

ST. MATTHEWS NEWS

City of St. Matthews

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Richard Tonini
Tony Weiter
Patrick Wissing

City Hall office hours

Monday through Thursday,
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Council meetings

Open sessions at City Hall on
the second and fourth Tues-
days of each month at 7 p.m.

Hospital says it will go ahead with plan for Browns Lane day-care

Baptist Hospital East intends to proceed with a plan to move its employee day-care center to a house it owns on Browns Lane — brushing aside the opposition of area homeowners and of the St. Matthews city council.

The council has no jurisdiction, but has made its objections known to the Louisville

Metro Board of Zoning Adjustment, which would have to issue a “conditional-use” permit to allow operation of the day-care center in a residential area.

Council member Tony Weiter said 40 residents signed a petition against the proposal.

Baptist East officials have met twice with concerned neighbors, who say they don’t want more noise and traffic and would like to preserve the neighborhood’s residential nature.

The house, next to a hospital office building at Browns Lane and Kresge Way, is now used for meetings and for putting up hospital guests.

Baptist East wants to expand the building by 8,000 square feet and to add a playground for 130 children.

The current day-care facility is just across Kresge Way, on the main

hospital campus, next to a site where the hospital is constructing an eight-story, \$129 million building with 112 beds. Baptist East says it needs that site for parking.

Hospital officials said last week that they will move forward with their effort to get the conditional use permit.

They said they will send a notice to the people of the neighborhood and discuss the plan further with the council.

A spokesman for the hospital said there are no deed restrictions that would disallow its use as a day-care facility.

The council plans to send a letter of opposition to the zoning-adjustment board, which will schedule a public hearing before voting on the proposal.

Council will fight proposal before Metro zoning board

Council election results

Richard Tonini	3,840	11%
Mary Jo Nay	3,725	10%
Tony Weiter	3,620	10%
Patrick Wissing	3,573	10%
Stuart Monohan	3,497	10%
Martha Schade	3,459	10%
Arthur Draut	3,170	9%
Frank Flynn	3,140	9%
Gary Vincent	2,934	8%
Michael Kleinholter	2,351	7%
James Gruelich	2,265	6%

Inside: 2 city officers hailed for heroism
Park named in former mayor’s honor <
City’s commercial heart beats stronger

ARTHUR K. DRAUT PARK
CITY OF ST. MATTHEWS



St. Matthews Corner, at Bauer Avenue, is not actually in St. Matthews, but is nonetheless a significant step in the renewal of the Lexington Road retail corridor.

Heart of St. Matthews moves into final phase

The Heart of St. Matthews project has brought more parking, new stores and better pedestrian amenities, sparking a new sense of commercial vitality in the historic area known as “The Point.” The retail section of Lexington Road, in recent years a conspicuous eyesore, is one of the areas given new life by the joint St. Matthews-Louisville Metro program. Phases 1 (St. Matthews’ share: \$237,324) and 2 (\$125,009) are essentially complete; stay tuned for phase 3 (\$320,000).



The building’s facade, featuring the Greek god Hercules, was salvaged from Chicago’s old Flamingo Hotel.



The south side of Lexington Road also has been spruced up, and is busier than ever.

2 policemen involved in lifesaving efforts are hailed as heroes

Two St. Matthews police officers were honored for bravery and heroism during the Feb. 13 meeting of the city council.

Detective Larry Alvey and Officer Tony Ward, both of whom attended the meeting, were congratulated by Police Chief Norm Mayer, Mayor Bernie Bowling Jr. and the entire council.

Alvey was driving in St. Matthews on Dec. 21 when he smelled and saw smoke. He investigated, found the scene of a house fire and called the city dispatcher to report the location. He was told that the St. Matthews Fire Protection District was responding, but was still some distance away. Seeing a homeowner in the front yard, Alvey asked whether anyone was inside. He was told that a man was in the basement of the burning home.

