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COLD SPRING NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I wish you a happy start to the new season! As September 1 approaches, it means the end of summer fun, new episodes from our favorite TV series, a new business cycle and August 14 brings the start of a new school year.

As we look toward the start of a new school year, please remember the highways, sidewalks, and crosswalks will be filled with our most precious resource, children. Please take this time to remind yourself, as well as all of the drivers in your household, to slow down in all residential and school zones. Speed and distracted driving are still the number one cause of accidents in and around our city.

Although summer is winding down, there are still Park Events to attend at the Municipal Park! Please see the back for a list of remaining events. Events can be found on the City's website, Parks and Recreation Page. Please be sure to mark your calendars and come out and enjoy!

With the completion of the fiscal year, the City remains on firm economic footing. Thanks to all of the department heads for another year of being fiscally responsible! All current financial information can be found on the City's website.

Before closing, I would like to give special recognition to Mrs. Ruth Rust, Cold Spring's first Citizen Spotlight award recipient. For the last 31 years, Mrs. Rust has volunteered her time and energy to the beautification of the Cold Spring Municipal Park's flower beds. Next time you are enjoying the beautiful, well-tended flower beds, know that Mrs. Rust plays a big part in their maintenance. If you see her out there working, be sure to give her a great big thank you!

As always, I have an open-door policy and am in the office should you wish to contact me. Finally, be sure to stop in at our next Coffee with the Mayor scheduled for August 24 at 9 am at the City Building. Campbell County Clerk, Jim Luersen, will be our guest speaker—come out and learn about happenings in the Clerk's office.

Regards,

D. "Angelo" Penque
Mayor

2019 EVENTS

Sat. August 17- Cruise In & Concert 4:30pm to 11pm @ Municipal Park

Music by Derek Alan Band, Packhouse Meats Food Truck, Braxton Brewery Truck

Sat. August 24- Coffee with the Mayor & Campbell County Clerk 9am to 11am @ The City Building

Fri. September 27- Concert in the Park 7pm to 10pm @ Municipal Park

Music by Model Behavior

Sat. October 12- Fall Festival 2pm to 6pm @ Municipal Park

Sun. November 10- Veterans Day Memorial 1pm @ Municipal Park

Sat. December 7- Christmas Festival 5pm to 8pm @ Municipal Park

Sun. December 8- Light Up Cold Spring - 6pm- Citywide



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENTS OR YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT OUR EVENTS, PLEASE CALL THE CITY BUILDING 859-441-9604

City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:30pm. The meetings are held at the City Building.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Taylor | chuck.t@coldspringky.gov

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!



COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Steve Collinsworth
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Summer is coming to an end and school is about to start back up so the kids will be out and about in the morning and afternoons. Please be aware of your surroundings while driving. Monitor your speed and pay attention to stop signs. The use of a seatbelt is the law and please do not text and drive.

We are nearing the end of vacation season, but remember that we will keep watch over your home while you are away, contact our office for details about this free service.

There have been some reports of individuals attempting to steal pets that are left outside. If you leave a pet outside please ensure that you keep a mindful eye over them for anything or anyone that appears suspicious. Phone scams continue to be an issue across the country. Do not allow yourself to be a victim by giving out important information that can be used to steal your identity. Also, never pay via mail with cash or gift cards. These means are not traceable and, in most cases, will not be recovered.

You will see a couple of new faces in our department; Officer Dornheggen has graduated the police academy and will be completing his field training soon. We will also be adding Officer Brian Coleman to our team; he comes to us from Livingston Kentucky with five years of law enforcement experience.



As always, I will remind everyone to please contact us if you need us, we are here for you. 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 to me or any member of the department, we can be reached at 859-441-6289.



STORMWATER

Why Should I Care About Stormwater?

We are all part of a watershed. Watersheds are land areas that drain to the nearest body of water. For example, if you are in Cold Spring, Kentucky, you are part of the Ohio River watershed. Smaller creeks and streams also eventually drain to a larger local water body.

Pollution and Health Impacts – Stormwater picks up anything that is on the ground and carries it along with it. Animal waste, chemicals, pesticides, oil, and sediment – all end up in waterways and potentially in our sources of drinking water.

Stream bank Erosion – Uncontrolled stormwater can cause stream bank erosion, leaving bare soil and exposing tree roots. This can lead to property damage and cause issues with stream bank stability.

