



COLD SPRING NEWS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

July 2009 Newsletter

Dear Cold Spring Residents and Business Partners:

I hope this letter finds all well with you and your family. We are enjoying a rather mild summer season so far. Hopefully we will be spared August's heat and humidity.

With the passage of July 1, the city is operating under a new fiscal year budget. As for most all of us throughout the country, this year's budget challenge was responsibly balancing income and expenses. Budgeted revenues are essentially flat to last year's actual revenues. In addition to the overall malaise of the U.S. economy, it is VERY IMPORTANT to note that as anticipated in the city's 2004 strategic plan, the city is now NO LONGER in a revenue growth pattern. Property, payroll and insurance tax revenues are "flattening out" when compared to prior years' growth. Unlike revenues, expenses such as insurance, gasoline, utilities, pension and other expenses unfortunately have not remained flat. As usual, expenses continue to increase at concerning levels. However, with the full cooperation of city council and the diligent creative hard work of our city administrative officer, police chief and department heads, the city can continue to provide standard setting levels of high quality services and still remain "within our means".

Although we are experiencing budgetary constraints, it should be noted that the city is still showing vibrant signs of holding strong residential appeal—the true sustenance of long term civic viability. Home sales are still very strong, average home price is still strong, and foreclosures are at typical low levels. A very important sign of our long term viability is the willingness of major business investment for which has occurred via the upcoming construction of the CareSpring Elder Care facility near our Sturbridge subdivision. Finally regarding revenues, the city still has opportunities for growth in the central core of US 27.

As a means of accountability to our residents and businesses that transfer their hard earned monies to us in the form of taxes, effective July 2009 the city will publish its Fiscal Year budget on our website. We will also provide our monthly operating income and expenses by department as well as compare our monthly activities by major category to what was budgeted. We are spending YOUR money and feel very strongly you should know where each dollar is going. Please visit www.coldspringky.com in the near future to see how we are doing. Suggestions on our website presentation are MOST welcome as well as any input on how we are performing as your fiscal custodians.

On to something way more fun! The Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission's annual "Cruise In / Concert" is scheduled for Saturday August 8. Volunteering to support this fine outstanding event is a wonderful way to get involved in your community and also helps the city budget! If you would like to volunteer for any event, please contact Rita Seger at the city building. Thanks to the Parks Recreation and Tree Commission for all

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School is back in session on August 10th. Be extra cautious. Children will be waiting at their bus stops early in the morning, and being dropped off in the afternoons. Never pass a school bus when its lights are flashing and it is loading or unloading children. Slow down your vehicle in school zones. It's the law!

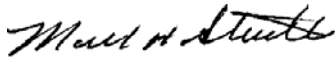
of their hard work.

As always, I continue to be very proud of all city departments and their hard work. The city's staff takes great pride in their jobs and is always ready to answer your questions, listen to your concerns and help however possible.

It is a pleasure and privilege for me to work with each of your city council members and I thank them for their time commitment and dedication. I especially appreciate their spirit of collaboration and great sense of community service.

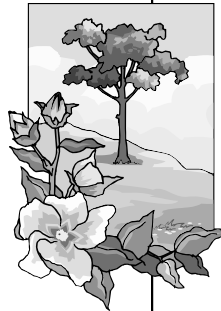
Please remember that council meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. I urge each and every citizen to please attend ONE of the meetings we will be holding in 2009. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any issues or suggestions. I can be reached at 859-441-9604 Extension 26 or mayor@coldspringky.com. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully meeting you at a council meeting someday soon!

Wishing you a wonderful, fun and very safe summer.



BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION AWARD.....

Our 2009 beautification award was presented to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) at our Arbor Day event at Friendship Park on April 11th. The DAV was very appreciative of this award and have proudly displayed the sign at the intersection of US 27 and SR 1998. We are sure that you have noticed the well-manicured green space around the building, but you can now look for the sign which publicly acknowledges the grounds!!!!



Campbell County Seniors Picnic:

This year, the annual seniors picnic will be held at Pendery Park on Wednesday, September 16th. Please phone Campbell County Senior Center at 859-572-4300 for more details.

