



COLD SPRING NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor D. Angelo Penque

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who helps make Cold Spring the wonderful community it is. From our elected officials to our dedicated board and committee members—and especially our hardworking staff—you all demonstrate an unwavering commitment to our city. The achievements we celebrate together are a direct reflection of your efforts.

As summer winds down after a season of successful events, we still have many opportunities to gather and enjoy the months ahead. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- October 18 – Boo Bash
- November 8 – Craft Show
- November 11 – Veterans Day Memorial
- December 13 – PJ's and Pancakes with Santa

Bring your kids, invite your neighbors, and join us in celebrating our community.

This summer also brought exciting changes and progress to Cold Spring. Cold Spring Pointe continues to grow as new buildings rise. The Cold Spring Town Center—formerly the DAV site—has been demolished, and excavation is moving quickly. Kroger has officially broken ground on Martha Lane Collins Boulevard, beginning the much-anticipated construction. These developments not only bring new places to work, dine, and shop—they also strengthen our local economy, help keep property taxes low, and create opportunities for the future.

In addition to these developments, City Council recently approved funding to update the playset at Friendship Park and to add a new toddler playset at Municipal Park. Investments like these are possible because we remain fiscally responsible, guided by department heads who manage day-to-day operations and council members who help chart our path forward.

As we look ahead to winter, we hope for milder weather than last year. Whatever the season brings, our city will be ready. Our Police Department continues to keep our community safe, and Public Works will be prepared to handle any inclement weather.

As the holidays approach, let's take time to recognize and appreciate the people who make a difference in our lives. We are fortunate to share in strong families, friendships, neighbors, and a thriving city. Cold Spring is someplace we can all proudly call home.



COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Steve Collinsworth

As the leaves change color and we enter the fall season, the Cold Spring Police Department would like to share some important updates and safety tips. From phone scams to scooter safety and back-to-school traffic reminders, we're committed to keeping our community safe and informed. Read on for helpful information and tips to keep you and your loved ones safe this season.

Beware of Phone Scams: Phone scams remain a growing concern in our community. Scammers use various tactics to trick residents into sharing personal information or sending money. Here are some common scams to watch out for:

- **IRS or Tax Scams:** Fraudsters claim to be from the IRS, threatening arrest or legal action unless you pay immediately. The IRS will never ask for payment over the phone or demand immediate action.
- **Prize and Sweepstakes Scams:** Be cautious if you receive calls claiming you've won a prize but must pay a fee to claim it. Legitimate companies won't ask for payment up front.
- **Impersonation Scams:** Scammers may impersonate local police officers or government officials to request money or personal information. Remember, law enforcement will never ask for payment over the phone.

What to Do:

- Hang up immediately if you suspect a scam.
- Never provide personal or financial information over the phone.
- Report suspicious calls to the police department.

Stay safe and always be skeptical of unsolicited calls.

Scooter Safety: Many people are using scooters as a mode of transportation. However, we want to remind everyone about the importance of scooter safety.

- **Helmets Are a Must:** Always wear a helmet, regardless of how short your ride is. It's the best way to protect yourself in case of an accident.
- **Obey Traffic Laws:** Ride on the sidewalk if available and follow all traffic signs and signals. Always stop at red lights and yield to pedestrians.
- **Avoid Distracted Riding:** Keep your phone in your pocket and stay focused on the road ahead.
- **Scooter Parking:** Park your scooter responsibly. Do not block sidewalks, driveways, or entrances to buildings.

School Zone Safety: With schools back in session, it's essential to stay alert and cautious, especially in school zones. Children are excited to head to class, but they can sometimes forget to look both ways or cross safely.

- **Slow Down in School Zones:** Always obey posted speed limits in school zones and be prepared to stop if children are crossing the street.
- **Stop for School Buses:** If the school bus has its stop sign extended, you must stop to allow for safe loading and unloading of passengers.
- **Watch for Pedestrians:** Children are often unpredictable. Be vigilant, especially near crosswalks and intersections.
- **No Texting While Driving:** Distracted driving is dangerous, especially in school zones. Always keep your eyes on the road and hands on the wheel.

For Parents and Guardians:

- **Crosswalk Safety:** Remind your children to always use crosswalks and look both ways before crossing the street.
- **Walking Safety:** If your child is walking to school, make sure they know the safest route and always walk with a buddy when possible.

We are here for you, and your safety is our priority. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us. If it is an emergency, please call 911 immediately. If it is a non-urgent request, please call 859-292-3622.

To report a non-emergency incident, you can visit our website
<https://coldspringky.gov/police/>

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 is \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is a decrease from last year. The tangible tax rate is \$1.38 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 \$254.40 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>

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.

PUBLIC WORKS

Director, Ron Hitch

As summer winds down, our Public Works team is busy wrapping up projects while the weather still allows. Once colder temperatures set in, our focus will shift to preparing for winter—making sure our equipment is ready, salt and brine supplies are fully stocked, and everything is in place to keep our streets safe and accessible.

