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COLD SPRING NEWS

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October, 2011 Newsletter

Dear Cold Spring Residents and Business Partners

I hope this newsletter finds all well with you and your family. Summer has flown by. The monsoons of spring and scorching heat of late summer are behind us. It looks like (hopefully) we may have one of Cincinnati's traditional fall seasons. Fall is such a wonderful time of year, but it is hard to believe it's already time to prepare for the cold winter months ahead. I am amazed that I saw Christmas trees and holiday decorations in stores in mid-September!

VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY:

The City will be honoring our country's veterans on Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 1:00 pm. The ceremony will be held at the City's Veterans' Memorial located in the beautiful grove of trees to the front right of the City building.

THIS YEAR—in addition to thanking all those who preserve/have preserved our freedoms, **the City wants to specifically honor and thank family members of Cold Spring residents currently serving our country at home and abroad.**

If you reside in the City and have a family member currently in military service and would like them to be recognized during this ceremony on November 6, please contact Rita or Teresa in our City office (859-441-9604). Please provide full name, rank, branch of service, and full mailing address of current location of service for all family members serving. You can also e-mail the information to Rita at rita@coldspringky.com or Teresa at teresak@coldspringky.com - - - IMPORTANT NOTE: City receipt of all e-mails will be confirmed back to you. If you do NOT receive a return confirmation this means your e-mail was NOT received by the City.

Additionally, from now until 4:00 pm Friday before the ceremony, we will be collecting, in the lobby of the City Building, non-perishable items (see enclosed listing) that we will be dividing and sending to all individuals recognized during our ceremony.

Also, when dropping off items or attending the ceremony, please sign our large THANK YOU card that we will have reduced and reproduced and sent to all recognized individuals.

Please thank those who serve/have served by joining us at 1 pm on Sunday, November 6th for the ceremony.

CITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS INITIATIVE:

- ◇ My fitness challenge continues to progress favorably. In fact, I have lost 33 pounds since January, and have reached my November goal of 210 pounds—my professional baseball playing weight! I am thrilled; however, 210 today does not look like 210 when I was 23 years old. Body fat versus toned muscle—gotta work on that one BIG TIME.
- ◇ As special thanks: I could never have gotten this far without my boot camp classes and my great group of classmates; several from Cold Spring. Please contact me if you would like any information on boot camp style workouts.
Right now the major issue is KEEPING the weight off. I am find the weight comes back far quicker than it goes off. Putting 2, 3 or 4 pounds back on over a weekend is not too uncommon. Tie a couple of weekends together and BAM - yuk 8 to 10 pounds back in no time flat. It will be a constant struggle until I get fully ingrained in making wise choices when eating. Food can be fun, comforting, consoling, stress and pain relieving—it's such a crutch! Speaking of such - - -
- ◇ NUTRITION AND HEALTHY COOKING CLASS - Saturday October 22, 2011, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Community Room of our City Building. A chef will be providing suggestions on healthy meals and demonstrating healthy ways to prepare them with samples for all attendees. Nutrition information will also be provided.
 - The class will be limited to 45 residents. Please register for the class as soon as possible so the correct amount of food can be purchased. Registration will close at 4:00 pm on October 18th, 2011.
 - You can register by calling Rita or Teresa at 859-441-9604.
- ◇ Also, check out the "Healthy Tips" posted every Monday on the City's Website

PARKS RECREATION AND TREE COMMISSION

Our energetic Parks Recreation and Tree Commission held family movies in June, July and August. It was wonderful seeing all the families and the children's smiling faces. In addition to children's movies, I have been told possibly drama or action movies may be included next year.

The Commission also held a unique event in August - a "trunk sale" for residents on the outfield of Carole Huber Ballfield. Residents city-wide were able to participate in selling goods in designated spaces in the large grass area. It was a great event and there was a lot of positive feedback from participants and shoppers.

"Day in the Park" was held Sunday, October 2, from Noon to 4:00 pm and was also great fun and tremendously attended.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FUN in preparing our Parks Recreation and Tree events? Please contact Rita Seger at the City building. You will be helping your community and receiving far more in return. The Commission is comprised of all volunteers and, on behalf of the City, I would like to extend my heartfelt "thank you" to each of them for the excellent job they do. They not only enhance the "livability" of our community greatly with their time and efforts, but volunteerism also allows such wonderful events to be presented at a reduced cost to our taxpayers.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

As always, our Public Works team is working hard and doing a great job. Of special note is their completion of a three-quarter (3/4) mile walking trail around our beautiful Municipal Grounds. Thanks guys for such a nice looking and healthy addition to our City!