Without regard for his own life, Alvey entered the home, searched unsuccessfully for the man, then went back outside to get more information from the homeowner. He then entered the home yet again, found the man and led him to safety. Neither Alvey nor the rescued man was seriously injured.

On Jan. 24, Officer Tony Ford and Bellarmine University intern Mandi Flatt were driving downtown to interview an accident victim when a motorist flagged them down and told Ford she was taking her child to Kosair Children’s Hospital when he’d stopped breathing.

Ford rendered first aid and transported the boy to Children’s Hospital. Flatt assisted by talking to the boy to keep him conscious during the drive. In a follow-up call, the boy’s mother said he was doing very well.



St. Matthews City Council member Martha Schade presented a plaque to Gary Vincent, who served on the council for 11 years but fell short in his bid for reelection in November. Vincent's place on the council was taken by Frank Flynn, a firefighter in the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

City tree-planting program nears grand landmark

The St. Matthews tree-planting program was started in 1995 at the behest of Mayor Art Draut. This spring, city workers will plant the program's 1,000th tree. So far, 950 trees – Red Sunset maples, ash and ornamental pear trees – have been

planted on city rights-of-way at homeowners' requests at a cost of about \$70,500. The payoff is that St. Matthews will be a city of tree-lined streets for decades to come.

If you'd like a tree in front of your home, give City Hall a ring.



The Beargrass Creek Preserve on Bowling Boulevard has been renamed in honor of former mayor Art Draut, 82, who stepped down recently after 22 years in office. Draut is now a councilman – as he was when he was appointed mayor in 1984.

Preserve renamed for former mayor Draut

The Beargrass Creek Preserve on (Bernard) Bowling (Sr.) Boulevard has been renamed in honor of Arthur K. Draut, who resigned as mayor recently after serving for 22 years.

Draut, who has been succeeded in the mayor's office by Bernard Bowling Jr. (the elder BB's son), was elected to the city council in November.

New police officers

The St. Matthews Police Department has welcomed five new officers in recent weeks: Tony Ford, John Stivers, Charlie Portman, Kent Jones and Eddie Napier. All the new officers have worked for other law-enforcement agencies.

Trashy reminder

City garbage collections will be one day late on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Wednesday collections will take place on Thursday, Thursday collections on Friday, Friday collections on Saturday.

Recycling lives!

Because Waste Management is picking up items for recycling in what appears to be a garbage truck, some in St. Matthews have assumed that those materials are now going to a landfill with the rest of the garbage. Some have even stopped separating trash from recyclable treasure.

City officials say the program hasn't changed. If you look closely, you'll see that the trucks are marked properly. St. Matthews was a local pioneer in recycling; its program was launched in 1991.

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The city's pet ordinance requires that dogs and cats be kept on leashes when outside their (fenced) yards, and that dog owners keep their pets from barking and howling, especially at night.

Spring is coming. Don't forget that St. Matthews homeowners must maintain the grass alleyways behind their homes; i.e., keep them mowed. Keeping the alleys trimmed up discourages rodents and provides essential access to utility companies.

Workplaces and grocery stores are places where people are inclined to leave personal items unattended, thereby losing them to opportunistic thieves. St. Matthews police officers have been featured on local TV news warning about such carelessness. Be alert; the police don't need that kind of on-air time.

We know it's cold, but ... Don't leave your car running while you're not in it. Not only is it an invitation to car thieves; it's also illegal.

Drivers: Please don't ignore stop signs. People in some parts of St. Matthews seem to think they're optional, but drivers and bicyclists alike must come to a complete stop – for safety's sake.

If you need to dispose of large appliances (stoves, refrigerators, etc.), call Waste Management at 966-0117 to schedule a pickup.

Park all cars and other vehicles – including those offered for sale – in driveways, not on easements or on rights-of-way.

Please don't set cans and bags of garbage out any earlier than the night before pickup.