In addition to ongoing building maintenance, cleaning, mowing, and landscaping, here are a few highlights from this summer's work:

- Sidewalk Repairs – Continued improvements throughout our neighborhoods.
- Lighting Upgrades – New parking lot lighting installed at the city building.
- Street & Curb Work – Repaired or replaced sections where needed.
- Kitchen Remodel – A much-needed update at one of our leased facilities.

We're especially proud of a new project at Apple Orchard Park, where Public Works constructed raised flower beds designed to support pollinators. Not only do these beds help the environment, but they also transform an unused space into something beautiful for the community to enjoy. This project was made possible through a grant from the Campbell County Extension Office and the help of a dedicated volunteer with a true passion for the cause.

Public Works remains committed to keeping our community safe, clean, and welcoming for all who live, work, and visit here.

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

STORMWATER

Caring for Our Stormwater, Caring for Our Community

When it rains, water flows across rooftops, driveways, streets, and lawns before finding its way into storm drains. This water, known as stormwater runoff, doesn't get treated like wastewater—it flows directly into local streams and rivers. Along the way, it can pick up pollutants such as oil, fertilizers, litter, and pet waste, which can impact water quality and the environment we all share.

The good news is that small steps taken by each of us can make a big difference:

- Keep drains clear - Never dump leaves, grass clippings, or chemicals into storm drains.
- Scoop the poop - Pet waste left on the ground washes into waterways and adds harmful bacteria.
- Go easy on lawn care - Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly, and follow label directions.
- Capture rainwater - Consider installing a rain barrel or directing downspouts into garden areas to reduce runoff.
- Pick up litter - Even small pieces of trash can travel through storm drains and end up in streams.

By working together, we can protect our waterways, reduce flooding, and keep our community healthy and beautiful.

To report a stormwater concern, please call the city building or email ron.h@coldspringky.gov.

Remember: Only rain should go down the drain!

COMMUNITY CENTER

Event Coordinator, Stacy Klosterman

As the weather cools and the leaves begin to change, the city is kicking off Spooky Season with our Boo Bash! We'll have festive activities the whole family can enjoy. Then in November, don't miss our annual Fall Craft Show, a perfect opportunity to find unique, handmade gifts. We'll wrap up the year with everyone's favorite holiday tradition: PJs & Pancakes with Santa!

Facility Rentals Go Digital!

We've made some exciting updates to our rental process — we're going digital to help streamline and reduce paper waste! You can now find the rental registration form on our website. While much of the process is now online, we still encourage you to call or email us to confirm availability before submitting your form.

Indoor Track Hours

Our indoor track is open to the public during the following hours:

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Tuesday–Sunday: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Track closures vary weekly and are posted on the TVs in the community center, on our website, and on our Facebook page. Be sure to check before visiting, especially on weekends!

Indoor Pickleball Returns in November!

Join us for Indoor Pickleball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM starting in November. The city will provide two nets, floor markers, and a tape measure. All skill levels are welcome — come play and have fun!

Gym Hours

Regular gym hours are:

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Tuesday–Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Please refer to the calendar at the community center or check our website for updates and extended hours.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officers: Chuck Taylor & Joe Humbert

As the seasons change and we move into fall, Code Enforcement would like to thank residents for helping keep our community safe and welcoming. Your efforts to maintain your properties not only reflect pride in our city but also make Cold Spring a better place for everyone.

Here are a few seasonal reminders:

- Leaf and Yard Waste – Please bag or properly dispose of leaves and yard debris. Avoid raking leaves or grass clippings into the street, as this can block storm drains and cause flooding.
- Property Maintenance – Cooler weather is a great time to check fences, sheds, and other exterior structures for needed repairs before winter sets in.
- Parking and Vehicles – Ensure that all vehicles are properly licensed, operable, and parked on approved surfaces—not in yards or grassy areas.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS:

- Please ensure that your property remains clean and well-maintained, and that dumpsters are properly enclosed. This helps maintain a neat and professional appearance for the area and prevents issues with litter. Thank you for your cooperation!
- To display temporary signs at your business, you must obtain a temporary sign permit from the City Clerk's office. Businesses are allowed up to four permits per year, with each permit valid for two weeks.

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to keeping Cold Spring clean, safe, and beautiful this fall. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Code Enforcement office at 859-441-9604.

To report code enforcement concerns, please visit:
<https://app.govwell.com/cold-spring>

EVENTS

10/18

Boo Bash

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

12/13

Pancakes & PJ's with Santa

Registration will be required
10:00 AM

11/8

Craft Show

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

2/11

Senior Luncheon

Registration will be required
Time will be announced at a later date.

11/11

Veterans Day

10:00 AM

*Weather may cancel or change location of event
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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Trick'r'Treat will take place on October 31 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The City Building will be closed on the following days:

- November 11
- November 27–28
- December 24–25
- January 1
- February 16

Please also note: Trash collection will be delayed by one day during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday at 7:30 PM

Planning & Zoning meetings are held on the second Wednesday at 6:30 PM