YARD OF THE MONTH.....

Summer has arrived and many of our residents spend much time maintaining their lawns and landscaping. This is what makes Cold Spring such a nice place to live. Please continue to send in your nominations for the yard-of-the month sign recognition, which can be obtained from the city building or off of our website www.coldspringky.com

The 2009 winners for May thru July are as follows: Michael & Melissa Schmidt, 21 Glenridge Dr., Jim & Vivian Turton, 501 Shadow Ridge Dr., and David &

Peggy Schweitzer, 17 Andrew Circle.

There are many "honorable mentions" for yards throughout our city. You might be our next winner and receive the sign and a matted-framed picture of your home.

FISHING DERBY

The annual Fishing Derby sponsored by the Central Campbell Fire District and the Cold Spring Police Department will be held on Saturday, September 5th. The fishing derby will be held at the Guys n' Dolls lake. All children ages 6 thru 12 years are welcome. Registration will be from 7 am to 10:30 am, and fishing will be from 8 am to noon. Awards and prizes will follow. Children should bring their own fishing equipment & bait, or they may purchase these at the event. An adult must stay with the child the entire time. Free hot dogs & water will be provided.

DAY IN THE PARK

This event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4th at our Municipal Park.

This is a free and fun family event, with food, games, petting zoo, magician, face painting, prizes and more.

Activities begin at noon and will conclude at 4 pm.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This event sponsored by the Central Campbell Fire District and the Cold Spring Police Department, will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at Cold Spring Friendship Park, located at 5589 E. Alexandria Pike. Activities begin at 6 pm and conclude at approximately 8:30 pm.

National Night Out is a free event which enables our residents to meet their public safety professionals and learn about their job duties and special training. Numerous activities and raffles are planned throughout the evening.

Free food and drinks will be provided.

Operation Hug needs YOU.....

Cold Spring's adopted soldiers, the FSC3-187th INF, are currently in training for their next mission. They will be heading to Afghanistan in early 2010. Once again, Operation Hug is gearing up to provide care packages for these brave men and women. Operation Hug is in need of supplies to ship in our care packages and funds to pay for postage. If you are interested in helping Operation Hug and supporting OUR Soldiers, please consider donating supplies from the list of suggested items displayed in the City Building's vestibule, or you may visit the City's website www.coldspringky.com and click on the link.

This will be the third deployment Operation Hug has undertaken in providing care packages to these Soldiers. In the two prior deployments, through YOUR generosity, Operation Hug was able to send 545 care packages totaling 4,215 pounds of supplies. Our care packages mean so much to the Soldiers and they have expressed their deepest gratitude to

the residents of Cold Spring for our unwavering support, thoughts and prayers. Please help us to continue this important moral support!

A bin has been set up in the City Building vestibule to collect all donated items. Operation Hug will be hosting fundraising booths at all Cold Spring Park, Recreation & Tree Commission events. We hope you will stop by to visit our "Hug Booths" and consider giving just \$1 to help us. Any contributions of items, cash and check donations made out to "Operation Hug" can be dropped off at the Cold Spring City Building, 5694 E. Alexandria Pike, Monday thru Friday 9 am to 4 pm. Special arrangements can be made for after-hour deliveries. Please contact the City Office at 441-9604 with any questions.

Thanks again for your support of our troops and please keep them all in your prayers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



I want to thank the residents and business owners that completed the police department survey that was sent out in May. We sent 361 surveys randomly to residents and businesses in the city and 148 surveys were returned. This response at a 40% return is well above the average of about 25% for similar surveys across the county. I appreciate the honest and candid responses to help determine the satisfaction level of the citizens with the police department and in what areas they think we need to improve service. This survey establishes the baseline to measure the improvement of the agency in the future. I will be giving an overview of the results at the July 27th City Council meeting. When the new website for the agency is completed, the information from the survey will be posted for all to review in detail.

