



COLD SPRING NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor D. Angelo Penque

As the seasons shift and the leaves begin to change, we are reminded that fall is upon us, with winter fast approaching. According to the Farmer's Almanac, last year's winter was notably mild, one of the warmest we've experienced in recent years. However, this year's forecast suggests a colder and wetter season ahead, with predictions indicating that it will be 'more wet than white. As October approaches, the city will once again celebrate Halloween on October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please remain mindful of children and pedestrians during this time, and exercise extra caution when driving through neighborhoods.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the city's summer events. The return of Movie in the Park, the Summer Concert Series, Craft Shows, and the Cruise-In and Concert were all resounding successes, with great enjoyment shared by all. We now look forward to the Boo Bash, Veterans Day Memorial, and Pancakes and PJ's with Santa. I hope to see you there!

I am pleased to announce that, thanks to effective budget management across all city departments, we are able to forgo the proposed tax increases outlined in the 2024 Comprehensive Rate Tax Plan. As a result, the personal property tax rate for 2024 will remain unchanged. Tax bills are scheduled to be mailed in mid-October. For more detailed information, please refer to the City Clerk section of this newsletter.

The city eagerly anticipates the continued development of Cold Spring Pointe as we await the official announcement of the new businesses joining the project. To date, confirmed tenants include Publix Grocery, Marshalls, and Five Below. We understand that discussions are ongoing with several other potential businesses for the area. Additionally, the city continues to collaborate with Neyer Development on the former DAV site. Both the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council have approved the necessary zoning changes, enabling Neyer to finalize development plans for the entire site.

The city is preparing to solicit bids for the much-anticipated new playground equipment at Municipal Park, with bids expected to be returned by the end of October. These upgrades will be carefully considered as part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the park. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Playground Committee for their valuable input over the past two years, as well as to City Council for providing the necessary funding for this project. Additionally, the city is exploring several potential improvements to Friendship Park in the coming year.

I would also like to remind everyone that this is an election year. Please make sure to exercise your right to vote in both the local and national elections.

Finally, as this will be the last newsletter of the year, City Council and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. We look forward to an exciting and prosperous 2025!

Hello Fall

COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Steve Collinworth

Welcome to the Fall Newsletter from the Cold Spring Police Department. As always, I would like to remind you of the best ways to contact emergency services if 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 the appropriate agency to handle this request.

Phone Scams:

- **Don't Share Personal Information:** Never give information like your Social Security number, bank details, or passwords over the phone.
- **Hang Up on Suspicious Calls:** If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from a legitimate organization but asking for sensitive information, hang up and call back using a verified number.
- **Use Call Blocking Features:** Many smartphones and carriers offer call-blocking features that can help reduce spam calls.
- **Register for Do Not Call Lists:** This can significantly reduce the number of telemarketing calls.
- **Stay Informed:** Educate yourself about common scams and tactics used by scammers.

You can significantly reduce your risk of falling victim to scams by staying vigilant and skeptical about unsolicited communications.

Thefts from Vehicles:

- **Lock Your Vehicle:** Always lock your doors and close windows, even if you're just leaving the vehicle for a moment.
- **Remove Valuables:** Don't leave items in plain sight. Store valuables in the trunk or take them with you. Avoid leaving bags, electronics, packages, and other attractive items visible.
- **Park Wisely:** Choose well-lit, busy areas to park your vehicle. Use secure parking lots or garages whenever possible.
- **Use Anti-Theft Devices:** If your vehicle has a factory security system, make sure it is activated.
- **Be Mindful of Your Surroundings:** Stay aware of suspicious individuals or activities when you park or return to your vehicle.
- **Avoid Leaving Spare Keys:** Don't hide spare keys in or around your vehicle; thieves know common hiding spots.
- **Remove the Key Fob:** Don't leave your key fob in the vehicle when parked, always keep it with you.
- **Record Information:** Keep a record of your vehicle's VIN, license plate number, and any other unique features to assist in recovery if stolen.
- **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you notice suspicious behavior near your vehicle or in the parking area, report it to the police.

By following these precautions, you can significantly reduce the risk of theft from your vehicle.

