

ST. MATTHEWS NEWS

City of St. Matthews

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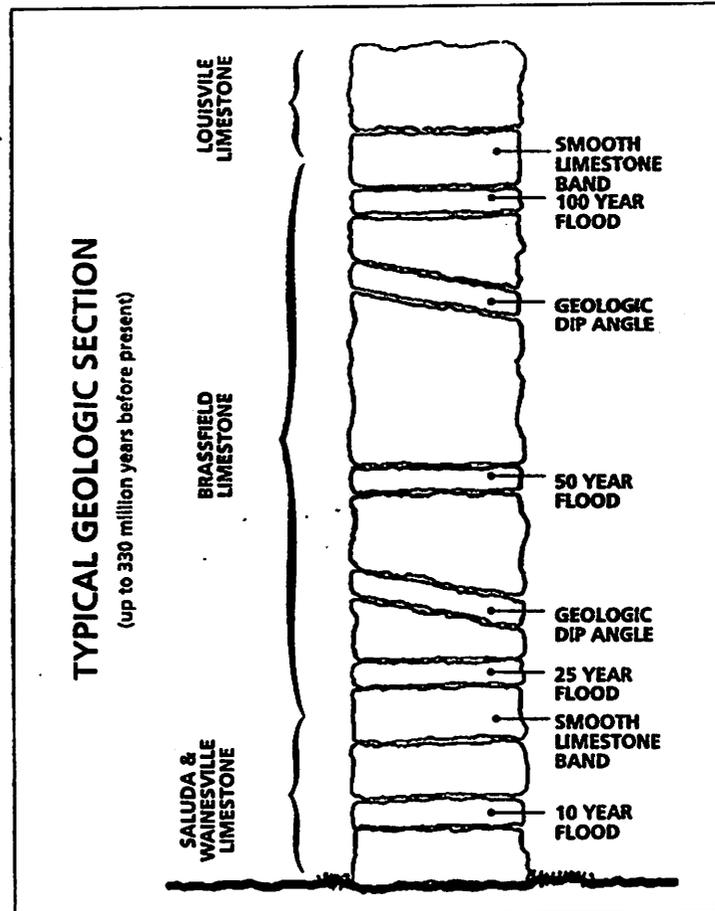
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Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
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City Council meetings:

The council meets in open session at City Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

Reading the city's history and geology in Brown Park's limestone columns



The stone columns in Brown Park are an artistic interpretation of the site's environmental history.

The line of columns cuts across the Beargrass Creek valley, emerging as the ground drops, revealing the creek's gradual erosion of the landscape.

Smooth limestone bands divide the columns into segments representing the three major geologic periods of

limestone formation in Kentucky and Indiana.

The tilted stones describe the angle of limestone bedding found in local formations.

The tan stone bands mark various flood levels and predicted frequencies (for example, the 10-year flood level is likely to be reached approximately once every 10 years).

Inside:

City traffic officers went out for a few belts. With coming of fall, city's back on vac track. How to ensure a fire-safe Halloween.

Police honored for belt campaign

If you were stopped recently by a traffic officer from the St. Matthews Police Department, it may have been a more pleasant experience than you had any reason to expect.

In an effort to promote seat-belt usage, the department has been pulling people over to commend them for being buckled up.

The campaign made the department a first-place winner in a statewide contest over the Memorial Day weekend.

The department won a certificate of commendation and a portable

breath-testing device.

Also, the department's crime-prevention unit was recently honored as "outstanding" by the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition for its work throughout the past year.

The department is pleased to introduce a new officer, John Stivers, formerly of the Shelbyville Police Department. Stivers has been assigned to the patrol division since July.

Finally, we'd like to congratulate officers Gary Burton and Kathy Eigelbach, who recently were promoted to sergeant.



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With coming of fall, it's time for 'leaving'

St. Matthews will be conducting its leaf-vacuuming program throughout the city again this fall, as weather permits.

The program will begin in early November in an area bounded by Frankfort Avenue, Interstate 64, Breckenridge Lane and Cannons Lane.

Signs will be placed on the streets one week before the collection date for each area. Cars should be kept off the streets during designated pickup weeks.

Each area scheduled for pickup will be completely cleared before crews move on to the next. The collection crews will not backtrack. However, if weather permits, they will go through the city a second time. (No advance notice of the second pickup will be given.)

Leaves must be raked into rows and placed near the street. City officials ask that only leaves be placed in the rows; other materials, such as branches and rocks, can damage the machinery. Homeowners may be liable for damage to the vacuuming equipment.

Please be careful not to rake leaves into drainage ditches, where they can function as dams and cause serious drainage problems.

All leaves collected in the city program are processed into compost, saving thousands of cubic feet of landfill space each year.

Look it up in the Yellow Pages . . . under 'recycling'

The delivery of BellSouth's new Yellow Pages began in mid-September and will continue for about a month.

That means it's also recycling time.

The Jefferson County Department of Planning and Waste Management points out that recycling one ton of old directories saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.