One thing that did come up in the survey was concerns over traffic violations and parking issues. I would like to remind residents and businesses in the city to pay attention to traffic laws and city parking regulations. Most all obey the traffic and parking rules. Occasionally we get lost in thought, engage in a conversation, etc. and our speed creeps up or we miss a stop sign. We may be in a hurry and park somewhere we are not supposed to because it is convenient. Most of the time, the lapses are temporary. We must all try to be more cognizant when behind the wheel.

Keeping this in mind, one thing that we can all pay more attention to is parking. Parking in the city for the most part is restricted to one side of the street and no parking in the cul-de-sacs. The restriction is to facilitate the accessibility for emergency equipment such as the fire department and life squads. For the most part residents are very respectful of the parking restrictions.

The one thing that we would like to see improved is adherence to parking with the flow of traffic. Some people park on the wrong side of the street. I assume because it is because some are in a hurry and it is more convenient than turning around and parking correctly. The city has an ordinance that has been a law since 1964 to "park headed in the direction of lawful traffic". Officers will be instructed to pay closer attention to the parking and traffic laws as this is a concern of the citizens as expressed in the survey. I would encourage all to pay extra attention in the summer because a lot of kids are out playing and they are more easily distracted than adults. Also school will begin on August 10th and that deserves extra attention.

Thank you again for those that responded to the survey and for the most part the kind comments and praise of the work we do. We at the department will strive to improve from the great start and good evaluation of the citizens that participated in the survey.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

*Recreational vehicles must be parked in the rear of your property, with no part of that vehicle showing past the front foundation. This vehicle must be parked on an asphalt or cement surface. Should you need to temporarily park it in your driveway for loading, unloading, or cleaning, phone the city offices at 441-9604. This may prevent you from receiving a violation notice.

*If you need to temporarily place a pod or dumpster on your property you must stop by the city building for a permit. These items are allowed on your property for a 14 day time period, but that time frame may be extended another 14 days.

*If you are having a yard sale, you must purchase a yard sale permit from the city offices. Cost is \$5.00

*If you need to put up a temporary sign, you must purchase a permit from the city offices. Cost is \$10, but you will receive \$5 back once you remove your sign. Signs may only be placed on the property of the event. The permits are good for 14 days at a time, with only 4 temporary sign permits allowed per year.
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*Trash pickup is on Fridays, and your cans should be placed at the street no earlier than Thursday evening, and removed to an inconspicuous part of your property no later than Friday evening. Garbage cans should have lids, and trash bags should have seals or ties. If you use plastic garbage bags, it is your responsibility to clean up should anything rip them open and scatter the contents.

*Recycling is also picked up on Fridays. Bins are available at the city building. Light items such as newspapers should be placed at the bottom of the bin, with heavier items on top to prevent wind from scattering them. NEVER place food products in the recycling bin.

CLERK'S REMINDERS

We have a wide variety of excellent businesses located in the City of Cold Spring, providing quality goods and services. We urge all of our residents to make use of these local businesses. Not only is it convenient, but it is great to boost the economy of your city.

A listing of Cold Spring businesses was provided in the March newsletter, and we ask that you include several more businesses to that list. They are: **Huntington Bank**, 136 Plaza Drive; **Eagle Finance**, **Sally Sweeny Family Counseling**, **Joshua Bilz Attorney, N. Ky. Real Estate College**, and **Jalapeno's Mex Mex Restaurant**, all at 4135 Alexandria Pike; **Moore's Garage** and **AA Auto Sales**, both located at 5671 AA Highway; **Cold Spring Automotive Service (Quickee Lube)**, 4691 Alexandria Pike; **Geriatric Care Management** (441-9000), home-based on Ridgepointe Drive; ; and **Guys n' Dolls**, 4220 Alexandria Pike.

We do have a **pooper scooper ordinance** in the City of Cold Spring. If you are using our parks, or just walking your pet through your neighborhood, you must clean up the excrement or you may be fined. Also, we remind our pet owners that we have a **leash law** in the City that applies to both dogs and cats. Be a responsible pet owner and do not let them run free. Your pet may be picked up and you will have to pay a fine for its return.

Do you know of someone new who has just moved into your neighborhood? Please phone our city offices at 441-9604 and let us know. We would like to send them an informational packet welcoming them into our city!

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