We hope that this newsletter has provided you with some valuable information and tips on phone scams along with thefts from vehicles. The Cold Spring Police Department is dedicated to serving and protecting our community. We appreciate your cooperation and support in making our city safer for everyone.



PUBLIC WORKS

Director, Ron Hitch

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

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer! As we move into the fall season, the Public Works Department is committed to completing as many projects as possible. We will continue pouring concrete while weather conditions allow, and will also be performing crack sealing in select neighborhoods. In addition, our team will be busy mulching leaves and trimming back landscape beds. Once leaf mulching is complete, we will proceed with cleaning out catch basins to ensure that storm drains remain clear and unobstructed on city streets. Preparations for winter are also underway, including readying our snow removal equipment.

It's often said that extremes follow one another, and after experiencing several hot, dry days this summer, I wouldn't be surprised if we face a wet, cold winter. Regardless of what the weather brings, we will be well-prepared. A few years ago, Public Works introduced a new brine system to our toolkit. Brine is highly effective under the right conditions and also offers significant cost savings, reducing expenses by several dollars per storm. While the relatively mild winters of recent years have limited its use, our brine system will be ready whenever the time comes.

As we prepare for winter, here are a few important reminders. Snowplows will clear all streets by pushing snow to the right and as close to the curb as safely possible. Once the streets have been plowed, salt trucks will follow to treat the roads. Priority will be given to main roads that lead in and out of communities, as well as streets with hills, which will receive additional attention.

As always, for everyone's safety and to help our plow crews work efficiently, **please park your vehicle in your driveway during snowy weather whenever possible.**

The Public Works team in Cold Spring is highly dedicated and committed to serving our community. Day in and day out, they not only save taxpayer dollars by completing numerous tasks in-house, but they also take great pride in the quality of their work. I am incredibly grateful to lead such an outstanding team. Stay safe, everyone!

STORM WATER

ONLY RAIN GOES DOWN THE DRAIN!

LET'S TALK ABOUT STORMWATER!

Did you know that the City's storm drain system operates independently from the sewer system, and that stormwater flows untreated from Cold Spring to the Ohio River? When it rains, pollutants such as trash, oil, bacteria, and sediment are carried through the storm drain system into local creeks and eventually into the Ohio River. These contaminants pose significant risks to both wildlife and the environment.

We all play a crucial role in protecting the environment and improving water quality by following these best practices:

- **Use drip pans during vehicle maintenance** to prevent automotive fluids from spilling onto driveways, streets, or gutters. If your vehicle is leaking fluids, repair it promptly and clean up spills safely.
- **Always pick up pet waste** and dispose of it in the trash.
- **Avoid over-irrigating** your landscape to prevent excess water from flowing into streets or gutters.
- **Wash your car at a professional car wash** where water is typically recycled. If washing at home, use minimal water, biodegradable soap, and direct wash water toward lawns or landscaped areas to allow for proper absorption.
- **Keep trash can lids secured** to prevent litter from being blown into streets or storm drains.
- **Follow pesticide label instructions carefully** and never apply more than the recommended amount.
- **Avoid applying pesticides, fertilizers, paint, or roof sealants** before a rain event.
- **Utilize county-wide recycling events** to dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste, such as paint, oil, pesticides, and cleaners.
- **Report illegal dumping** to the City Building at 859-441-9604.

By taking these simple steps, we can all help protect our waterways and maintain a cleaner environment.

STORMWATER HOT LINE: 859-441-4640

CITY CLERK

Robin Morency

It's tax season! Tax bills will be mailed out in mid-October, with payment due by December 31. Please note, payments made after this date will incur a 10% penalty, along with a 1% interest charge per month.

If your property taxes are handled through escrow and your mortgage company requests the tax bill, it will be sent directly to them. However, we are happy to provide you with a copy upon request.

The real property tax rate remains unchanged from last year at \$1.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The tangible tax rate has decreased to \$1.07 per \$1,000, while the motor vehicle tax rate stays the same at \$1.69 per \$1,000. Additionally, you will notice a slight increase in the trash collection fee, which will be \$245.40 for the year.

