



COLD SPRING NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor D. Angelo Penque

Spring has arrived and the dark, long winter months are behind us. The time has changed, the flowers are starting to bloom, the grass is turning green, the trees are budding, and the city is looking forward to its spring and summer events, many of which are outlined later in this newsletter.

Several improvement projects have been completed that we hope you will take advantage of. The pickleball courts are now open and fully functional! As the weather continues to improve, we look forward to seeing them being used. Recently the walking path at Municipal Park was paved. The entire path is now in concrete making it more accessible for strollers, walkers, and dog walkers alike.

Big things are happening in the city. On the south end of the city, we continue to grow with the start of the construction on Cold Spring Pointe, which will be a new retail and office development. It will be located at the south east corner of the AA Highway and US 27. Ground is being cleared and the developer is anxious to start construction on the facilities. At the time of this writing, the developer has not released to the city the tenants that will be occupying the site, but stay tuned, the city will make a press release as soon as we know!

On the north end of the city, at the site of the old DAV complex, we are awaiting the developer's presentation outlining their plans for the site. It is anticipated that they will have a plan ready for presentation sometime in the second calendar quarter of this year. Again, stay tuned and we will make a press release as soon as we can announce the site tenants. We are excited about the goods and services both of these additions, north and south, will provide to city residents.

The city has completed its annual audit and it is the opinion of both the city's outside accounting firm and the independent auditors that the city remains fiscally sound. We continue to look for fiscally responsible ways to provide services to our residents and I would like to thank you, your elected council, and city staff for the hard work that is being done to keep Cold Spring moving forward.

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing you at the city's spring and summer events. Be sure to come out and enjoy your beautiful Municipal Park, catch up with old friends and make some new ones!

Please continue to reach out with your feedback and questions by stopping by or calling me at the city building 859-441-9604 ext. 126. Looking forward to a great 2024!

COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Steve Collinsworth



Welcome to the Spring Newsletter of the Cold Spring Police Department. As always, I would like to remind you of the best ways to reach out to emergency services in case you need assistance.

If you have an emergency, such as a fire, 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 minor traffic collision, noise complaint, 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.

Our office is located at 5700 East Alexandria Pike and can be accessed at any time. If there is no one to greet you at the front desk, please use the white doorbell to let us know you are in the lobby. If you do not get a response, then please call 859-292-3622 and the dispatch center will send the officer who is on duty to the office. The regular lobby hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and the administrative phone number is 859-441-6289.

Thefts from Vehicles: Locking your car doors is a fundamental step in preventing theft and ensuring the security of your vehicle and your belongings. Here are several reasons why locking your car doors is important.

1. **Theft Deterrence:** Locking your car doors acts as a deterrent to potential thieves. It sends a signal that your vehicle is secure and not an easy target for theft. Thieves are less likely to attempt to break into a locked vehicle compared to one that is left unlocked.
2. **Protection of Valuables:** Locking your car doors helps protect any valuable or personal belongings you may have inside the vehicle. Items left in plain sight can tempt thieves, but if the car doors are locked, it makes it more difficult for them to access and steal your belongings.
3. **Preventing Unauthorized Entry:** Locking your car doors prevents unauthorized individuals from gaining access to your vehicle. This is particularly important in crowded areas where opportunistic thieves may try to gain entry to cars left unlocked.
4. **Insurance Purposes:** In some cases, insurance policies may require that you take reasonable precautions to protect your vehicle against theft. Failing to lock your car doors could potentially void your insurance coverage or result in higher premiums if your vehicle is stolen.

Locking your car doors is a simple yet effective way to protect your vehicle, belongings, and personal safety from theft and unauthorized access. It is a basic security measure that should be practiced consistently to minimize the risk of becoming a victim of auto theft or related crimes.

Distracted Driving: Driving without distractions is crucial for several reasons.

1. **Safety:** The primary reason to avoid distractions while driving is safety. When you are distracted, your attention is diverted from the road increasing the likelihood of collisions. Distractions such as texting, talking on the phone, eating, adjusting the radio, or even conversing with passengers can lead to collisions.
2. **Focus:** Driving requires constant attention and focus. Any distraction, no matter how brief, can disrupt your ability to react quickly to changes in traffic, road conditions, or unexpected situations. By staying focused on the road, you are better equipped to anticipate and respond to potential hazards.
3. **Legal Consequences:** Many jurisdictions have laws against distracted driving, especially the use of mobile phones while driving. Engaging in distracting activities while driving can result in fines, penalties, and even legal consequences if a collision occurs.
4. **Protecting Others:** It is not just your safety at stake when you drive distracted. You also put other road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and other drivers, at risk. Being responsible behind the wheel means considering the safety of everyone sharing the road with you.
5. **Avoiding Financial Costs:** Collisions resulting from distracted driving can lead to significant financial costs, including medical expenses, vehicle repairs, increased insurance premiums, and legal fees. By driving without distractions, you reduce the risk of being involved in costly accidents.
6. **Setting a Good Example:** If you're a parent or caregiver, driving without distractions sets a positive example for young passengers who may one day become drivers themselves. Teaching the importance of focused driving from an early age can help instill safe habits that last a lifetime.

