

# A Report From St. Matthews City Council

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Leading The Way Toward a Better St. Matthews

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## News From City Hall

### Newsletter Gets a New Look

Just as the spring and summer months are the season of renewal and rebirth, the City of St. Matthews' Newsletter is taking on a fresh look and a renewed commitment to keep the city residents informed.

We have, from time to time, sent out newsletters on a rather sporadic basis. Since we feel that it is an important means of keeping you informed about your city, we will concentrate our efforts to publish an issue at least once a quarter, more often if needed.

Everyone at City Hall hopes you will take a minute to read over the items in the newsletter. If you have any comments, would like to

ask a question about something you've read, or have a suggestion on information that should be included, please give us a call. The mayor's office and the City Council work for you, the taxpayer, and we need your input to do the best job.

The citizens of St. Matthews are spread out geographically but we all share one common bond, the well being of our community. By relying on your participation in city government and your input in the form of questions or comments...

**St. Matthews City Council is  
Leading the Way Toward  
a Better St. Matthews.**

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**ST. MATTHEWS'  
CITY COUNCIL  
APPROVES 1991  
BUDGET**

On June 25, the St. Matthews City Council voted on and approved the 1991 budget. The annual budget of approximately \$4.3 million includes several civic improvement programs including continuation of sidewalks, streetlight and tree programs (see more information elsewhere in this newsletter).

The 1991 budget includes a 5% increase for city employees and an increased property tax discount. The previous 15% property tax discount was raised an additional 10% to make a total of 25% discount available to all taxpayers who meet the thirty-day deadline.

The 1991 property bills have been mailed and you should receive them by July 1. To receive the 25% discount, payment must be made by July 31. The discount is given on your total tax bill. The tax rate remains the same at \$0.26 per hundred. It would behoove all citizens of St. Matthews to meet this deadline.

**OFFICES CLOSED**

As a matter of information, the administrative offices at City Hall will be closed July 4 and July 5 in celebration of Independence Day. This does not affect the emergency services such as police.



**City of St. Matthews**

**Wants You To Know...**

Anyone interested in having trees planted on their right-away, can call City Hall, leave their name and address and we will take care of the rest. A decorative tree appropriate in size will be planted at no cost to you. There are two planting seasons--spring and fall.

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A new parking lot and walking path have been completed in Brown Park. The park is open for your enjoyment from dawn to dusk.

The new entrance to Brown Park is on Bowling Boulevard just east of Browns Lane, near Baptist Hospital East. With its many lovely shade trees, the walking path is ideally suited for the park and will offer city residents a better chance to enjoy the facility.

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The city's sidewalk program continues and the City Council encourages those neighborhoods with faulty, badly cracked or broken walks to call City Hall and report those locations.

Neighborhoods wanting new sidewalks installed must first draft a petition and obtain signatures of at least half the residents affected.

Bring your signed petition to City Hall to officially request installation.

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St. Matthews' streetlight program provides lighting to those neighborhoods in which half the affected property owners sign a petition of request. Two types of lights are available. The Coachlight, a Colonial styled four-sided streetlight on a 12' black lamp pole, or the Acorn Light on a 16' black lamp pole. The Coachlight is more decorative while the Acorn provides more light.

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A new concession stand has been installed in the St. Matthews Community Center Park. You'll find this great park located on Ten Pin Lane next to Stein Mart on Shelbyville Road.

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Vacation Time? Going out of town? Call the St. Matthews Police Department (893-9000) with your address and dates you plan to be gone and we will send a patrol car to your house at least once every 24 hours. What a great way to re-

lieve worries and stress while you are away!

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City ordinance 12,1985 requires that each home's street number be plainly marked. The City Council suggests that you put your house to the test. Stand out front and look at your house. If you were an emergency vehicle hunting desperately to bring you the help you need, could you quickly find the address. If the answer is no, what can you do to change that situation today?

Remember this could mean the difference between life and death.

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Your neighbors and the entire St. Matthews community would appreciate it if you would not set your trash out any earlier than the night before scheduled pick up.