Sedimentation – Erosion and runoff, can also lead to sedimentation. Sedimentation of waterways from runoff causes changes to aquatic habitats. Undesirable plant growth increases, water becomes more turbid or cloudy, which leads to disruption of aquatic ecosystems. Sedimentation also fills in waterways, which can increase the flooding potential.

Impacts to Groundwater Recharge – If stormwater isn't sinking into the ground it can affect recharge of groundwater resources. This can affect water levels in drinking water wells as well as impacting levels in surface water.

Impacts to Recreational Opportunities - Stormwater runoff can cause polluted waterways which can lead to restrictions on boating, swimming, and fishing in recreational areas.

Making changes to how stormwater is managed can go a long way to reduce negative impacts. Even small actions by individual homeowners like using a rain barrel, choosing permeable landscaping surfaces, or installing a rain garden can make a difference.

Stormwater affects everyone!

CLERK'S OFFICE

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.

Tax bills will be sent out mid-October, they are due December 31. If your mortgage company requests your tax bill, that is where the bill will be sent. You can call or stop by the office to request a copy of your tax bill.

Don't forget that you need permits for yard signs, yard sales, and storage units. Stop in the Clerk's Office or check online to submit the application.



Weathering a Storm

If you experience a power outage, please alert Duke by calling Duke Energy's toll-free, automated outage reporting system at 800.543.5599. Those with access to the internet may report an outage using our online report form. Sign up here to receive phone or email alerts or text REG to 57801 for text alerts.

Families who have special medical needs or elderly members should closely monitor weather forecasts and make plans for potential alternate arrangements should an extended outage occur. Consider all downed power lines and anything touching them energized and DANGEROUS! Do not get near them and report the problem to Duke Energy. To learn more, visit our website at <https://www.duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety>.



Vegetation Management

To maintain reliable service and minimize outages, it is important that we maintain trees and other vegetation along the lines that deliver electricity to our customers. We hire qualified, trained tree personnel to inspect and clear vegetation that poses a threat to our power lines. We use integrated vegetation management (IVM) practices that are based on the voltage and type of line, as well as the type of vegetation and its proximity to the line.

Planned Vegetation Management

Methods for systematically addressing vegetation that will interfere with the operation of power lines. We use specific information such as reliability data and other indicators to prioritize lines for tree pruning and removal.

Reactive Vegetation Management

Reactive vegetation management is cutting vegetation with a high or demonstrated risk of interference with lines.

Tree Felling

There are a variety of factors that determine whether or not a tree must be trimmed or cut down. Felling trees is cutting down trees inside or outside the right of way that are at risk of falling on or otherwise threatening power lines.

Use the link below to view a list of Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://www.duke-energy.com/community/trees-and-rights-of-way/faq>

FYI FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATION

Lately there has been a lot of publicity regarding governmental transparency. What is meant by governmental transparency? In a free society, transparency is government's obligation to share information with citizens. It is at the heart of how citizens hold their public officials accountable. Governments exist to serve the people. Information on how officials conduct the public business and spend taxpayers' money must be readily available and easily understood.

Government transparency includes openness, accountability, and delivery of information. This transparency allows good and just governance. Do we share everything? Are we completely open? All are good questions.

Openness: Cold Spring City Government usually conducts a caucus meeting and a council meeting every month. The caucus meeting is designed for discussion of city topics by the City Council. This meeting is less formal than a council meeting. The council meeting is where all actions by the City are taken and recorded. Both of these meetings are open to the public and participation is welcome. In addition, the City records the council meetings for public viewing.

Accountability: On its website, the City publishes both the annual City budget and monthly financials. An annual audit, conducted by an independent audit firm, which specializes in government accounting, is conducted. The purpose of the audit is to help ensure that all public funds are accounted for and that they are properly administered. Yearly, in the newspaper, the City publishes the budget and the amended budget.

Delivery of Information: All citizens are free to request official City records pertaining to any written document which the City has through an "open records request." These requests are typically filled within 72 hours of receipt. In addition, minutes for all voting Council Meetings, and Planning and Zoning Meetings are available online.

Do we share everything? In short, no. No one wants to see "how the sausage gets made." Too much transparency can create a blaming culture and too much time spent on the minutia instead of focusing on the big picture of moving our City forward. Please be assured all actions undertaken by the City Administration are made with the highest thought towards fiscal responsibility and making Cold Spring a great place to live. Everyone in the administration is happy to speak with citizens and address any concerns regarding any topics they may have. Please call or stop by the City Building!