



COLD SPRING NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

October has arrived and soon the leaves will be changing colors, Trick or Treating will take place in the city on October 31 from 6-8pm. Once again, the Public Works department will be in some of the parks to distribute candy, please stop by to say hello.

With November comes the semi-annual adjustment of the clocks as we turn the clock back one hour on November 7, and with that we begin the "dark days of winter". It seems that this year has gone by so quickly.

The summer was a productive one for the Public Works department. Sidewalk sections were replaced, a gazebo was erected at Robert J. Barth Park, all of the park areas throughout the city were maintained, and various projects were completed within the city. Unfortunately, between construction at Municipal Park and COVID, the many park activities that the city usually provides were put on hold this year.

The construction of the new buildings at Municipal Park continues with good progress being made on the new police department as well as the new community center and amphitheater, please visit the website to review the videos of the construction to date. Barring problems with labor and materials the buildings remain on track to be completed some time in the first quarter of 2022. It will indeed be good to have facilities where all the residents can once again gather at Municipal Park.

Unfortunately, again this year due to COVID, the city is going to have to forego our Veterans Day celebration in the name of caution for all involved. Veterans please be assured that the city values your service and the sacrifices that you made in order to protect our country and our freedoms. We greatly look forward to being able to celebrate this holiday in 2022 with all of you.

The city continues to improve the roads and infrastructure within our neighborhoods, with construction being scheduled for Chapman Lane, and Darlas Drive in the spring and early summer of 2022. As is our practice, once the city has firm construction schedules, it will be updating residents as to when construction will actually be taking place.

The city continues to grow. Several new businesses having been established in the city, with at least one more scheduled to be built. It is nice to be able to offer the residents of the city new goods and services, while maintaining the diverse selection of services the city already has. The city has had several developers call regarding other possible projects as well. Cold Spring remains a city that businesses want to be a part of.

Since I will not have the opportunity to write to you before the end of the year, let me wish you all a great Thanksgiving Holiday, and may your Christmas and New Year be filled with warmth, family, friends, and good times. Council and I wish you nothing but the best as we move towards 2022.

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COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief, Steve Collinsworth



If you need immediate assistance, call 911. If you require an officer to respond to your situation, please call 859-292-3622 and Campbell County Dispatch will send an officer. The administration number 859-441-6289 should only be used if your request does not require an immediate response.

School is back in session and the school zones are now enabled. Please be aware of your speed and mindful of the children as buses will be picking up and dropping off.

There have been several vehicles broken into and stolen recently. These vehicles were not locked and, in many cases, the keys were left inside. Please secure your vehicle, and do not leave your keys, firearms, or other valuable items in your vehicle.

I will continue to remind everyone that you should never send cash, gift cards or even checks to an unknown recipient. If you think it is a scam, then it probably is. Do not hesitate to call our office for verification on whether or not you are receiving a legitimate call.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer, Chuck Taylor

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.
- It is unlawful for any owner, keeper or walker of any animal to permit his or her animal to discharge such animal's excrement upon any public or private property, other than the property of the owner of any such animal within the city if such owner, keeper, or walker does not immediately thereafter remove and clean up such animal's excrement from the public or private property
- It is unlawful for any animal owner to permit such animal to leave the premises of where the animal is usually kept except when on a leash. You shall not allow your animal to run at large allow them to go on another persons property

To report code violations you can visit our website www.coldspringky.gov/code-enforcement

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director, Ronnie Hitch

Summer has come and gone, so it won't be long until the leaves change and start to fall. Leaves falling in the street is one of our biggest problems for our stormwater catch basins. Please, **DO NOT** blow leaves into the street or into catch basins! We routinely check and clean catch basins in the fall so there are no obstructions. Leaves can plug stormwater drains and create bigger problems.

Just a reminder, city ordinance 91.50 prohibits anyone depositing litter, trash and/or debris into city streets.

Who knows what kind of winter weather we will receive this year. As always, we will do our very best to keep streets safe and passable. Just a reminder of our plowing and salting procedures; hills and the main streets in the neighborhoods are our first priority. Then we move on to side streets and flatter streets. The city is broken down in four routes for our drivers. The conditions will determine how long it takes to go from start to finish on that route. All snow gets plowed to the right on every street. This means you will get snow in your driveway from road plow. This is the most efficient way for us to plow. Please help us this winter by parking in driveways when inclement weather is predicted.

CITY CLERK

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It's TAX TIME!

Tax bills will be mailed out mid-October. If a mortgage company has requested your tax bill, that is where it will be sent. If you wish to receive a copy of the tax bill that was sent to the mortgage company, please call the city building and we will be happy to mail or email you a copy. Property tax rates have gone down this year, the real property tax rate is .153 per \$100 dollars of the assessed value and tangible taxes are .154 per \$100 of the assessed value, the motor vehicle tax rate stayed the same at .169 per \$100 of the assessed value and the trash rate for 2022 is \$219.00. Please let us know if you need a receipt after payment and we will send one to you.

If you have not already done so, you can request to be added to the Cold Spring Email Distribution List by emailing me at robin.m@coldspringky.gov. We use this to send out important information in between newsletter mailings.

Construction is moving right along here at the city building! You can find progress videos and pictures on our Facebook or website.

I am happy to announce that we are in the process of setting up the capability to accept credit card payments. As soon as this is finalized, we will be sure to make an announcement via Facebook, our website, and the email distribution list.

If you have questions or concerns about trash pick-up and the city building is closed, you can call Rumpke at 859-472-7339. You can also call this number to notify Rumpke of a large item that you need picked up.

Reminder: Trash pick up will be delayed by one day the week of Christmas and New Years! Please set your cans out on Friday night so that Rumpke can pick up on Saturday, instead of Friday.

Keep in mind that the city building will be closed on the following days:

- November 11- Veterans Day
- November 25 and 26 - Thanksgiving
- December 24 and 25 - Christmas
- January 1- New Years Day



Should I Care About Stormwater?

Does stormwater really affect me? Whether you live in a town, the country, a city, or the suburbs, when it rains the water that runs off goes somewhere. Stormwater affects everyone!

We are all part of some watershed. Watersheds are land areas that drain to the nearest body of water. Almost all of our roof lines, yards, driveways and streets drain to small local creeks and streams that drain into larger water bodies.

Flooding: when excess water has nowhere to go, flooding can impact property, cause damage to land and structures. Flooding can also be a public safety issue that affects entire communities.

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

Streambank Erosion: Uncontrolled stormwater can cause streambank erosion, leaving bare soil and exposing tree roots. This could lead to property damage and cause issues with streambank 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 cloudier, which then disrupts the aquatic ecosystems.

Sedimentation also fills in waterways, which also can increase the potential for flooding.

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

Making changes to how stormwater is managed can go a long way to reduce all of these negative impacts. Even the small actions taken by individual homeowners like rain barrels, choosing permeable landscaping surfaces or installing a rain garden can make a difference. Stormwater affects everyone!

Together we can protect our streams and rivers. **Remember only RAIN should go down the DRAIN!**



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Let's see your best Christmas Light Display!

Light Up Cold Spring

If you would like your home to be entered into the contest or you would like to nominate a residence, please send the address to the City Clerk no later than December 8. You can send the address via email to robinm@coldspringky.gov or call 859-441-9604. The winners will be announced at the council meeting on December 13.

There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.

Make sure your lights are on every night so City Council can drive by to judge the nominations!