Not only are mounds of bags and cans unsightly, but spilled cans and torn bags add to our pollution problems.

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Any neighborhoods wishing to throw a block party can simply call the St. Matthews Police department (893-9000) to arrange for road blocks. Safety regulations must be met as far as emergency vehicles are concerned.

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The City of St. Matthews plans to continue the curbside leaf

collection as we have done for the past two years. More information and scheduling will be published in a future newsletter.

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The City of St. Matthews has purchased the Greathouse Elementary School, currently known as the Home of Future Federal. The contract states that Future Federal will continue to lease the building located on Grandview Avenue for one year. At that time necessary renovations will begin to allow City Hall activities to move into the building. The Eline Library will also move to this location. More details will be published as the time approaches and renovations begin.

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The Homestead exemption has been raised to \$20,300 from \$18,400. All homeowners over the age of 65 who qualify for this exemption must apply at City Hall.

The \$20,300 is exempt from taxes in the evaluation of your property. This exemption is valid for both county and City of St. Matthews.

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Senior Citizens East (St. Matthews Branch) meets regularly at the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, 311 Browns Lane. The SCE has a fun-filled itinerary lined up for the summer of 1991. For information and a schedule of events, call 896-2316.

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## ???MYSTERY??? MERCHANT

The St. Matthews Area Business Association plans to send the Fourth of July out with a bang! and make one St. Matthews resident \$3,000 richer.

The Mystery Merchant promotion will culminate with drawing the name of the lucky person who registered with one of 37 participating St. Matthews Mystery Merchants.

And what Fourth of July would be complete without a parade? The Defenders of Freedom Parade is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. at The Mall on Shelbyville Road and end at the Masonic Home on Frankfort Ave. with a family picnic and an old fashioned ice cream social.

A golf outing is among scheduled summer activities for the St. Matthews Area Business Association, as well as a dinner cruise aboard the Star of Louisville. The August 8 cruise is \$31.94 per person and anyone interested can call Carl Ratterman at 893-3644 for more details.

The third week of September, Community Pride Week, draws together the resources of many civic organizations concerned with the betterment of our community including the St. Matthews Area Business Association, the Optimist Club and the Women's Club. Watch for more details in future newsletters.

## TAKE A RIDE FOR FREE

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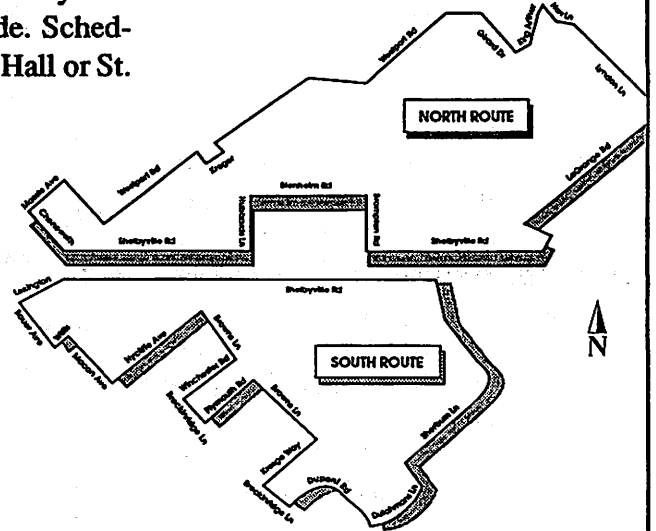
If the M.S.D. passes an increase on surface water drainage fees, no St. Matthews resident should have to pay these fees. If you are charged this increase on your water bill, call City Hall for help in resolving this problem.

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Ecology concerns are no longer something that we can just talk about, and the importance of recycling becomes more obvious each day. The St. Matthews' recycling program is working on expanding their pick-up to include multi-family dwellings such as apartments and condos. We'll keep you informed as the program develops.

The Toonerville Trolley will run every Thursday offering St. Matthews' citizens the chance to "take a ride for free!"

Two trolleys will run--one on the north side of Shelbyville Road, one on the south side. Schedules are available at City Hall or St. Matthews area banks.



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