Speeding, Disregarding Traffic Signals & Passing School Buses while loading and unloading: These are the three most common complaints that are given to our department.

1. **Speeding:** This is one of the most common and dangerous violations on the road. It increases the risk of crashes, injuries, and fatalities. The Cold Spring Police Department is committed to reducing speeding and its consequences in our community. We use various methods to enforce speed limits, such as radar and laser. We also conduct periodic speed enforcement campaigns with the Department of Highway Safety, to target high-risk locations and times.
2. **Disregarding Traffic Signals:** Traffic signals are designed to regulate the flow of traffic and prevent collisions at intersections. However, some drivers choose to ignore or disobey traffic signals, such as running red lights or stop signs, making illegal turns, or failing to yield the right-of-way. These actions can have serious consequences, such as crashes, injuries, or deaths. The Cold Spring Police Department enforces traffic signal compliance through both stationary and mobile patrol tactics. We remind all drivers to respect traffic signals and follow the rules of the road.
3. **Passing School Buses while loading and unloading along with Speeding in School Zones:** School buses are the safest way for children to travel to and from school. However, they are vulnerable when they stop to load or unload students. Children may not always be aware of their surroundings or traffic hazards when they cross the street or board or exit the bus. Therefore, it is crucial for drivers to exercise caution and patience when they encounter a school bus on the road. In every state, it is illegal for drivers to pass a school bus while the stop arm is extended, and the red lights are flashing. This indicates that children are getting on or off the bus and may be crossing the street. Drivers must come to a complete stop and wait until the stop arm is retracted and the lights stop flashing before proceeding. There are several school zones within our city, and when the lights are flashing the school zone speed must be adhered to. Violating either of these laws can result in fines, points on your license, or even criminal charges.

We hope that this newsletter has provided you with some valuable information and tips on theft deterrence along with safe driving. The Cold Spring Police Department is dedicated to serving and protecting our community. We appreciate your cooperation and support in making our city and roadways safer for everyone.

STORMWATER

Stormwater systems utilize stormwater grates, underground pipes, and open swales to convey untreated surface rain water run-off to water bodies, including streams, ponds and rivers. When an illicit discharge enters the stormwater system, these pollutants can cause public health concerns, including harmful bacteria counts, downstream fish kills, and excess nutrients that harm aquatic wildlife.

Examples of Illicit Discharge

- Soapy water, like from car washing or laundry, going into waterways.
- Waste from septic tanks, sewer lines or industrial pollutants entering the stormwater systems.
- Dumping waste oil, chemicals, fertilizers or pesticides into storm drains.

Recognizing Illicit Discharge

- Strange colors, smells, or scum in water could mean illicit discharge.
- Dead fish and other wildlife can also indicate a problem.
- Makeshift pipes or hoses leading to waterways might be illicit discharge, especially if you see something draining from them on dry days.

What You Can Do

- Dispose of chemicals properly at special collection events held in your county.
- Handle pet waste correctly to prevent harmful bacteria and excess nutrients from entering our waterways.
- Wash your car on your lawn so that excess water, soap, and dirt are filtered through grass and vegetation.

Together We Can Help

Report illicit discharges to local authorities or environmental agencies. Remember, what you put on land ends up in the water. Let us work together to keep streams and waterways clean! To report an illicit discharge, call the city at 859-441-9604. Remember only rain should go down the drain.

CITY CLERK

Robin Morency

As the seasons change and time marches forward, we find ourselves reflecting on the cherished memories of our loved ones. In our efforts to honor and preserve these memories, I would like to make you aware of our Memorial Plaque Program. This program continues to serve as a heartfelt tribute to those who have left an indelible mark on our lives. Each plaque tells a unique story, encapsulating the essence of those we hold dear. Whether it's a fond memory, a touching tribute, or a special moment of remembrance, your stories enrich our community and inspire us to continue honoring lives in meaningful ways. If you would like to learn more about our Memorial Plaque Program and the options available, please reach out to me.

In an effort to keep you up to date on the latest news and city events in between newsletters, please subscribe to our email blast by calling or emailing me (robin.m@coldspringky.gov) to provide your email address.

Have you noticed a street light that needs repaired or replaced in your neighborhood? Reporting such issues is easier than ever! You can visit Duke Energy's interactive website at <https://salor-web.duke-energy.app/#/home/map> They also provide the option to receive updates on the maintenance.