With the help and cooperation of Home Depot, our crew constructed a small picnic shelter at our Apple Orchard Park. Check it out and enjoy the park.

SNOW!!!! Should a snow emergency be declared due to severe weather, our City website www.coldspringky.com, our City weather emergency line 859-441-9604, and TV Channels 5, 9 and 12 internet sites: www.wlwt.com, www.wcpo.com and www.wkrc.com; cable channel THE CW and 700 WLW on radio will be used for broadcasting weather related emergency information.

Also, during "after hours" time periods when the City offices are closed, residents can also obtain information regarding changes in City services via recorded messages on the City's voicemail system. Simply call the City's main office number 441-9604 and "press 1" to hear about any changes in City services or other situations that may occur.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Burk recently compiled the results of the City's second bi-annual police services survey. Resident response returning the survey information was terrific! Thanks for the feedback. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see that the response was once again very favorable regarding the services provided by our—YOUR—police department.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS:

Steve, Rita and Teresa do a fabulous job in the daily administration of the City. They support council and me flawlessly in addition to providing "customer 1st" focused service to many citizen and business customers they interact with on a daily basis. They are tireless in their efforts, and I cannot thank them enough for their dedication to our wonderful community.


As you can see, your City departments work very hard to bring you excellent services. I am very proud of them. They have great pride in their jobs and are 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. Their spirit of collaboration and great sense of community service have resulted in significant accomplishments.

Council meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. The second Monday meeting is a "caucus" where City business is discussed, however, no council voting takes place. The fourth Monday meeting is a "general" council meeting, where City business is discussed AND council voting does take place. I urge each and every citizen to attend ONE meeting a year. If you cannot attend a meeting, our fourth Monday meeting is videotaped and shown regularly on Cable Channel 16.

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 someday soon!

Wishing you a warm, safe Autumn and Winter.



Mark Stoeber
Mayor



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THE RESULTS ARE IN!

I want to thank the residents and business owners that completed the police department survey that was sent out in May. We sent 367 surveys randomly to residents and businesses in the city and 180 surveys were returned. This response was a 49 % return rate, well above the average of about 25% for similar surveys across the county and above the 40 % return for our survey two years ago. In general you the citizens are pleased with the job that we are doing in the city. The survey results were better than the initial survey sent out 2 years ago.

Some highlights from the survey are as follows:

- Of those surveyed, 78 % considered the amount of crime as either very low or somewhat low in the city and only 2 % considered the amount of crime as either very high or somewhat high.
- Of those 180 people surveyed, 96.04 % considered their personal safety as very safe or safe in the city and no one considered their personal safety as very unsafe or unsafe.
- Similarly 89.83 % considered their property very safe or safe and ½ % considered their property as very unsafe or unsafe. Specifically regarding satisfaction with the police department, 72% were very satisfied and 13% were somewhat satisfied while ½% were somewhat dissatisfied and ½% were very dissatisfied.

One thing that we are particularly happy with was that the number of contacts with police officers doubled over the previous survey while those that had no contact remained virtually the same.

The survey information will be posted on the department website www.coldspringpd.org along with the initial survey for you to review for specifics. Please take a moment to review the survey and the comments. Since not everyone in the city participated in the survey, **if you like our service or have suggestions, send us a note. This goes in line with the department slogan that Cooperation is Key.**

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION



Please pay attention to school zones and your speed during the restricted times. Also, please watch for kids crossing the street going to the schools. Remember, when you come to a school or church bus that is stopped on any roadway to load or unload passengers, you must STOP. By law you must remain stopped until all people are clear of the roadway and the bus is in motion. A stop is NOT required when approaching a stopped bus from the opposite direction upon a highway of four or more lanes. However, a STOP is required when following a bus that is stopped on a two-lane road or you are going in the opposite direction of the bus on a highway that has less than four lanes, as they are generally not divided.



There is a great deal of construction taking place on the interstates in Northern Kentucky lately. The change in traffic flow creates delays and concerns when trying to get somewhere. Sometime the result is a longer commute, accidents, and frustration with the traffic. The police department has been sending out notices on the road closures and traffic detours on the interstates weekly by email. We are trying to keep our residents and businesses aware of the changes and detours to help in their respective daily travel plans. This is important because the interstate construction project on I-275 in Campbell County is expected to last until September 2012.