Homestead Exemption

To qualify for the Homestead Exemption, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be 65 years of age or older
- Own, maintain, and reside at the property

Disability Exemption

To qualify for the Disability Exemption, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be 100% disabled
- Own, maintain, and reside at the property
- Provide proof of disability benefits

Please note: Only one exemption per residential unit is allowed. To apply, contact the Campbell County PVA Office at 859-292-3871 or visit their website <https://pva.campbellcountykentucky.com>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- October 31: Trick 'r Treat 6pm-8pm
- Trash will be picked up on Saturday the week of Christmas and New Years
- The city building will be closed the following days:
 - November 11
 - November 28 and 29
 - December 24 and 25
 - January 1
 - February 17

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officers: Chuck Taylor & Joe Humbert

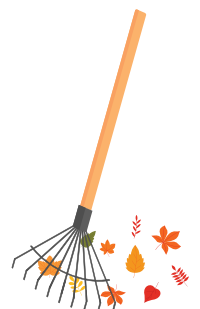
As fall is upon us and the leaves begin to accumulate, we'd like to remind everyone of the importance of proper leaf disposal. Please remember that blowing or raking leaves into neighboring yards, streets, or storm drains is not only inconsiderate, but it can also cause significant issues for our community:

Storm Drain Blockages: Leaves can clog storm drains, leading to flooding and water damage during rainfalls.

Environmental Impact: Debris in storm drains can contribute to pollution in our local waterways.

As a friendly reminder, we ask all pet owners to be responsible and clean up after their dogs when out for walks or enjoying our community spaces. Leaving pet waste on sidewalks, lawns, or other public areas can lead to several issues including health risks, environmental concerns, and neighborhood cleanliness. Please remember to bring waste bags during walks and ensure proper disposal. You can also take advantage of the pet waste stations conveniently located in all city-maintained parks.

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



COMMUNITY CENTER

Event Coordinator, Stacy Klosterman

The Community Center is excited to welcome a busy Fall and Winter. Whether you're planning an intimate gathering or a large event, our versatile facilities offer the perfect venue to suit your needs.

Party Room: Ideal for small gatherings, our Party Room is conveniently located next to the concession area, providing easy access for refreshments.

Gymnasium: Perfect for larger groups or children's parties, the gym offers ample space for seating while still accommodating activities such as basketball, bounce houses, and cornhole. The gym is also adjacent to the concession area and includes six adjustable basketball goals (8-ft to 10-ft), a volleyball net, and two pickleball nets. It's also available for sporting events and practices, based on schedule availability.

Concession Area: Available on a first-come, first-served basis, our concession area is fully equipped with a food warmer, drink cooler, deep freezer, microwave, and ample tabletop space.

Meeting Room: For business functions such as trainings or seminars, our Meeting Room offers seating for up to 54 people with desks or tables, a projector and screen, a mini fridge, and a coffee bar. It's an ideal choice for corporate events or educational sessions.

Open Gym and Facility Hours

The gym is open to the public during business hours unless reserved for a special event. We offer Silver Sneakers classes, pickleball open play on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (November through February), and open gym hours during evenings and weekends. Check our website or visit the Community Center for updated schedules.

Indoor Track

Our indoor track is open Monday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and Tuesday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Eighteen laps around the track equal one mile.

Upcoming Events

We invite you to join us for the city's upcoming events, including Boo Bash, the Craft Show, Veterans Day, Pancakes & PJ's with Santa, and the Senior Luncheon. More information is available on our website, Facebook page, or through our email updates. If you are interested in being a vendor at any of our events, please reach out to me.

Reservations and Inquiries

For reservations or questions, please contact Stacy at 859-441-9604. We look forward to hosting your next event at the Community Center, where we truly offer a one-stop shop for all your personal and business needs.

Please note that animals are not permitted inside the Community Center unless they are service animals. All service animals must be leashed while on the premises.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

OCT. 12 **Boo Bash** 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

NOV. 9 **Craft Show** 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NOV. 11 **Veterans Day** 10:00 a.m.

DEC. 14 **Pancakes & Pajamas with Santa** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
**Registration will be required - info will be posted at a later date*

FEB. 14 **Senior Luncheon** 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
**Registration will be required - info will be posted at a later date*

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



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PICKLEBALL

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
@ The Community Center

Tuesday & Thursday
November through February

You must bring your own
paddle and ball.

SEWING CLUB

9:00 a.m.
@ 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