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

- May 27 - Memorial Day
- July 4 - Independence Day
- September 2 - Labor Day

PUBLIC WORKS

Director, Ron Hitch

To report issues you can visit our website
https://coldspringky.gov/public-works/#works_issue

As we are transitioning from winter to spring, I have some updates on completed and upcoming projects. This past fall we were able to build a new salt building which allows for more salt storage than we have ever had. Luckily, winter was not too hard on our salt inventory. We have recently placed planter boxes at Orchard Park and will soon be filling them with flowers that are specifically tailored to bees and butterflies, two of nature's most important pollinators. Public Works has a lengthy list of projects for the spring and summer; from fixing sidewalks and street sections to maintaining stormwater pipes. You will often find our crew in the parks, mowing lawns, maintaining landscapes, and collecting trash to keep our green spaces beautiful and inviting. Their dedication to maintain our parks enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. In addition to outdoor maintenance, our crew cares for our city-owned buildings. From cleaning and restocking restrooms to fixing lights and addressing maintenance issues, they work behind the scenes to ensure that our facilities are clean, safe, and welcoming. Public Works also plays a vital role in setting up and assisting at city events. As you can see, Public Works wears several hats throughout the course of a day. I am incredibly proud to have such a hardworking team on our side! Their contributions are invaluable to the well-being of our city.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officers: Chuck Taylor & Joe Humbert

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

As we slowly start to emerge from our winter hibernation there are a few things that we would like to remind you of.

1. While we adore our furry friends, not everyone may share the same sentiment. To respect others' space and safety, please keep your dog on a leash when outside your yard. Some dogs may not be as sociable or may even pose a risk to others, so it's best to keep them under control.
2. Grass cutting is right around the corner. With the emergence of spring comes the growth of your grass and those pesky weeds. Please make sure you stay ahead of your grass and weeds to ensure your neighborhood looks great.
3. It is necessary to obtain a permit when erecting a temporary sign on your property. The Cold Spring Temporary Sign Ordinance states the following:
 - ONE (1) sign permitted per location.
 - A sign permit is for 14 days only but can be renewed 4 times in a calendar year. (Cost is \$5 per permit and subsequent renewals.)
 - Permits may be obtained online at www.coldspringky.gov, or in person at the city building.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Event Coordinator, Stacy Klosterman

The Community Center has stayed busy with a packed schedule, and we are looking forward to another great summer. Our party room is perfect for smaller get-togethers and sits adjacent to our concession area. The gym is a great location for larger groups or kid parties. There is plenty of room for seating while still having ample space for basketball, bounce houses, corn hole and more! The gym also sits adjacent to the concession area. The concession area is available on a first come- first served basis and includes a food warmer, drink cooler, small deep freezer, microwave, and plenty of tabletop space. Reservations can be made for sporting events/practices. The gym has 6 basketball goals (8-ft – 10-ft), a volleyball net, and 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 the week, Monday 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM, and Tuesday- Friday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM, unless there's a posted event. We offer Silver Sneakers classes and open gym play. Schedules can be found on our website, or onsite at the Community Center.

The indoor track is open Monday 9:00 AM- 8:00 PM, and Tuesday- Sunday 8:00 AM- 8:00 PM, unless otherwise posted. 18 laps are equal to 1 mile.

If you're interested in making a reservation, or have questions, please contact Stacy at 859-441-9604 or stacy.k@coldspringky.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April 20 – Fishing Derby 10:00 AM– 12:00 PM (registration required)

April 26 – Arbor Day Drive-Thru Giveaway 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

April 27 – Craft Show 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

May 17 – Pups in the Park 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

May 30 – Summer Concert Series (Denim Deluxe Band) 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

June 13 – Summer Concert Series (Blue Leaf's) 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

June 27 – Summer Concert Series (Gary Bertsch) 7:00 PM – 9:30PM

July 11 – Summer Concert Series (Vinyl Countdown) 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

July 20 – Cold Spring Band Festival (Rachel & The 859, Howl'n Maxx, Not Johnny) 4:00 PM - 9:30 PM

July 25 – Summer Concert Series (Strange Love) 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

July 28 – Florence Community Band 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

August 8 – Summer Concert Series (John Morgen) 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

August 24 – Cruise In & Concert (8 Daze Sober) 4:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Any changes or additions to the schedule of events will be posted on our Facebook page, website, and sent via email blast.
The fall and winter event schedule to come.



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YOGA IN THE PARK

with Studio 43 Sweat + Soul

10:00 AM
@ the Amphitheater

June 3
June 10
June 17
June 24
July 1
July 8

Bring water, a towel and a mat.
In the event of bad weather, class will be
moved to the Community Center.

SEWING CLUB

9:00 AM
@ the Community Center - Room 102

The first and third
Thursday of the month

There is no cost to participate!
You will need to bring your own
sewing machine and project materials.

If you're interested, call Sue for details
859-240-4150