Special containers for large and medium-sized businesses will be avail-

able at three locations through Oct. 31: the BellSouth parking lot behind 601 W. Chestnut Street; the Kroger parking lot in the Plainview Shopping Center, 9812 Linn Station Road; and Jefferson County Recycling Center No. 2, 3528 Newburg Road.

Phone books may be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Residents and businesses with 50

or fewer directories may drop books off at any of the six county recycling centers, which are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. City of Louisville recycling centers also will accept directories.

The books will be recycled into newsprint or new directory stock.

If you have any questions, call the county's Division of Resource Management at 574-8116.

Make sure your trick-or-treaters are fire-safe this Halloween

To protect children participating in Halloween activities from fire and burn injuries, experts at the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) say parents should plan ahead.

"Taking simple fire-safety precautions, like making sure fabrics for costumes and decorative materials are flame-resistant, can prevent fires," says Meri-K Appy, the NFPA's assistant vice president for public education. "Using candles greatly increases the chance of fire, so we encourage people to use flashlights to light pumpkins and

tion, but children should be closely supervised. Costumes should be made with safety in mind. The NFPA suggests the following guidelines for a safe Halloween:

Purchase only costumes, wigs and props that are labeled flame-resistant or -retardant. When creating a costume, plan carefully to ensure that it won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Costumes should not have billowing or long trailing features that present a higher risk of ignition. Avoid highly flammable



for other spooky effects."

Decorations for special events, most often involving candles, account for an annual average of 800 home fires that cause nearly \$4 million in direct property damage, the NFPA says.

Each year in the United States, more than 100 people die after their clothing catches fire.

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tion, but children should be closely supervised. Costumes should be made with safety in mind. The NFPA suggests the following guidelines for a safe Halloween:

When planning party decorations, bear in mind that dried flowers and cornstalks are highly flammable. Keep crepe paper and other decorations well away from heat sources, such as light bulbs and space heaters. Decorating with candles should be avoided. Pumpkins can be safely illuminated with small, inexpensive flashlights. When

Creepy types wanted for Halloween parade

All of St. Matthews' ghosts, goblins, witches and pumpkinheads are invited to take part in the city's annual Halloween Parade on Friday, Oct. 31.

Participants will gather on Fairmeade Court around 6 p.m. before setting off on a parade route that will include parts of Norbourne Blvd., Winchester Road and Monohan Drive, and end at the home of the Murray family at 4306 Alton Road.

Prizes will be awarded for best

costume (in several age categories) and best-carved jack-o-lantern, as well as for best-decorated house and yard.

All the judging will be done after the parade.

Homeowners along the parade route have been asked to back their cars into their driveways with their headlights on to illuminate the paraders.

To make a contribution or volunteer to help with this year's parade, call Kathi Stearman at 897-1432.

Property-tax bills are on the way

Property-tax bills for 1997 were to be mailed on Oct. 1. If you own property in St. Matthews and do not receive a tax bill, call City Hall at 895-9444.

The tax rate is 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Property owners who pay their tax bills before the due date qualify for a 40 percent discount.

If you have sold property in St. Matthews and you get a tax bill that you believe was paid at closing, please forward it to the new owner.

Homeowners who will be 65 years old anytime during the tax year and have lived in and owned their homes since Jan. 1 can take advantage of the Homestead Exemption — a \$24,400 deduction from the property-tax assessment. Please call or drop by City Hall to fill out an application.

decorating, remember to keep exits clear. Be sure children are supervised at all times.

Use flashlights instead of candles or torch lights to decorate walkways and yards. With a little creativity, such features can be highly effective and festive, and they are much safer for trick-or-treaters.

Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure each child knows the "Stop, Drop & Roll" technique in case his or her clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground while covering your face with your hands, and roll over and over to extinguish the flames.)

Instruct children who will be attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they could get out in an emergency.

Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costumes rather than candles.

"Planning ahead can help make this Halloween a fire-safe one," Appy says.

For more information on fire and burn prevention, contact the St. Matthews Fire District at 893-7825.

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O!
Entertainment!
Refreshments!
Elaborate displays!
You don't want to miss
"Light Up St. Matthews"
presented by the City of St.
Matthews and the St. Matthews
Business Association.
Nov. 30, 1997 (the Sunday after
Thanksgiving), 4:30-6:30 p.m.,
Brown Park.
Mayor Art Draut will flip the
switch around 6:15.
Be
there!



If you tape or staple a sign to a pole or tree, please go back when the event is over and take it down.

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

Park all cars and other vehicles in driveways, not in easements or on rights-of-way.

If you have a dog that barks incessantly at night or early in the morning, take steps to silence him for the sake of your sleepless neighbors.

Be sure you place cones or pyramids meant to discourage off-street parking on your own property and not on the city's right-of-way. Rights-of-way usually extend to the water meter, not to the edge of the street. No one may put anything on city property without obtaining a permit.