



COLD SPRING NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor D. Angelo Penque

The leaves are falling and the temperature is dropping; fall has officially arrived! Fall and winter still bring many activities to the city. I invite you to see updates from our event coordinator later in the newsletter, as well as on the city's website to stay up-to-date on the many activities through the fall and winter months ahead.

The city's road construction projects have concluded for the year, and we are busy planning and bidding the spring projects. We are excited to see the new development that is slated for the city over the coming years, as developers continue to work towards major projects on both the north and south ends of the city. We await, along with all of you, the opportunity to reveal their plans.

The city remains fiscally sound and the departments are doing an excellent job of managing their budgets so that we get the most out of your tax dollar. Once again, I would like to thank you and your elected council for both the support and work that has been done this year, and the work that continues to be done to keep our city moving forward.

My door remains open and I look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts on the city. Please either stop by or call the city building at 859-441-9604 ext. 126. I will get back with you to discuss your thoughts and input as soon as possible.

CITY CLERK

Robin Morency

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 \$1.27 per thousand dollars of the assessed value and tangible taxes are \$1.22 per thousand of the assessed value. The motor vehicle tax rate stayed the same at \$1.69 per thousand of the assessed value and the trash rate for 2024 is \$236.04. Please let us know if you need a receipt after payment and we will send one to you.

FYI

- The Pickleball courts are NOW OPEN!!!
- As always, Trick-or-Treat will be on October 31 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm
- Planning & Zoning meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm
- **The week of Christmas and New Years, trash will be collected on Saturday**

COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Steve Collinsworth



The Police Department would like to remind you of the best ways to reach out to the emergency services in case you need them.

If you have an emergency, such as a fire, a medical issue, or a crime in progress, please call 911 immediately. This is the fastest and most reliable way to get help from the police, fire department, or ambulance.

If you have a non-urgent request, such as a noise complaint, minor traffic accident, or a request for information, please call 859-292-3622. This is the number to the Campbell County Dispatch Center which serves the city of Cold Spring. They will assist you with your situation and dispatch an officer to handle the request.

Phone scams are a common and serious problem that can cost you money, identity, or both. Here are some tips to help you protect yourself from phone scammers:

- Don't trust your caller ID. Scammers can use technology to spoof or fake the number or name that appears on your screen. They might pretend to be from a government agency, a utility company, a tech firm, or a charity.
- Don't give out your personal or financial information. Scammers might ask you to confirm or verify your Social Security number, bank account, credit card, or other sensitive details. They might also ask you to make a payment using a specific method, such as cryptocurrency, wire transfer, gift card, or payment app. These are all red flags that indicate a scam.
- Don't fall for pressure or threats. Scammers might try to scare you into acting quickly by claiming that you're in trouble with the law, that your account has been hacked, that your family member is in danger, or that you've won a prize. They might also tell you not to hang up or talk to anyone else. These are all tactics to prevent you from checking the facts or getting help.
- Do register with the Do Not Call Registry. This is a free service that can reduce the number of unwanted calls from legitimate telemarketers. It won't stop spam calls, but it will make them easier to spot because most honest businesses won't call you if you're on the registry.
- Do report suspicious calls to the authorities. If you receive a scam call, hang up and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at ([ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint) or call 1-877-382-4357). Reporting scam calls can help the Federal Trade Commission track down and stop scammers.

I hope these tips help you stay safe from phone scammers. Remember, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. And if something sounds too bad to be true, it probably is too. Trust your instincts and don't let anyone pressure you into making a decision you might regret later.

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, Cold Spring is part of the Ohio River watershed where small creeks and streams eventually drain to the larger local water body, the Ohio River.

Flooding – when excess water has nowhere to go, flooding can impact property and cause damage to land and structures, it can also be a public safety issue affecting the community.

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 the waterways and potentially in our source for drinking water.

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

Sedimentation – Erosion and runoff, can also lead to sedimentation. Sedimentation of waterways from runoff causes changes to aquatic habitats. Sedimentation can cause undesirable plant growth increase, cloudy water leading to disruption of aquatic ecosystems as well as filling waterways which can lead to potential flooding.

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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officers: Chuck Taylor & Joe Humbert

There are many different ordinances that relate to maintaining our city in a neat and orderly condition. Please make note of the following:

- 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.
- No person who is the owner of any animal shall permit it to run at large in any public road, highway, street, lane, or alley, or upon an enclosure without the consent of the owner of the yard, lot, or enclosure.
- 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.



To report code violations you can visit our website <https://coldspringky.gov/code-enforcement/>

COMMUNITY CENTER

Event Coordinator, Stacy Klosterman

The Community Center has had a busy summer season and we are looking forward to a fun-filled Fall and Winter. Our party room is perfect for smaller get-togethers while the gym is a great location for larger groups or kid parties. There's plenty of room for seating while still having ample space for basketball, bounce houses, corn hole and more! The concession area is available on a first come- first served basis and is equipped with a food warmer, drink cooler, small deep freezer, and plenty of tabletop space. It is accessible from the party room and the gym. Reservations can also be made for sporting events/practices. The gym has 6 basketball goals (8-ft – 10-ft), a volleyball net, and 3 Pickleball nets. Our functional meeting room is a great location for trainings or seminars. We offer seating for up to 54 people at a table/desktop, a projector and screen, as well as a mini fridge and coffee bar. We truly are a one-stop shop for all your personal or business needs!

The gym is open to the public during business hours unless there's a posted event. We offer Silver Sneakers classes and Pickleball open play. Schedules can be found on our website, or onsite at the Community Center.

The indoor track has been getting a lot of use and is open daily 8am- 8pm, unless otherwise posted. 18 laps are equal to 1 mile.

If you're interested in making a reservation, or have questions, please call me at 859-441-9604 ext. 133 or email stacy.k@coldspringky.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS

Director, Ron Hitch

People have many old wives' tales about the weather. The only thing I know for sure, is that the weather is unpredictable, even with the technology we have today. Public Works prepares the best we can for whatever is forecasted. Please keep an eye on the city website and/or city Facebook page for any announcements pending inclement weather. Public Works will continue working on parks, landscape beds, curbs, sidewalks, and whatever else is needed. As always, we appreciate your patience while we are addressing issues throughout the city and for being cautious in active work zones. You can always call me at the city building with any questions 859-441-9604 ext. 125 or email me ron.h@coldspringky.gov.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Please keep in mind that weather could cancel event or change location*

November 1

Senior Luncheon 11am - 1pm

Tickets (free) are required, you can pick up at the city building with your ID

November 11

Veterans Day Ceremony 9am

November 18

Craft Show 10am - 3pm

We are still accepting vendors!

December 9

Winter Fest 2pm - 5pm

December 20

Light Up Cold Spring

The city is always looking for volunteers to ensure our events run smoothly. This can be a great opportunity for students who may need community service hours. Please reach out to Stacy if you are interested stacy.k@coldspringky.gov.

STAY INFORMED

Are you on our email blast list? It is a great way to get information from the city in between newsletters. I promise we won't junk up your email! :) Call the city building to be added, or you can email robin.m@coldspringky.gov.

Our website is always up-to-date with important information as well as our Facebook page. You can also follow us on Instagram and TikTok!



Happy
Fall!

