containers loose.

Rumpke keeps a list of recyclables on its website, www.rumpke.com. Rumpke also encourages customers to tour its recycling facility to learn more about the recycling process. For tour information, email tours@rumpke.com.