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From the mayor

New sidewalks to be constructed in '89

New sidewalks may be coming to your neighborhood soon.

The City of St. Matthews already has spent \$285,000 to replace sidewalks that had become cracked, uneven and hazardous.

Now we're progressing with our sidewalk program to start new construction--putting sidewalks where there have been none.

Is that the case on your street? Would you like to have a sidewalk? Let us know.

Construction will begin this summer, so we'd like to hear from residents who would like to have their streets considered.

All you need to do is bring a petition to City Hall, 201 Thierman Lane, with the names of residents on your street who are in favor of having sidewalks.

Our next step will be to meet with residents to hear their views.

We'll survey the areas where sidewalks have been requested. Keep in mind that the city will not undertake the expense of land purchase in places where right of way is not available for sidewalks.

It's been a while since we've communicated with you via this newsletter. And chances are we will have one more frequently than in the last year or so.

While we believe in the merits of this form of communication, we don't believe we should spend the funds on it unless we have some news worth telling.

--Arthur Draut, Mayor

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Eline Library expands

The Sidney Eline Memorial Library has almost doubled in size as a result of a \$126,000 expansion project funded by the City of St. Matthews. The Eline Library ranks as the second-most-used branch in the Louisville Free Public Library System.

Tax bills to be mailed later

To simplify the city's bookkeeping, St. Matthews property tax bills will be mailed at the end of June this year instead of May as they have in the past. The standard discount will apply through the end of July.

Improve neighborhood appearance

Hauling trash to the street isn't a fun task, but some residents have been doing so several days before it's collected--much to the dismay of their neighbors. Please wait to put unsightly trash out until the night before collection.

Sanitation company has new number

Laidlaw Waste Systems, which handles sanitation service for St. Matthews, has a new telephone number to call should you have problems with garbage collection: 451-9905.

Light up St. Matthews

Residents wishing to have a street light installed should bring a petition to City Hall with signatures of neighboring residents. Now decorative lights and underground wiring are available. Also, remember how helpful it can be for safety's and security's sake to leave on your porch and yard lights. And the cost is only a few cents.

Don't block sidewalks

Now that many St. Matthews sidewalks have been improved, we need to keep them from being blocked by vehicles. It's OK to park along the street, but there is a city ordinance forbidding parking over sidewalks.

Remember: addresses must be posted

Both Jefferson County and the City of St. Matthews have ordinances requiring visible display of street addresses. It's especially important for emergency-service personnel who are trying to locate the site of an emergency.

At residences, the numbers must be placed in clear view in front of the residence. The numbers must be at least 3 inches by 2 inches and be distinguishable from the background on which they're placed.

At commercial or industrial sites, the numbers must be at least 5-by-3 inches.

St. Matthews Police may issue citations for violations of the law. A fine would be not less than \$10 or more than \$25 for each day the violation exists. Police may issue warnings. There are no plans as yet to cite violators, but city officials encourage compliance.

Officers added to police force

The St. Matthews Police Department has expanded to 24 officers, seven of whom have been hired within the last year. The police department now has three beats designated to reduce the chance of some areas being overlooked. Police officials hope that the new beats will help officers become better acquainted with the areas they patrol.

City buys land to expand park

In 1988, St. Matthews bought 34.6 acres adjacent to the St. Matthews Community Center for \$1.3 million. The area, behind Stein Mart and bordered by the Watterson Expressway, will be used for park expansion.

City builds alleys

Two new alleys, one along Bauer Avenue between Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue and another behind properties on Sherrin and Fairfax avenues from Shelbyville Road to Nanz Avenue, have been constructed.

Directory

Keep these numbers for quick reference:

Public Works and Sanitation

George Clephas -- 895-9444

Property Taxes

Donna Richards -- 895-9444

Occupational Taxes

Barbara Haga -- 895-9444

Business License

Doreen Stopher -- 895-9444

Zoning Information

Jim Birch -- 895-9444

Sign Regulations

Sterling Weyrich -- 895-9444

Police (non-emergencies)

Chief Norman Mayer -- 893-9000

City Clerk

Gretchen Kaiser -- 895-9444

Mayor Art Draut

895-9444 or 893-2751

City names new engineer

The City of St. Matthews has a new city engineer-- Jim Birch.

Birch worked for Jefferson County Government from 1975-1986. He was secretary of public works and transportation/county engineer. From 1967 to 1975, he was assistant director of traffic engineering for the City of Louisville. He is a registered professional engineer and land surveyor.

**The St. Matthews City Council
meets the second and fourth
Tuesdays each month at 7 p.m.
at St. Matthews City Hall,
201 Thierman Lane.**

FEEDBACK WELCOMED

We welcome your input. Whether it's a comment about this newsletter or a concern about your neighborhood or a question about St. Matthews city government, we want you to let us know.

Mail your responses
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