In order to help facilitate the sharing of information we are asking for residents that would like to be included in the notification, to email the department to be included. You can do this with either their Neighborhood Focus Officer and/or Chief Ed Burk @ edb.coldspringky.com with the email address that you would like to get the information. You can find who your Neighborhood Focus Officer is by calling the department at the number below or going to the Police Department website <http://www.coldspringpd.org> and hit the tab on the left side of the page to get to the Neighborhood Focus Section. Find your address and the link which will take you to your officer information page with a link to the email address.



The department will use this as a means of sharing information on issues that may be in the neighborhood or community such as theft from vehicles, fraud alerts, crime prevention tips, etc. All information will be kept internally and not redistributed. All email notification will go out blind carbon copied, meaning you will only see your email address and no others. If you have any questions con-

PUBLIC WORKS NOTES:

As the end of the construction season nears, Cold Spring Public Works has been working to complete the replacement construction of several street sections, sidewalk and catch basins throughout the City.

Winter is Coming:

As winter approaches please keep in mind the following:

- ◇ Please drive slower in adverse conditions and allow for a greater stopping distance; the posted speed limit may be too high for current road conditions.
- ◇ When encountering a Cold Spring Snow Plow: Be patient and for your safety stay back **50 feet**. Snow Plows could start putting down salt suddenly or back up at anytime. This is especially true at intersections.
- ◇ The City has two ordinances that apply to snow fall; the first is 91.33 and it reminds us that it is the property owner's responsibility to keep sidewalks clear. The second is 91.50 and it reminds us to NOT plow snow from our driveways into the City Streets.
- ◇ When snow fall is going to be over 1 inch, please park all vehicles in your driveway if possible, since the City will probably be plowing.



CLERK'S NOTES:



Property Taxes - Included with this mailing is your 2011 property tax bill if you are a property owner in Cold Spring. Tax bills will be **due on Friday, Dec. 30th** this year due to the city offices being closed on Saturday, Dec. 31st. If you mail your payment, we will accept a "postmark" date of December 30th, or you may drop your tax payment in the mail slot located in our front door if you stop by after hours. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

Our City Office will be closed for the Holidays on the following dates:

- *November 24th and 25th —Thanksgiving Holidays
- *December 23rd and 26th —Christmas Holidays
- *January 2nd —New Years Holiday

Holiday Trash Pickup Schedule

Thanksgiving Holiday There will be NO CHANGE to your regular waste and recycling pickup date which will be on Friday, November 25th.

Christmas Holiday There will be NO CHANGE to your regular waste and recycling pickup date, which will be on Friday, December 23rd.

New Year's Holiday There will be NO CHANGE to your regular waste and recycling pickup date, which will be on Friday, December 30th

CAMPBELL COUNTY FALL LITTER CLEAN-UP AND ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Campbell County will hold their Fall Litter Clean-up and Abatement program on Nov. 4th, 5th & 6th. Hours are from 8 am to 5 pm on Friday & Saturday, and from 8 am to 4 pm on Sunday. The Campbell County Police Station off of US 27 in Alexandria and Penderly Park off of Route 8 in Melbourne will ONLY take trash and debris. The Campbell County Transportation Department on Race Track Road will accept trash and debris and is the only location to also accept scrap metal, appliances (including those with Freon), 4 to 6 tires only (no tires larger than tractor size), batteries, electronics (they do not recycle TV's) and propane tanks with valves removed. If you have questions, call 859-547-1802 before the event, or visit www.campbellcountyky.org.

Note that they will NOT accept liquid of any type at any of the above locations.

VISIT WITH SANTA

The next event sponsored by our Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission is Visit With Santa which will be held on Sunday, December 4th at the Cold Spring Firehouse, 4113 Alexandria Pike. This event will be held from noon until 3:00 pm. There will be free games and prizes along with refreshments for the children. Bring your cameras for photos with Santa.



LIGHT UP COLD SPRING:

Light up Cold Spring will be held on Sunday, December 11th, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Everyone should have their lights on by 6:00 pm. Our city's council members will judge the lights and the winners will be announced at our December Council meeting. The winner will receive a plaque and a yard sign, and the runners-up will receive a Christmas ornament.



TRICK OR TREAT WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF COLD SPRING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM. LET'S HELP OUR KIDS HAVE A GREAT TIME! KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THEM AND IF YOUR ARE DRIVING, BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS.